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NIGHT SHOW. January 12th

GANDHI - (In New Delhi tonight ~~Mohandas~~ Gandhi announces that he will go on hunger strike tomorrow - this time until he dies. Gandhi says he prefers the "glorious delivery of death" to the destruction of India by religious strife.)

The aged spiritual leader of Hindu India announced the intention of ending his life by fasting, after

India's deputy prime minister, Patel - "The Iron Man

of India" they call him - ^{stated} ~~declared~~ that if war came between India and, Pakistan, ^{Hindu} India would sweep the

Moslem ^{India} ~~state~~ from end to end. ~~The~~ Iron Man ^{Patel} made

this pronouncement ^{at a moment} when India and Pakistan are almost

at war over ^{those as a result of} ~~the Moslem~~ guerilla invasion of the Hindu state of Kashmir.

Then, tonight, ^{came} Gandhi's awesome words - and they created a profound sensation in New Delhi. ^d Hindus and Moslems alike

streamed to the Mahatma's villa, and begged him to

shook his head sadly -- replied that he forgo his intention. But Gandhi ^{was} resolute. ~~He~~

Then, after

had an interview with Earl Mountbatten, the Governor General and Prime Minister Nehru, and went ahead

with the little who more than anyone else - a 1000 times over more responsible than anyone for India winning independence, went ahead with the preparations for his "fast till death":

"I urge everyone to let me die," ^{weasened, aged Mahatma,} said the old man, ^{death will} he added: - "death will"

be a glorious deliverance. My fasting will only end

when there is a reunion in the hearts of all communities"

When the crowds of callers tried to dissuade

him, he appealed to everyone to leave him alone. "I am

in God's hands," ^{he told them.} ~~said~~ "I fast because I must. I

urge everyone to let me die" ^{in Delhi, and} And, tonight ~~his friends~~

^{through out the vast peninsula of Hindustan, from Cape Comorin to the Himalayan fastnesses of Sikkim and Bhutia,} friends are weeping, because they know that every day Mohandas

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi is a man of his words, ^{and also} ~~Gandhi fasts is endangering his life~~ and they know ^{that} there

is little hope of peace between Hindu and Moslem.

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BERLIN

Several days ago, (the official newspaper of the Red Army intimated broadly that the Soviet Government proposed to throw John Bull and Uncle Sam out of Berlin.) The reason, Bizonia, the British-American agreement to unify their occupation zones in western Germany. The Russians claim this is a violation of the Potsdam Agreement.

The day after that article was ^bpublished, Red soldiers in Berlin fired five bullets into the car of a major in the United States Air Force. Yesterday the Soviet authorities detained by force two official American motor cars, and ~~kept~~ kept their occupants under arrest for three hours. In those cars were officials of the American military government, including Herman B. Wells, President of Indiana University, on loan to the government and adviser to General Lucius Clay, the American Commander-in-Chief.

Wells and another official of the A.M.G. were driving through the Russian sector of Berlin when they saw an American car standing still, surrounded by seven or eight Red Army

soldiers, brandishing sub-machine guns. Wells stopped his car to investigate, and saw two Americans, one of them an official of the A.M.G., and his ~~wife~~ wife in the car. The Red soldiers then surrounded Wells' car, climbed aboard, and ordered both cars driven to Russian command headquarters. There the Americans were subjected to questioning for three hours. After that they telephoned for American military police to come and get them. The Russians, although curt, were polite.

The inference of this sequence of events is that they are part of a deliberate campaign on the part of the (Russians to get tough with us and the British, and make it as difficult as possible for us to carry on in Berlin.)

BUDGET

The new national budget! Almost forty billions, President Truman wants. Two billion more than for the present fiscal year ending June Thirtieth.

Mr. Truman says this budget is more realistic and hard-boiled than his last one, a boomtime program, dismissing any idea of recession within the next eighteen months.

