

P.J. - *Sumner* Tues., May 6, 1947.

In Congress today, there was a lot of opposition to the Truman policy of aiding Greece and Turkey against Communism. The count was large, if you counted the words. The number of lawmakers in opposition was a mere minority, but they were given a minute each to express their views - and they streamed forward to have their say. <sup>R</sup> They were largely mid-western Republicans, from the traditional land of isolationism - and they attacked the idea of granting four hundred million dollars to check Communism in the Near East, on the ground that this was an attempt to perpetuate the British Empire and also <sup>a</sup> move in the direction of war.

<sup>R</sup> The opinion of the majority, which includes the administration Democrats, <sup>the elder statesman,</sup> was voiced by <sup>^</sup> Republican

Congressman Eaton of New Jersey, who thundered:

"Communism, in its essence closely akin to Fascism and

Nazism, now bestrides the shattered world like a

Colossus."

All of which was preliminary to a vote that would pass the bill to enact the Truman policy. .

ITALIAN PEACE TREATY

The Senate today was urged strongly to ratify the peace treaty with Italy. ~~and~~ When Secretary of State Marshall, backed by President Truman, appears to back a proposal -- the backing is strong indeed. <sup>TR</sup>(The Senate, deliberating on the peace treaty that has been framed for ~~the~~ the Italian Republic, has heard various arguments that the ratification should be postponed. This -- on the grounds that the Italian treaty, with its concessions to Soviet satellite Jugoslavia, was to be part of a general peace-making job, including Germany and Austria. <sup>TR</sup> The Moscow conference failed to draft the German and Austrian treaties -- so therefore the Italian pact, with its favors to Red Marshal Tito, should be held up. That was the argument -- which was vigorously controverted by Secretary of State Marshall today.)

He argued that, if the Senate fails to ratify the Italian treaty, it will hopelessly weaken our Government in further treaty negotiations. If the Senate refuses to back up the Administration in this instance, other countries will anticipate the same thing in dealing with

other treaties, and will say -- what's the use?

*ff* In making this contention, <sup>*Sec. of State*</sup> ~~General~~ Marshall presented a message to the committee from President Truman -- a message in which the President joins <sup>*ed*</sup> his Secretary of State in urging the ratification of the Italian peace treaty.

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~~The United Nations~~ is going to hear the Arab

High Committee, as well as the Jewish Agency. ~~This was~~

*So* decided ~~upon~~ today, after Egypt ~~had~~ threatened to walk

out.) The special session of the U.N. Assembly to consider

the Palestine problem faced a revolt of the Arab states,

a boycott, unless the Arabs were given an opportunity to

appear on the same terms as the Zionists. <sup>TR</sup> The Jewish

case will be ~~presented~~ <sup>given</sup> by the Jewish Agency, although

other groups representing the Zionists of Palestine,

will have a chance to state their contentions, and the

British delegation was given the right to say what

spokesmen really represented the Zionist elements in

Palestine. In other words, the British have a veto on

what Zionists are to be given the right to speak - *that is*

in addition to the official Jewish Agency.

The British were asked today - ~~x~~ did the Arab

Higher Committee really represent the Arab population of

Palestine? To which Sir Alexander Cadogan responded -  
yes. The Arab Higher Committee is headed by the former  
Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who took refuge in Hitler's  
Germany during the war, where he conducted anti-British,  
anti-Zionist propaganda. Of course, that ~~gives~~  
ex-Grand Mufti, who <sup>went to</sup> ~~took refuge in~~ Egypt after the fall  
of Hitler, is not likely to appear in New York. But  
he's the head of the Arab Higher Committee, which is  
to present the Arab argument against the Zionist plea  
~~to be~~ made officially by the Jewish Agency.

MARSHALL (Follow UN.)

Secretary of State Marshall also had his say today about the Palestine situation. The soldier statesman declaring that in his belief it would be premature for the United States to formulate its policy on Palestine at this time.

This in a letter to Congressman Javits of New York, one of thirty members of the House who recently demanded of General Marshall a statement on just where Uncle Sam stands.

The Secretary of State wants all questions on Palestine policy held up until the Administration has had a chance to study the recommendations of a special committee which is expected to report its findings to the United Nations in September.

Congressman Javits considers it regrettable that the United States, as he puts it: - "Apparently has no policy on Palestine and obviously doesn't intend to formulate one." General Marshall's answer to that is: - Let's wait and see.

