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(The United States has taken strong action in the case of the Dutch attack on the Indonesian republic. In the Security Council of the United Nations today, American Delegate Philip Jessup called the invasion - a threat to the world peace.) He <sup>asked</sup> ~~called upon~~ the Security Council to order immediate cease-fire, and <sup>make</sup> ~~make~~ the Dutch forces withdraw from the places they have occupied in their new drive.

(The Netherlands claims that the Indonesian Republic violated the terms of the truce imposed by the United Nations.) But the American delegate argued that, if there were infractions of the armistice, the Netherlands government should have put in a complaint to the United Nations.

The Dutch reply with - a defiance. They claim that the Indonesian Republic was tied up with Communism - the familiar business of raising the Red issue. Which can be propaganda - or the real thing.

Moreover, the Dutch explain that their sudden offensive in Java comes under the heading of - police action.

(They say that it's an internal affair, since Java is their own colony.) Which does point to a curious turn of legality. (Since the end of the Second World War, the Indonesian Republic has been established so well in Java, that it has been more or less recognized as a going concern - a government. But, at the same time, Java is technically a colony of the Netherlands.)

Today's strong American stand before the Security Council in Paris, echoes a report made by American representatives in Java - our delegates on what is called "The Good Offices Committee", a group sent by the UN to supervise the truce out there. The American representatives issue a scathing denunciation of the surprise blitz offensive, launched by the Dutch. They say it's a violation of the truce, and charge the Netherlands with secretly preparing for war while pretending to negotiate with the Indonesian Republic.

The Committee members, themselves, were taken by surprise - and were trapped when the Dutch Army

struck. They were in a town near Jogjakarta, when that capital of the Indonesian Republic was captured by paratroop attack. The first they knew about the surprise military move was when they were awakened by the explosions. They were not able to get out until today, when they were flown to Batavia.

All of which adds up to action in Washington - a government order stopping any further Marshall Plan aid to the Dutch in the Netherlands East Indies. This applies to the sum of fourteen million dollars which was ready to be handed to the Netherlands government for use in the islands to the south of Asia. The withholding of money does not apply to European recovery funds intended for reconstruction

in Holland itself.

(The progress of the Dutch offensive in Java continues to be rapid. The Indonesians are still unable to put up any kind of resistance to the well concerted military action.)

But they are destroying towns that they are forced to abandon, and are leaving flames and ~~xx~~ devastation as they withdraw.

They have put the torch to vital oilfields, leaving them ablaze.

It looks as if the Dutch will complete the occupation of Republican territory at a rapid rate - but there are signs of guerrilla warfare, with possible widespread outbreaks among the teeming millions on the Island of Java.

BEDELL SMITH

Our Ambassador to Moscow, General Bedell Smith, is returning home -- and the word is that he may resign. If so, it will be against the desires of President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall. They are reported as being ready to bring persuasion to bear on the General -- to keep him in the Embassy at Moscow. However, Bedell Smith is said to be in ill health, and wants to leave the Moscow job -- which is one of the toughest on the list of diplomatic assignments. Washington supposes that the Ambassador may want to return to Army duty and be in line for Chief of Staff-- as the climax to his career.

The hangings in Tokyo were witnessed by official observers only. No news men were present. The report emanates from MacArthur's headquarters. <sup>Earlier</sup> ~~Early~~ this afternoon a brief bulletin stating that the sentences had been executed. Later, as evening came on -- a more formal and detailed account.

6 (The condemned war lords received the last rites of religion -- Buddhism.) And they were accompanied to the execution chamber by a Buddhist monk. (The seven ~~condemned war lords~~ were executed in two groups. <sup>#</sup> In the first group, of ~~ex~~ four, was Tojo, the Tokyo premier who ordered the Pearl Harbor surprise, and launched the war in the Pacific.) He was hanged second -- the first being Doi Hara, long known as the mystery man of Eastern Asia, and an arch-conspirator of Japanese aggression. <sup>#</sup> In the second group, three. The best known was former Premier Hirota, top leader of the Black Dragon Society, terrorists of Japanese Nationalism, who spread fear throughout the Far East.

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Each of the condemned was identified by witnesses of the three big powers in the Pacific, American, British and Russian. This -- as assurance that the seven war lords of Japan ~~had~~ actually paid the penalty exacted by international justice.

SUBSTITUTE ~~LEAD~~ ESPIONAGE

(The case of Lawrence Duggan is boiling up into an angry controversy -- ~~in~~ the death of the former State Department official and friend of Alger Hiss. On Monday, he jumped or fell from a sixteenth story window of his office.) A quarrel flared in the Committee on Un-American Activities tonight, because of the publication of the fact that (Duggan had been named in the espionage enquiry -- mentioned as one of those who handed over secret State Department documents.)

Two Democratic Committee members, Rank <sup>in</sup> of Mississippi, and Herbert of Louisiana protested -- while Mundt of North Dakota, defends the release of evidence. Tonight, however, Congressman Mundt states that Duggan was -- "clear". Whittaker Chambers denied that Duggan had ever given him any of the secret documents -- and that removes any implication that Duggan may have been implicated in espionage -- "~~Clear~~" says the Congressman.

All of which is accompanied by a message from



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former Secretary of State Cordell Hull, expressing his confidence in the former State Department official. A striking fact -- Cordell Hull, in his old age and illness entering the espionage case in defense of an official who served under him.