The Federal Director of the budget figures that our national income will be a hundred and ninety-two billions this coming year. And the Department of Commerce prophesies more than two hundred billions.

President Truman avowedly throws down the gauntlet and defies the Republicans to cut taxes. Tax reduction, says he, is out of the question until we have met our national responsibilities and can see our way clear to a peaceful and prosperous world. He admits he's asking for a large budget, but adds that it can't be helped in view of the international situation and inflation at home.

He defies his critics to cut down the appropriations for national defense, and intimates that

every dollar of it is needed to keep up our armed strength.

He acknowledges that there will be a surplus of twelve billion dollars for these two years, but will not consider a dollar of that for ~~g~~ tax reduction. That, he says, must go to cutting down our two-hundred-and-fifty-eight billion dollar national debt, to help curb inflation.

The President insists that he is doing everything he can to cut down nonessential government spending. But - if the inflation spiral continues, if Congress refuses to give him price control, wage control and rationing, then he'll have to ask for more money later in the year to meet the increased cost of living for members of the armed forces, federal employees and veterans.

Four hundred million dollars of the money will be to start the universal military training program, which eventually will cost some two billion a year. But, that military training program may not get through Congress

this year!

For international affairs and finance, he says we shall be spending seven billion, nine hundred millions.

He also wants a long-range housing program, highway extensions, a wider Social Security set-up, more flood control, and federal grants to several states for education.

A whopping budget, indeed, which shows how costly it is to be a great world power.

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What are the lawmakers saying in answer to the President's challenge? Some say it's full of frills and gingerbread.

Democratic Senator Johnson of Colorado, declares that it ought to be cut by almost five billion. Foreign aid, he continued, was one of the places where we could make a handsome saving Democrat Byrd of Virginia was more caustic than any of the Republicans. He describes the

budget as bloated with federal spending; Mr. Truman gambling with our national solvency. Republican Taber of New York, Chairman of Appropriations, shouted that it's way, way too high. And he reminded the House that they were able to cut two billion, nine-hundred-and-sixty-seven million out of last year's budget; well, they ought to do even better this year.

Senator Lucas of Illinois, the Democratic whip, is another member of the minority favoring economy.

Taft of Ohio, more cautious than usual, remarked that it seemed too high to him, but he wants more time to digest it.

MARSHALL PLAN

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While Secretary of State Marshall appeared before the Foreign relations Committee of the House today, Secretary of Commerce Harriman and Ambassador Lewis Douglas, were appearing before the Senate Committee; employing all their powers of persuasion to counteract the growing opposition and the talk of heavy cuts in that first appropriation of six billion, eight hundred millions for which the President is asking to cover the first fifteen months. Some want to cut that sum almost in half, although President Truman in his message said his figure was rock bottom.

General Marshall today reminded the Congressmen that this great crisis has to be met, and that if we do not act, other forces will step in, meaning the Soviets, to settle the future pattern of civilization in Europe.

General Marshall repeated his firm opposition to the idea of a government corporation, with a board of directors, to run the program. He says it must be under the control of the State Department.

Averill Harriman, told the Senators that his own department should keep its control over all exports, allocations and priorities in connection with this. And that whatever agency Congress selects for administering the relief program should not have the final authority over what supplies go to which countries. So he seems to want the control divided between the ~~State~~ State and Commerce Departments.

Senator Vandenberg shocked supporters of the Marshall program, by interrupting proceedings and declaring there is nothing sacred or unchangeable about that six billion, eight hundred million.

Congress, he said, might reduce it, might even increase it. That the plan isn't going to be ruined if the lawmakers make some changes in it.

The United States Chamber of Commerce went on ~~the~~ record today in favor of the corporation plan. That we give to Europe, and do it as a sensible business investment under sensible American control, with every dollar to produce ^{maximum} ~~maximum~~ results. And that the notion of our return to an isolation policy is an infantile delusion now held by few people.

