

MAY DAY

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May Day passed in Berlin - with only minor disturbances. The Reds held a huge mass meeting in the Soviet Sector, while the anti-Communists rallied with equal vigor in Western Berlin. The police were mobilized, and troops of the Western Powers were in readiness - fearing outbreaks. There was only one that amounted to anything, when stragglers from the anti-Communist meeting started hurling stones at Red policemen guarding a Soviet monument near the Brandenburg Gate. But police of both sides, Communist and Western, joined in quick suppression of the rioters hurling the stones.

In Moscow, May Day was an immense affair, as usual. Stalin, who has been seen in public mighty little of late, made an appearance at the ceremony in Red Square - while a crowd of two million watched a giant military parade, in which General Vassily Stalin, son of the Red chieftain, led a roaring pageant of the squadrons of the sky.

## REDS

There's nothing like - verisimilitude, when you stage a show. So that's what they had at Mosinee, Wisconsin, today, in one angle at least. The Wisconsin town celebrated May Day, as announced - with a pageant of what would happen if, in a Red seizure of power, an American town were taken over by the Communists. Of course, they didn't actually massacre anybody, but the verisimilitude was there.

The American Legion staged the revolution - with a seizure of town buildings, the red flag raised on <sup>the</sup> city hall, people thrown into jail. And, in the presence of a crowd on a football field, renamed "Red Square", the mayor under arrest, surrendered the town to the Communists at pistol point - was then thrown into a concentration camp. But the chief of police was defiant, and he was executed - with a pistol shot.

The point of verisimilitude was this - two of the Red commissars were former leaders in the Communist Party - one Benjamin Gitlow, who repeatedly ran for Vice-President on the Communist ticket. But Gitlow broke

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with Communism, and wrote a startling expose, a book called "The Whole of Their Lives." So he today, the one-time Communist candidate for vice-president, executed the chief of police. Verisimilitude.

## COMMUNISTS

Another witness testified today that Owen Lattimore was a Communist. Mrs. Freda Utley, herself once a member of the Communist party. She stated that she had no proof that the Far Eastern expert was ever a card-carrying party member - but told a story picturing him as ~~turning to the Red cause~~ <sup>following the</sup> party line.

Freda Utley, so she related, was a Communist who went to Soviet Russia in Nineteen Thirty, and what she saw in the land of Stalin changed her mind completely. "In a few months", she said today, "I ceased to be a Communist." However, she remained in Moscow for seven years - because she married a non-Communist Russian, and he could not leave. "Eventually," she says, "my husband was arrested and sent to a slave labor camp. I have presumed him dead."

She said she first met Owen Lattimore and his wife in Nineteen Thirty-Six, when they were in Moscow - Lattimore there as an American delegate from the Institute of Pacific Relations. Which institute, by the way, has been denounced repeatedly as Communist

controlled. She testified that, in Moscow, Lattimore worked with the number-one-Soviet economist, Eugene Varga-collaborating with him in the Russian branch of the Institute of Pacific Relations. Lattimore and his wife, she said, expressed sympathy for her plight and criticized the tyranny of the Soviet Reds. But then, afterward, she became aware that they were turning to Communism.

After the Moscow days, she associated with them again in London and in the United States. Lattimore himself has testified that they had Mrs. Utley in their Baltimore home, because they were sorry for her. Today Mrs. Utley stated that Lattimore began first by showing sympathy for the Soviet regime, and ended with an out-and-out party-line defense. "He wants, it seems to me, to be on the winning side - and he thinks the Communists are going to win," said she.

She declared that Lattimore was associate editor of the Magazine Amerasia in Nineteen Thirty-Nine and 'Forty. Which magazine later on, was involved in

headline charges of Red espionage. She noted that Amerasia, following the party-line, defended that famous Hitler-S<sub>t</sub>alin Pact - for which Lattimore, as an editor, shared responsibility, according to her argument. Further signs, she said, would be found in his writings. "Consistently, subtly and cleverly, he has followed close to the party line," declared the witness.

Well, it is obvious that none of this nails down proof in black and white, not with direct factual evidence. But it does add ~~a vivid item~~ to the confusion of contradiction in the case of Owen Lattimore.

~~This development today was accompanied by a statement in Congress - about alleged Communists in the State Department, named by Republican Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin. Congressman Frank Karsten, a Missouri Democrat, declared that most of them were investigated a couple of years ago by two committees of the House of Representatives - and so little evidence was found against them that it was not even considered worthwhile to make a report.~~

## BRIDGES

Weird doings in the aftermath of the trial of Harry Bridges in San Francisco. During the court proceedings against Bridges, Chief of the West Coast Longshoremen's Union, two women were charged with trying to blackmail a witness against Bridges -- one of the many who gave evidence to support the conviction of the labor leader of perjury, when he said he was not a Communist -- taking out naturalization papers. The two women, were brought to court today -- one Mrs. Jean Murray, an ex-Communist and a blonde.

The routine of the law was being enacted, when Mrs. Murray suddenly went berserk screaming -- "workers arise, prepare yourselves for the revolution". Whereupon she assailed the bailiff, and was carried out of court, kicking and yelling revolutionary slogans. The Judge sent her to a hospital for a mental examination.

Shortly afterward, the Communist Party in

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California issued a statement disavowing Mrs. Murray, with the explanation that in Nineteen Forty-five she had been expelled from the Communist Party, as a Trotskyist. So there you have a weird twister - a woman accused of trying ~~xxxxxx~~ intimidate witness against Bridges, going on a rampage of red ~~xxx~~ revolution in court today. But she's a Trotskyist.