EGYPT

There was a bombing in Cairo today - an infernal machine blew up in a movie house, killing four persons and injuring many others. The bomb was placed in the balcony, <sup>and</sup> fifteen hundred people were watching a Hollywood film feature - when there was a shattering blast, the balcony blown to pieces.

The dispatch from Cairo gives no hint of the authors of the outrage - which occurred while Cairo was celebrating a royal anniversary, the eleventh anniversary of King Farouk's succession to the throne.

## RUSSIA

Here's a whirl at a guessing game, one of the most popular guessing games in the world right now. ~~The middle~~  
~~is propounded by Soviet Russia, that source of so many~~  
~~puzzles and perplexities. Time and again the question~~  
~~arises~~ - Who will succeed Stalin? Well, a number of top flight American newsmen covered the Moscow Conference - ~~thus~~  
~~they~~ <sup>thus</sup> getting behind the iron curtain - and ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~  
were able to do some figuring at close range. So now we have United Press Correspondent R.H. Shackford, fresh from Moscow, and his contribution to the guessing game is as follows:-

He says that, in Moscow, people try to pick the Stalin successor by noting three signs. One - by the amount of publicity the various big shots of the Soviets got <sup>during the</sup> ~~at their~~ recent election. Secondly - the size of the pictures displayed during the big Red celebrations. Thirdly - who signs the most important decrees issued

by the Soviets? Stalin, of course, gets the most publicity, has the biggest pictures, and signs the most important decrees. - ~~But~~ who comes next?

United Press Correspondent Shackford notes that, according to this method of prophecy, the successor to Stalin will not be a military man - he won't be one of the great Red marshals. ~~Over here in our liberal democracy, the post-war period has been characterized by the rise of generals to high positions of state. General Marshall, Secretary of State; General Bedell Smith, Ambassador to Moscow; General MacArthur, our Pro-Consul in Japan. In totalitarian Russia, on the contrary, Red marshals have been receding into the background.~~ In the recent Soviet elections, not a single military man ~~has~~ had a high nomination - and it was noted that, during the big Moscow reception given to British Field Marshal Montgomery, all the Red marshals

who attended were outranked by leaders of the Communist Party - these were at the head of the table.

~~All the signs and portents are that the~~

<sup>R</sup> ~~The~~ successor to Stalin will be one of the present members of the all-powerful Politburo. Right now, the three outstanding members, next to Stalin, are Molotov, Zhdanov and Beria. Also mentioned are Malenkov and Andreyev. Except for Molotov, the outside world knows little of these Red big shots, possible successors to Stalin. And, in the guessing game; most of us would be likely to say - Molotov. <sup>R</sup> However, that is not what the signs and portents in Moscow would indicate. In the recent elections, <sup>T</sup> the one who got the most publicity next to Stalin was - Zhdanov. The one most prominent, next to Stalin, in the big Red celebrations ~~is~~ - Zhdanov. He delivered the official oration at the last anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, and recently he headed the

list of Red magnificoes who signed the obituary of an old-time Bolshevik hero. <sup>who</sup>~~that~~ died recently. As for the signing of important decrees, it was Zhdanov's name that appeared on the recent headline order for a purge of the management of Soviet collective farms.

So, by the threefold task in the guessing game, the answer is - Zhdanov. His official rank is equally significant. The Secretary General of the Communist Party is Stalin, who rose to power years ago by virtue of being the party secretary. Today, the alternate to Stalin as secretary is - Zhdanov.

## LOWELL

Historians tell us that America's first family, in point of inherited talent, are the Lowells of Massachusetts. For generations, ever since far back in the last century, they've been turning out sons and daughters of intellectual eminence. ~~We learned in school~~ <sup>First</sup>

~~about~~ the <sup>James</sup> poet Russell Lowell, foremost American literary man of his time. ~~In parenthesis he was a physician whose achievement is only beginning to be recognized, achievement in the battle against that age-old scourge of motherhood, death in childbirth.~~

~~In our own time, we revered the great Supreme Court Justice, also named James Russell Lowell, grandson of the poet. Then there was~~ <sup>Then in our time —</sup> President Lowell of Harvard, and Amy Lowell, one of the best known pioneers of modern poetry.

But what has this genealogy to do with today's news? Simply this - the Lowells have won still another

distinction, this going to a member of the youngest generation of the famous ~~poets~~ <sup>clan</sup>. Among the Pulitzer ~~prizes~~ prizes announced ~~yesterday~~ the award for poetry goes to twenty-nine year old Robert Lowell, great grandson of the original James Russell Lowell, the poet. ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> cousin of Amy Lowell.

