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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

General Eisenhower will not come home. So he informs Congressional supporters. They wrote, urging him to return and campaign for the Republican nomination. But, as Commander of the West European Army, he replies: "I cannot see in any personal or political circumstance, a sufficient warrent to leave this assignment during the immediate future." General Ike promises to keep an eye on the situation, in case there should be a change of circumstance, which might cause him to change his mind.

His letter, made public today, was written the day before the New Hampshire primary - in which he won a shining success. But, it's hard to see how he'd figure the New Hampshire victory - a change of circumstance enough to persuade him to leave his military command and come home for campaigning.

Shortly before the release of the letter, a dispatch from Paris quoted Paul G. Hoffman, a number-one supporter of Generl Ike - who spent hours with him today. Hoffman says he spoke strongly, urging Ike to campaign actively, presenting all

sorts of arguments - with an abundance of words. He says the General listened - but made no comment.

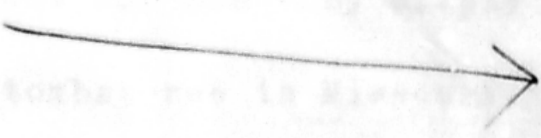
Meanwhile, in Washington, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee did a somersault on the question of summoning Eisenhower to Washington to testify on the Foreign Aid program. His backers do not want him to return in uniform, and give testimony for the Administration - believing that an appearance as a soldier would prevent him from expressing his mind freely on ~~ex~~controversial issues. Today the Committee voted - not to call the General. Then, went into reverse - halfway. Voting - to delay the decision, until Eisenhower's deputy, General Gruenther, has testified. First they said - No. Then they said - Maybe .

In Minnesota, there was a <sup>(blare)</sup>~~blare~~ of "Eisenhower" today. Primary election is tomorrow, and supporters of General Ike were in a whirlwind campaign. His name is not in the primary - was withdrawn. Eisenhower campaign managers having decided not to compete with favorite son Harold Stassen of Minnesota.

But local enthusiasts, who like Ike, ~~and~~<sup>were</sup> excited by the result in New Hampshire, and started a "write-in" movement.

The name of Ike not being on the ballot, write it in!

Today, the organization called "Minnesotans for Eisenhower" had sound trucks trumpeting through Minneapolis and St. Paul - summoning Republicans to use a pen on the ballot, and inscribe the name of Eisenhower.



Add POLITICS

Here's the latest. American elections as pictured by Moscow Radio. Which states that Election Day in the United States is known as "Resurrection Day". President Truman's election, according to Moscow Radio, brought about by "making sixty thousand corpses vote for him - by simply taking their names from tombstones in Missouri." Election Day in the United States is marked by "violence....sabbotage....gagnsterism and bribery."

~~This~~ <sup>THAT</sup> is, according to Moscow Radio.

## AIRPLANES

Washington exposes a new scandal, affecting the sale of surplus World War Two planes, some of them to the Reds. (The information given out by William Lawrence of the Federal Security Agency, who discloses that the Justice Department is preparing prosecutions against those involved.)

At the end of the war, more than a thousand planes were given to non-profit training schools or sold to them at enormous discounts - prices from fifty to three hundred dollars, for B-17 bombers, fighters and trainers. All this, on condition that the planes would not be resold. Could only be sold for scrap, after they had been "demolished."

However, this was not done, and now we learn that many of the planes are in Communist hands, sold apparently via Latin-America. The official of the F.S.A describes one deal involving an agent who bought a machine "fourth or fifth-hand." This agent now holds a contract with a Latin-American buyer, to sell the plane for sixty thousand dollars. Which, if worked out, might indicate a profit of

fifty-nine thousand, nine hundred and fifty dollars on a fifty dollar investment! However, the deal did not go through - the State Department refusing to grant an export license in this latest case of Washington skull-diggery.

KOREA - TRUCE

The U.N. calls on the Communists to open their capital of Pyongyang for inspection, once a Korean armistice is signed. We also list four other "ports of entry" for supervision - a move to prevent the smuggling of arms, ammunition and men into the country during a truce. The South Korean capital of Seoul is among~~st~~ the cities recommended on our side. However, <sup>it's</sup> expected that <sup>the</sup> Reds will probably turn down both proposals.

~~Man~~ Meanwhile, the Communists have issued another blast against <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ Air Force. They state that a U.N. plane strafed and bombed a prisoner camp Sunday night, wounding a British soldier.

## WHITE RUSSIANS

At the German port of Hamburg, a colony of twenty people arrived by plane today. There, they'll take a ship for the United States - this colony to be resettled somewhere in the U.S.A. Which will bring to an end a journey that began thirty years ago. With a climax last year - in Tibet, legended Roof-of-the-World.

The amazing travel began when the Bolshevik Revolution swept through Siberia, and fugitives from the Reds fled into Sinkiang, that remote Central Asian province, often called - "the Chinese Wildwest." There a small Russian colony settled - ~~in~~ in the desolate expanses of deserts, mountains, lost ancient cities and the tribes of the nomads.

But, in time, Soviet influence reached to Sinkiang, and then came the sweep of Communism in China. The colony of White Russians fled again, one party heading South. ~~for Tibet~~. Crossing a land as frightful as any on earth - the Ta la Makan Desert, the towering

ranges of the Kunlun Mountains. But they made it to the far north west corner of Tibet where they felt safe - in the realm of the Dalai Lama. There, they settled down again - wanting to re-establish their White Russian colony mid the towering peaks of the Trans-Himalayas?

But we know the fate that has befallen Tibet - seized by the Reds from China. So the White Russians had to move on again. This time - heading for India. A trek along rivers, through mighty gorges, across desolate plains, and over the giant ranges of the Himalayas - the Karakorums this time.

