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Tonight's news dispatch from Berlin sounds alarming -- a warning about Soviet fighter planes interfering with the great air operation. There is no hint of red ~~fighters~~ fighters attacking the giant cargo planes, as they stream to feed western Berlin by air. But it may be almost that bad.

- in the heart of Berlin -
At the Tempelhof airport, the American briefing officer tells of an increase of Soviet fighter activity near the great air corridors assigned to the western allies. "Several Soviet fighters," says he, "flew in formation with one of our planes, about three P.M. this afternoon. Four or five of our planes," he goes on, "reported unusual Soviet fighter activity this afternoon in the area between Fulda and Berlin". He adds that several pilots tell how Red planes flew near -- "and looked us over" ^{was the way} ~~as~~ they put it.

As a result, the pilots flying the food planes have been warned to be careful about staying well within the corridors - or they may ~~be~~ find

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themselves involved with
~~endangered by~~ Soviet fighters.

The ominous part of all of this is found in suppositions expressed by American airmen in Berlin tonight -- the supposition that the Soviets may be trying to crowd the transports of the western Allies off the air lanes. That is, the scheme of the Reds may be to manoeuvre their planes in so close as to make aerial ferry service more and more difficult, the cargo carriers impeded by the fighters - with a strangling effect on the aerial food line, which right now is by-passing the Soviet land blockade.

Today's protest by the western allies is a strong document, which accuses Moscow of deliberately causing hunger and suffering among two million Germans in Western Berlin -- the Soviets trying to use human misery to get political benefits. The diplomatic note, delivered simultaneously by the United States, Great Britain and France, repeats that the western allies will not get out of Berlin,

unless they are thrust out by force. Nobody believes the Russians will attempt that.

Moscow was informed, moreover, that the western countries will not agree to a four-power conference - not while the starvation blockade is on. The Soviets want another big international palaver. France, too would like to have one held -- Great Britain also. But France and Britain agree with American Secretary of State Marshall, who holds that the blockade must end before there can be any conference.

MCCIBBEN

George Mc~~H~~ibben, of Chicago, civilian advisor to General Clay our Commander in Chief in Germany, has just flown back to this country. Mc~~H~~ibben, ~~expert~~ expert on government and economics, has been visiting my brother-in-law, Raymond Thornburg, and ~~he~~ he has ~~just~~ been giving me a graphic picture of our problem^s in Germany, and ~~of~~ the hopelessness of expecting the Russians to cooperate. He said the way our airmen ha~~ve~~^{ve} broken the ^{Soviet food} blockade ~~was~~ the most spectacular thing he has ever seen. Incidentally, he gave^s great credit to the British in ~~connection with~~ this. He said^d they ~~were~~ ^{have been} flying in two-thirds as much food as our airmen.

~~He added that now our people were going to give the Russians another jolt by even flying in coal.~~

~~He praised General Clay to the skies. Says he is one of the top figures of this era.~~

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Today's headline from Czechoslovakia is a thing of spectacular pageant - together with all sorts of world meaning. In the ancient land of Bohemia, they like mass gymnastics, Athletic societies, called sokols, go in for wholesale calisthenics in unison. When they parade through a city, it's a muscular swinging march of tens of thousands.

Today in Prague, the Sokols from everywhere in ~~xxxxxx~~ Czechoslovakia, paraded with over a hundred and eleven bands and seventy thousand marchers. And the pageant turned into a drama of international significance - with the appearance of American flags, the stars and stripes fluttering down the line of the athletic drill. This - in Communist Czechoslovakia, the Soviet puppet.

The Red authorities, the Communist police, received word that there would be demonstrations against the Red Dictatorship. They assigned special police to watch for displays of anti-Communism. They informed the leaders of the gymnastic societies that they would be held responsible. But the astounding thing happened in

huge and vivid fashion.

Marching bands of gymnasts x broke into cheers " for [^]Benes, acclaiming the liberal President, who resigned in protest against the Red police state. ^{And} They cheered Mazaryk, the Foreign Minister who killed himself rather than go on collaborating with Communist tyranny. But the most spectacular of all was the sudden mass appearance of the stars and stripes.

Bands of Sokols came from the sector of Pilsen, that part of western Bohemia which was liberated by the Americans, the armor of General Patton, and then turned over to the Soviets. x In the concerted movement, the Sokols from Pilsen drew out small American flags, and waved them as they marched. Other units hoisted large silk flags [^] the stars and stripes, which they carried side by side with their own athletic banners. One group displayed American flags, and kissed them.

All this with roaring cheers - with crowded lines of spectators joining in the wholesale hurra for the U.S.A. - and down with the Communist dictatorship. Today's march of the Sokols turned into a mass acclamation of liberty.

FOLLOW CZECHOSLAKIA

One latest tells of new demonstrations in Prague -- around midnight tonight - after the big parade with the display of American flags this afternoon. The Sokols did a lot of ~~gym~~ gymnastics, and the party broke up. Which was followed by a gathering of crowds in the great central square of Prague, where they shouted similar slogans like those which rang out during the Sokol parade -- cheers for Benes, shouts against the Communist dictatorship.

