

In the Metropolitan opera murder, there is a break tonight. In Atlanta, Detective Superintendent Hildebrand discloses that a young waitress has given information about the killing of the tenor John Garris, who was found shot to death in an Atlanta alley. The waitress was arrested on a narcotics charge, and talked about the murder to a couple of police women.

The detective superintendent refrains from repeating what the information is. But The Atlanta Constitution, in an exclusive article, states that the waitress claims Garris to have been the father of her child. She says she knew the German-born singer three years ago. They met again in Atlanta to talk about arrangements for the care of the child. Another couple was present during the talk, there was an argument and a fight started. A shot was fired, and Garris killed.

R When they found that the Metropolitan Opera tenor was dead, his body was dragged to the alley, where it was found the next morning. Her story implicates an ex-convict who has figured in the case as a "hot suspect".

The police take all this with reservations - and are investigating.

BOMBER

It looks as if one of the most important battles in history may be fought soon - though only a sham battle. A conflict of the sky, scheduled between the fabulous B-36 bomber of the Air Force and the Navy's new twin jet fighter plane.

A Congressional Committee today recommended, virtually ordered, a test to answer the question - could the Navy fighter shoot down the Air Force bomber?

Some while ago, the Air Force made the claim at the Joint Chiefs of Staff that the B-36 could bomb seventy vital targets in Russia without interference - because no fighter plane could possibly touch the super-bomber. This, because the B-36 operates at an altitude of Forty Thousand Feet, Eight miles - that stratospheric height being above the range of any fighter plane.

This Air Force report was a major factor in the recent decision against the super-aircraft carrier planned by the Navy - when Secretary of Defense Louis

Johnson ordered the Navy to stop building the Sixty-Five Thousand ton warship. The logic being that ^{no} such super-carrier was needed because of that super-bomber - since the Air Force B-36, flying from land bases, could bomb any target we might want to hit.

To this the admirals replied that they had a Navy fighter that could knock out the B-36, and cited their new twin ~~engine~~ ^{jet} engine ~~plane~~, which is carrier-based.

So now the controversy has reached Congress, and today a test was recommended - to decide the question. Committee chairman Vinson says he has mentioned the idea to Secretary of Defense Johnson and Air Secretary Symington, and they were both, as he put it, "Enthusiastic." So it looks like an epic-making sham battle on high - the B-36 versus the Navy's jet fighter.

MCCLOY

A number one appointment was made by the White House today, President Truman naming the first American civilian high commissioner for Germany. He is John J. McCloy, who during the recent global conflict was Assistant Secretary of War.

The civilian high commissioner will succeed retiring General Lucius Clay, as the top American authority in occupied Germany. He will hold General Clay's old title of military governor, for a few weeks - until the new western German state is established. Then he'll become the U.S. representative on the American-British-French civilian high commission, which will supervise the new west German government.

The Washington rumor has been that McCloy was likely to get the post, but he was reported reluctant - for financial reasons. His post for the past two years has been that of President of the World Bank, which pays ~~Thirty Thousand Dollars~~ a year - tax free. As American high commissioner in Germany, his pay is not likely to be more than ~~Twenty-Five~~ thousand a year -

Testimony today indicating that there are American counter-espionage agents planted in the Soviet Delegation to the United Nations. The intimation was given at the spy trial of Judy Coplon. This afternoon, an F.B.I. agent, Robert Wirth, was on the witness stand, and the attorney for the defense asked him a question phrased by the news dispatch, as follows: "Has the United States counter-espionage agents working in Embassies, consulates and U. N. delegations of other nations, including Soviet Russia?"

To which the F. B. I. man answered - yes."

RED

There was a noisy scuffle in a Congressional Committee room today - a climax of uproar in the history of witnesses who refuse to say they are not Communists. The witness, Arthur Schutzer, Executive Secretary of the American Labor Party in New York State. He was appearing before a Senate Sub-Committee to testify against a bill for control of the Communist Party.

As he took his place, Chairman Senator O'Connor of Maryland, asked the routine question: "Do you solemnly swear that you are not now or ever have been a member of the Communist Party?"

Schutzer replied that he wanted to make a statement first. The Senator insisted that the Sixty-Four Dollar Question come first. But the labor party Secretary, refusing to answer, started to read his written statement. He was shouting. The Senator was shouting - ordering the witness to leave the stand. The witness refused, yelling protests. Whereupon the Senator beckoned to a capitol guard. Schutzer

struggled and fought, but the hefty guard picked him up bodily, and carried him away.

