

INDIA

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Astonishing news from far off India! (~~reclamation~~)  
Today at New Delhi, (<sup>Today</sup> sixty million untouchables, those age  
old social outcasts, the untouchables, officially became  
men and women. A law passed in the Indian Parliament  
gave them Civil Rights;) the right to do any work they  
wish, to live where they like, to enter <sup>all</sup> ~~the~~ temples of  
worship; and, to use the water supply of their villages.  
From all of which they had been barred for centuries.

The history of untouchability goes far back  
into the dark ages of India, so far that no scholar  
has been able to trace its beginnings. Their lot was  
miserable. They could work only at the most menial  
tasks. They lived only on <sup>grain</sup> ~~rice~~, not being allowed to  
go into a shop to buy food. Walking always in the  
gutters, off the sidewalks if there were any; and forced  
to cry out, "I am an untouchable" should they meet a  
high caste Hindu in the street.

But today, (thanks to twenty years of  
campaigning by ~~Mohandas~~ Gandhi, the untouchables are  
free.) And, according to law of this new ancient India

anyone who still insists on enforcing untouchability, will be punished by law. It was Gandhi who called the untouchables "Harijan" or God's people.

And today, as the New Delhi assembly passed the law abolishing untouchability, the parliamentarians stood on their feet and chanted, "Gandhi Ki-Jai! *Hail Gandhi!*  
(exclamation)" ~~Victory to Ghandi, hailing this relief for God's people, the sixty million men and women of India who, until today, had none of the rights of man.~~

VETO

In the U N Security Council today, the United States offered to give up its right of veto on some important cases -- if the other great powers will do the same. But our representative, Ben Cohen, announced ~~that~~ today that the United States will vote against the Argentine proposal to call the General Assembly to consider complete elimination of the veto.

"What's wrong with the U N," said he "is not the veto itself, but its abuse." And he added that until some members change their attitude and stop using the veto indiscriminately, the U N cannot fulfill the function for which it is intended. He made this statement following a warning to Russia from Britain. Sir Alexander Cadogan warned that Russia's reckless abuse of the veto may wreck the United Nations.

## ISRAEL

Today, on the first anniversary of the U N General Assembly's decision to partition Palestine, the six months old state of Israel applied for full membership <sup>in</sup> of the United Nations. Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok handed <sup>in</sup> his country's formal request to become the fifty-ninth member of the United Nations. <sup>He gave it</sup> to Secretary General Trygvelie, and ~~he~~ asked the Security Council, <sup>to put it through as</sup> ~~which handles admission~~ quickly <sup>as possible</sup>.

The word in Paris tonight is that the application may be pigeon-holed, until the Palestine issue is definitely settled. Which means ~~that~~ Israel may not be admitted to the U N until next year.

Today in Tel Aviv, the State of Israel received its one hundred thousandths immigrant, <sup>under the</sup> ~~as~~ recommended <sup>ation</sup> ~~of~~ by the Anglo-American commission <sup>- the recommendation made</sup> in nineteen forty - six. The Israeli government recalls with pride that it has succeeded in forming a consolidated administration; <sup>and</sup> ~~that it~~ has defended itself successfully against the Arab nations, ~~and has been recognized by nineteen world~~ powers.



## PALESTINE

Encouraging news from the holy land. A Tel Aviv dispatch relates that, for the first time in months, Jerusalem was absolutely quiet, today - no sniping, no bombing.

The lull in the fighting in the Holy Land followed a conference between the leaders of the Arab and Israeli forces. Whereupon both are said to have issued stern orders to their troops to stop fighting.

Further, the Israeli government says it agrees to all but one of the U N's terms for a permanent armistice. The terms recently delivered to both by Brigadier General Riley, Chief of the United Nations truce observers. The Israeli's one objection concerns the Egyptian troops trapped at El Faluga, in the Negeb, -they will allow food and medicine to be delivered to them. But that's all.

Meanwhile, for today at least there is peace in Jerusalem, home of the Prince of Peace!

## MADAME CHIANG

In Washington, our State Department is preparing to put out the formal red carpet to welcome Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, who is due to arrive in San Francisco tomorrow afternoon. China's first lady will be met by a top <sup>protocol</sup> officer. He will escort her to Washington, to meet with President Truman, and congressional leaders. For part of her visit she will stay in the home of Secretary of State and Mrs. George C. Marshall, at Leesburg, Virginia. ~~And right along~~ Madame Chiang <sup>to</sup> will be treated as an honored guest, with the formal ceremony that is appropriate to her station. For she is representing an ancient and friendly nation, long celebrated for its graceful courtesy to its guests, and its formal politeness in its dealings with friend or enemy.

