

The word in Paris is -- deadlock.

The West rejected a Soviet proposal for unified control of Berlin -- a proposal featured by the Red veto. Turning that down, the Western powers handed Vishinsky a program of their own - he to give his reply tomorrow. If he says "no" the Western powers decide there is no chance to break the deadlock, and move to bring ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> four-power parley to an early end -- a failure.

FACT

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee okays the North Atlantic Security Pact. The committee voted unanimously today - urging the treaty as a measure necessary to stop aggression by Soviet Russia.

~~(The okay is accompanied by the qualifying statement that the Security Pact would give to the President no new authority to use American troops without the consent of Congress.)~~

## ATOMIC

Congress was told today that the army does not want control of atomic energy. The statement was made by Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, in a letter to Senator McMahon, the Chairman presiding over the inquiry. In the investigation going on, it has been intimated that the attacks made on atomic Energy Chairman David Lilienthal have been incited, in part, by the desire of the Armed Forces to get their hands on the atom. This, the Secretary of Defense denies, saying: "We have no desire to handle the (atomic) matter. We have none now, we want none of it in the future."



COPLON

In the Judy<sup>h</sup><sub>^</sub> Coplon trial, it is revealed that atomic research instruments were shipped to Soviet Russia in Nineteen Forty-Seven - ~~shipped~~ surreptitiously. There were three shipments of instruments for atomic science - two were intercepted but one got through.

This was revealed in one of the notes the F.B.I. agents claim they found in the purse of Judy<sup>h</sup><sub>^</sub> Coplon when they arrested her while meeting the alleged Soviet secret agent, Gubichek. The F.B.I. did not want to have these papers made public in the trial - international reasons. But the trial judge insisted that the contents of Judy<sup>h</sup><sub>^</sub> Coplon's purse must be available as evidence - in prosecuting her.

~~An F.B.I. witness stated today that the note in question had been planted, so that Judy<sup>h</sup><sub>^</sub> Coplon, employed in the Department of Justice, could take it. He said the note was partly<sup>h</sup><sub>^</sub> true and partly false, the F.B.I. having a way of slipping false~~



## CHAMBERS

In New York, Whittaker Chambers explains why he committed perjury before the Grand Jury - the same Grand Jury that brought about the indictment of Alger Hiss for perjury. ~~Chambers declared that he lied because he did not want to injure his former friend, Alger Hiss - one-time important official at the State Department in Washington.~~

Chambers testified today that both before the Grand Jury and before the Committee on Un-American Activities, he tried to expose Communist espionage in the State Department - but did not want to injure anybody, naming names. So, at that time, October of last year, he swore that he did not know any government official who was guilty in the Red spying - and in that way he perjured himself seven times. Later, in December, he finally came through with the whole story - and named Alger Hiss.

## TAFT-HARTLEY

The Taft-Hartley battle flares with a rumpus between union leaders - President Philip Murray of the C. I. O. hurling a blast today against John L. Lewis, head of the miners union. Yesterday, Lewis, most formidable of the chieftains of labor, fired a cannonade at both Murray, and President William Green of the A.F. of L - charging them with having agreed secretly to a compromise in the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law. Today Murray denies this, calls for outright repeal, and charges John L. Lewis with what he calls - "False and malicious libels". A battle of the labor giants.

## PLANES

There is bitter irony in that tragic air crash of Puerto Rico today. A great skyliner, with seventy-five aboard.

The savage fish of the tropics. That, apparently, was why so many lives were lost - fifty-three. It seems to have been a case of the terror of the baracuda.

The big plane -- a former U.S. Army transport -- took off from San Juan, bound for Miami. In the air only a few minutes, one motor went out, and the pilot had to make a forced landing in the sea - only about two-hundred yards from the shore. The passengers were ordered to put on their lifebelts, and get out. The plane staying afloat for six minutes.

But the passengers were Puerto Ricans, and they knew the terrifying legend of the baracuda in their own home waters. So that, it seems, is why more of them did not get out. They stayed in the sinking cabin. The crew members were Americans, and most of them survived - the hostess, for example, clinging for hours to a rock jutting out in the water. All who escaped, survived by



swimming or floating, twenty or thirty Americans and Puerto Ricans - and there seems to have been no attack by baracuda. Yet the mere terror of that ferocious killer of the tropical sea, appears to have been one reason for the tragic loss of life.

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Another Latin-American air crash today, this one in Brazil - when a Brazilian Air Force plane, with twenty-six aboard, flew into a mountain, all lives lost.

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In the Philippines - a trial in connection with an air crash a month ago. With nine passengers and four crewmen aboard, the plane was flying from an outlying island to Manila - and vanished. Today at Manila, six persons were put on trial for planting a time-bomb aboard that airliner so that it exploded in the air. Why so merciless a crime? A Philippine love triangle, we are told. The story pictures a jealous wife, her husband aboard the plane.

## BURMA

Today the Library of Congress accepted a gift from far off Burma - six hundred volumes bound in leather and gold in book cases made of the finest Burmese teakwood. Something precious? The story behind it all indicates how precious.

