

JAPANESE TREATY

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Word from London is that Great Britain and the United States have got together on the question of a peace treaty with Japan. Differences of opinion settled by British Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison, and John Foster Dulles, ^{our} special representative, ~~of President Truman.~~ The British thought that Red China should be ~~be~~ represented in a final Japanese peace conference. This the United States opposed, and Foreign Secretary Morrison is now willing to drop the ~~be~~ demand - ending the main dispute. So says information from what are called "sources close to Dulles."

SUB ACHESON

The latest testimony given by Secretary of State Acheson today was that General MacArthur once advocated the inclusion of the Communists in the government of China. That was shortly after the end of the war in the Pacific, the proposal was to set up a compromise government in which the Chinese Reds would have a place along with Chiang Kai Shek and his Nationalists. MacArthur suggested this, and so did Lieutenant-General Wedemeyer and Admiral Raymond Spruance who then had a command in the Pacific.

These three top-ranking military leaders made the recommendation in top secret cablegram, the last paragraph of which was presented by Secretary Acheson to the Senate Committee today. The paragraph puts in the proposal in these words: "Bring together and effect a compromise between the major opposing groups in order to promote a united democratic China." The major opposing groups being, of course, the nationalists and the Communists.

KOREA

(Today's dispatch from Tokyo states that:

"The Reds have abandoned their mountain line guarding the Korean Iron Triangle.") The meaning of which is vivid - when we looked at the military geography.

That Iron Triangle is actually a three-cornered tableland in the Korean mountains - a level ^{region} ~~area~~ that served as the staging area from which the Reds launched their ill-fated offensives. The tableland has a network of strategic highways and concentrations of supplies.

Just to the south is a range of rugged peaks and ridges - and these were the line of defense, protecting the Iron Triangle. The mountain barrier was powerfully fortified, with ~~xx~~ strongholds built by the Reds before the Korean war began. It was their Maginot Line. So that is what the enemy abandoned today - retreating under ~~powerful~~ relentless blows, hurled by the U.S. Eighth Army.

The G I's advanced nearly two miles through a labhrinth of deserted fortifications, and planted a spearhead in the entrance of an open valley leading

to Chorwon, an anchor base of the Iron Triangle.

At the same time another column drove across mountain ridges toward Kumhwa, another anchor base.

So it would seem as if the whole Iron Triangle might fall - ~~xx~~ with its network of highways and concentrations of supplies.

SUBSTITUTE NAZIS

At Landsberg, Germany, the course of Justice came to a relentless end tonight with the hanging of seven Nazi war criminals. Earlier in the day the United States Supreme Court had refused to stay the executions. The State Department informed the American military government in Germany that there was no further possibility of legal delay. So the penalty of doom was inflicted on the seven Hitler storm troopers and prison camp officials convicted for their part in the mass murder of two hundred ~~thirty~~ thousand persons.

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ENGLAND - SIEGE

Sedate old England had a wild and wooly scene today - when a desperado, in a wild blaze of gunfire, stood off a small army of police, firemen, soldiers and sailors. They cornered him at his home. The siege lasted for two hours - and sounded like a battle in Korea.

At the old town of Chatham, Alan Derek Poole, shot and fatally ~~xxxx~~ wounded a constable - after which he went to his parents' home, there he threatened his mother, who fled to neighbors and gave the alarm. The desperado was armed with a light machine gun, and threatened to kill anyone who came near.

So the small army gathered, a posse of two hundred, who surrounded the house, advancing under cover - as in tactics of war. The besieged killer opened fire with his machine gun, and it took the posse a couple of hours to close in with tear gas bombs and a blast of bullets. The killer was wounded, and turned his machine gun upon himself.

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battle Britain has known since the "Siege of Sydney Street" forty years ago. That was an uproarious event in the heart of London - when forces of police and soldiers closed in on a couple of anarchists wanted for murder. The attack was led by Winston Churchill, then the Home Secretary. Later, Winston Churchill was to be a celebrated figure in Two World Wars, but, he had his first experience in battle at the "siege of Sydney Street."

OIL

The Federal government has dropped the "Mother Hubbard Suit." That case at law, named after the maternal character in the nursery rhyme, involved two hundred and twenty-five oil companies - wholesale action under the anti-trust laws.

The monopoly suit was filed eleven years ago, and at that time it was ~~xxxx~~ even bigger - naming three hundred and sixty-seven defendants. Since then, a hundred and forty-two companies have dropped out - some splitting up, some retiring from business.

The magnitude of it all suggested the nickname -- though Mother Hubbard merely went to the cupboard. Seems to me the nursery rhyme to apply would be the one about the lady who lived in the shoe, she had so many children she didn't know what to do.

That suggests the predicament of the Department of Justice. So many defendants - they don't know what to do. Attorney General McGrath explains - the Mother Hubbard suit is too complicated for a single case. He says it would take, what he calls --

"literally years of negotiations and court arguments."
So they've dropped it, and will proceed with smaller suits involving fewer defendants.

The charge is that oil companies have monopolized the industry, all the way from the oil fields to retail sales. From the bottom to the top - like Jack climbing the beanstalk.

MEAT

In Chicago, meat packers were closing their beef departments today. Two of the Big Four, Armour and Wilson, declared they were unable to buy cattle at ceiling prices - under the ten percent rollback order. Cattle growers - in revolt against the ceiling prices.

Today, shipments to the midwest markets were light - twenty-four thousand head. Previously, the comparative figure had been forty-two thousand head.

So beef shortages in the retail stores across the nation appeared to be certain - and leaders of the packing industry gave warning today that cattle are already moving into the black market.

