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Phillippines.

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★ In the Phillipine election, Briadier General Roxas not only maintains his earlier lead, but increases it. Running against the incumbent, president, Osmena-Roxas, who has been accused of collaborating with the Japs, now has a huge majority as the figures stands in the long<sup>h</sup> drawn out count. He has a hundred and sixty-nine thousand votes to sixty-five thousand for Osmena. However, the figure for Roxas includes the big vote in Manila, which he carries overwhelmingly. The Osmena strength is in the Provinces, like his native Cebu- which he has carried <sup>by</sup> eight thousand to twenty-two hundred.

The Roxas people are jubilant, predicting a final majority of three hundred thousand over their candidate. The Osmena side contends-that the election is not yet lost.

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Nuremberg.

The Nuremberg trial was in an uproar today - with charges that Goering, the former Nazi number two man, had threatened a witness and also one of his fellow defendants, former German finance minster Schacht. <sup>TP</sup> Out of the turmoil, it developed that the Nazi war criminals have been operating a concerted scheme to arrange the evidence they have been bring<sup>ing</sup> forward - so as not to attack each other. Two of them, apparently, are not in accord with this Dr Schacht and former Hitler minister of the interior Frick. They are said to have decided to act on their own, make scapegoats of the others - if necessary. All of which led to Goering threats, quoted today - threats against Schacht and a witness appearing for Frick.

This witness, a German diplomatic official who served under the Nazis, took the stand and gave damning evidence against Goering. He declared that fat Herman had been even more blood-thirsty than Hitler. He said the blood purge of nineteen-thirty four had been schemed by Goering and Himmler - to get rid of the Nazi rivals. He claimed that Goering had talked Hitler into

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giving his premission for the slaughter, and <sup>then</sup> had gone beyond Hitler's  
suhtORIZATION in having people killed.

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## Discipline.

The latest from the disciplinary front in Europe represents the G I's in Germany as being bewildered - though not so much because of general Mc Narney's order for a new deal concerning discipline. the general was mighty stern about it, castigating the G I's for black market activity, drunk<sup>ed</sup>ness, slouchiness and allaround lack of discipline. †heir misbehavior said he, is disgracing the army, and Mc Narney ordered his officers to enforce discipline - and no fooling.

From what we've been hearing about G I ways and habits over there, the soldiers were probably not surprised or puzzled by the commander's <sup>austere</sup>~~astute~~ pronouncement. The perplexing feature came in the fact that, simultaneously, they were being praised. While the Mc Wearney decree for discipline was being made public, Lieutenant General Lucius Clay was calling the G I's - "America's best salesmen for democracy".

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"There have been some bad examples," - he conceded<sup>d</sup>,  
" but on the whole, the example has been good." And the General  
summarized: "Our major contribution to the reeducation of the  
German people has been the presence of our soldiers."

So , on the one side, they're black errors, drunks, and  
undisciplined rowdies - while, on the other, they are a shining  
example. I suppose each G I can figure out which designation  
to apply to himself.

~~(note Mr Thomas: Steer Mathiu suggests you express appreciation  
to Mr Richardson of CBS station WOKD for being nice to us -  
permitting us to use their station. -- And now speaking for  
Lt Don Pardo says so long until tomorrow.)~~

Mary.

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## Foreign ministers.

Word from Paris is pessimistic about the prospects of an agreement at the council of foreign ministers, which begins tomorrow. People connected with big international gathering, point to the wide opposition of views between the Western democracies and Soviet Russia.

They doubt that any compromise can be reached on the first question to be brought forward - the conclusion of a peace treaty with Italy. The Soviets, as we know, want a big indemnity from the Italians. They want city of Trieste for the Jugoslavs, and are demanding former Italian possessions in the Mediterranean area, To all of which the British, supported by the Americans, are opposed.

We heard that France has ideas of getting in on the discussion of treaties that are to be made with former Nazi satellites, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. According to an agreement made at Moscow, France is entitled to have something to say in the

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case of Italy < only, ~~the~~ But the Paris cabinet is reported to have framed a demand that France be given a voice in the other treaty making too. It is hard to see what authority France can exert in the Balkan business - or what the United States and Great Britain can do about it either. Soviet Russia holds Hungary, Romenia and Bulgaria in iron control.

