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(Back on the air tonight, I suppose I ought to give ~~a~~ ^{some} quick account of what I did and learned while away on a short vacation - for a few weeks.) Tell it in a hurry -- all in one breath. But, it would have to be a mighty long breath.

I went over to England, then to Scotland, and Wales, and as my wife was along of course to Paris. Then to Spain, and Portugal. Followed by -- a flight to West Africa. After that by air across the South Atlantic to our part of the Southern Hemisphere, Brazil, the Argentine, Chile, Peru, Equador, Panama and back north today via Florida.

Just back, all day, I've been answering one question. Nearly everyone I meet asks - what do the people over in Europe and in South America think about Communism and the danger of war? Well, on a fast flying trip like that, you can't dig deep -- but you can get a broad view, rather comprehensive.

The swiftness of air travel between nations

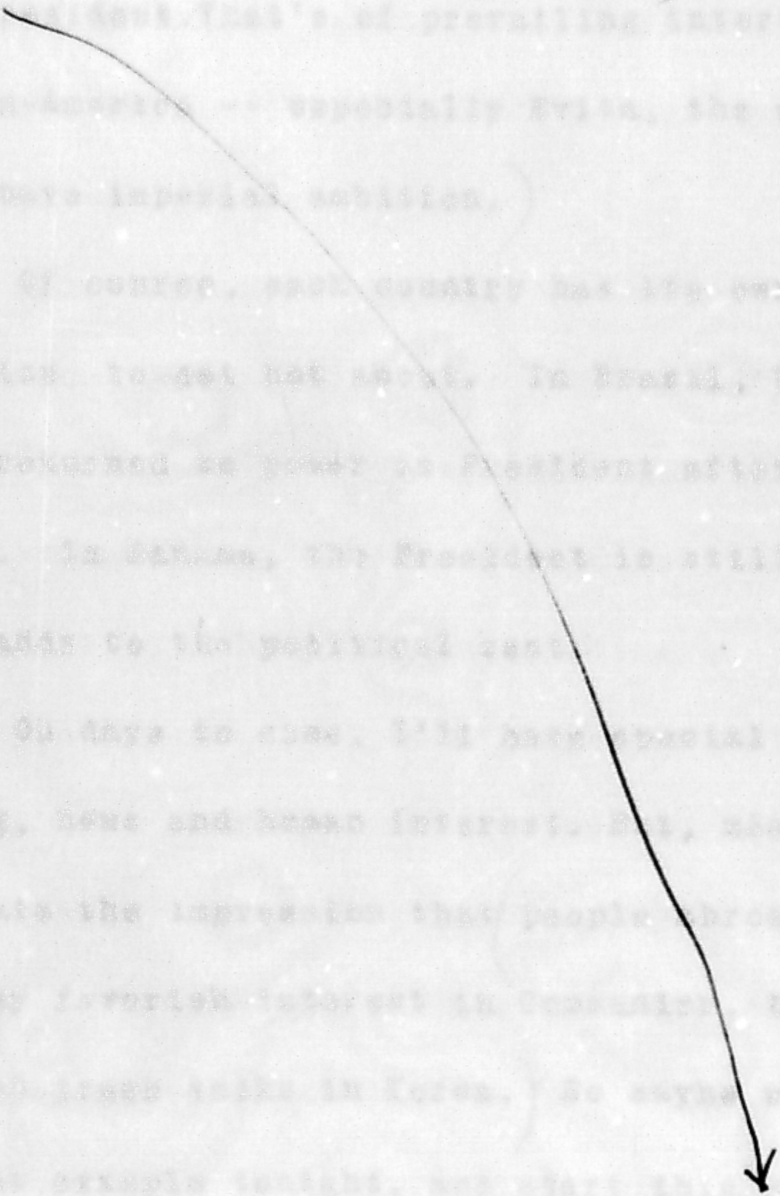
and continents is, in a way, something like an automobile jaunt in our own country - from one state to another. You spend a day or two in Chicago, then push on to Omaha, then Denver, Salt Lake City, and so on - and in each place you have a chance to get around and talk to people. That's what I did - trying to get a line on what ordinary folks were thinking, all the way from Edinburgh to Quito, high in the Andes. So I can give that kind of impression -- quick, and all over the map.

The answer is this -- I didn't find people talking about Communism and ~~xx~~ war. They didn't seem to be interested particularly. You had to bring up the subjects of Communism and war to hear them talked about at all.

(In England, Scotland and Wales, one topic was -- the Festival of Britain. That country-wide ~~xxx~~ celebration over there has brought in myriads of visitors, which helps the home ~~xxx~~ economy, improving

things a bit. Also everybody has something to say, most of it unkind, about the Labor Government.

