

STRIKES

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The movie strike was settled this afternoon, and soon afterwards the picket lines were withdrawn from Hollywood Studios. The walkout had lasted for thirty-five weeks, and was one of the bitterest on record.

The settlement came when the dispute was placed before the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. The basic argument was in fact, between two unions - both members of the A. F. of L.:-

^ To what union should the set decorators belong - the ones who paint and trim and fix up the sets for motion picture features? The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees claimed them. So did the Painters Union. And the painters, to enforce their demand, went on strike - which made it a case of a picket line of one union trying to keep members of another union out of the studios.

After all sorts of attempts to get the two unions together had failed, the A. F. of L. itself was called up to intervene - the strike placed before the Executive Council by the new movie czar, Eric Johnston,

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has warned in case the dispute goes back to court.

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and Donald Nelson, President of the Society of Independent Motion Picture Producers. The Council of the Federation deliberated, and worked out an agreement.

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## MILITARY TRAINING

From Washington we hear that the Army and Navy are making their plans for the Universal Military Training Program recommended by President Truman - plans to be put into effect when and if Congress gives its okay. The Army and Navy Chiefs are preparing for a total of nine hundred and seventy-five thousand youths a year - these to be trained as a reserve for the two services. A tentative blueprint has been drawn up for the location of training bases and methods of induction.

Meanwhile, Congress is showing more plainly than ever that it is not in any hurry to act on the President's proposal of one year of military training for American youth. The Military Affairs Committees of the Senate and the House of Representative indicate that they will not begin hearings on the subject for at least two weeks.

## BRITISH STORM

News of the great storm in England sounds as if that island were hit by a ~~W~~ West Indian hurricane. <sup>Which</sup> ~~That~~ of course is not the case, for hurricanes don't travel that far north, and don't hit the other side of the Atlantic anyway.

It's a regular north Atlantic tempest that is lashing the south coast of England, but the winds are of hurricane force, rising to a hundred ~~W~~ miles an hour. The rain is a deluge of storm-driven sheets of water, and seas of mountainous magnitude are battering the shore - fifty foot waves.

~~This~~ is the second day of the tempest. Last night the roaring wind lulled a bit; but, today struck with a greater fury than ever. There is heavy damage all along the ~~W~~ coast, trees uprooted, communications disrupted, towns flooded by huge waves pouring onto the land - the storm whipping up the highest tides of the year.

Most dramatic of all are hundreds of floating mines swept on the shore. The coast of Britain

was heavily mined during the war, and now the charges of high explosive have broken loose in the ~~fury~~ fury of the tempest - and are being swept ashore. In some places ~~the~~ mines have exploded - adding their own booming voices to the roar of the gale.

## GREECE

The King of Greece calls for an election in his country to determine whether or not the Greek people want him to return to the throne. He asks for a free election supervised by the Allied powers. This is the first statement on Greek politics made by King George, who is living in a London hotel.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

From Czechoslovakia we hear that State

Socialism will soon be established. A report from Prague is that President Benes is about to sign a decree nationalizing mines and industries. And still other decrees are in preparation - to nationalize banks and insurance companies, gas and electricity. When these measures are put into effect, Czechoslovakia will have State Socialism.



## ITALIAN ARMISTICE

Secretary of State Byrnes tells us that he has never seen the terms of the Armistice made with Italy. Those terms are a major secret. Imposed upon Italy after that country abandoned Nazi Germany and came over to the side of the Allies, the armistice has been the subject of wide speculation and discussion. Time and again the newsmen of the Allied nations have demanded - what's in it? Why is it being kept so secret? But the insistent inquiries have had no result. It would almost seem as if the armistice made with Italy contains terms that the Allied governments are ashamed to make public.

Secretary Byrnes states that for weeks he has been trying to have the Armistice made public - but it's no go. He says that at the Potsdam conference of the Big Three, he tried to get the terms revised, but that failed. To all of which he adds that he has never seen the armistice with Italy, has never seen the text - and only knows about the terms from what military men have told him. He says the terms are harsh and obsolete.

## QUISLING

In Norway today, complete secrecy concealed the execution of Quisling. The only fact disclosed was that a firing squad had carried out the sentence of death imposed on Norway's number one war traitor. The details are being suppressed - by a royal decree. Today King Haakon imposed secrecy on all officials who took part in the execution of Quisling.

All of which is explained by a Norwegian official in the following words: "The Norwegians", said he, "have another temper than French - therefore what is permissible in France is not always suitable to Norway. He was referring to the gruesome publicity that attended the execution of Laval, the arch collaborationist.

## KENNEDY

Another mystery of the war is disclosed - the secret of the death in action of Lieutenant Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., son of the former American Ambassador to London. During the summer of last year, it was announced that Lieutenant Kennedy was missing, after which a curtain of concealment covered the fate of the son of the former Ambassador. We are now told the reason why. The story concerned an American secret weapon. Lieutenant Kennedy lost his life while engaged in a daring experiment with a radio-controlled plane loaded with high explosive.

Our war technologists had developed what they called - the Drone. This was a plane without a pilot, designed to be guided by radio to a target. They were ready for the first test of the drone against an actual enemy objective, and the plan was for two pilots to take off with the secret weapon plane, and start it on its way. They were to stick with it, until radio ~~on the ground~~ had taken over the operation of the steering mechanism, until the Drone was fully

under wireless control. Then they were to bail out by parachute.

There was a call for volunteers to do the two-man job, and Lieutenant Kennedy stepped forward. The other volunteer assigned to the experiment was Lieutenant Wilfred Willy of Fort Worth, Texas. The Drone they were to take up was no small scale plane. It was a big Liberator bomber - loaded with twenty-one thousand pounds of high explosive. The target was of ~~a~~ number one importance - a place in France from which to hurl those devastating Nazi rocket bombs against London. This was to be blown to bits by the crash of <sup>the</sup> Drone.