This newest Lowell to win laurels carries out the nonconformist tradition of his family. Early in the war he tried to enlist in the army, tried twice - but was rejected both times. Later on, he was drafted, and refused to do military service - for which offense he served six months in a federal prison. Why did he change his mind so drastically? He said that when he tried to enlist, he felt the country was in danger, but by the time he was drafted the danger of an American defeat had gone by - and his conscience couldn't approve of the bombing of civilians. Not after national danger

was passed - at any rate.

He wins the Pulitzer prize for a book of verse called "Lord Weary's Castle." The name taken from an old English ballad about a stone mason who built Lord Weary's castle - "but for payment he got none." I picked up the volume of verse today, and noticed a singular mixture of thought and feeling. The verses, which were of a modern sort, are richly crammed with rugged New England, <sup>^</sup>Puritan land, with its rough and pithy names and phrases - the ~~raciest~~ <sup>raciest</sup> kind of ~~Yankee~~ <sup>Yankee</sup> New England mixed <sup>strongly</sup> with mystic Catholicism - the Roman faith which this latest Lowell has adopted.

As an example of savory New England, here are four lines with a lusty reminiscence of old Yankee whaling:

"Once fishing was a rabbit's foot -  
O wind blow cold, O wind blow hot,  
Let suns stay in or suns step out:  
Life danced a jig on the sperm-whale's spout!"

Which sounds like the vision of a mad whaler; -

Life dancing a jig on the <sup>spout of a</sup> sperm-whale. ~~spout~~

## CLAIM

In Manila, capital of the Philippines, there sits, these days, an American War Damage Commission. And just about every country on earth suffered some damage in the greatest of all wars.

Today, in that Manila office, routine went out the window when in strode -- an Igorot, a tribesman from the mountains -- in G-string, G. I. helmet, and, carrying a huge and wicked-looking knife.

The Igorot, in eloquent gutturals, told the startled officials that his name was Simbag Simamang, and that he was there to file a war damage claim. For what? For one hut, one carabao - water buffalo, and twenty-three pigs -- all destroyed in the white man's war.

Officials admitted the claim was valid; but, the routine is to file a claim -- meaning red tape. Whereupon to Simbag Simamang they handed a four-page application form, told to be filled out and notarized.

Simbag Simamang, the Igorot, said he'd walked four days out of the jungle of Central Luzon to tell about

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his dead water buffalo, and he didn't propose to be buffaloesed. by all those papers! Whereupon he took the forms and disappeared into the mazes of Manila -- promising to be back tomorrow.

On those forms, there is the question, "occupation?" To which Simbag Simamang may respond: - "Headhunter."

But I wonder if Simbag Simamang will be back?

I wonder!

NEW LEAD CLOTHES (Substitute for early story.)

California's august Court of Appeals faced up to a knotty problem today: What constitutes a nudist camp, when is a nude legal, and when is he or she illegal?

It all came about because a pretty ~~mm~~ policewoman and a gray-haired police officer went to look at a nudist camp last fall and were promptly and blithely invited to: "take off your clothes and come on in."

Instead they promptly made the pinch -- rounding up fifteen ladies and gentlemen, all sitting around sunning themselves sans apparel -- a la naturel!

But the nudist camp manager said it wasn't really a nudist colony at all, -- merely a friendly sun-bathing fraternity. She appealed her conviction.

Today the jurists gave their answer. Three is a crowd, and if they are naked, that's when they become a nudist colony. The judges had subsidiary decision to hand down: Two nakes people sunning themselves, that's legal; but, three's a crowd -- and California's law says nix.

And what do you say Nelson?

## NEW LEAD TELEPHONE

The thirty-day old telephone strike -- when will it be over? Maybe before we end this broadcast. It seems that close.

Government conciliators in Washington say that tonight they are within an eyelash of a settlement of the long-distance phase of the telephone strike -- the key to the whole dispute.

Joint conferences with representatives of A.T. and T, and the Government conciliators began this afternoon and are still on. The latest word: "A complete meeting of minds is near." So says one of the spokesmen.

Earlier today, it was disclosed that the company had made an improved wage offer to the long-lines workers, and adjustments of lesser issues -- such as holiday pay and vacations.

~~So, it may all be over tonight -- maybe.~~

## BULLETIN

And now a bulletin from Washington. The telephone workers union has abandoned its efforts to reach a nation wide agreement with the A.T.&T. In a drastic change of policy Union President Joseph Beirne has just instructed his affiliated unions to make the best settlement they can with the Bell System -- that is do it on a local basis.

