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BERLIN

There are signs tonight that the ^{Berlin} ~~Soviet~~ blockade ~~of Berlin~~ may break, ^{soon} ~~in the near future~~ -- perhaps within a matter of hours. According to a British Military Intelligence report Soviet Marshall Sokolovsky, has tonight hurriedly summoned a staff conference to discuss orders from Moscow. The conference is on now. The Kremlin's new orders to Sokolovsky, says the British report, are that he must find "ways and means" of easing the blockade of the German capital.

^{London} The report goes on to suggest ^{the} probability of a general change in Soviet policy; both in Berlin and at the United Nations. The report says not only is Sokolovsky being recalled, but ^{that} ~~Andrei~~ Gromyko has been removed from his post as chief Soviet delegate to the United Nations. ^{all of which} ~~This~~ may mean that Russia wants to break the deadlock without losing face. So, ~~she~~ will send new representatives to Berlin and the United Nations -- with new instructions

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In Berlin also it is reported that the Russians have ^{torn} ~~turned~~ up about nine miles of track on the railroad

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from Berlin to the British Zone as a counter-measure to the Allied threat to force the blockade.

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NIGHT SHOW
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FRANCE

France has no government tonight. Premier ~~Robert~~
is out. He resigned
Schuman, ~~with~~ after he was denied a vote of confidence in
the National Assembly. Whereupon *de Gaulle announced*
~~General Charles de Gaulle,~~
~~who is campaigning for the premiership of France, announced~~
to the leaders of his Union of the French Peoples Party
that the time has come for him to assume power. "We must
take France and lead her, but she must come to us of her own
free will", *said the General.*

Today, in Paris, was marked by a series of dramatic
political events. The crisis began when the Radical
Socialist Party demanded a forty-million dollar slash in
the French military budget. ~~Premier~~ Schuman called a
Cabinet meeting during which Edward Heriot, veteran French
Socialist leader, announced that he was supporting Schuman.
The Radical Socialist party of which Heriot is the leader,
forthwith withdrew its opposition. But this ~~opposition~~

seems to have been half-hearted for subsequently nine of the socialist cabinet ministers threatened to resign if the National Assembly failed to pass the amendment paring France's military expenditure. Premier Schuman countered by saying that he would resign if the amendment was approved. Put to the vote it passed by a majority of two-hundred-and-ninety-seven to two-hundred-and-fourteen. ^{TP} A final defeat of Premier Schuman. For nine months he has kept his shaky coalition government in office, asking for and getting eleven votes of confidence. Now in this important critical week of European history with France represented at the Five-Power military conference at The Hague, and the continued tension in Berlin, the French Government falls as France herself is threatened with a grave internal crisis -- half the civil servants on strike, ~~xxxxx~~ many factories closed. ^{TP} ~~But this fall of the French Government also puts two people in a quandry~~ ^{TP} President

Auriol must attempt to form a government within the next

twenty-four hours. Will he ~~straightway~~ call ~~on General de~~ ⁱⁿ

~~de~~ ^{will he try and organize} ~~Gaulle, or try to instal yet~~ another stop-gap coalition of

the left and center parties. Perhaps the veteran Edward

Heriot, ~~himself,~~ ^{proclaimed} long boosted by the French Press as "The

only man who can save France". De Gaulle represents a

minority movement. ^{and} ~~He~~ is unpopular ~~in France~~ because of his

extremist views. Should he be called to form a government

^{nearly} every French worker ^{is likely} ~~can be expected~~ to quit work.

~~and who else is in a quandry because of the crash~~

~~of the Schuman government.~~ ^{And what of} Foreign Minister ~~George~~ Bidault

who left that important five-power military conference at

The Hague to go to London tonight to confer with British

Foreign Minister Bevin? Bidault ^{now} has no government to back

him up on whatever decision he has to make

JUGOSLAVIA

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The United States has just taken another vital move in the ~~new~~ cold war. (Washington announces that we have backed Marshall Tito's hand against Russia by freeing the forty-seven million dollars in gold and other Jugosalav ~~xxxxxxx~~ assets frozen here since the war.) In return, Jugoslavia has agreed to pay seventeen million in settlement of our claims against them. Washington says that the settlement comes at a critical moment in Jugoslavia's post-war history, diplomats reporting Tito has approached western oil interests to buy oil that he can no longer get from Roumania and Albania.

