

FLOODS

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Tonight, at Winni., Canada's fourth largest city, twelve square miles of the city are under water - with scattered sections of streets and buildings remaining above the inundation. Winnipeg - a city of islands. The deluge grew all the worse today - because of rain. A quarter of an inch fell, and today the Premier of Manitoba cried: "It's the worst thing that could have happened."

The rain added more water to an inland sea, sending rivers to higher levels of ~~the~~ flood. At some places, on the prairie outside of Winnipeg, ordinary medium streams <sup>(are)</sup> ~~-~~ twenty miles wide in some places.

People are still fleeing, forty thousand fugitives thus far. And the only enjoyment is for - the <sup>wild</sup> ducks. Great Flocks of birds flying north for the Canadian summer have settled down by the thousands, on vast expanses of water. they could hardly have expected to see. The benefit <sup>(for)</sup> ~~the~~ wild ducks is the ~~the~~ measure of disaster for human beings.

BUDENZ

In Washington, the quarrel over the Communist business climaxed today - when a Senator flung bitter words at Louis Budenz, ~~hurled a raging blast against~~ <sup>the</sup> one-time editor of the Communist Daily Worker, ~~who turned against the Reds, and has been making sensational charges - as in the case of Far Eastern Expert Owen Lattimore -~~ ~~today~~ The Senator, a Democrat, denounced Budenz as a spreader of hatred, who uses the Roman Catholic Church as a "shield" for his attacks and accusations.

Budenz, as is well known, abandoned Communism to return to his original Catholic faith - and is now a professor at Fordham University. So the claim today was that he has, in the words of the Senator, "advertised his conversion to Catholicism," and is profiting from the sensation it made - with reckless charges under cover of the Church.

But, who's the Senator - firing such a cannonade?

Chavez of New Mexico - who said he was speaking as a Catholic. He told the Senate that, during nineteen years in Congress, he has never taken a stand - as a member of his Church. Not until now - speaking out as a Catholic against Louis Budenz.

At the climax of his attack, the New Mexico Senator referred to his own Spanish origins. "My ancestors brought the Cross to this hemisphere," he cried. "But Louis Budenz has been using that Cross, not as a Christian, but as a club for his own ulterior motives."

He wound it all up by expressing the belief that, secretly, Budenz still is - a Communist.

A Red planted in the Catholic Church, declares the Senator.

## COMMUNIST

Communist leader, Eugene Dennis, is in a prison cell tonight - after a judge in Washington refused a delay. The General Secretary of the American Communist Party argued that he should be allowed to remain free on bail - so he could act as his own lawyer in court proceedings for an appeal. But the judge said "No" - and ordered Eugene Dennis to prison to serve a sentence of one year for contempt of Congress.

He is, in addition, under a five year sentence - as one of the eleven members of the American Politburo, convicted of conspiracy, advocating the overthrow of the government. Which conviction is now being appealed.

## BIG THREE

In London tonight the Big Three issued a communique - stating that they were seeking the "reunification" of Berlin through free elections. Decision announced, as the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Great Britain and France concluded the second day of their conference.

The project of unifying Berlin, by holding free elections, has been under discussion, with the Soviets saying okay - if all parties would remove their troops from Berlin. Which would in effect, leave the city to the mercy of the militarized Communist police, virtually a German Red army. So, that Moscow version of free election was promptly turned down; - but now the Big Three in London decide that they'll go on trying to make an end to the divided confusion in Berlin, by having the voters go to the polls, and cast free, democratic ballots.

In tonight's announcement, Foreign Ministers Messrs. Acheson, Bevin and Schuman likewise accuse the Soviets of still holding large numbers of prisoners-of-war -

Japanese, Germans and others. (In the matter of German prisoners, Moscow announced last <sup>(week)</sup> ~~night~~ that all had been repatriated, sent back <sup>—</sup> though, according to the German count, a million and a half are still missing. What has happened to them? The Big Three, tonight, accuse the Soviets of an utter disregard for the rights of human beings.)

## BRITAIN

over In Britain - the swing to the Right continues. They had municipal elections all over England and Wales, and ~~now~~ today the count was nearly complete. The voters elected members to borough councils, and the figures show that Winston Churchill's Conservative Party scored a gain of two-hundred-and-fourteen seats. They won twenty-two from the Liberals, a hundred-and-twelve from ~~the~~ Independents - and took eighty away from the Labor Party.

All of which London regards as a barometer, indicating what is likely to happen when the next elections to Parliament are held.

## FLYING SAUCERS

The British now have an explanation for -- Flying Saucers. A London news magazine stated today that they are targets for American anti-rocket weapons. In other words <sup>de</sup> the United States ~~is~~, trying to devise ways of knocking out guided missiles of the future, is having target practice with soaring discs.

The London publication says that they are launched from ramps, <sup>and</sup> then the saucers reach a height of forty thousand feet and a speed of more than one thousand miles an hour.

But are we hitting them? The ~~The~~ London reply is no, they are too fast. But it goes on to say that the British Navy has new weapons which can shoot them down. Further -- that a British vessel, equipped with secret weapons, will ~~send~~ soon sail for Norfolk, Virginia -- to show the American marksmen how to hit the Flying Saucer target.



STRIKE - -

Federal mediators have begun a new attempt to settle the railroad strike, talking first with representatives of the Union, and then with negotiators for the Railroad Companies.

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The ~~talks~~ are going on in Chicago, where there's a rumor that the Union has made a new offer for an agreement.

Meanwhile, the figures for unemployment <sup>(caused)</sup> ~~caused~~ by the walkout, continue to increase, and there was another report of sabotage today - when the diesel locomotive of a freight train ran off the tracks. It was found that an automatic switch failed to close, because ~~thaxxxxx~~ a piece of wood had been jammed to keep it open. The train was going along slowly, and no particular damage was done.