In France - local politics again - and the swarming Americans. In Spain, the same thing, Franco, the Monarchy, will it ~~be~~ return and when? Portugal, rolling



in prosperity, and the chief topic, as I found it, was business, money. South America ^{-- again their own} politics, ~~reigning~~ supreme.

(Argentina -- the spectacular maneuvering to get another term for Peron as President, with Evita ^{for} Vice-President. That's of prevailing interest all over Latin-America -- especially Evita, the woman who seems to have imperial ambition.)

Of course, each country has its own ~~mix~~ politics to get hot about. In Brazil, Vargas, recently returned to power as President after years of obscurity. In Panama, the President is still in jail -- which adds to the political zest.

On days to come, I'll have special bits to pass along, news and human interest. But, meanwhile, I only state the impression that (people abroad fail to display any feverish interest in Communism, ~~the~~ danger of war, ^{and} the truce talks in Korea.) So maybe we might follow that example tonight, and start this round-up of the news with something intensely local, most American

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Today brings a bitter denunciation of the procedure used in the case of the ninety West Point cadets. The attack emanates from a legal society, the New York criminal and civil courts bar association, which has made an investigation of the dismissal of the cadets. The charge is that they were misled into the belief that they would be punished by disciplinary action -- not expelled from West Point.

When they went on their June vacation, says a report issued today, they knew they were under fire - accused of having cheated in examinations, violating the honor system. But they were told not to say anything about it - keep the whole thing a secret. ~~From~~ From this the legal society draws the following conclusion. "The secrecy to which they were pledged," says the report, "naturally misled many of these cadets into believing that they were to be disciplined--- without being discharged."

The claim is made that, because of the secrecy, they were prevented from receiving advice from

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their families and friends, until it was too late for anybody to act on their behalf. Then, when they returned from the June vacation, they were told - they would be ousted from the military academy.

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The number of ousted cadets applying to Notre Dame has risen to thirty-two, more than a third of the total. The anonymous millionaire has specified that none taken into Notre Dame shall play in varsity athletics there.

SUB COPPER STRIKE

The latest from Washington -- President Truman urges the copper strikers to return to their jobs, and directs the wage Stabilization Board to investigate and recommend a settlement of the walkout. Earlier in the day, the union asked the President to ~~seize~~ seize the copper mines. But - no, he makes an appeal to the workers and tells the Stabilization Board to get busy.

Meanwhile, ~~at~~ ninety-five percent of American copper production was tied up today. Copper is vital to the nation's rearmament program, and we are short of this important metal. Hence the critical character of the strike.



ADD COPPER STRIKE

Late word is that the executive board of the union will meet in Denver tomorrow to consider the President's request for -- back to work. →

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The Union indicates that the Presidential request will be rejected unless the White House presses the companies to accept the union demand for higher wages.

TAXES

The Senate Finance Committee has voted to increase corporation taxes by Two Billion Two Hundred and Eighty Million Dollars. This is somewhat less than a similar bill passed by the House. A lot less than the more than Ten Billion President Truman asked for.

(In Korea, today, the Reds made their reply to General Ridgway -- and they keep the door open for further negotiations.) The Communist answer is a long one, filled with diatribe and abuse. But it states that the enemy command is willing to resume the truce talks. (That is - if the Supreme Commander for the United Nations will do something about the alleged American air attack in the neutral ~~Kaesong~~ Kaesong area.

As you have heard
~~of course~~ we deny any such air attack - General Ridgway having phrased the denial in scathing language.) When the Reds made the charge, he denounced it as a fabrication, concocted for some devious Communist purpose. This - in ~~such~~ such drastic terms that some supposed the Reds would break off negotiations.

But now they come back, saying they're willing to continue - if Ridgway will agree to a joint investigation. They want him to name representatives to participate in an inquiry into the claim that a U.S. plane did strafe and bomb within the Kaesong

sector, which was turned into a neutral zone for the truce talks.

It remains to be seen how the Supreme Commander will reply to that, but (the tone of the Red message today would seem to indicate that the Communists want to resume the long drawn out palaver.) Previously, in making the charge of air attack, they stated that the fate of the armistice conference depended on a satisfactory reply from Ridgway - which they did not get.

Today they called the answer, "entirely unsatisfactory", but they did not break off - as they had threatened. ~~All of which leads to the belief that they want to continue the negotiations - or, possibly to throw on the western allies the blame for a break-up.~~

~~Leaving~~
Meanwhile, ~~fighting continues in the mountains east of the central front - mainly between Koreans, South and north. Today the Reds launched a counter-~~xxx~~ attack, overran an outpost of the Republicans, and drove them back for nearly two miles. This~~

ADD KOREA

(The latest from the war front pictures a new series of violent assaults by the Reds -- against South Koreans,) who are handicapped by an almost complete lack of air support. The weather, heavy rains, have grounded most of the planes.