The world outside heard of them, for the first time, last summer when a message came from the depths of Central Asia. It said: "We are fugitives from political persecution, and are in far western Tibet. It would be an act of mercy, if help could be given us."

Down in India, the message was passed along to a refugee organization, which acted and found a way to get the White Russians out of the mountains - the remote,

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empty wilderness where they were. When they finally got to India, twenty were left - all that remained of the colony. It took long negotiation before their final destination could be arranged - America accepting the survivors of that stupendous journey, so long in time, distance and peril.

## SCHUSTER

The murder confession in the Schuster case turns out ~~to be~~ an absurd sort of hoax. A garage mechanic, named William Barcoski, told the cops: "I killed Schuster." Insisting - that he was the <sup>(slayer)</sup>~~killer~~ of the young salesman who brought about the arrest of Willie-the-Actor Sutton.

But, when the police investigated the confession, they found that, at the time of the crime, Barcoski was at home, watching television. He has a sister, who describes him as perfectly normal, until he starts drinking. Then, he feels terribly sorry for himself - weeping in his beer. He has trouble to brood over, the Army turned him down because he has ulcers - and, a month or so ago, the girlfriend jilted him.

So, weeping in his beer, he thought he'd end it all by confessing the Schuster murder. Today he told the cops: "I figured you fellows would shoot me."

Turned down by the Army because of ulcers, and jilted by the girl friend - that's the explanation <sup>(of)</sup>~~the~~ the confession that hit the headlines, briefly, ~~today~~ today.

## RENO

The news brings a turn of strange melodrama in the headline robbery at Reno - where burglars broke into the mansion of Millionaire LaVere Redfield. They made off with a safe, and in it was - a million-and-a-half in cash, securities,<sup>and</sup> jewels. Four crooks <sup>are</sup> under arrest - and a beautiful Canadian brunette is charged with being an accomplice. Mrs. Marie Jeanne

<sup>Marie</sup> D'Arc Machaud, whose antecedents are of the highest. Today, held by the police at Flagstaff, Arizona - she tried to commit suicide, but failed.

Mrs. Machaud was often a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Redfield, entertained at their sumptuous Reno home. Her father and husband are physicians - she a woman of talent. At a Montreal convent, where she was educated, the nuns today described her as one of the most talented pupils they ever had, a pianist who played on radio programs. Later she took to poetry, and wrote lyrics for songs.

The Redfields were astounded at her arrest, the millionaire today declaring: "She's the one person I would not

have suspected. It's something unbelievable."

But, yesterday, Mrs. Machaud was taken off a train bound for Chicago - having in her possession fifty thousand dollars in cash, bundles of securities, and pieces of jewelry. All, says the F.B.I., part of the loot stolen in the Redfield robbery. Along with which she had - a rhyming dictionary. Writer of poetry, composer of lyrics.

The police believe she masterminded the robbery - directing the burglars to the safe containing the million-and-a-half, and informing them when the Redfields would not be at home. Also - how to handle the watchdog. They gave a ham bone to the canine guardian - and, during the burglary, the watchdog just gnawed at the bone.

Today, in a prison cell, she took an overdose of sleeping tablets, and slashed her wrists. But there was medical attention at the time, ~~xxxxxx~~ After which the young woman moaned - "It would have been the easiest way out."

## RESCUE

At Bishop, California, rescuers finally dug out those thirty-three people trapped in a mill basement, by Saturday's avalanche. All of which reveals an incredible tale of rescue -  a miraculous story, with two dogs as heroes.

~~It appears that When the avalanche struck the area, the houses seemed to explode, other homes knocked over, buried, in a vast fall of snow.~~ One couple was cut off from their infant son. But here's the story in the words of the child's father, Thomas Holmes, ~~who~~ describes how a wall of snow roared down from the canyon, hitting his house and burying the baby and his dogs under fifteen ~~ft~~ feet of snow. They dug for two hours, but, as he says, "thought it was hopeless."

"Then, at the last minute, we heard our dogs whimpering  somewhere at the bottom of the pile, and we knew then there was a chance the baby might be alive too."

They dug on, and eventually found the child safe and uninjured, wedged between the dogs. *He adds:-* "I'm sure we owe our son's life to the dogs. They must have crept as closely as possible to him, to protect him and keep him warm."

## ST. PATRICK

The news gives a round-up of St. Patrick's Day celebrations everywhere, but the champion of them all was held at a most appropriate place - Dublin. Perfect weather, Ireland flourishing, and from all the twenty-six counties people flocked in for the gargantuan parade, the Irish games and dances, the ritual in the churches.

For an oddity, the National Geographic Society in Washington celebrates with a release of information on the - *"little people."* ~~leprechauns~~, which, I have no doubt, are particularly active on St. Patrick's Day.

The "Little People", says the National Geographic, "are mostly benevolent, even helpful, and - guilty of only innocent mischief, such as keeping the butter from churning or teasing the horses in the stables." So, in Ireland, even the super-natural imps are gay and frolicksome. *P* The leprechauns are also described as - "keepers of the treasure in ~~fat~~ the fairy world. So the "Little People" know all about hidden wealth and buried gold. And - can tell where treasure is. If - you can make them.

You go out and catch a leprechaun, and look him straight in the eye - and he'll tell you where the gold is buried. There's no difficulty in catching one of the "Little People" - that's easy. The trick is - to look a leprechaun straight in the eye. "He's tricky," says today's report, "and can always divert attention - ~~and~~ make you look away. <sup>And</sup> When you do, the leprechaun disappears."

So that's <sup>my</sup> ~~our~~ message for St. Patrick's Day - just look a leprechaun in the eye. *Nelson!*