

MILITARY TRAINING

C.I. - Sunoco, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1945.

Congress tonight is reported to be divided and cautious on the subject of today's Presidential recommendation of a year of military training for every American youth. The word from Washington is that, in spite of the urgent^t plea made by President Truman, Congress is not likely to act in a hurry - in dealing with the one year military training proposal. The President made his suggestion with the warning that universal ~~milita~~ military training, with a minimum of one year, is necessary for national safety in an ~~era~~ era of such ultra-modern weapons as atomic bombs.

His plan calls for every youth, upon reaching the age of eighteen, or upon graduating from High School, to report to army camps. No one to be exempted, except such as have total physical disability. The President explained that, according to his military training scheme, the young men would not enter the army. They would have the status of civilians, though taken for army training.

LABOR

Here's a hot rumor that John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers will be welcomed back into the American Federation of Labor by the first of the year. The statement is attributed to a high A. F. of L. official at Cincinnati.

Well, if it happens, it will come as no surprise. There have been many indications of a new turn in the travels of John L. Lewis, along the trail of labor policy.

For years he was a power in the A. F. Of L. Then, taking his big mine union with him, he was a dominant leader in the faction that seceded from the A. F. of L. and formed the C.I.O. Next, after having been a number one stalwart of the C.I.O., Lewis and the United Mine Workers drew out of that organization - and stood alone.

Playing a solitary hand, Lewis and the Miners took a turbulent part in the labor disputes of the New Deal and the war -- mid frequent signs that sooner or later he would take his Miners back into the A. F. of L.

The most positive recent report is the one we have tonight, the statement attributed to a high A.F. of L. official at Cincinnati -- that ^{John L.} Lewis and the Miners would be back in the fold of the Federation on or before January First.

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In the world of steel, a C.I.O. wage demand was rejected today. The United States Steel Corporation gave a flat turn-down to a demand for a wage increase of two dollars a day. The President of ~~the~~ U.S. Steel told C.I.O. President Philip Murray that ceiling prices and wage stabilization make it impossible for the corporation to grant the increase.

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In Hollywood - still another riot, in the Motion Picture strike. This time the trouble is at the studio of Paramount. As usual, in the battle between rival unions out there, members of a non-striking union tried to crash a picket line. Two hundred non-strikers bucked a line of three hundred and fifty, and about forty forced their way through - into the studios. There was a wild flurry of fighting, which finally was broken up by the police.

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In the Detroit motor world, a trend

toward compromise is reported, with signs of
moderation - ameliorating the strike crisis confronting
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HUNGARY

From Hungary we hear that election plans have been changed - plans that had aroused a protest of the United States and Great Britain. Hungary is under the control of the ~~X~~ Soviet Red Army, and the Russian Commander, Marshal Voroshilov, gave election instructions.

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So today's word is that the Hungarian election plans has been called off - and each party will be permitted to present its own list of candidates.

MONGOLIA

Final figures are in from the election in outer Mongolia - what an election, what a majority, what a landslide! It's enough to make the politicians in this country grow green with envy, and want to go instantly to outer Mongolia - where a political victory is no halfway affair.

Outer Mongolia, technically a part of China, has for a number of years been a Soviet Republic, which really means under control of Soviet Russia. In the recent agreement made between Soviet Generalissimo Stalin and Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, it was decided that the future status of Mongolia should be decided by a plebiscite, a vote of the people -- did they want to be a part of China or become an independent Soviet - attached to Russia in reality?

That was the issue to be decided by the election. Nearly everybody went to the polls, eighty-seven and eight-tenths of the total electorate. This is stated with official figures from Mongolia.

And the vote of the Mongolian people was

unanimous - four hundred thousand and seventy-four to nothing. A land-slide is a mere few clods of earth compared with that central Asian avalanche? We can only marvel at the wonderful unanimity, everybody agreeing, nobody casting a single x dissenting ballot against the Soviet proposal.

Today officials of the Mongolian Soviet Regime hailed the election result as a triumph for Democratic principles - those dead ⁿ old Democratic principles. What a democracy should turn out to be! But they probably are not interested in democracy in Outer Mongolia.

New trouble in Java, which has become an island of trouble. Violence flared today right in the middle of the capital city of Batavia. A patrol of Allied Troops was attacked by Indonesian Nationalists. Two other patrols were sent to the rescue, and were stopped by rebel barricades. In the fighting that ensued, twelve Indonesians and two soldiers of a British-Indian Regiment, were killed.

FLYER

Last April, over China, an American P-51 fighter plane was shot down. The pilot, whose name was Slocum, got out and went ~~xxx~~ parachuting to earth - where he found himself among patriotic Chinese. The plunging plane, in crashing, hit an old house, and exploded with a roar of flame. In the house was an aged woman, who was killed and burned past recognition in the raging fire.

This is the central fact of the story disclosed today - a story of the heroic fortitude of Chinese patriots in the face of Jap tortures.

The Japs were after the war flyer who had been shot down, and the Chinese, to protect pilot Slocum, concocted a scheme. They told the Japs that the American airman had perished in the flaming crash, and pointed to the ^{man}recognizable body in the charred ruins of the house.

The Japs were suspicious. They questioned insistently - questioned with torture. A Chinese carpenter and a woman member of a patriot guerrilla

~~THE~~ band went through fearful ordeals, but they stuck it out. Pilot Slocum was transferred safely to ^{the} allied forces - and the Japs, far in the interior of China, were never able to disprove the false evidence of the aged woman's body at the scene of the flaming crash.