Last year the librarian in charge of books of southern Asia, paid a visit to Burma. He is Cecil Hobbs, formerly a Baptist missionary in Burma. So now he was given a rare privilege - invited to attend a meeting of the Council of the Maha Sangha, the chief ecclesiastical body of Burmese Buddhists, composed of some twenty monks of the highest rank who govern about twenty thousand monasteries. So far as is known, no other American or European has ever attended a session of the Council of the Maha Sangha.

Cecil Hobbs told them that there was in all America no copy of the sacred scriptures of the Hinayana branch of Buddhism - which prevails in Burma. He intimated, moreover, that the Library of

Congress would like to have a set of those holy books.

There are two great branches of Buddhism, the Hinayana, which means - the lesser vehicle. And the Mahayana - the greater vehicle. The Hinayana, was the original Buddhism - as it flourished the first five hundred years. It featured mystical philosophies that centered around Buddha. That was the simpler form, the lesser vehicle. Then, about the beginning of the Christian era a more elaborate theology developed, the greater vehicle - with a riot of divine beings, and Bodhisatvas.

In India, the land of Buddha, Buddhism died out. But, at the same time, it spread afar in other lands. The Mahayana branch, the greater vehicle, moved north through Kyber Pass, into Afghanistan, Bactria, and on into Turkistan, Mongolia, China, Tibet, Japan. While the lesser vehicle, the Hinayana, spread eastward - into Burma and Siam.

So no wonder the Library of Congress wanted

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a set of the Hinayana scriptures - as librarian Cecil Hobbs told the Council of the Maha Sangha.

The response of that highest ecclesiastical body in Burma was <sup>an</sup> immediate - yes. They solicited public subscriptions, five thousand rupees was to be raised, sixteen hundred dollars American money. The fund was over-subscribed three times, and a set of the sacred books was prepared - with the finest workmanship that Burma knows.

The ceremony of sending them lasted a whole day. The massive cases of six hundred volumes were carried by one hundred Buddhist nuns down the three hundred steps of the Shwedagon, the golden pagoda of Rangoon. - <sup>There they</sup> ~~was~~ were placed in ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> chariot of flashing gold. In this they were paraded through the streets of Rangoon, attended by one hundred crowded buses and private cars. Along the route, crowds of people fell on their knees, and worshipped the sacred scriptures of Hinayana Buddhism, carried in a golden chariot.

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So today, at the Library of Congress, the books were received with ceremony too. But not quite like that.

## GOLD

Wild speculation in gold -- in London and Johannesburg, South Africa. Financial frenzy exploded by a rich strike on a farm in the Orange free state -- called the greatest find of gold ever known in South Africa. That started a boom in gold stocks - which rose to a climax today, with the report of an even richer strike on another farm. The gold market went wild, followed by denial of that second report -- and then a panic of selling. But gold stocks rallied for another upward surge later in the day -- wild financial gyrations in London and South Africa.



## CALIFORNIA ESCAPE

California has drama of escape tonight - a fugitive speeding in a stolen automobile, in the trunk of which is a load of dynamite. And he does not know it. La Verne Speer and his brother Gerald over-powered two deputies transporting them into San Quentin. Gerald was re-captured this morning, but his brother is at large. It is believed that he stole the missing automobile of an oil worker, who had fifty pounds of high explosive stowed in the car.

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## DESPERADOES

The mid-western manhunt about which we heard last night ~~comes to an end~~<sup>ended</sup> in unexpected fashion. A washed-out bridge in Kansas, where they had a flash flood. A speeding car, the fugitives in it. The car hits the washed-out bridge and - crash.

~~The manhunt began when a policeman was killed in an attempted hold-up in Minneapolis, three bandits involved.~~ They stole cars and took hostages during days of wild flight - stole at least half a dozen cars, changing from one to the other, and snatched seven hostages, releasing them all eventually.

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man stagger onto his front porch - a man babbling incoherently about a wreck. The farmer investigated, and found the car smashed up, after running into the washed-out bridge - two men unconscious in the wreck. So there was an extra, an added individual - and he, it seems, is a hitch-hiker whom the two bandits picked up. A hitch-hiker who innocently took a ride with desperate fugitives. All three - badly injured.



GOVERNOR

California and Florida are known to have a bit of ~~xx~~ rivalry, but now its -- marriage. The

Governor of Florida is going to marry a young

society woman of Los Angeles. Governor Fuller Warren

*of Florida,*

met Barbara Manning while he was on a visit to

California. Today she said -- "it was love at first

sight". It will be his third marriage, and her

first. The governor's bride will live in Florida.

She puts it in these tactful words -- "it's a

wonderful idea to live in Florida, because I am

sure Florida is just as nice as California."

## ENGAGEMENT

Tonight Elizabeth Taylor, the seventeen year old film star, and Lieutenant Glenn Davis, one-time West Point football hero - both deny they were ~~ex~~ ever engaged. This -- following stories that Glenn Davis, of the famous combination of Blanchard and Davis, had been ~~kn~~ jilted by the young actress.

