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Nationalist officials on Formosa declare - that Chiang Kai-shek will triple the garrison of Matsu. Right now, there are thirteen thousand soldiers on that island. The number - to be raised to nearly forty thousand. Chiang Kai-shek - determined to defend Matsu to the bitter end.

~~The focus of interest, now, is on that small bit of land - which dominates the important mainland harbor of Fuchow. Quemoy, farther south - not considered such a critical point, at the moment.~~

In today's dispatch, the statements about massive reinforcements are connected with insistent rumors on Formosa. There the story circulates - that Matsu will be given up to the Communists, surrendered voluntarily. As the Tachen Islands were - farther north. This is denied by Nationalist officials, and they <sup>a</sup>re trying to offset the talk <sup>of</sup> ~~about~~ another withdrawal - in the face of Communism. Hence today's insistence - that Matsu would be defended to the bitter end.

## ALBANIA

Communist Albania has rejected an offer from President Eisenhower. The rejection - in powerful words. Formidable - monumental in fact.

Last week, the President said - we'd be willing to send grain supplies to relieve ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> winter food shortage in Albania. Other Soviet satellites have accepted similar offers. But, today, Red Albania said "No" - and said it with ponderous epithets. The Eisenhower suggestion that there might be food shortages in Albania is called - "Hypocritical, diabolical, huge and devilish calumnies."

Which proves, anyway - they have ~~a~~<sup>no</sup> shortage of big words.

LONDON

In the London House of Commons - the statement that Alan Winnington may be tried for treason, if the British ever get hold of him. Remember Winnington? We heard about him <sup>rather</sup> <sup>after</sup> during the Korean truce negotiations. A British Communist newspaperman - correspondent for the London Daily Worker. He made himself - a spokesman for the Reds. Reviling - the soldiers of the West. Including - the British serving along with the Americans.

Ten days ago, the London Government released a report on the treatment of prisoners-of-war in Korea. Including - British prisoners. The description of Red outrages aroused widespread indignation. Especially - against Alan Winnington.

Today, in the House of Commons, Attorney General Sir Reginald Manningham Buller <sup>stated -</sup> ~~was asked about the case~~ <sup>He</sup> ~~replied~~ - he would consider prosecuting Alan Winnington as a traitor, if he ever sets foot on British soil again. The same goes for Michale Shapiro - another news correspondent in Korea, for the London Daily Worker.

Trial for treason is no small matter in Great Britain.

Conviction means an automatic sentence of hanging. And there is no appeal.

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Army records as a deserter to the Communists.

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DESERTER

The U.S. Army in Germany reveals what happened to an American soldier - who went over to the Reds, last autumn.

Private Richard Coffman, of Circleville, Illinois, listed on Army records as a - deserter.to the Communists.

Information has now been obtained - that Coffman was beaten to death in the Soviet Zone, several weeks ago. A victim of a street brawl, with two Germans, in Red Saxony.

## PALESTINE

More ugly incidents - reported on the borders of Palestine. Jordan charging - that a party of assailants from Israel killed five Arabs in the desert. The scene - five miles inside the Jordanian frontier. The report from Jerusalem describes it as - "an atrocity."

On the side of Israel, the announcement is - that four ~~the~~ Jewish suspects have been arrested in connection with the killings.

At the same time, a military spokesman for Israel says that, on the Syrian border, Moslems opened fire on a Jewish settlement. One worker - wounded.

## ISRAEL - CELEBRATION

In Israel, they are celebrating the Jewish feast of Purim. Which includes - a carnival of antique tradition.

One feature - a surprise. A surprise, however - with a good, sound explanation.

Tomorrow, there's to be a gala parade, in which they'll have huge effigies of world personalities, giant puppets.

One - representing President Eisenhower. The other - Malenkov.

~~That's~~ That's the surprise.

In Tel Aviv, today, a newsman asked the parade people - why have a puppet of Malenkov? Seeing - that he was ousted as Premier in Moscow. His place taken - by Bulganin. So why not - a puppet of Bulganin?

A parade official replied, saying: "We put five hundred and sixty dollars into that puppet, while Malenkov was still in power. We decided not to make a new one of Bulganin," the spokesman went on, "because we could not risk another five hundred and sixty dollars - on the chance that Bulganin might be replaced before Tuesday's carnival."