Lieutenants Kennedy and Willy took off, and were flying according to schedule - with radios ~~on~~ ~~the ground~~ seeking to establish control of the Drone. Then, something went wrong - nobody knows what. The Drone exploded. The ponderous bomber with its twenty ~~one~~ <sup>thousand</sup> ~~one~~ pounds of T. N.T. blew up in mid-air.

JAPAN

In Japan General MacArthur cracked down on Japanese newspapers today - his Headquarters charging that Jap journalism has been distorting the news.

The American authorities have made a survey of what the Japanese Press and Radio have been saying. And this shows that the selection of news has a political slant. The Press and Radio have been systematically ignoring some subjects, or have been under-playing them.

MacArthur's Headquarters notes, in particular, that Jap newspapers and broadcasts have been finicky about discussing the Emperor and the Imperial Household. They have been laying off those topics. And this is in violation of MacArthur's decree of a few days ago which called for unrestricted public discussion of the Imperial Establishment.

So now the Supreme Commander has imposed a four-point policy to insure an impartial presentation of news - the four points covering the whole business of reporting the news accurately and fairly. Press <sup>and</sup> radio men there have been told to give the Japanese people the

full information they need in deciding about the kind of government they want.

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More fighting in Java, a Dutch military camp near Batavia was assailed by Indonesian nationalists. They tried to surround the Dutch garrison and a violent fight ensued. After several hours of skirmishing, the assault, which had been well planned and organized, was beaten off.

We hear of new attempts for a settlement, the British commander out there meeting the members of the self-styled nationalist government. Lieutenant General Philip Christenson talked things over with the Indonesians and it is understood that he is now trying to organize some kind of meeting between them and representatives of the Dutch government.

The self-styled Indonesian Republic announces that it has created a regular Army, military forces with headquarters at the great naval base of Soerabaja. That important place, until captured by the Japs, was a key to the ~~British~~ Dutch defense of the East Indies. The Indonesian Army now organized there is commanded by what the nationalists call - a full Admiral

The fighting in the Dutch East Indies brought forth a demand in Washington today - a demand pertaining to American lend-lease equipment that is now used by the Dutch and British in suppressing the native insurgents. Secretary of State Byrnes tells us that the United States has asked that American Insignia be removed from the Lend-Lease equipment.

The Indonesian Nationalists have complained to President Truman about the use of American equipment against them. They want it to be withdrawn. Secretary Byrnes states that we will not ask the British and Dutch to stop using Lend-Lease equipment in putting down the revolt - we are merely requesting them to take off the American Insignia.



HAWAII

President Truman today abolished military control in Hawaii. During the war, the Military Commander of Hawaii was given virtually the complete government of the Islands. Now that's out of date - so says the President, today issuing an order abolishing military control.

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That's what she thought, but it was only an illusion. She says he shouted, "Don't get in front of my car!" and drove on.

Such is the story of the suspect hit and run driver.

## HIT AND RUN

Here's news about a hit and run driver whose blood is colder than most of his kind, whose warmth of human feeling is about thirty below zero. The story was told today by Cora Kaufman of Buffalo, New York - as she nursed her aches and bruises, after being hit by an automobile.

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Such is the story of the meanest hit and run driver.

## BASEBALL

There are contradictory reactions to the advent of a negro player into regular league baseball - the signing of Jackie Robinson, who has been a star in the negro leagues. The Brooklyn Dodgers have engaged Robinson to play on the Montreal team of the International League - which team is owned by the 'Dodgers. According to baseball procedure, if Jackie Robinson, playing on the Montreal team, shows he's of major league ability - he'll become a member of the Dodgers.

This arouses cheers in quarters that have been demanding that the Leagues engage negro players. various newspapers come out in high commendation.

One argument against negro ball players in white leagues has been that the <sup>Big Leagues</sup> have so many ball players from the South. So what have the Southern players to say? A number of them, questioned today, said it was okay with them, so long as the negro player was not on their own team. Rogers Hornsby of Texas, who was so famous in baseball a few years back, speaks in strong opposition.

Oddly enough, the most angry protest comes

-- from negroes. That is, from the team in the negro league in which Jackie Robinson has been a star. Today Tom Baird, co-owner of that ball club, the Kansas City Monarchs - declared the signing of Jackie Robinson for the Montreal team was a grave injustice to his own ball playing outfit. He said that, negotiating for his new job, Robinson had left the Kansas City Monarchs ~~in~~ before the season had ended - and, as a result, the Monarchs lost the Pennant.

"If the wholesale robbery of negro players from our league continues," ~~declares~~ <sup>adds</sup> Baird, "We might as well quit baseball."

To which another baseball man echoes: "The negroes have had their own league all these years and have operated successfully. ~~I don't think anyone should~~ <sup>Why go in and</sup> ~~cause them~~ <sup>go in, and start</sup> a lot of trouble?"

## SOLDIER

Ask a soldier what he thinks of a furlough, and you expect him to beam with expressions of joy. But not Private Glenn Berge of Kenesett, Iowa. Here's what happened to him on his furlough home.

He had his tonsils taken out, then he caught the mumps. As the swelling began to subside, he got scarlet fever. He was recovering from that when, in a friendly wrestling match, he broke his arm. Then he got the mumps all over again - on the other side of his face. And the latest about Private Berge is that he has the measles.

All in one furlough!- and Private Berge is saying that he'd like to meet the fellow who invented furloughs.

*And now - another spec  
meas - from our Spou -*