Secretary of State Byrnes arrived in Paris today, together with Senators Connally and Vandenberg. More impressive than <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ arrival was that of the Russians. From Moscow came a heavy weight aggregation, headed by Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov. One of his assistants is Vishinsky, who was so prominent at the first sessions of the security council of the United Nations at London. Four big planes brought the Russians. It took thirteen automobiles to transport them to their headquarters. Molotov brings with him a staff of two hundred, experts and so on.

Precautions for the four-power talks are elaborate. The

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conference will meet in the Palace of <sup>the</sup> Luxembourg, which today  
was isolated by Cordons of guards. The foreign ministers will  
foregather with as much safety <sup>and</sup> ~~xx~~ security as if they were  
in the middle of a war - and the secrecy at the conference  
will be equally intense. Everything behind closed doors, no  
news given out, the Soviets having demanded a blackout.

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American plane.

Still another <sup>U. S.</sup> ~~United States~~ army transport plane has been shot at by Soviet fighters in Austria. This was disclosed today in the publication of a protest made by General Mark Clark, a protest to the Soviet authorities. The incident was the second of the sort, a previous attack on a C-47 transport having been reported earlier in the week. In each, no particular damage was done - the Red army fighters making passes at the American transport and firing at it, but scoring no damaging hits. From the Soviet side we have the comment - it was <sup>all</sup> a mistake.

NOTE

~~At the end of Durocher story say that Durocher claims the  
fan was injured by falling down.~~

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Airfield.

★ News from Italy reveals what may turn out to be - the first air base of the United Nations. This is at Foggia - where, during both <sup>World Wars</sup> ~~would were~~, allied war planes were based for <sup>an</sup> ~~a~~ assault against the Germans.

It is disclosed that, since the end of the recent war, the Foggia fields, far from being abandoned by the Americans, have been enlarged to handle much larger planes. During the war, it was a base for flying fortresses. Now the runways have been lengthened to accommodate B-29s, the giants that bombed Japan, and Perhaps B-32s - super-mammoth bombers of the future.

The construction job has been a deep secret. German prisoners of war have been used - not Italian civilians, who could not be bound to secrecy so easily. Four thousand prisoners of war, developing the base, have been carefully secluded. We are told of spy scares, when two suspicious persons got in among the prisoners on the job. Now the task is complete, ~~concealment~~

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no longer necessary - or possible - a general of the air forces  
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~~is quoted as saying: "The big bombers will be here soon."~~

Foggia, near no large city, is not suitable for a commercial air port. It has, on the other hand, the best flying weather in Europe, and is strategically situated for air control of the mediterranean. There is no official announcement, but nobody supposes that the Americans are constructing a giant bomber base for the benefit of the Italians. So the implication is virtually definite - that Foggia, is meant for the sky forces of the United Nations, the first U N airbase. //

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Mussolini

The weird case of <sup>the</sup> body of Mussolini developed today with rumors of a possible fascist attempt to seize Milan, <sup>the</sup> big north Italian city. Not a march on Rome this time - but a march on milan. The Italian authorities took the reports seriously enough to establish police guards blocking all roads to the Metropolis in <sup>B</sup> ~~A~~ Lombardi.

The scare followed the sending of a Fascist manifesto to newspapers. An outfit calling itself the democratic Fascist party, acknowledged stealing the body of Mussolini, and issued a weird kind of blast. They denounced communism, talking about "Red parasites". And went into a jumble of wild non sense along the line of the more extravagant Fascist talk.

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Lowell Thomas:

~~Ceylon~~  
*Ceylon*

~~Ceylon~~, Fabulous dreams of the past are evoked by a new archeological discovery reported on the island of Ceylon. A restoration job was being done on an old shrine, when workmen, digging down, came upon the buried ruins of a temple still more ancient - far more.

Today's news gives a sketch of what the archeologists have found - strange marvels of old, with vivid evidence of how Ceylon, in the dim past had contacts with ancient egypt, classical greece, medieval China and <sup>the</sup> baghdad ~~in the days~~ of Haroun-Al-Raschid. All picturing that island south of India as a crossroads of the world, <sup>far</sup> back to remote times.