Word in Nanking is that Madame Chiang may call on the United States, and on Great Britain, to join with China to organize an anti-Communist bloc in the far east. The Chinese Government's Nanking Daily News says today that such a bloc is even more vital to the security of

the east than immediate American aid. The editorial goes on to say that



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help may not <sup>now</sup> be able to check the Communist advance. So the long view is that if America, Great Britain and China can plan to stop the Red menace in the Orient in the near future, this will be as effective as ~~Russia~~ rushing military aid. That may come too late. But this is a purely Chinese view, written as the Communist ~~armies~~ advance to within a hundred and ten miles of the Nationalist capitol.

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and House Foreign Committees. Perhaps on Friday.

Meanwhile in New Orleans William McChesney Martin, President of the Export Import Bank says that a further loan to China now would be a poor business venture. And from Washington we hear that the Administration is doubtful whether a big aid program could ~~save~~ save the military situation, unless supervised by Americans. And that is tantamount to American participation which most people want to avoid.

However, we are told it is important at the ~~present~~ moment that we should do nothing to embarrass the Chinese government at this critical period. Also we should do all we can to bolster the morale of the Chinese people.

## GUIDED MISSILE

From Washington, -- a Navy announcement of a new wonder of the air -- a guided missile which can fly at fifteen hundred miles an hour. Twice the speed of sound. The new air weapon is one of a series known as the Gorgons, named after the many-headed monster of Greek mythology.

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Two of the prisoners have appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States for a review of their sentences on the grounds that their trial was illegal. They are former Premier Hirota and General Doihara. A legal expert in Tokyo says that if the Supreme Court is considering any stay for these two men it must ask President Truman as Commander-in-Chief, and quickly. The President alone, <sup>has</sup> in power to order MacArthur to delay the executions. The General, we are told, regards himself as the final Court of Appeal in the war crimes cases and so he is not likely to act without instructions from the President.

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## OPERA

In New York tonight the Metropolitan Opera opened its sixty-fourth season with Verdi's OTELLO. The great opera house packed. Four thousand people including standees. The audience carrying millions of dollars of diamonds and ermine. With mink and sable and all the panoply of fashion that you expect with the opening of the opera. And in the audience singer Margaret Truman, Metropolitan stars Lily Pons and Gladys a host of others -- everybody who wants to be thought anybody.

## WEATHER

That fall of snow we had <sup>in N.Y.</sup> this morning has everyone wondering what kind of winter we are in for. The Weather Bureau in Washington answers by saying that it probably will be milder this year along the East coast. But out West, lots of snow and storms.

Jerome Namias of the Weather Bureau's forecast section, however, asks us to underscore that word "probably". He adds that there is no reliable method of forecasting weather so far ahead -- not so you can be sure what kind of winter its going to be.

He says the weather bureau hoped <sup>S</sup> to do better soon - with international cooperation - if the Russians will do their part. Weather in Siberia, for instance, affects our weather here. So we need their atmospheric readings, if we are to have accurate forecasts.

Our weather bureau people say the Russians are cooperat ing in ~~meteor~~ meteorology far more than on other matte

## FILM SHOW

Meanwhile across the Atlantic in London British Society braved the blackest blackout of fog London can remember to attend a Royal Command film show. Many Americans were present to be received by the Queen presiding over the world premier of the film "SCOTT OF THE ANTARCTIC". The life story of the heroic South Polar explorer, Captain Scott, whose name is a legend in the story of British heroism. The queen was making her first public appearance since the announcement that King George the Sixth was ill.

The queen told the ten American ~~stars~~<sup>stars</sup> who were presented to her that she was glad to say that the King was feeling better and how sorry he was not to be able to be present. She added that she had never laughed so much in all her life as she did at the antics of Billy Wolf, the comedian.

Shortly afterwards the whole nation was greatly



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cheered by the news that the King's general health has improved. The royal doctors saying there is less cause for immediate anxiety about his right foot.