There was more noisy battle, as guards tried to expel Schutzer from the Committee room. But the Senator told them to let him stay - after which, the American Labor Party Secretary, who refused to answer the Sixty-Four Dollar Question about Communism, stalked out on his own.

SPAIN

In Spain, Franco tonight told the Spanish Parliament that Great Britain made big wartime promises, if Spain stayed out of the war -- and kept the Nazis off Spanish soil. The Dictator in Madrid read a document purporting to show that British Prime Minister Churchill offered to make Spain the strongest ~~the~~ Mediterranean power, at the expense of France and Italy -- if Franco refrained from joining Hitler in the war.

Franco declared, furthermore, that both the United States and Great Britain planned to land armies in Spain for a second front -- a drive against the Germans in France. But this was vetoed by Moscow, the Soviets insisting on landings in France -- the Normandy invasion.

Franco cited all this as an ~~an~~ argument that Spain has been treated badly by the western powers since the end of the war.

SUBSTITUTE U N

The General Assembly of the United Nations ended its current session tonight -- after a last-minute rumpus raised by the Reds. During the final hours, the delegate from Poland put in a demand that the U.N. intervene in the case of Gerhart Eisler -- alleging a violation of international law in the arrest of Eisler in England after he had skipped bail in the United States. The Reds demanded a full debate-- an absurdity, as the session was about to close. Plenty of noise, and the demand was voted down -- after which the Assembly adjourned, the delegates going home.

Earlier in the day, the U N voted to postpone the question of the former Italian colonies until the next session, September. Great Britain and Italy came to an agreement, a compromise, but this failed in the General Assembly.

BLOCKADE

Six days after the lifting of the Berlin blockade, new obstruction by Soviet Russia - when the Reds abruptly, today, put a clamp on trucks carrying provisions to the German capital, saying that a new kind of special permit was needed, the Russians held up hundreds of trucks loaded with perishable food, and allied officials immediately declared that this was a violation of the blockade lifting agreement.

COMMUNIST STUDENT

A Congressional Committee heard evidence today from Hans Freistadt, the Communist student selected to be educated in atomic science by government funds. Twenty-three years old, and born in Austria, he told about the use he would and would not make of scientific training given to him at public expense. He said he would not work on what he called "Aggressive weapons." But he would - on weapons needed for the defense of this country. He declared he would not fight for America if - "We attack Russia." But he would, if the Soviets attacked us - but he doesn't believe they ever would. He denied that Communism seeks to overthrow the United States Government.

Freistadt explained that he was in the U.S. Army as a wartime sergeant, and then went to the University of Chicago. It was there that he joined the ranks of the Reds, becoming a member of the Communist Club. Two North Carolina professors recommended him for the atomic study financed by the Atomic Energy Commission. He said today the two professors must have

known about his Communist beliefs - openly expressed.

All of which is accompanied by a statement from Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming, who announces that he will see to it that no further public money is spent to educate Freistadt or any other Communist. The Senator will have something to say about it, because he is the head of a Senate Sub-Committee on appropriations, which will meet tomorrow to pass on funds for the Atomic Energy Commission.

URANIUM

Investigation by the F B I indicates that there was no espionage involved in the disappearance of ^{that} a small amount of uranium from atomic laboratories in Chicago. The F B I report is made public tonight by Senator Brian MacMahon, Chairman of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee. ^{TR} The uranium, isotope used in the atomic bomb, consisted of shavings left over from a bar of the radioactive metal. Waste material that should have been ^{guarded} carefully, considering the precious character of uranium-two-thirty-five -- but a little more than an ounce vanished. All has been recovered since, except about a quarter of an ounce.

Senator MacMahon was asked - was negligence involved? He refused to answer that.

ROOSEVELT

In Congress, the Democrats have their arms open to give a cordial welcome to a new Congressman, who ran against the regular Democratic candidate, and handed him a thundering political defeat. It's hardly necessary to mention the name of the new

legislator, Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. *Young* refused the Democratic nomination, *and* ran on the ticket of the Liberal Party. But he considers himself a Democrat in Congress, and will be accepted as such - with enthusiasm.

After yesterday's overwhelming victory, F.D.R. Jr. was hailed today with shouts of - "Albany!" The son of the late war president refused to make any comment, on the likelihood of running eventually for Governor of New York State. But his partisans have a vision, strengthened by the memory of that former Franklin D. Roosevelt in the Governor's chair of Albany - which led him to the White House.