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At Lake Success today, the political head of the Jewish Agency asked for help from the United Nations, on the grounds that having voted for the partition of Palestine, the world organization should now provide the means of enforcing it. All of which means money, arms and a military force that the United Nations doesn' have. The Jewish Agency also asks that arms and money be provided for the new Jewish State -- to be sent through United Nations channels.

Another bank robbery in Tel Aviv. Ten armed men stole a truck at an army camp early today. They then made use of it to create a traffic jam on the street named after the great Field Marshal Lord Allenby, who liberated the Holy Land in World War I. On that street is a branch of Barclay's Bank. ~~Six~~ The seven masked robbers went into the bank, armed with Tommy guns, scooped up all the cash and valuables in sight, and robbed all the customers. Getting away with some fifty thousand dollars.

British engineers today partially repaired the historic bridge of Jacob's Daughter, across the River Jordan, which men of Hagannah blew up yesterday.

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The report is that, in Palestine they are waiting to see what move King Abdullah of Trans-jordania is going to make. Abdullah has the best trained army in the Near East, armored units plus an Arab legion trained by British officers. If he sends his army into Palestine - then war will be on in earnest.

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OLYMPIC

When Walter Winchell mentioned my name in his broadcast last night in connection with the Winter Olympic Games, he gave me much more credit than I am entitled to. He said that for full ~~the~~ particulars ~~anyone could~~ ask me; and get the entire story. He was referring to the preview ~~and~~ of two ski films, ~~their first showing,~~ at Carnegie Hall, New York, this coming Thursday ~~in late afternoon, at five-thirty:~~ Dick Durrance's film, ~~entitled~~ Olympic Preview, and Luggi Foeger's new one, Rhythm on Snow. ~~This affair being an emergency event,~~ ^{It's all} an eleventh hour attempt to avert what you might call a national disgrace. Our Olympic Team ~~had~~ left for Switzerland several weeks ago, with only about half the money raised for their expenses.

Well, my telephone has been ringing steadily

today, people asking me to go on with the story referred to by Walter Winchell. ^{So I have been} ~~I have~~ ~~just~~ checked ⁱⁿ with officials of the Olympic Committee and sub-committees, and here briefly is what happened:

~~We have an all-over Olympic Committee of which Asa Bushnell of Princeton, New Jersey, is general Secretary. But, there is a special ~~new~~ Olympic committee for the winter games: Al Sigal of California, the head of that.~~ In raising funds the country was divided into seven divisions, states where skiing is a major sport. Each division was assigned its quota of funds to be raised to pay for sending our team to Switzerland. ^{And} The team ^{now in} ~~is in~~ Switzerland. Our olympic stars are participating in races at the present moment. ^{But} ~~And~~ still not nearly all of the funds have been raised ⁻⁻⁻ which some folks have been telling me they consider very nearly

national disgrace.

Of the seven divisions, California,
^{The} Southern Rocky Mountain division, and the Inter
Mountain Division, [^] these including Colorado,
New Mexico, Utah, Arizona and a part of Wyoming --
are from four to twenty-three percent over-subscribed.
Sun Valley, one [^] ^{lone} community, ~~was~~ designated as a
separate division, and [^] ^{the} Sun Valley ^{Folks did} ~~crowd~~ have done
a great job.

However, it should be added that in some
of those states the quota is quite small, especially
so in view of the fact that some of those states
are exceedingly well-represented on the Olympic Team.

In the raising of funds the division^s that
have [^] ^{it made their quotas} ~~fallen down~~ are the Pacific Northwest,
Washington and Oregon, and northern Rocky Mountain,
Montana and part of Wyoming; the ~~S~~ Central Division

made up of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota,
and Illinois, thirty-five percent under subscribed,
and the Eastern, which is the largest division,
which is about fifty percent ^{(under-subscribed.} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

~~IF~~ So, to remedy this shocking situation, our Olympic
team in Europe and the funds for their expenses not
raised, it was decided to stage a premier of the new
Durrance, Luggi ~~Rugg~~ Foeger films at Carnegie
Hall, this Thursday afternoon, at five-thirty. I
have been asked to act as master of ceremonies,
that is, in conjunction with a famous skier, John
Jay, author of that fascinating new book, Skiing
The Americas.