## FOG

In Europe today, there is a phenomenon of weather, a great white fog that extends from the toe of the boot of Italy across Austria, <sup>to</sup> and Scandinavia, <sup>over</sup> the Netherlands and Great Britain. One of the most dense and most widespread fogs in history. ~~Which has paralyzed~~ <sup>Tying up nearly all</sup> transportation, <sup>air,</sup> ~~by~~ road, rail and water. All airliners grounded; the only ships <sup>moving</sup> at sea those equipped with radar, ~~that magic eye which enables them to grope their way through the darkness.~~ At Southampton, the Queen Elizabeth, which could not sail last week because of <sup>over</sup> ~~the U.S.~~ dock workers' strike, is now fogbound - unable to move.

The only ~~air~~planes expected to take off, anywhere in Europe, are those on the airlift <sup>to</sup> Berlin. The news, ~~telling~~ <sup>a</sup> of ~~the~~ hope that there may be a few hours of clear weather <sup>over</sup> ~~in the~~ German ~~capital.~~

In Ireland there is a complete black-out of fog, while all over England the roads are impassible; with London suffocating under a ~~dense black fog known locally~~ ~~as~~ a peasouper. Visibility little more than an arm's length, with flares burning in the streets. Buses

and taxicabs laid off. <sup>They are</sup> ~~in what people are already~~  
calling the great fog of nineteen forty-eight.

And now Nelson how about you  
dispelling a little fog?

## ANAUTA

The news today tells of a reporter asking Emily Post, for the date of her birth. "It's cruel to drag that in," replied the arbiter of modes and manners. Then added Emily Post: "My age is like an anchor round my neck, from which I can never get ~~any~~ away."

How much better off if we never knew our age. Like a remarkable woman who dropped into my studio tonight. She is so unusual that I'll have to tell you about her. She comes from way up near the North Pole. Her name is Anauta. Just that, and nothing more -- Anauta. She's an Eskimo; from Baffin ~~ixix~~ Land -- or Baffin's Island some call it. And that's as near as you can get to the North Pole-- except in a plane. Anauta, how does it feel not to know how old you are?"



ANAUTA: Just wonderful, Mr. Thomas. You see I can say truthfully that I am not as old as I feel, because I don't know what it is to feel old. Age doesn't count with my people. Eskimo don't record births. We have no clocks, or calendar, ~~xxx~~ and we live from day to day, without a thought of tomorrow.

L.T.: Yes, I've heard that. I've known some of your people -- and I guess the Eskimo are about the happiest of all the inhabitants of this reeling, war-weary planet.

ANAUTA: That's true. I should say - if you judge by their constant laughter. Laughter is my people's medicine. Perhaps that's because we never have colds. I didn't know what the common cold was until I arrived in what is called civilization. Then I found out what a miserable state that could be.

L.T.: Have you any idea why your people are immune from the common cold?



ANAUTA: Perhaps it's because we <sup>eat an even diet of</sup> ~~eat an even diet of~~  
meat and fish and only eat when we are hungry.  
~~the high protein diet of the Eskimo~~ We don't

even have money to worry about. Everything is barter  
with us. We never never worry. And maybe that's  
why we never have colds!

L.T.: I wonder if Dale Carnegie tells about that  
in his best seller - How Not to Worry. I guess the  
way is to be born an Eskimo. Speaking of worrying,  
Anauta, these days we Americans seem to be doing a lot  
of worrying about the Russians and how maybe we'll have  
to wage a war ~~ng~~ right over the North Pole, and over  
Baffin Land. What might that do to life among your  
people. Will the Atomic Age still find the Eskimo  
unchanged?

ANAUTA: All I can say to that is that the <sup>Esk</sup> ~~Eskimo~~  
Eskimo does not want change. He is happy as he is.  
Our people have no history, and we have the belief

that we have never fought against man. War to us is unknown. Our only struggle is with Nature -- for existence against hunger. But we may have to accept change. The Eskimo will be fearful of this. And he will be scared at first by the new terrible weapons of war that may come to his land. But he will be helpful to all men in some ways. For he <sup>knows</sup> ~~knows~~ the weather, and the best way to live in those sub-zero temperatures. And he will accept any change that he must accept. He knows that what comes from Kabloona is good. Kabloona is our word for the outside world to whom, the Eskimo looks for everlasting good. He expects ~~in~~ no evil to come from anywhere. Because as I said he doesn't know how to worry!

L.T. You and all your people are lucky indeed, Anauta, if they have discovered how to avoid worry. I think most of us would like to become Eskimo, soon! Say along about tomorrow. In a land where there are no colds!

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