LANGFORD-TRUMAN

Singer Frances Langford was not crooning so sweetly today. The blues in her voice were - rather purple. As a result of an interview with President Truman.

Frances Langford, who sang around the world for the G.I.'s in the war, has a special interest in a hospital for paralyzed veterans at Birmingham, California, and is <sup>(backing a</sup> ~~backing a~~ <sup>concerning the plan</sup> ~~text~~ proposal <sup>^</sup> to move that hospital to Long Beach. She wanted to talk to the President about this, and sent him a wire asking <sup>for</sup> five minutes - during the Truman Western trip. The meeting occurred at the presidential dedication of the Grand Coulee Dam, and here's the way Frances Lanford describes it.

"I was encouraged when the President beamed at me and shook my hand cordially." But then, when she mentioned the matter of <sup>the</sup> moving <sup>a</sup> the hospital - "his face seemed to grow tense," says she. ~~and~~ He interrupted her brusquely, saying: "The whole thing is a pressure proposition, and I won't go for it." She says that, still holding her hand <sup>(in the</sup> ~~in the~~

handshake - he edged her over to one side of the train platform, turned, and began shaking hands with other people.

"Five minutes!" exclaims Frances Langford. "He gave me ten seconds."

Of course, it is possible that a busy handshaking bee at a whistle stop is not the best place to discuss a project with a President.

## BOWLING

The American Bowling Congress reversed itself today, and voted to admit negroes to the ranks of the players who spin the ball down the alley. Hitherto, the Constitution of the Bowling Congress has had a clause - "Whites only." This has aroused a lot of protest, and brought about lawsuits in five states. So today the delegates of the bowlers, meeting in Columbus, Ohio, shouted an overwhelming vote - to take negroes into the organization.

## ITALY

Twenty years ago in a town of Northern Italy, a girl fell in love, but her parents would not permit her marriage. She drowned herself in the river, after writing on a wall: "better to die than to be separated from you."

Today the man in the case, now forty-nine years old, was found in the same river -- drowned. A note in his pocket said: "I have tried to resist for twenty years, but -- better to die than to be separated from you."

## SIGHT

In Washington, Mrs. Mary Brooks declares that the world is - so bright, so bright. She is a one-time slave on a Southern plantation, a hundred and fifteen years old - and blind for thirty years. Her <sup>(birth date)</sup> ~~birthday~~ is listed as Eighteen Thirty-four, and she was a grown-up when the Civil War was fought. She was past eighty when she grew blind - and for years the aged woman has been cared for by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Recently, she had an ailing leg, and the Sisters took her to the Gallinger Hospital in Washington - where the doctors also took a look at her eyes. They said - not much to it, simple cataract, and they could restore the sight of the right eye with a routine operation. So they did, and today the one-time slave of the Old South - saw the light of day again. She broke into an exclamation, and keeps on exclaiming, "Everything is - so bright, so bright."

## FUR

In New York, the Associated Fur Manufacturers are virtually screaming - they got the wrong end of the deal. Out-smarted and out-foxed - by Soviet Russia.

Some while ago the furriers went into a transaction with the Moscow government. Russia is a great fur producing ~~sawtooth~~ <sup>land</sup>, and they figured out a swap that would help both Countries in the business of mink and sable.

The deal was to send the Soviets twelve live mink, for breeding purposes - mink of different color mutations, as developed in the United States. In return, they were to get twelve Russian sable, likewise for breeding purposes - Russian sable being a particularly fine fur. Great for the improvement of the breed - as the horse race people say.

Well, the twelve American mink, with those fancy color mutations, were sent over to Russia - where, presumably, they are producing <sup>many</sup> little mink, by ~~the~~ ~~score.~~ ~~Mink being that way.~~ And, in due time, along

came the Russian twelve sable -magnificent animals, wonderful fur. Looked like the Soviets had kept their part of the bargain in high style. Okay for the improvement of the breed of sable in this country - American women sporting more sumptuous coats of sable than ever before.

But then came the disillusion. When they put those twelve Russian sable together in properly assorted couples - nothing happened. The twelve remained exactly one dozen - without any multiplication. The Fur Manufacturers were perplexed, and - after scratching their heads for a while, had a scientific examination made.

This disclosed the painful truth. The twelve sable, before leaving Russia, had been sterilized. As reproductive as a mule, not worth a kopek for improving the breed over here.

So no wonder the Associated Fur Manufacturers are hollering. They asked for twelve sable, but they didn't say - how.



GOAT

Mrs. Virgie Mack, of Detroit, wants to know - how the goat got into her bathtub. She says that, ~~she~~ getting up in the morning - what did she see? In the bathtub - a billy goat, sound asleep. She can't guess how the critter got into the house - or why. Tonight, Billy is in the dog pond -- room-without-bath. While Mrs. Virgie <sup>(Mack's tub)</sup> ~~Mack~~ has a lingering aroma of - old goat, *Nelson.*

## BASEBALL

In Boston today, Ted Williams apologized. The slugger, hailed as one of the greatest hitters in baseball, said he was sorry for what he did yesterday - when he was booed by the fans.

Strange, how unpopular so mighty a batter is even among the home crowd at the ball park. Must be something about the personality of Ted Williams - the way he is booed, even when he is performing exploits for the home team.

Yesterday, the uproar was the greater, because Williams made two bad errors in the outfield, letting in runs - as the Boston Red Sox lost a double-header to the Detroit Tigers, and dropped from first place to fourth place. His response to the booing was to make ribald, obscene gestures at the crowds - and today the sports pages were seething with indignation.

So now Ted Williams apologizes - but I

it will stop the booing.<sup>1</sup>

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