The Red police came ~~in~~ charging to the attack and drove off the crowd with savage clubbing, the square was cleared -- but then, again, shortly after midnight, another crowd assembled with more anti-Red slogans. And again the Red police charged in swinging clubs.

YUGOSLAVIA - 4

Soviet news Agency, Tass, announces that Albania is taking vigilant precautions against an invasion by hostile elements from Yugoslavia and Greece. This has a sound of sharp meaning -- in the trouble behind the **Iron Curtain**.

Albania has all along been regarded as a minor puppet of Yugoslavia, the big puppet. But now Yugoslavia's Marshall Tito is at feud with the Cominform -- and the Reds of Albania support the Cominform, and not Tito.^R We have been wondering what the Soviets would do about the revolt of their Yugoslav satellite. By the same token, we might expect the Yugoslav Reds to do something about their own satellite Albania. Something of that sort may be happening -- with Moscow announcing that Albania is taking strong defensive measures against hostile elements coming from Yugoslavia. More complications behind the **Iron Curtain**.

PALESTINE

The United Nations is going to make an urgent plea to both Israel and the Arabs, urging them to prolong the truce. The Security Council received a request from Count Bernadotte today, the U.N. Mediator asking for a formal U.N. appeal. Whereupon the Council scheduled a meeting for tomorrow morning, to put this through - a culminating effort to avert a renewal of the Palestine war when the Armistice expires on Friday.

Last night the military leaders of the Arab league at a meeting in Cairo, voted to reject the continuation of the truce - a decision which was repeated today by the General-Secretary of the League, Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha. He then went into conference with Count Bernadotte, and upon emerging announced - "no decision has been reached." Which might seem as if the U.N. Mediator had made some impression. At any rate, there is now to be a formal appeal by the United Nations - urging that the truce be continued.

PERU

Down in Peru - a rebellion reported, a military uprising in the southern part of the country. The government at Lima has suspended constitutional guarantees, always a ~~xi~~ sign of ominous meaning - virtual martial law. We hear that the rebels are ~~xxxx~~ right wingers, attempting a conservative revolution. The authorities at Lima claim that the bulk of the Army is loyal, with only a few ~~xxxxx~~ military units involved in the insurgent movement. Nevertheless, rigid ~~xx~~ measures are being taken to avert a spread of the rebellion - which adds another outbreak of trouble to a long list of recent revolutionary disturbances in Latin America.

EISENHOWER

(after ~~Senator Pepper~~)

~~The latest~~ Senator Johnson of South
Carolina *says he's going right ahead and* ~~declared that he will~~ submit to the
Democratic National Committee a resolution calling
on President Truman to step aside and let the
convention nominate somebody else.

EISENHOWER

The newspapers today went in wholesale

for an old figure of speech - remarking that the

draft-Eisenhower people [^] *certainly did get* themselves out on a limb;

whereupon [^] *the limb.* ~~which~~ the General proceeded to saw off, [^] not a bad simile,

considering General Ike's declaration last night - his

that I told about in my late broadcast to the effect complete rejection, [^] *which* ~~did~~ [^] certainly did saw off the

limb. nevertheless we have tonight the picture of a whole

lot of draft-Eisenhower boys, flat on their backs on

the ground, ~~and~~ still hanging [^] *sawed off* to that [^] *just* limb. They won't let go

~~even though the limb was so neatly *sawed off* by the~~

General.

The news wires today ~~was~~ brought [^] *in* a whole

string of announcements - [^] *how* [^] *are* they ~~are~~ still going to draft

Ike. [^] Prevailing opinion of the newsmen is that the

Generals refusal was a crusher, putting an end to the

Eisenhower boom. This is echoed by Senator Sparkman of

Alabama, ~~South Carolina,~~ and Political Leader ~~was~~ Crump of

Tennessee, both of whom are strongly anti-Truman. But

other southern statesmen one after another are still

echoing the demand that General Ike be nominated. [^]

In Virginia Democratic National

Committeeman Switzer tells us that Virginia will cast its twenty-six votes for Eisenhower. Governor Thurman

of South Carolina says: "I don't feel he will decline if ^{the} people draft him." The same sort of thing from Governor

Caldwell of Florida, Senator Lister Hill of Alabama,

^{Beau} Governor Jester of Texas - a whole chorus of Dixieland

politicians refusing to take the Commander-of-victory-on-

the-Western-Front at his word. Senator Pepper of Florida

calls for the ~~manix~~ General ^{to be} ~~as~~ a national, instead of

a party, candidate.

† That from the South - and such the same in the North - that the strange combination in the draft-Eisenhower boom. The southerners are bitter with President Truman because of his program of racial rights, while the northern radical fringe of the Democratic Party is all in favor of those & racial rights - not to mention the political bosses, who are simply out for the votes.