This settlement says Washington ~~tonight~~ is a major victory for the United States.

SUPERFORTS

The news wire from London today tells how the last two of the sixty American superfortresses have landed safely at Scampton Air Base, Lincolnshire, on Britain's East Coast. The big planes, we hear, are parked in battle dispersal areas, scattered air bases built by the British for the operation of giant bombers during the last war.

The British government and the British public acclaimed the return of the Yanks -- all Americans

of course
are Yanks to the British whether they hail from Dixie, California or New Hampshire. *But from England we also hear of* ~~with cordial acclaim~~ *but* there is an atmosphere of ~~some restraint~~ *with surprise* complaints by the ~~right~~ British girls. *why?* Because the fourteen hundred men who ~~manne~~ this mass flight of ~~the~~ superforts, are not allowed to leave the immediate area of the airfields. Colonel John B. Henry told them yesterday that they are confined to their stations on ~~an~~ what he termed "a routine training flight."

This American Air Group of B-29s will

Colonel
remain in England until ~~Yanley~~ *Yanley* Gray arrives from Germany.

Most of the crews are battle veterans, many having been in England before. One in particular is happy. That is he will be, if he can get leave of absence for a day or two. He is Sergeant Ray Cole of Detroit. And why is the Sarge so keen on getting a pass? It isn't hard to guess. He wants to go to Nottingham to marry the girl he left behind.

The arrival of the group also posed a problem for British Customs Officials. Lieutenant Elwin Mayes brought along a squadron mascot, Rosie, a pet skunk. Now in England, the nearest relative to the skunk is an exceedingly rare wood pussie of a ~~typax~~ type so rare that few Britons have ever seen one. The Customs Officials at Scampton Air Base could not decide whether Rosie, the American Mephitis Mephitica; that's Rosie's Latin name, is bovine, canine, feline or rodent. So they've passed the buck to His Majesty's Minister of Agriculture. Rosie meanwhile is reported to be in protective custody.

And as this momentous question is being

decided these huge American bombers are poised on the British airfield, -- poised for what we know not. For it's announced as a mere routine ~~training~~ ^{training} flight -- which maybe it is. But they have arrived in Europe at a critical moment.

Family was also attacked and injured. The Fortington report says the motive of the assault has not been clearly established. It referred to mounting anti-American feeling among the Arabs in Cairo, since the United States recognized the new state of Israel. Also, the Arabs were accused of American citizens in Egypt of showing off lights during the nocturnal ~~air~~ ^{air} ~~raid~~ ^{raid} ~~on~~ ^{on} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~city~~ ^{city} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~Cairo~~ ^{Cairo}. But the ~~fact~~ ^{fact} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~British~~ ^{British} ~~force~~ ^{force} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~yet~~ ^{yet} ~~fully~~ ^{fully} ~~engaged~~ ^{engaged} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~enemy~~ ^{enemy} ~~before~~ ^{before} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~air~~ ^{air} ~~raid~~ ^{raid} ~~on~~ ^{on} ~~Cairo~~ ^{Cairo}.

STONING

Washington reports that Steven Max Haas a Philadelphia businessman was stoned to death in the streets of Cairo on Sunday. Mrs. Haas was attacked but not badly hurt by the mob.

~~Here's some later information.~~ A British family was also attacked, and injured. The Washington report says the motive of the assault has not been clearly established. It referred ^S to mounting anti-American feeling among the Arabs in Cairo, since the United States recognized the new state of Israel. Also, the Arabs ~~may~~ accuse ~~of~~ American citizens in Egypt of showing ~~off~~ lights during the blackouts ~~AND~~ ^{THUS} ^{INC} to lead ~~the~~ Israeli planes to bomb Cairo. ~~But the attack on Mr. and Mrs. Haas and the British family occurred three days before Israeli planes bombed the Egyptian capital.~~

CAIRO (TO FOLLOW STONING)

~~But~~ Tonight in Cairo the air raid sirens wailed, and shortly after people had taken cover there was a terrific **Explosion** which totally destroyed the Metropole Theatre in downtown Cairo. An area of more than five hundred square yards destroyed by the blast.