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Today, former Under Secretary of State, Sumner Welles asked Mayor O'Dwyer to make a thorough inquiry into the circumstances of the death of Lawrence Duggan. Sumner Welles declared that only a few days ago he received a letter from Duggan -- a letter showing the former State Department official to have been in high spirits and a cheerful state of mind. Police are studying the possibility that he may have been pushed out of the window, but say they can find no sign of a struggle.

COMMITTEE

Another case of a subpoenaed witness defying a congressional committee. Philip Murray, President of the C.I.O., rejects a subpoena and says - he won't testify.

Actually, it is a sub-committee - a sub-committee of one. The membership consists of Congressman Hoffman of Michigan. The Chairman is - Congressman Hoffman. He presides over the sub-committee meeting, which consists of himself. The vote is always unanimous, unless he happens to disagree with himself. Pooh-Bah, in the "Mikado", could do no more.

The sub-committee of one is investigating a strike violence at the Kalamazoo plant of the Shakespeare Company. Which sounds literary - Hamlet, Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet. But this Shakespeare makes fishing tackle - hook, line and sinker.

The sub-committee of one proceeded to issue a subpoena to the C.I.O. President. But Philip Murray asks - how can one congressman be a sub-committee, chairman,

membership, and all? He says it isn't legal.

Congressman Hoffman contends that he, the sub-committee, is legal, but admits that Murray has a point.

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~~At~~ a Navy hospital, ~~at~~ Guantanamo, Cuba, there's a  
thirteen year old boy tonight, who tells a terrifying story.  
A tale of heroism and ~~horror~~ *fright*.

He is Russell Anthony Latona of San Francisco, who  
shipped as a cabin boy aboard a Danish freighter.

On December Fourteenth, eight days ago, Russell  
Latona was on deck with his pal, a Danish cabin boy named  
Bent Jeppsen. The ship was loafing along in the Caribbean,  
a drowsy, tropical day. The Danish cabin boy was fooling  
around at the rail, and suddenly fell overboard. <sup>FF</sup> Startled,  
Russell Latona acted fast. He grabbed a life preserver, and  
took a dive overboard, reaching the other lad. His idea was  
that they could stay afloat, shouting for help, and their  
shipmates would ~~pick~~ <sup>pick</sup> them up. They shouted, they yelled their  
lungs out, but nobody heard them. ~~—~~ the freighter went  
chugging on, and disappeared beyond the horizon.

So there were the two boys, with a life preserver,  
out in the Caribbean.

Shark infested waters - and they drifted for hours, then for days, with sharks all around them. The Danish cabin boy was lost, but Russell Latona floated on - among the sharks. Wind and current carried him, and finally he drifted onto the coast of Cuba - where a plantation owner found him, and procured medical help. A Navy plane flew <sup>him</sup> to the hospital at Guantanamo where, tonight, the doctors report that Russ Latona, after all that ordeal, is okay. Though - he is suffering from wounds inflicted by sharks.

BASTOGNE

At Columbus, Ohio, tonight, they're celebrating the fourth anniversary of a reply given by an American commander. Veterans of the Hundred and First Airborne Division have gathered to commemorate that famous retort.

Four years ago, it was a heroic headline in the Battle of the Bulge <sup>when</sup> The Hundred and First completely surrounded, held out for days at the town of Bastogne - until they were finally relieved. The Germans sent a demand for surrender, and that was when Major <sup>General</sup> McAuliffe gave his renowned answer - short and to the point.

So tonight, at the celebration in Columbus, the banquet features one special kind of edible. In each course there are walnuts, peanuts, hickory nuts, butternuts, hazel nuts. All acclaiming General Mc Auliffe's way of saying "No."

BET

The Mayor of San Francisco made a bet today with the Mayor of Chicago. The wager is on the Rose Bowl game - the University of California versus Illinois' Northwestern.

Mayor Elmer Robinson of San Francisco is putting up a bear cub. Not a difficult choice - since he's betting on those Californian/ Golden Bears. For Mayor Kennelly of Chicago, the problem was more difficult - because he was backing the Northwestern Wildcats. Chicago has been known to be wild, but it was a case of people, not cats. So Mayor Kennelly sent a telegram to Mayor Robinson, saying: "We don't have any wildcats roaming the streets of Chicago." But he had an idea, and added - that in Chicago, they<sup>do</sup> have livestock. And his telegram concluded - "How about a pig?"

So the bet was made today - a bear cub against a pig. Meaning - that, if California wins, the Mayor of San Francisco will have ham. But, if Northwestern should win - what will the Mayor of Chicago do with the bear cub? That's <sup>FP</sup> easy. Mayor Kennelly announces that, if he wins, he will give

it as a mascot to the Chicago Cubs. Which certainly would add plenty to Chicago pride - an Illinois football victory winning a Chicago baseball mascot.



## OIL

Just about the last word of terror is to say - boiled in oil. That happened to a man in Italy today, and he is recovering in the hospital tonight.

Luigi Dabbico was trying to fix a ventilator in a restaurant. He tumbled, and fell smack into a huge caldron of boiling olive oil. The assistant chef acted fast, and dragged him out. The doctors declare that Luigi will live to tell the tale - that's virtually a miracle.

And now, Nelson.