## GAMBLING

In Washington, it was told today how big-time gamblers play tricks with telephones. Before a Senate Committee investigating crime, a witness testifying for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company stated that no long distance line was ever leased to an outfit known to be in an illegal business - but the bookmakers, getting horse race information, have cunning dodges and devices. He said they employ experts who string wires and move telephone instruments into their headquarters so cleverly that the Telephone Company knows nothing about it.

He was asked - how it happened that a book-making center may have fifteen or twenty telephones, while an ordinary subscriber may have trouble getting one? The answer was - that the gambling gang will buy up instruments from legal subscribers, move them, wires and all, to a central exchange, from which race track information is sent out.

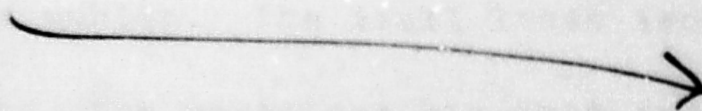
The witness for the Telephone Company was asked about testimony, which shows that the gambling

crowd will go so far as to install telephones in trees, where a spotter watches the results of horse races, and phones the results instantly to headquarters. The response was that the Telephone Company never installs a telephone up a tree.

The Senators on the committee, however, were not so sure that the company was entirely free of responsibility for the extensive use the gambling information business makes of the telephone lines. Remarks were passed - that it's lucrative income for the company.

The proceedings before the committee concerned a proposed bill to outlaw the interstate transmission of gambling information - and impose a good deal of the burden on the Telephone Company. To which the company spokesman responded today - that the Telephone people should not be made to assume police powers. They argue that it would be - "dangerous" for them to censor telephone calls. Which would require - listening-in on millions of telephone conversations.

Here's the latest - a bookmaker operating in the Senate Building. Horse Race business going on in their own office building, and the Senators themselves might be able to place a bet. This comes from committee member Tobey of New Hampshire, who says he has been "credibly informed." Bookmaker in the Senate Building!



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In Kansas City, meanwhile, a report was issued - and a wave of the x jitters goes through the underworld of gambling. Seven months ago, a Federal Grand Jury, impanelled at the request of President Truman, began an investigation of illegal bookmaking, dice games, the numbers racket - and today ~~xxx~~ its findings were made public. The trail leads immediately to Charles Binaggio, the political big-shot and his hoodlum Henchman Gargotta - killed recently in those sensational Kansas City murders.

The report shows that last year Binaggio's outfit grabbed the numbers racket in Kansas City - a three million dollar a year business. The Binaggio crowd took over the criminal numbers lottery without paying a penny - merely through the prestige of their underworld power. While Binaggio's lieutenant, Gargotta, with two other gangsters, used their position in the mob to seize control of the distribution of racing information in Kansas City.

All of which would certainly seem to tie in

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with the murders - especially as both Binaggio and Gargotta appeared before the grand jury, which now makes the report. They are said to have talked. Or, in the words of the underworld, they "sang". The Kansas City police believe that this may be the reason why they were wiped out.

~~Today's report states that Samuel Heyden, an assistant prosecutor discharged recently, was a partner in a dice game. Heyden denies this, saying that he had only, in his words - "drawn up papers" for the gambling club. Charges are made that there was a tax fixing racket - "under the administration of George R. Clark," tax assessor. Clark, a henchman of Binaggio - or so described in the report that has the gambling underworld of Kansas City in a state of jitters tonight.~~

## BOY

Here's a new kind of stowaway - an eleven year old lad who stowed away in a movie theatre. At Corning, New York, Ralph Ballinger ran away from home, went to the movie - and stayed there for a week. He kept from being noticed by hiding behind stage curtains - and, as for something to eat, he waited until the place closed at night. Then he raided the candy counter and the popcorn machine - a sweet life.

## BOSTON

In Boston, Beacon Hill is the site of the state capitol and a residential district of aristocratic Bostonians, in the tradition of the Cabots and the Lodges. But now, if a lawsuit goes through successfully, Beacon Hill will become the personal property of a nobleman with a German title, the Baron Wilhelm Theobold Frary Von Blomberg.

Actually, the baron is described as a former press agent of Lynn, Massachusetts. But he, so/they say, was adopted by the Baroness Adelheidt Maria Von Blomberg - and, on her death, inherited her claims. Which go back to a royal charter one-hundred-and-sixty five years ago.

In those days the throne of Great Britain was occupied by German kings, the electors of Hanover, who showered favors on Germans. So we are told that King George the Second, elector of Hanover, bestowed a grant on the Baron Karl Magnus Freiherr Von Blomberg - a grant to a tract of land that is now Boston's Beacon Hill.

Furthermore, the following statement is made:

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"This grant was later confirmed by Thomas Jefferson, with the approbation of the Continental Congress when, in Seventeen Eighty-Five, as minister to France, he negotiated certain treaties with Prussia." So, Thomas Jefferson confirmed the claim to the site of the State Capitol and all those mansions, ~~in~~ the traditional ~~and~~ <sup>present day</sup> haunt of the Cabots and Lodges.

The Baron Wilhelm Theobald Frary Von Blomberg is going to court about it, entering a suit to enforce his legal title. But he says he will, in his own words - "Proceed with due regard" for the welfare of the people of Beacon Hill. That is, he won't throw the Cabots and the Lodges out of their houses or evict the Massachusetts Legislature from the state capitol. They'll just be tenants - the baron the landlord. *I wonder who the baron thinks he is - Nelson?*