PLANE

Remember that dilapidated old B-17 we heard about last week, the one grounded in Canada after setting out from White Plains bound for an unknown destination? Pilot Schindler told the Canadian authorities that he would fly straight back to New York? So the Canadians took him at his word. They gave him just enough gas for the trip to New York.

And where did Pilot Schindler go? Well, he disappeared in the fog when he took off from Nova Scotia? And then he headed across the Atlantic. And miracle of miracles he flew that ancient fortress all the way to the Azores where he landed with just a dribble of gas left. The fifteen hundred mile flight accomplished by the simple expedient of slowing down the engines, the plane literally drifting along on the following wind.

And now that old B-17 is in custody again. This time the Portuguese authorities are holding both plane and crew until our State Department officials arrive to investigate.

DUKE

The Duke of Alba, ~~was~~ Spain's ^{top} ~~best~~ known nobleman, is apparently having ^{more} trouble with the franco Regime. ^{When he} ~~he~~ applied to the Spanish government for permission to spend his vacation in England and Switzerland ~~and~~ the answer ^{came back -- "no"!} ~~is -- no.~~

The Duke, one of Spain's richest men and a staunch monarchist, formerly had a diplomatic passport, but this ~~xxx~~ was taken away, so he had to apply for permission to ~~xxx~~ leave his country just like any other citizen.

Why did he want to go to England? To give Oxford University a copy of the book he ~~xxx~~ has just completed on English and Spanish relations, from twelve Hundred and fifty-four to Eighteen Thirty-four ^{-- also to} ~~then to~~ see the Olympic games.

The Franco Regime says that the aging Duke, the last of the ^{great} ~~the~~ Grandees, must spend his vacation in Spain. So, although he is a Spanish Duke he is also a Spanish prisoner.

TRUMAN

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PERSHING

(General Pershing was buried today at Arlington in the National Cemetery. His body lowered into the grave that he himself chose, years ago, -- among his comrades of world war One, not far from the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, -- the Unknown warrior who was one of his men.)

President Truman, Secretary of State General Marshall, and General Eisenhower were among the three thousand top military and civilian personalities who attended the last rites of the great soldier.

The ceremony was impressive as ~~any~~ only a military funeral can be. Behind the gun carriage bearing the flag draped casket, walked a magnificent black cavalry charger with saddle but riderless, with the General's empty riding boots turned backwards in the stirrups -- ~~an~~ symbolic of the passing of a cavalryman. The music was provided by a hundred piece army band, the musicians, wearing for the first time in years the special grey uniform designed by ~~General~~ General Pershing himself when he founded that very band in Nineteen Hundred and twenty-two.

BOMBING

In Saga City, Japan, Ichiro Koga, a twenty-seven year old coal miner, read in his newspaper of the assassination attempt on Togliatti, the Italian Communist leader. That, he said, gave him an idea. So he went to a local meeting hall where Kyuichi Tokuda, Japan's number one communist, the Japanese Togliatti, was due to speak. With him coal miner Koga took a home-made bomb, a glass bottle packed with explosives and metal pellets. This he hurled from the balcony as the Japanese Communist leader was speaking.

And what happened to Tokuda? "I felt badly after the explosion," he said. *Sounds like an under-statement.* "I thought I had been shot," *he adds,* "but I decided to carry on with my lecture. However, after I had spoken for twenty minutes, I retired because I felt faint."

when they took Tokuda to ~~the~~ the hospital, they found he had thirty-eight separate wounds; but he had finished his lecture, in spite of coal miner Koga's unappreciative gesture. *— throwing that homemade bomb.*

CELL

Have you heard of farmer Brown and his master cell, that magic gimmick which doubles crops, turns ~~old~~ hens back into pullets and makes ~~bossy~~ ^{Elsie}-the-cow stand still while she is being milked? You haven't? Well, at Middleboro, Massachusetts, over the weekend thousands of folks turned up at farmer Brown's place and ~~they~~ ^{Just about} ~~fell~~ mobbed it. Ten thousand of them trampling over the crops, doing such damage that Farmer Brown called the police.

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block of cement has spread to Uncle Sam. Agents of the United States Department of Agriculture say they are going to Middleboro tomorrow to see just what in tarnation it is. Maybe Farmer Brown has something. If he has, Uncle Sam wants to know. Perhaps the University of New Hampshire scientists are wrong when they say they can't find anything in the block of cement which the farmer calls his master cell.

