

1. Prisoners

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In Korea the night was bitterly cold. The time - approaching midnight. ~~When~~ Which was morning over here. At Panmunjom, a jeep drive<sup>s</sup> up to the entrance of the compound, where the pro-communist prisoners were held-including the twenty-one renegade Americans.

Out of the <sup>at</sup> jeep climbed Indian General Thimayya, and a military aid . They were met by five representatives of the Pro- Communists-- American Sergeant Richard Corden, of Providence, Rhode Island, a British Sergeant, and three South Koreans.

General Thimayya gave them a final message , saying - he would carry out the schedule he had announced previously. His force of Indian Guards would leave at Midnight. At which time the prisoners would be free-so far as he was concerned. The Communist Command~~er~~ - still ~~r~~ refusing to take them back. Insisting - that they should be kept in dentention until a peace conference is held.

The prisoners put up little argument.. Sergeant Corden replying-  
"We'll not go out of the compound, unless the rations run out. "

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General Thimayya drove off, and then came --the stroke of midnight . Ten A.M. Eastern Standard Time over here. On the dot, guards threw open the gates to <sup>the</sup> barbed wire compound , and the entire force of Indian Soldiers marched off, on their way back to their own country. Leaving the Pro-Communists, abandoned and deserted. Alone in their huts -in the bitterly cold Korean night.

So that's where they were , at last reports--three hundred and twenty-five Koreans, one Britain, and the twenty-one Americans. Nobody knows what the communist command will do about them, and It's ~~im~~ hard to think -of a drearier lot of human beings on this earth.

## 1. Fellow Prisoners.

The army today filed court martial charges against Corporal Edward Dickinson—a GI who preferred communism, <sup>then</sup> changed his mind. Dickinson was the first of two prisoners who decided that, after all, they wanted to come home. He is accused of having-  
"communicated with and held intercourse with the enemy." To gain "favorable treatment." Dickinson returned to this country in November and is now in <sup>an</sup> army hospital. He'll get a pre-trial investigation—and, if the court martial charges are upheld, he'll go before a military court.

# 1. United Nations

<sup>the</sup> At United Nations tonight, Soviet Russia Vetoed a program for settling the dispute in Palestine. The Western countries arranged a compromise in the Jewish-Arab controversy over the Jordan River Power project. The Arabs didn't like it, and the Russians backed them up-casting the fifty-eighth

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## 1. Berlin

The foreign ministers of the Western Big Three arrived in Berlin today--Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, British foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, and French Foreign Minister George Bidault. They<sup>a</sup>re holding talks among themselves -- in preparation for the conference with Moscow foreign Minister Molotov, beginning on Monday.

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## 1. Gibraltar

There were anti-British disturbances in Spain today, with *shouts* of "Gibraltar!" ~~shouts of "Gibraltar!"~~ In Madrid, two thousand rioting students hurled stones at the British embassy. Several <sup>were</sup> injured, when club-swinging police broke up the mob.

In Seville, a crowd of three thousand assailed the British Consulate. Bombarding the building - with oranges. Sounds like sunny Spain - and not so devastating. But I suppose a <sup>well</sup> ~~powerfully~~ <sup>thrown</sup> orange could have a stunning, not to say squashy, effect, if it hit you on the head. Certainly - it would impair the dignity of a British diplomat. Anyway, windows of the British Consulate in Seville were shattered-by the bombardment of oranges.

All-because of the rock of Gibraltar, which Spain has been claiming, on and off ever since the British took it.

The new trouble -incited by the visit queen Elizabeth is to make to Gibraltar, the last stop on her tour of the British Commonwealth.

The Spaniards take this to mean an affirmation of British ~~ownership~~ and are protesting.

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Well, it's all a reminder of an interesting bit of history

The way that England acquired Gibraltar, in the first place.

That was back in the war of the Spanish <sup>possession of the</sup> Succession <sup>early</sup>

seventeen hundreds. In the days of the great Marlborough—and

his victories in Germany and Flanders, Blenheim and Ramillies.

But there was another angle. In Spain, an English army tried to put a king on the throne—a candidate backed by England. That was a ~~flat~~ failure. But, in the confusion England got possession of Gibraltar—and never gave it up.

1. Bricker

Senator Bricker of Ohio, today, began an all-out fight for his constitutional amendment. The one that would curb the powers of the President in making treaties with foreign countries.

Bricker circulated a letter among all Senators, declaring - that the President made "erroneous charges" in a news conference, last week, when he intimated -- that the Bricker amendment would take this country back to the days before the constitution. When, under the old articles of confederation, a treaty had to be okayed by three-fourths of the forty-eight states, and also by each of the original thirteen states.

Senator Bricker denies the analogy, and puts up a determined argument for his amendment. His letter -- a prelude to the Senate debate, which will begin on Tuesday.

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## 1. Voting Age

A Senate sub-committee, today, gave its okay to president Eisenhower's proposal-to reduce the voting age to eighteen. The first move in submitting a constitutional amendment to the country.