~~As for local New York politics, yesterday's election was a stunning defeat for Tammany Hall, and today there were immediate predictions of a prompt~~

overthrow of the present Tammany leadership. Mayor
O'Dwyer, who had a position on the fence in the
Roosevelt battle against Tammany, was today reported
to be taking immediate measures for a change of
leadership.

BOY

~~Out~~ In the west, there are endless grim stories of - lost in the desert. There are tragic tales of death from thirst, men wandering in delirium in the lands of desolation - sun parched, without water, without hope. Now along comes ~~So here's~~ a story of a nine year old boy, lost in the desert, who wandered for two days, and then they found him - okay, in good shape, cheery and chipper.

But how did he survive and even thrive? Today the nine year old said: "I just remembered the desert lore my dad taught me."

The lad, Albert Merle, is the son of a veteran miner, a long time seeker of gold in the bleak, burning sand and rock. A few days ago, the miner set out from Ajo, Arizona, on a prospecting trip, and took the boy with him. Then, somehow, deep in the desert, they became separated, and the nine year old was lost. The frantic father searched for him, but couldn't find him - gave the alarm. There was a widespread search, with bloodhounds, airplanes. But there was no sign of the lost boy - until, as the news tells today, he was picked up, all fine and dandy.

He tells how he did it. He had a small canteen of water, and his father had often told him - drink only a few drops at a time if you are lost in the desert. That makes the water last longer. For food, the lad ate the hardened sap of that familiar ^{shrub} ~~tree~~ of the burning waste land, the Mesquite. "I slept in the daytime, and traveled by night," he says. Moving around at night kept him from being attacked by mountain lions or wild hogs - a danger to anyone lying asleep. "That," said the boy today, "is the code of the desert."

He saw two search planes fly over him, ~~XXXXX~~ scrambled up a hillside, waved to them, - and, with rocks, he spelled out the word "Help." The planes didn't see him, but he kept up his courage - as a nine year old could ^{who} ~~only because he~~ knew the lore of the desert, which his father had taught him.

MARRIAGE

From Knoxville, Tennessee, a story to remind us of the fact that automobiles have a place in the ways of modern romance - but different, sometimes, from what you might imagine. The lure of a bright new car - but not in a way you might expect.

The romance, in fact, began with a twist of the unexpected - baby sitting. At Knoxville, the Brendle family had three children, headed by a sixteen year old boy, Luther. They engaged a baby sitter for the younger ones - not, of course, for Luther. But, the fifteen year old girl, named Eugenia, hired to sit with the babies, ran away with Luther. They went to Georgia, and were married.

Today, Eugenia filed suit against Luther's family, charging them with breaking up her marriage. She says they ordered Luther back to Knoxville, but he refused. She says they tried to get him extradited, but it didn't work. They had him arrested, and filed an annulment suit without his knowledge, - but Luther still refused to leave his baby-sitter bride.

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So how, then, did they finally succeed in breaking up the marriage? Eugenia claims her in-laws did it by offering Luther - an automobile. She says they lured him with the promise of a new car - and this the sixteen year old husband found irresistible. Which Luther denies, but Eugenia says it's true - he preferred a convertible to his baby-sitter bride.

HOUSE

At Norwalk, Connecticut, Zebulon Sattick found a wrecking crew tearing down his house. Starting in with vim and vigor, they had already ripped out a doorway and part of a floor. Zebulon made a loud, indignant protest. Whereupon the wrecking crew took another look at their paper of instructions. It was the wrong house. They were tearing down the wrong home. The wrecking crew got red in the face. What Zebulon had to say was - purple.

Relax - Have you ever made a trip to... like how - Morgan, one of our... high... did when he was with us... Calif?

GOLF

What would you say to a golfer who takes out insurance against making a hole-in-one? Today in London, Lloyds offered a policy, protecting the golfer against what we over here regard as the luckiest exploit. The premium Twelve shillings and Sixpence, about two dollars and a half, and the policy covers full damages incurred.

The answer is that in England, the ancient custom is that a golfer who makes a hole-in-one, has to pay for a round of double whiskies for everybody in the clubhouse. At the present scale of prices in England, a double whiskey costs Six Shillings, a dollar and twenty cents - and, if the clubhouse happens to be crowded, you can see the need of insurance against good luck so expensive as a hole-in-one.

Nelson - Have you ever made a hole-in-one - - like How-Morgens, one of our Ivory high moguls did when he was with us recently in Calif?