PRICE WAR

The New York price war spreads to foods today. Macy's cut the figures on some items of groceries, and Gimbels followed suit. After which a spokesman for the New York retail merchants food association predicted widespread reductions all over town - the price war spreading to the corner ^{(groceries.} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

The battle flared in Louisville, Kentucky, today, when a department store slashed ~~the~~ figures, and another store said it would meet the challenge.

TF Those shrill cheers you hear are from the housewives.

GENERAL MOTORS

From Detroit -- General Motors announces a six day shut down. This will occur next month, when more than two hundred thousand employees will be out of work for six days, General Motors shutting down most of its auto manufacturing plants because of -- "critical supply problems." That is, shortages of materials.

KILLING

In Chicago, two detectives did a neat sleuthing job, solving -- the case of the murdered hearse driver. They found a clue - a piece of checkered cloth ~~xxxx~~ clutched in the victim's hand. Then they went to his apartment, and were poking around for evidence.

The phone rang. Detective Kenneth Blue answered. He was a friend of the murdered ~~Hearse~~ driver, and could imitate his voice. On the other end of the wire was a woman and she said: "I want my two hundred and fifty dollars."

The detective answered: "Come here and get it."

Pretty soon, a blonde appeared. They questioned her, and she told how, the night before, she had been drinking with the victim in a tavern, and had given him two hundred and fifty dollars for safe keeping. After which - he started drinking with several strangers at the ~~xxxx~~ bar.

The detectives went to the tavern, where the bartender, remembered that one of the strangers mentioned by the blonde wore a checkered suit - the same material as the scrap of cloth found in the hand of the victim. This individual was picked up, and confessed that he and his pals had noticed money flashed by the convivial hearse driver. They followed him home -- for -- robbing ^{ery} and murder.

and his wife, about the usually good old chairman of the Associated Telephone and Telegraph Company of Wilmington, Delaware.

About midnight, they left the institution, went down to their hotel suite, and found the jewel cases in the bureau drawer empty. Forty-eight thousand dollars worth of stolen, their own private servants were off for the night and the thieves must have carefully found that out. There were no signs of disturbance in the apartment - the stools kneeling, apparently, where the jewel cases were.

ROBBERY

The New York police gave the opinion today that the big jewel robbery at Hotel St. Regis was done by veteran sneak thieves of long experience in fashionable Hotel robbery. The job was that ~~stunk~~ slick, that expert.


The occasion was the first dance of the season on the St. Regis Roof - summer being here. Among the ~~stunk~~ merrymakers were Arthur F. Adams and his wife. Adams is the seventy year old chairman of the Associated Telephone and Telegraph Company of Wilmington, Delaware.

About Midnight, they left the festivities, went down to their hotel suite, and found the jewel cases in the bureau drawer empty. Forty-eight thousand dollars worth - stolen. (Their own private servants were off for the night - and the thieves must have carefully found that out. There were no signs of disturbance in the apartment - the crooks knowing, apparently, where the jewel cases were.)

All part of the first dance of the season on the St. Regis roof, and the refrain would seem to be the old song - "after the ball is over."

LAUGH

Starting out with a wire from ~~the~~ Arthur DeTitta head of Fox Movietone in Hollywood, messages have been coming in today asking about that laughing spree last night, what caused it? So, I guess just a brief explanation is in order. What happened was this: In the very first news item, about the possibility of the meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers, I became almost hopelessly wound up in a sentence, tried to extricate myself, and became more involved. It was all so ridiculous that I couldn't help thinking about it all through the broadcast and my laughter simply got out of control. The more I tried to hold it back, the harder it became -- further complicated by the vain attempts ~~at~~ that my C.B.S. engineer Gene Nicks was making to keep a straight face.

Listeners have often urged me to laugh more often. But, as you all know, genuine laughter is not a thing that is done intentionally. It just happens. 

And alas, last night, for the first time in over twenty years on the air, I laughed intermittently right through the whole program, all the time trying my hardest to stop. That's the story. ^{TR} Now here's a news item from Colorado that surely is no laughing matter in ~~the~~ delightful ~~city~~ of Canon City near the world famous Royal Gorge.

MOTHS

For Canon City, Colorado, is moth eaten tonight -- invaded by swarms of millions of moths. The insect^s appeared in huge clouds, fluttering into houses, flying into the dinner on the table, getting into people's clothes, under collars, down the front of dresses. People of Canon City - driven to desperation by the plague of moths.

All of which brought a counter-swarm of birds, swallows by the hundreds came winging, swooping down, gorging themselves on all the bugs they could devour. But that hardly made a dent in the invasion, and tonight every street light of Canon City is in a cloud of insects - moths being attracted by light.

Entomologists at the Colorado Agricultural College - at Ft. Collins, ~~and Mechanical College~~ say the bugs are of a species of the Army cut worm, and declare there is practically no way to exterminate them. Also - ^{that} the millions of moths are likely to hang around Canon City all summer.

DEGREES

This is graduation time for colleges, and a new kind of degree comes into vogue. At Washington University, St. Louis, and at the ~~xxx~~ Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, diplomas were handed out today, conferring the degree of P.H.T. not Doctor of Philosophy, not Ph.D; -- this is something else.

The new academic honor was awarded to wives of graduates. So the degree of P.H.T. signifies -- pushing hubby through. At Washington University, the ~~mp~~ diploma says the wives completed all the required ~~xi~~ courses, including what the diploma calls "budget stretching, culinary expedients, and shoe-string economics." Pushing hubby through college on a small family income, wifie made over last year's dress, whipped up a hat out of odds and ends, and did a job at the kitchen stove with left-overs from yesterday. In other words, P.H.T., *Nelson*.