She is to marry William D. Pawley, son of the wealthy ex-Ambassador to Brazil -- their engagement announced formally this afternoon at Miami Beach, Florida, on the Pawley estate. With her fiancée beside her, Elizabeth Taylor flashed a huge diamond engagement ring. She said that yes, Glenn Davis had given her a small gold football, which she had worn as any young girl might wear a gift. ~~Sm~~ But never any talk of marriage.

## BURGLAR

There's one type of robber who is just about the lowest form of thief - the pants burglar. In a hold-up, he makes his victim remove his trousers, so as to avoid pursuit down the street. Because, what gentleman, of delicate sensibilities, would want to appear on a public thoroughfare in his B V D's? As a result, the pants burglar is rarely, if ever, pursued by the victim.

Today two robbers invaded a snack bar at Hartford, Connecticut, ~~they~~ held up the Proprietor, Edward Mandell, and two customers; - at and the point of a pistol compelled them to remove their nether garments - the old wicked way of the pants burglar. They were also going to tie up snack bar proprietor Mandell and his two customers, but were interrupted, and dashed out - taking along the three pairs of trousers.

But what they never reckoned with was the spirit of Mandell. He was not one to let himself be robbed, pants or no pants. Moreover, in one



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pocket of that pair of trousers of his, carried off by the fleeing crooks, was three-hundred-and-twenty-five dollars. So what now - Mandell?

The answer was prompt. Mandell dashed out into the street - in B V D's. The citizens of Hartford gazed in astonishment, and ladies blushed - as Mandell, in his underwear, ran down the street. Pursuing the robbers, he caught up with them, but only after three blocks - that long a chase in his unconventional attire, with hundreds of people staring.

But Mandell caught the crook who was carrying the Mandell trousers - that robber being in jail tonight. The first thing Mandell did was to feel in the pocket for the three-hundred-and-twenty-five dollars, and then with dignity, he put on his pants.

## MOVIES

News from the world of movies - a volcanic story to begin with. It's about Ingrid Bergman and Italian film director Rossellini, about whom there have been volcanic stories of romance. They <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ making a picture on the Island of Stromboli, with the famous fire mountain <sup>to</sup> to complete the volcanic aspect.

Today it's the mountain that is erupting - Stromboli, bursting into new flaming activity, and sending a large stream of incandescent lava pouring down towards the sea. So they <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ going to shoot a scene <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ la Bergman running in dramatic fashion to the river of glowing white hot lava.

The actress, co-starring with an erupting volcano.

<sup>TP</sup> Rossellini <sup>and Ingrid Bergman were in Rome</sup> ~~was in Palermo today, nearly~~ <sup>today</sup> ~~today~~ when the volcanic tidings arrived. He

immediately telegraphed orders to his cameramen on the Island to start shooting pictures, while he chartered a plane to get there as soon as possible.

An interesting triangle of a new kind - the director and the actress and the volcano. Rossellini,

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Bergman, and Stromboli. Hot romance - especially the volcano.

In Boston, Judy Garland tells about her dilemma - the film singer and actress at bitter odds with the Hollywood-powers that-be. She has been in a hospital, and here's what she has been doing, in her own words: "Learning to sleep all over again - without sleeping pills." She has been under treatment for insomnia, and the sleeping pill habit. Today she said: "What can you do? You get so exhausted working on a picture that you can't sleep. But you know you've got to sleep, because you have to face that camera in the morning."

In Hollywood, <sup>about that</sup> an uproar staged by Lila Leeds, the blond starlet who was convicted in the famous marijuana case along with Robert Mitchum, the idol of the bobby soxers. Lila Leeds served a term in



jail, and since then has been in trouble with the police on a traffic charge. Last night she got into a jam in a swanky cafe, and today brings the noisy details.

The story is that the blond starlet was drinking with two young women companions, when the bartender refused to sell any more drinks to Lila. That made her angry, and the two other girls tried to take her out. Which started a rumpus, and witnesses declare that Lila took a swing at one of her pals.

Today the cafe manager said: "I thought I'd heard every cuss word in the world, but she taught me a hundred I never heard before."

The climax came with the arrival of the cops. They found Lila and her two friends a couple of blocks away from the cafe, and invited Lila into their police car. She put up a battle, kicking and screaming, as they took her off to jail. Lila told the cops: "I'm just a little seventeen year

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old girl trying to get home to mother." After  
which pathetic remark she said plaintively: I  
only had three drinks - the first drinks in a month."

They are hard-hearted men, those police -  
throwing into a dungeon a little seventeen year old  
girl trying to get home to mother.

## ADD MOVIES

Today Lila Leeds pleaded in court and said the police were all wrong about her being drunk. She explained that they gave her a walking test for sobriety. So she gave them a ballet step, and ~~as~~ they thought it was a drunken stagger. Well, the moral would seem to be -- when the cops give you a walking test don't dance a ballet.



ARMY

The Army has a new Secretary -- Gordon Gray, who hitherto has been Under-Secretary. The interesting angle is that in World War Two Gordon Gray was a buck private, a G I -- now a top official in Washington, Secretary of the Army. How's that, Nelson?