Well, we all know about Jewish humor, and Jewish business ability. And that sounds like a good example of both.



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CHAPLAIN

In New York, the Reverend George Bissonnette told an odd story - concerning his expulsion from Soviet Russia. The Chaplain of the foreign colony in Moscow - getting a shock of surprise. All connected with the American Ambassador's broken ankle. The first word - that Ambassador Bohlen sustained a fracture.

Returning home today, Father Bissonnette tells of an official party he attended - where he got to talking with Krushchev. Now considered - the <sup>Soviet</sup> number one man. He congratulated Krushchev about a recent relaxation of anti-religious laws. Krushchev was pleased by the remarks. He took the priest by the arm, and led him over to where Molotov was standing with Bulganin. Molotov - the Foreign Minister. Bulganin - now the Premier. Krushchev - telling them: "Here's a sympathetic and intelligent man." Whereupon Molotov and Bulganin drank a toast to Father Bissonnette. So he thought - he was solid. <sup>In right with the Kremlin.</sup> Until - that fateful afternoon.

There was a hockey game at the British Embassy.

The Chaplain - playing. U.S. Ambassador Bohlen - also playing.

In the swirling game on the ice, the Chaplain took a mighty swing, and sent the puck whizzing. Unfortunately, the puck hit Ambassador Bohlen on the ankle, and caused - a fracture.

The Chaplain was worried about this. Then, shortly afterward an Embassy official came to him, and he thought - he'd get a report on the Ambassadorial ankle. But, instead, he was told - word had come. The Kremlin was ordering him - to leave Russia. Soviet retaliation for an action by the U.S. government over here.

Substitute NUGENT.

Note for Mr. Thomas. In the following, please fill in the name. I threw away the first lead of the original story.

An Army court-martial has acquitted Major

Ambrase Nugent, accused of collaborating with the Reds

when he was a prisoner in the Korean war. He is an

Army veteran, forty-five years old - fourteen years in

the service. The principal charge against him was -

writing and signing Communist propaganda articles.

It was testified that, on one occasion, he gave a radio

broadcast for the enemy, - after the North Koreans had

threatened to shoot him and seventy-five of his

comrades. It was shown at the court-martial,

moreover, that some signatures alleged to be his -

were forgeries.

Nugent is the first army man to be found not

guilty - out of five, who have been tried for

collaborating. The others - found guilty.

## ATOMIC

Today's explosion on the Nevada desert - was the biggest in the present series. The mighty fire ball lit the sky in ten western states. Observers, forty-five miles away, were blinded by the glare. The mushroom shaped cloud soared upward for forty thousand feet. ~~The sound was heard in Salt Lake City a dull roar.~~ At Salt Lake City, three hundred and seventy miles away ~~from the explosion~~ - houses were shaken. One Salt Lake City home owner reports - the walls of his home were cracked.

The device is believed to have been something that could be used as the warhead of a guided missile. Atomic, or hydrogen, we don't know. But it has been noted that the test was under the direction of Dr. Edward Teller, so prominent in the development of the H-bomb.

Precautions, without precedent, were taken in this experiment, ~~for safety.~~ To avoid, a dangerous - "fall out." That is - a shower of radioactive dust. The big explosion was postponed, day after day - until the weather was just right.

The "fall out" can be carried far and wide by the winds. In the area of the blast - a coating of asphalt was laid on the desert floor. A thing - never done before. A nuclear explosion sucks up material from the ground - the desert sand, for example. This becomes ~~radioactive in the~~ <sup>radioactive in the</sup> ~~fire ball~~ fire ball - the "fall out." The layer of asphalt reduced all this - to a minimum. Moreover, the nuclear weapon was exploded from a tower higher than usual - to lessen the sucking up of dust.

All - to avoid a dangerous "fall out."

## REMAGEN

President Eisenhower, today, paid honor to heroes of an exploit - just ten years ago. The capture - of the Remagen Bridge. A daring feat of arms - the seizing of the bridge enabling U.S. forces to cross the Rhine and thrust into the heart of Nazi Germany.

At the White House, eleven veterans of the Ninth U.S. Armored Division were congratulated by their Commander-in-Chief of those days - General Ike. Who presented them with Certificates of Membership in the "Society of Remagen Bridge."