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RUSSIA

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government told Moscow - welcome to the conference. But the welcome was accompanied by some plain spoken observations. "The San Francisco Conference", declared Washington, "is not a conference to ~~xxx~~ reopen negotiations on the terms of peace." ^{Hence} ~~it was pointed~~ out that the terms had been drawn up in long negotiations between the various governments ~~concerned~~ concerned, and the Soviets had their chance to ~~participate in the drafting of the pact.~~ Hence, Russian activities at San Francisco should be confined either to the business of signing the treaty, or explaining a refusal to sign.

But all that is ignored by Moscow, and today Gromyko arrived in New York, armed with a Soviet version of a peace treaty, which he will try to introduce at San Francisco -- the old monkey wrench.

INDIA

In India, Prime Minister Nehru states what his government will do about peace with Japan. India has refused to enter the treaty conference at San Francisco, and Nehru today repeated the reasons why. In an address before the Parliament at New Delhi, he named in particular the question of Formosa -- saying that Island should be turned ~~ex~~ over to the Chinese Reds.

~~So India refuses to attend, and~~ today Nehru declared that his government will go it alone. ~~He said~~ India will enact a declaration terminating the state of war, Then, a separate treaty ~~between~~ ~~the two countries~~ will be negotiated. That's the Nehru program.

IRAN

In London today, Averill Harriman, Special Assistant to President Truman, sat in conference with British cabinet ministers at Number Ten Downing Street. Harriman has been active in trying to bring about a settlement of the Iranian oil question, and one of the ministers today was Lord Privy Seal Richard Stokes, who recently went on a mission to Teheran to settle the Iranian oil dispute - but failed.

Tonight's dispatch from London states that Harriman, in the talks today, was in full agreement with the opinion of the British. Which is to let the Teheran government - "stew in its own oil." The British view is that no agreement can be made so long as Premier Mohammed Mossadegh is in office.

HEARST

At Los Angeles today, the will of William Randolph Hearst was probated, and the court approved an agreement to pay ten thousand dollars a month to Mrs. Hearst. The estate amounts to some Two Hundred Million Dollars, and the will of the legended publisher leaves to his wife the income from a six million dollar trust fund, together with a million and a half for taxes. Mrs. Hearst asked for what she called "reasonable support" until the estate has been finally settled. Today the court ^{said} okayed ~~and approved~~ ten thousand a month.

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None of these legal formalities today had anything to do with the dramatic situation that follows the death of William Randolph Hearst. For many years, everybody knew of his long association with Marion Davies, the former film star, whose fame he promoted with his millions. She is now at odds with the heirs named in the ~~H~~earst will - the publisher's wife and sons. The conflict ~~is~~ focuses on an agreement drawn

up last November, sharing the control of the Hearst newspaper empire between himself and Marion Davies -- or Marion Douras, her real name. The terms would now give to her the domination of the Hearst newspapers.

Today, two special administrators declared that the agreement was never executed, and is null and void. Word from Los Angeles is that Marion Davies is prepared to put up a legal battle to control the Hearst empire. The prospects would seem to be - one of the largest and most dramatic of lawsuits.

CUSSING

In a cafe and bar at Richmond, Indiana, the dimes are clinking again, and each ten cent piece means -- a cuss word. If any barfly ventures as much as a profane "dad blast it," he has to drop a dime in the cup. Richmond is a beautiful Hoosier Buckeye City of Greenville.

This news item ~~comes~~ comes about all because Connie Marker, the saloon keeper, has a moral reprobation for bad language. Last March he informed his customers - they'd have to stop cussing; or ten cents every time they said "goll darn."

Whereupon the dimes accumulated so rapidly that an anti-cussing association was formed, and they decided to throw a party. The jackpot, by now, amounted to Three-Thousand-and-Fifty Dimes, three-hundred-and-five dollars, enough to buy the provisions for an outing. So now the news tells how, with kegs of beer, the anti-cussing club held high revelry. Which resulted in the contribution of a few more dimes - when a

member or two forgot himself and told how they were having a "heck of a good time."

Tonight the tavern keeper, Connie Marker, says there won't be any trouble building up the jackpot again. Almost anybody, even in Indiana's quaker stronghold at Richmond, he explains, will occasionally let fly with a profane: "Aw go to Hades." While there are some who upon inhaling a few beers, will rattle off a dollar's worth of "jeepers creepers", "holy cow" and "what the sam hill." "Gosh," my time's up, you are on, Nelson.