& but they're still ^{for} drafting ~~xxx~~ Ike. †

James Roosevelt, son of F.D.R., is all for

going on with the anti-Truman caucus called to meet in Philadelphia on Saturday - for the purpose of climaxing the Eisenhower boom. James Roosevelt interpreted General Ike's refusal as meaning ^{that} he will accept, if ~~drafted~~ drafted. Much the same goes for Frank Hague, the New Jersey boss, who states that the thirty-six delegates from New Jersey will cast a solid vote to nominate Eisenhower. In Illinois, Jacob Arvy, the Democratic Leader in Chicago, insists that Ike will not reject a draft.

So that's the picture - the limb sawed off, with the boys on the ground, still hanging onto the limb. But, what else have they got to cling to - having gone out so far against President Truman that they ^{now} can hardly return to the White House fold?

The only faint alternative is Supreme Court Justice Douglas, and today Leon Henderson, veteran of the New Deal, gave the opinion that, with Eisenhower out, the anti-Truman Democrats must go to Douglas.)

Which does not appeal at all

to the Southerners. Because Douglas, one time champion of the New Deal, would be as strong for racial rights as Truman - if not stronger. At the x same time, the Supreme Court Justice himself declares ^{that} he's not running for anything. So, maybe he, like General Eisenhower, might reject a possible nomination. Which raises the painful picture of a possible Douglas boom, with the boys ~~mix~~ getting out ~~at~~ at the end of a Douglas limb, and then the ~~amazing~~ Justice sawing it off - just as the General did. ~~not so~~, Two editions of that sad story would be ^{just} too melancholy.

(President Truman says he was not surprised. Today he remarked - "General Eisenhower is an honorable man.") One Presidential assistant put it in these words:

"The boss believed Eisenhower the first time."
 I talked to Dem. Nat. Chair. Sen. McBrat
 It is hard to see why ~~some~~ others ~~don't see~~ ^{it that way.}
 when General Eisenhower rejected any ~~motion~~ of his
 being nominated by the Republicans, he said his mind could
 be changed only by some great national emergency. The
 only thing that has happened since then has been the

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nomination of Dewey and Warren. Hence, the people in the draft-Ike boom must have thought the General would consider the Dewey-Warren ticket a peril to this country. ^{Well - Nelson?} But the word is that General Eisenhower would have disapproved of a ticket of nepublican isolationists - while both Dewey and Warren are strong supporters of our present international ~~plixx~~ policy.

In New Jersey today, Charles Edison, son of the great inventor, declared himself for Dewey and Warren. ^{Chas. Edison} ~~Former~~ ^{Republican} he served in the cabinet of Franklin D. Roosevelt as Secretary of the Navy, and then was elected Democratic Governor of New Jersey. Today he stated ^{that} the Democratic Party needs what he called - "a thorough house-cleaning from top to bottom." He said the government in Washington was, in his ~~many~~ words, "cho~~ck~~ed" with litter and rubbish. ~~He declares~~ that this is the time for a change. ~~and adds,~~ ^{said, Edison,} "The two-party system ^{is} evolved to accomplish just that."

COAL

Forty thousand coal miners are on strike, which ties up what are called - the captive coal mines. That is, the black pits operated by great concerns using coal;- the steel industry. Other operators, running commercial mines, signed up with John L. Lewis - and are operating under a renewed contract. But the steel companies rejected the contract, because of the union shop-clause. Their contract has expired, and today the coal diggers of the captive mines were on strike - with some ex employees of the commercial mines joining in a sympathy walkout.

MOVIES

At Waterloo, Iowa, there's a triumph of motion pictures. The name, Waterloo, is a symbol of utter defeat, and there is that calamitous element too -- utter defeat for drunken drivers of automobiles. And that's because of - movies.

At Waterloo, ^{Iowa,} - until recently - they'd simply make the usual experiments for intoxication - walking a line, with tests of reflexes, coordination, and demeanor. The trouble was that, getting into court, the offending motorist, now entirely sober, would deny the imputation with a show of convincing dignity. Against which - there was only the word of the cops.

The police tried something new - movies. The filmed motion pictures of auto drivers going through the tests for drunkenness - immediately after arrest. *And* The result is hailed today by the F.B.I.

The films are described in these words:

"They usually surpass the slapstick of the old Max Mack Sennet comedies." In six months, under the new system, not one charge of drunken driving has been

dismissed in court. All they do is tack up a screen, and show the Judge the motion picture of the defendant going through the tests for intoxication.

There are constitutional aspects. The Attorney General of Iowa, has informed the Waterloo cops that their film evidence is okay - but the final say would lie with the Supreme Court of the United States.

One legal twister came up when an attorney for the defense demanded that he and his client be ~~xxxx~~ allowed to see the motion pictures before the trial began. The cops, not knowing the finer constitutional points, agreed. So the defendant and his lawyer took a look, especially at the scene in the film where the ~~W~~ defendant tried to walk the line, and nearly fell on his neck. They made a beeline to the courtroom where they entered an immediate plea of guilty. They had met their Waterloo.