KESSELRING

*Taken from Early Broadcast - Tuesday, May 6, 1947.*

In Italy, a British military court today passed the sentence of death on German Field Marshal Kesselring, Hitler's commander during the campaign in Italy. ~~He is condemned to be executed by~~ <sup>The</sup> firing squad.

**T** Kesselring, who on military renown by his generalship in the stubborn defense the Germans waged, is found guilty of responsibility for the massacre of three-hundred-and-thirty-five Italian civilians in a cave at Rome - and for the killing of other Italian civilians as a Nazi reprisal.

The testimony at the Kesselring trial was that the massacre in the cave was ordered by Hitler. Anti-Nazi Italians had ambushed a party of German troops and ~~killed~~ killed thirty-five. Whereupon Hitler sent instructions <sup>for</sup> savage reprisals - thirty Italian lives for each German killed in the ambush - vengeance at the rate of thirty-to-one. When this bloodthirsty order was given

to Kesselring, the figure had been reduced - ten-to-one. Kesselring passed it along to subordinate commanders, and the massacre was carried out. The British military court now holds that, in passing along the order from Hitler, Kesselring made himself responsible for the crime. All of which bears on the question of how far a military commander should bear the responsibility <sup>for</sup> carrying out orders given to him by superiors.

~~Last November, two of Kesselring's subordinates, Colonel General von Mackensen and General Meltzer, were condemned for their part in carrying out the ferocity decreed by Hitler, and were sentenced to be shot. Their cases are now on appeal to the British Imperial Staff in London, and have yet to be confirmed - and presumably Field Marshal Kesselring will make the same appeal.~~

*His appeal go to*  
~~the chief of~~ the British Imperial Staff <sup>head by</sup> Field Marshal

Viscount Montgomery, who therefore may preside over the final judging of the one-time enemy commander in Italy.

An early end of the telephone strike is forecast - with the news that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company has made a new offer to the Union. Last night the Company made a proposal of a wage increase of three and a half dollars a week, plus concessions that would bring the pay boost up to more than four dollars. The union turned that down, and now the company is said to have bettered the offer - and we hear that the union is likely to accept.

ROBESON

Albany is going to hear Paul Robeson sing -- but not talk. He may utter as many words as he pleases in a musical tone, but not one that isn't either C-sharp or A-flat, or some other note of the ~~octave~~ <sup>diatonic</sup> scale. *He can even sing off key if he wants to -- but sing he must.* This was decreed by a court today -- in a much publicized dispute between the negro singer and the Albany Board of Education.

It all began when Robeson engaged a public school hall to give a song recital, and this was reversed by the Board of Education -- which cancelled the use of the school hall on the ground that the singer was either a Communist or a fellow traveler -- Red. The Court, after hearing the evidence, now decides that Robeson is ~~Red~~ inclined to Communism, but that's no reason why he should be deprived of the use of a hall for singing. But singing is all -- no oratory. The school hall, not having been engaged for speech-making, Robeson will have to limit himself to music which, in a statement this afternoon, he agrees to do.

I don't suppose there will be any further difficulty about this, but there could be a fine point -- where does singing end and oratory begin? What's the fine line of distinction between the musical word and the spoken word? In other words could there be a musical spoken word? All of which raises a nightmare possibility. Imagine somebody trying to beat the rule and making a speech with just enough musical tone to get by, chanting a political speech, maybe Communistic, or just Democrat or Republican.

You're something of a singer, Nelson. Show us how it could be done -- a recitative on Ivory.

## CLOTHES

In Los Angeles, a Court of Appeals has verified the truth of an old axiom - be careful about whom you invite. The court upheld the conviction of two defendants charged with running a nudist camp. The damning testimony against them was given by two officers of the law, an elderly grey-haired policeman and a police woman described as young and attractive. They told how they <sup>not in uniform,</sup> went to the camp to investigate - and when they arrived, what was the greeting?

One of the <sup>heads</sup> ~~operators~~ of the camp, a forty-five year old woman, who was fully dressed, beamed at them and exclaimed <sup>blithely: "Why</sup> ~~come in,~~ and take off your clothes!"

The two officers of the law could only blush - especially the elderly grey-haired policeman. ~~xx~~ The thought of taking off his clothes and walking in <sup>to</sup> company made his face turn a deep scarlet. The arrests were made promptly.