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And what does Farmer Brown say. "Let 'em investigate", says he. "We're ten thousand years ahead of the world up here"! says he. Well, maybe, maybe! A fountain of youth for hens! That would be something.

LION

In Santa Paula, California, a picnicker slammed the door of his automobile on Frank, and thus lost five hundred dollars. This after Frank had put his head through the door of the car ^{in a} ~~in a~~ ^{very} friendly ^{sorta} way. ~~fashion~~ Well, it isn't always wise to pick up hitch-hikers, ^{But} ~~see~~, in this case you and I ~~would~~ probably ^{would} have done the same thing, for Frank is a fully grown African lion, who escaped from his owner's back yard in Santa Paula.

Today, Frank's owner, Henry George, is advertising in the agony columns ^{of local newspapers. His ad reads:-} "if you see Frank, don't shoot him. He likes to be petted and he just loves riding in automobiles. Reward for Frank's ~~own~~ safe return, ~~xxxx~~ five hundred dollars."

A note of suspense is added to the drama of Frank's vacation from that back yard in Santa Paula. The state of California pays a five hundred dollar bounty if you shoot a wild mountain lion. And somebody might not know the difference between a tame African lion, and the domestic variety. If you shot ^o Frank, you lose five ~~xxxx~~ ^{hundred.} For there's no bounty on African lions.

So, if you meet Frank on the highway, just pat him on the head and open the door of your car. After that, the reward is yours. He just loves to ride in automobiles says his owner. And as many of us will agree even an African lion would be preferable to a back-seat & driver - eh Nelson?

JUMP

In Rosenberg, Texas Cliff Chesire claims a record for a free fall parachute jump -- eleven thousand feet. The veteran parachutist pulled his rip chord when he was three hundred feet from the ground and landed safely. Well, almost. Cliff could have chosen a better spot to land after that eleven thousand feet plummet from the sky. He landed in a bush where there was a wasp's nest whereupon the yellow jackets put up a record of their own, hundreds of stings. Cliff, the record parachute jumper, ~~stung to the quick~~ surely deserved a better fate than that.

BERLIN. How is that dilemma in Berlin today? The news wire tells of many conferences, in Berlin, Washington, and London. The latest development is that Belgium, The Netherlands, and Luxembourg, the Benelux countries, met in a special conference at The Hague today, with Britain and France represented.

French Foreign Minister George Bidault flew to London today to meet British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. The meeting is scheduled for midnight. Foreign Minister Bidault ~~is~~ said to have gone to London to plead for the Western Allies to call for a big power conference, Americans, British, French and Russians to sit down to discuss the difficulties. Another suggestion is for a five power conference, China to be included as well as Russia, the conference to be held under United Nations covenant. But London ~~is said to be~~ ^{we hear is} opposed to this.

In Washington, President Truman ~~has been~~ ^{ed} consulting with Secretary of State George Marshall on the problem. ~~The President~~ ^{after} also received ^{ing} reports from his military and

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FORD. From Detroit, we hear that the Ford Motor Company and the United Auto Workers are holding an eleventh hour wage conference, in the hope of averting the walkout of a hundred and sixteen thousand Ford workers. The conference called after conversations between Henry Ford, Second, and Walter Reuther, the Union President.

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~~Further, it's supposed to save the farmer buying any more fertilizer, and it is even reputed to have cured a man of malaria. All you do apparently is to dip your master~~

~~cell in water, then spray your crops, or give the water to your animals. It depends on whatever you want to get real big.~~

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Seeing is believing, so Uncle Sam is going to look. ~~is going to find out whether it's all true.~~ LOOK

And what does Farmer Brown say? "Let them investigate.

We're ten thousand years ahead of the world up here," ^{SAYS} ~~he says,~~

"and we can prove it." The farmer sure he has something for

the world of agriculture - a dazzling prospect of giant corn,

docile cows, and hens with a fountain of youth, all in a

block of cement.

FRANC

A political crisis in France. Early today the radical socialist party demanded a forty-million dollar slash in the French military budget, and then withdrew its opposition when Premier Schuman said he would call for a vote of confidence -- which was equivalent to resignation.

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