This is another of those war secrets kept closely guarded - in this instance to protect the Chinese patriots from Jap vengeance. Now it comes to light in a brief news story from China.

ATOMIC BOMB

A new and fantastic experiment of science is in the offing - an Atomic Bomb explosion under water. Under the surface of the ocean they are going to set off a submerged blast of Atomic energy against warships. Sounds as if it might blow the warships right up into the air.

This is the latest along the line of using captured enemy naval units and obsolete warships of our own in experiments to determine atomic strategies of war. And today's word is that the Navy is thinking, not in terms of individual vessels but of experiments with ^a whole fleet. - Such a fleet to be made up of Japanese and German vessels and of American battleships and cruisers that are destined to be turned into scrap metal. The ships would be distributed on the ocean, in some remote latitude, as naval vessels might be in orthodox operations. They would be assailed by Atomic Bombs.

One phase would be - bombs bursting in the air, to quote "The Star Spangled Banner." That's how Hiroshima and Nagasaki were assailed - by elemental

explosions from above. ~~"Bombs bursting in the air" it was a supernal version of the line in the "Star Spangled Banner."~~

We are told that to some extent the scientists and Navy men can figure what would happen to warships under Atomic blasts from above - with calculations based on what happened at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. But nobody can form any surmise of what kind of cataclysm there would be if an Atomic Bomb were detonated under water, at some depth below the surface of the ocean. That's the big question, and would be the most dramatic feature of the experiment.

Most of us retain a vivid impression of what photographs and newsreels have shown of the unearthly atomic tornado, boiling with elemental fires and catastrophic power all the way up to the stratosphere. So what would happen if that should come out of the ocean, an ocean with ships on it? We can almost imagine battleships and cruisers ~~xxxxxxx~~ hurled topsy-turvy into the air.

JOBS

Here's your chance, Fellows - if you happen to want a job paying twenty thousand dollars a year, with a fifteen thousand a year expense account, and an official mansion to live in, free. All you have to do is apply to the United Nations, which today put out a -- "Help Wanted" sign.

The World Organization is looking for a secretary General to run its permanent establishment - needs one badly. So all you have to do is apply for the job-- if you think you have the qualifications.

These were set forth today in a report adopted by the Executive Committee of the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations, qualifications outlined by a United Press ~~id~~ dispatch from London as follows:
▲ high powered administrator, a leader, ▲ politician, a diplomat of the highest order, a financier, a technician, a confidant to many Governments, a social mixer -- and a man of unblemished moral character."

And so, fellows, that's all you've got to be.

So step up and apply for the job - the line forms on the ^{left,}
~~right~~ not on the right - or maybe a bit to the left of center.

ROMANCE

At Hong Kong, Major Charles Boxer is sailing to America to join Emily Hahn, the American author with whom he had a much publicized prison camp romance. Emily Hahn has told about it in her autobiography, how she and the British officer had a child without marriage.

Major Boxer today stated that he didn't know whether Emily Hahn would want to marry him. "I know she wants more children", said he, and then added: "It would be much better if we were married, because then it would not be so inconvenient when staying at hotels".

Well, there's a lot of logic in that. So what does Emily Hahn have to say about it? Today, when told about the Major's statement, she declared: "I am going to marry him".

So that's that, and the Major can, in the words of the United Press dispatch, "stop worrying about how to register at a hotel".

AUSTRALIAN BRIDES

Word from Australia is that two hundred brides and fiancées of American soldiers and sailors are not discouraged - not disillusioned by a report made by fifty Australian brides who have returned from the United States.

The fifty brides give a doleful account. Having gone from their native Australia to husbands and homes in America - what did they find?

Today's news dispatch from Sidney states: "They complain that they were treated as intruders, were made to feel like social outcasts, and say that life in America was too confusing".

Well, I suppose it can be confusing for a blushing bride to be treated as an outcast.

In response to all that we have a statement made today at Sidney by Mary Walker, who has a resounding title. She is President of the United States Wives and Fiances' Association of Australia. Now, that has rhythm - something like the United Peach Growers Association of Arkansas or the Amalgamated Livestock producers of Iowa.

"I am sure", says she, "that the complaints of the returning brides will not influence the wives and fiances now waiting for transport here.

There are two hundred of them". *Brave words, Mary. Well spoken, by the President of The United States Wives and Fiances Assoc. of the Antipodes.*

SOLDIER

At Santa Monica, California, Frank Gasperc, recently discharged from the Army, tells how he took part in a dodge that people have thought of more than once in this world of romantic complications. He went through a marriage ceremony with a young woman who was having a child by man who couldn't marry her. Frank Gasperc says he didn't even know her - just played the part of a bridegroom at a wedding. She promised in the course of time, to make an end to the fiction of matrimony.

But she didn't. Instead, she put in a claim for an allotment check, when he was sent overseas - and collected part of his ~~my~~ pay as his wife. And now that he is out of the Army he finds he is still married - with all the attendant responsibilities.

He is trying to get an annulment of the marriage to the girl he didn't know - and vows the next time he gets into a wedding he'll have at least a nodding acquaintance with the bride.

And now ^{someone} Hugh Tange, with whom we have more a nodding acquaintance - a spec. mess. from ~~correspondence~~