They've dug up a two thousand year old <sup>big</sup> ~~beaded~~ <sup>^</sup> of exquisite form, encrusted with gold. And an urn filled with a paste made of sandalwood from the <sup>^</sup> Himalayas, a kind of perfume that still smells sweet - after twenty centuries.

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Also a species of red clay, ~~forming~~, and still as moist ~~as ever~~,  
though older than the Christian era.

*And* They've discovered an ivory carved figure of a human being with  
the head of a bird - so familiar in the inscriptions of ancient  
Egypt, ~~like the Egyptian obelisks~~. Indicating - contacts with the  
land of the Nile and the pharaohs.

The temple newly unearthed was called - the flower <sup>shrine.</sup> ~~shrine~~. Its  
architecture shows the influence of classical Greece, indicating  
communication with Hellenic civilization - the glory that was  
Greece.

One object is a Chinese vase, a masterpiece of Porcelain -  
probably placed in the flower <sup>shrine</sup> ~~shrine~~ by some Chinese monk of  
old, a buddist ~~pilgrim~~ pilgrim from afar. And there were nine large  
gold coins inscribed in ~~the~~ old Arabic - telling of commercial  
traffic between Ceylon and Bagdad in the days of the Arabian  
nights. ~~XXXX~~

~~Just a few Mr Thomas. I knew that "unmarked anonymity"~~  
~~would be difficult, but thought you could handle any kind of twist~~

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Durocher.

In Brooklyn today, the Lip told his story - Leo Durocher, Manager of the Dodgers, the idolized bum. Durocher together with a special policeman at Ebbets Field, is charged with beating up a fan - one John Christian, because of insults hurled at the bums. You may wonder - how come a Brooklyn fan should turn against the home team? The answer, as reported, is, that Brooklyn fan John Christian was betting against the Dodgers. At the game where the trouble occurred he had bet five bucks on the Philadelphia Phillies. So that's where his heart was.

Durocher denies having hit the fan, and gives his version of what occurred. Leo the Lip is known for his fluent speech, and today in court his lip was working Okay.

"My attention" he related, "was first attracted to this Mr Christian by his loud voice. It was a voice that could be heard above all others. He came to the game three or four times a week, and he used to shout 'bums'! That was all right," conceded

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Durocher, but then he called my players thieves and crooks, as well as myself."

At the game that brought matters to a climax, the noisy fan with five dollars on the Phillies, was roaring his head off against the Dodgers. The Brooklyn pitcher was Kurt Davis. About the fifth inning " said Durocher, " I ~~heard~~<sup>heard</sup> him shout, 'Davis, you're a crook. You're throwing the game.'" Trying to get the pitcher rattled - and maybe bring in a few Philadelphia ~~runs~~ runs.

Later, with the Dodgers at bat, the umpire called a Brooklyn player safe at second base. Whereupon Durocher heard the leather lunged fan yell at the umpire: "You're a crook and a thief. You're a crook, like Durocher. You're in cahoots with Durocher."

Today Leo related: "I made up my mind to talk <sup>to</sup> this fellow <sup>so</sup> had a special policeman bring the offending fan to a room behind the Dodger dugout." The Lip for which Leo is famous, was in its best working order today, as he ~~left this~~ <sup>told the</sup> court what he said: "I stood very close to this fellow, and pointed my finger at him,

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and said: "Have you a mother?" He made no answer."

*He* ~~May~~ that puzzled *the* fan, ~~was trying~~ *caused him him to try* to figure out what ~~maternal~~

solicitude had to do with Brooklyn and the Bums.

Durocher continued:" said to him again; 'have you a mother ?'

and then he said: 'Yes'.

After having procured that damning admission, Leo the Lip demanded sternly: "how would you like it if, after this game is over, I went to your house, rang the bell, asked for your mother, and called her the names you've been shouting at us? "

To that terrible question, the fan admitted, no, he wouldn't ~~was~~

*1/2*  
~~fan~~ *want to* have this mother called the names he had been calling the Bums.

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P.S. ~~The~~ Durocher claims the fan was injured by falling down.  
And s-l-u-t-morrow.