However, that amendment is likely to have tough sledding. It now goes to the Senate judiciary committee, and then will have to get a two-thirds vote in both the Senate and the House. Finally, *it will have to be* okayed by three-fourths of the forty-eight states. And-there'll be plenty of opposition.

One line of antagonism was illustrated today, when Senator Russell of Georgia announced *that* he's against the amendment. Which may sound odd-because, in Georgia, the eighteen year olds can vote right now. Georgia-the only state in which *already* the voting age is lower than the conventional twenty-one. Senator Russell explains- he's against the imposing of the change on the states. Right now, each state can decide for itself. The Georgia Senator talks up-states rights.

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## 2- Voting Age

A familiar name takes a reappearance in politics. Robert A. Taft Junior, following in the footsteps of his father, is a candidate for the state campaign. But, on the other hand, Governor Dewey of New York is usually in opposition. The late Senator began his brilliant career in just that way, opposing for the assembly, however, also speaks against that Eisenhower proposal. He says he's "doubtful" about lowering the voting age to eighteen.

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# 1. Murder

Today's news brings a -"first" I suppose it had to happen , sooner or later-- the first atomic murder case. This is the atomic age, and crime keeps abreast of the times.

At Mexico City, a widow is charged with having killed her husband-by atomic means. Alfonso Tessada was a millionaire , and his wife wanted to inherit his fortune,-so says the prosecution. So she fed him -radioactive uranium nitrate. That chemical is important ~~in~~ in atomic science, and is controlled by the Mexican Government. There is no indication how the defendant got the ~~Uranium~~ uranium nitrate. But they say - she fed it to her husband , and the radiation was fatal.

Today's federal judge in Mexico City ruled that there's enough evidence to bring the widow to trial-in the first atomic murder case.

## 1. Rats

In British Columbia, the folks are saying -they've got the smartest rats in the world. Rodents-with a touch of genius. Western Canada has been having bitter weather -so cold that the human race has trouble keeping warm. But the rats-have found a way.

At Duncan, British Columbia, Fred Posch, the manager of a farm, reports that the rodents take refuge-on the backs of sheep. The rats climb up the sheep, and make a nest in the fleecy wool. Riding the sheep in a sort of piggy-back arrangement.

Fred says that , on his farm, every sheep has from three to five of these tenants. Who have -all wool bedding, and-Central heating. Everything but a few slices of cheese-which dont grow on the backs of the sheep.

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## 1. Speed

A new speed record established -and how, / . The previous record cut-into less than half .

Until today, the best time ever made from England to The Sudan, was -fourteen hours and twenty minutes. Set-by a British ~~jet~~ bomber. Today , an airliner flew from London to Khartoum , nonstop, in six hours and 29 minutes. More than 3000 miles-at four-hundred-and-eighty-one miles an hour. A new dazzling exploit-in the story of Jet.

A week ago last Sunday, a Jet airliner, a British Comet, plunged to disaster in the mediterranean. Today, ships of the Royal Navy were still trying to locate the wreckage at the bottom of the sea. To find out-what caused the tragic mishap.

Following the crash, the British grounded all of their Comets. But they had a new type of Comet coming up, and that was the Jet Airliner-which established the new speed record today.

Piloted by ~~A~~ <sup>the</sup> "Cat's <sup>eye's</sup> ~~man~~" that's what they call captain John Cunningham, who was an ace night fighter pilot in the second world war. He could see so well in the dark <sup>!</sup> -"cat's eyes". Today he had a speed of an-aerial jackrabbit.

# 1. TV

A television wedding ended in an uproar in New York today.

When—shortly before the TV ceremony was to be performed, the couple got into a battle, and broke off their engagement.

Tonight, the intended bridegroom is in a psychiatric ward.

They were to have a free honeymoon at the expense of the program—and that's what caused the trouble. The TV people had it

arranged for Princeton, New Jersey. The intended bridegroom said

he preferred California or Florida. The weather being—cold. The

intended bride replied that Princeton, New Jersey, suited her

all right.

He said—California or Florida. She said—New Jersey. So the

next thing you knew they were in a violent quarrel—engagement

broken off.

Later they went to her home and there was trouble—which

landed him in the psychiatric ward. Just TV.

## 1. Sapphire

The "golden willow" has arrived in the United States. The name is misleading; it's neither golden, nor a willow. The color-blue, -- a deep, glowing blue. It's a gem, a jewel, a sapphire! The "golden willow" is the largest sapphire in the world. Now brought to this country from Australia to be sold.

Year before last, a mining prospector, Harold Clifton - was working a small claim in Central Queensland. That's blistering desert country, but it has a wealth of minerals. The prospector, digging around, came upon a large stone-which later on he took to gem experts in Brisbane, who promptly said a magnificent sapphire! The largest on record.

The "Golden Willow" uncut, is as big as the egg of a bantam hen-three hundred and twenty-two carats. The gem was purchased by an Australian contractor, Micheal Sweeney-who arrived in Boston today. Bringing the blue splendor of the "golden willow." Mike - I wonder who will buy it and what will it bring?