~~It~~ *It* was an inspiring occasion - but, alas, it's followed by a sour note. The charge - that the wrong soldiers get the honors. Members - of Company A. *P / there a captain* At Fort McPherson *^* says that his Company actually secured the bridge. Company C - not Company A. "We were the guys that took Remagen Bridge, and I think we should have the credit," says the Captain.

Which is denied by Major Emmett Burrow, who was a Second Lieutenant in Company A, back in Nineteen Forty-Five. He was at the White House ceremony today, and says - Company A did it.

So who are the real heroes - A or C? Let's  
compromise, and say - they were all heroes, in both Companies.

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Skiers East and West are talking about the outcome of the national collegiate ski tournament held over the weekend in Vermont. Saturday night it looked as though Dartmouth, which in the past had had the top college team, would do it again. But the University of Denver, last year's champions, nosed out a great Dartmouth team. Once again the honors go to Willy Schauffler's star performers from Denver. The rise of the University of Denver in skiing since the war has been nothing short of sensational - bringing national fame to one of the great universities of the west. Thirteen universities and colleges took part. In the first seven - four eastern teams - three western. Demonstrating again that eastern and western skiing are about on a par. Hail to the Denver Pioneers!



SOUTH DAKOTA

There's a religious argument on in South Dakota. The State Legislature charged with - religious persecution. So say - the Hutterites. Declaring - that a bill passed by the State Legislature attacks their religion.

The Hutterite sect came from Russia in Eighteen Seventy-four -- founding communities in the west. Their beliefs are strict. The Bible interpreted - in a rigid way. All worldly pleasures considered - sinful. All property - held in common. That's what the argument is about.

South Dakota had a law which, it is claimed, gave special privileges to the "share-the-wealth" communities. So now a bill has been passed - changing the law. Which would hinder the establishment of new Hutterite communities.

One objection to the sect is - that the Hutterites are conscientious objectors. Another - that their practice of holding property in common resembles Communism. The Hutterites reply <sup>that</sup> they're merely following the tenets of the Bible.

DALI

This is an age of novelties, and now the proposal for a - surrealist church. An ultra-modern cathedral - with all the weird wonders of abstract art, and scientific illusions.

Same old Salvador Dali - who sure can dream up fantastic ideas, and break into the news. Recently, Dali has been painting religious pictures - of the surrealist variety. So now he proposes - a whole church.

The architecture would produce optical illusions.

The apse, <sup>the transept</sup> and the nave <sup>- all</sup> - changing shape. Strange effects of ~~light~~ light - with a glitter of jewels. The altars - would move.

One - a revolving altar, which would go round and round.

Another - would rise, ascending from the floor. A third altar - descending from the ceiling. Sure would seem like miracles.

Well, if they build that surrealist church, I wonder how the congregation would like it. <sup>And how the</sup> ~~one~~ <sup>the good</sup> Lord would

like it!

## FASHIONS

Now imagine - a girl saying: "He gave me a burlap dress." You'd think her badly treated - getting a frock made of gunny sack. But not at all - she'd be in the latest fashion.

In New York, a style show - of burlap. Dresses for all occasions - made of gunny sack. That humble material - now being processed in brilliant colors, fit for the wardrobe of a queen. *And worn today by a queen.*  
~~on display - a burlap evening gown of a dazzling pink - trimmed with white embroidery and glittering with rhinestones. Worn by a beautiful model, which proves - something else can come in gunny sacks besides potatoes.~~

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This burlap fashion show has an international angle. Sponsored - by the Republic of Pakistan. A diplomatic official presiding, the Consul General of Pakistan, Lauri Shaffi, an old friend of this program. Lauri Shaffi, to help matters along, wore a chartreuse burlap vest.

All of which might make you wonder - how come the Moslem state is interested in fashions for American women? Simple, my Dear Watson. Pakistan is the world's largest

producer of jute - and that's what burlap is made of. They're trying to promote - the sale of jute.

So today there was displayed a burlap evening gown of a dazzling pink - trimmed with white embroidery with rhinestones. Worn - by a beautiful model. Which proves, Hugh, that something else can come in gunny sacks besides potatoes!