That's the story, or most of it -- and a few
of us are making an *eleventh hour attempt to* *get all this fixed,*
So, if you want to help the ~~do the right thing~~ by our
Olympic Team and at the same time help the National
Ski Patrol, the all-important organization built

up by Minot "Minnie" Dole and a number of other
enthusiasts. The Ski Patrol System without which
skiing as a popular sport could not exist.

GOLD - There is a gold rush on at Monterey, California, people digging gold, ~~from the ground~~ on the hundredth anniversary of the discovery of gold in California.

~~This gold however is in the form of twenty dollar pieces, not panning dust and nuggets, or tapping a quartz and not pay dirt,~~ Although it pays off just the same -

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piece of silver
or silverware.

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to the tune of sixty or seventy dollars for every gold piece dug out of the ground by the eager prospectors.

The find was made by workmen digging ^a foundations

for ~~a new school house, with a bulldozer.~~ The first strike brought up a jar contain a hundred-and-twenty-five gold pieces. When the news got round, hundreds of people flocked to try their luck, digging and scratching through the night ~~taxi~~ ^{by the} light of lanterns.

The coins, we are told, were buried in 1900 by a recluse who never got round to telling where he had hidden his fortune before he died. How much wealth there is in the ground on which the schoolhouse is going to be built, no-one knows, but people are digging frantically, hoping to strike it rich.

Gold 2.

Gold in can, gold in jars, twenty dollar ^{gold} pieces
^{each} worth seventy dollars today. ^{So} No-wonder there's a
gold rush at Monterey. Quite appropriate that it
should turn up just a hundred years after the
discovery of gold in California.

TRANSPORT

Less than two hours ago, a small squadron of Army transports and merchant ships completed a dramatic rescue on the high seas, shipped into towering waves by a fierce wind. Uncle Sam's transport, Joseph V. Connolly, is a total loss, burned to the water's edge, with her crew and one lone passenger safe; forty-six of them aboard the rescue ships. But they were fortunate.

The Joe Connolly was on her way to Antwerp with a cargo of empty caskets, to bring back the bodies of our fighting men. She caught fire during the night, and the flames made such headway her master gave order to abandon ship at daybreak. At seven this morning, the last signal was received from the doomed vessel. The transport General R. E. Callan, the merchant vessel Union Victory, the freighter Josephine Lykes, and the transport S. S. Morrison Waite, hurried to the rescue. Coast Guard vessels were rushed to the scene, while the Air and Rescue Squadron of Uncle Sam's Air Force based on Bermuda sent two B-17s and a B-29 to the position last reported by the Joe Connolly. It was not until three forty-five this afternoon, Eastern Standard Time,

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that the transport General Callan located with the Connolly with its radar beams, then caught sight of the burning ship and the lifeboats.

From that time on it was a race against darkness and towering waves. The Callan immediately began rescue operations, picked up one boatload of survivors. By that time the Union Victory and the Josephine Lykes also reached the scene. The Union Victory picked up two shiploads of survivors, and by five fifteen Coast Guard headquarters in New York received the radio report that every soul had been saved.

WEATHER

More cold weather heading this way, from Canada.

A forty mile an hour wind is blowing low temperatures into the U.S.A. from the mouth of the McKenzie River.

The thermometer will be down to twenty-five degrees

below tonight in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, South

Dakota, Nebraska. And, in two days, the eastern states

will get it. Storm warnings have been posted on the

Great Lakes. So says the weather man.

*That ought
bring joy to all skiers — and
bring them to the support of the
Olympic Team + N. S. I. P.*