

INDIA

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Tonight in India, Prime Minister Nehru told the Indian people: "We have pulled ourselves out before a great disaster overwhelmed us." The disaster -- a war between India and Moslem Pakistan. The means of averting this -- an agreement ~~demanding~~ to make an end to the savage out-breaks between Hindus and Moslems.

That religious <sup>feud</sup> ~~feud~~ has long been the curse of the great sub-continent of Southern Asia. And recently, new episodes of wholesale violence and murder brought threats of war between the Hindu and Moslem states.

But today, a simultaneous announcement <sup>of an agreement was</sup> ~~was~~ made by Premier Nehru of India, and Premier <sup>Liaquat</sup> ~~Ali~~ Kahn of Pakistan. The terms ~~of which~~ call for each government to use the sternest measures ~~to stop the strife, quell the agitation promoting religious hatred, halt the spread of dangerous rumors, and suppress any sign of an out break. Both governments guaranteed~~ to protect the security and equality of the religious minorities. Which averts what Prime Minister Nehru calls "an international catastrophe".

## BRIDGES

Harry Bridges gets -- a prison sentence  
No fine -- the judge at San Francisco explaining  
this afternoon that he was not imposing any money  
penalty because the cash would only come out of a  
till of the longshoremens union. The workers would  
pay. So, he gave the waterfront labor leader a  
flat sentence of five years in prison -- punishment  
for perjury and conspiracy committed by Harry  
Bridges when he gained American citizenship by  
swearing he was not a Communist.

The two union officials, tried along with  
him, get two years each -- as the Judge closed the  
proceedings in the trial of the most powerful  
left-wing labor leader in the United States.

Bridges <sup>remains</sup> ~~is~~ out on bail, pending an appeal -- his  
lawyers declaring they will go right up to the  
Supreme Court. Moves will be made later to revoke  
the American citizenship ~~of~~ obtained <sup>(fraudulently</sup> ~~fraudulently~~  
by the Australia-born union chief,

## HOLLYWOOD CONVICTIONS

U.S.

The <sup>U.S.</sup> Supreme Court today refused to review the case of two of the Hollywood writers convicted of contempt of Congress. Two -- of the eleven, brought before a congressional committee a couple of years ago, during the investigation of Communism in Hollywood. They all refused to answer the sixty-four-dollar question -- Are you a Communist? Whereupon, they were tried for Contempt of Congress and sentenced each to a year in jail, and a fine of one thousand dollars.

Deciding to appeal all the way to the Supreme Court, <sup>the</sup> ten Hollywood writers signed an agreement to let the whole thing rest on an appeal made by two of them -- Dalton Trumbo and John Howard Lawson. They would stake the fate of all on the <sup>plea</sup> ~~appeal~~ made by the two -- and now, the Supreme Court hands down the final decision. The conviction was upheld by a lower Federal Court, and this the high tribunal declines to review. Refusing to consider an appeal.

The sentences in prospect are a year in jail, ~~it certainly makes it look as if the ten~~ and a ten thousand dollar fine. ~~motion picture writers, who figured in the investigation~~

## MCCARTHY

Senator McCarthy has given to the investigating committee the name of his star witness, and the name will be made public tomorrow. The witness -- to testify before the committee on Thursday, ~~and~~ <sup>He is expected to</sup> swear that Far Eastern expert, Owen Lattimore was a member of the Communist party for many years, and took orders from the leadership of the Reds. Once again today, the Wisconsin Senator was asked -- Is the witness Louis Budenz, former editor of the Communist<sup>s</sup> Daily Worker, who turned against the Red doctrines and is now a professor at Fordham University. "No comment," said McCarthy.

At the same time, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts denies that he is convinced of Lattimore's innocence. Lodge was included in the statement made by <sup>Chairman</sup> Senator Tydings of Maryland, who said that other committee members agreed with him ~~or~~ <sup>that</sup> a summary of the F.B.I. reports in the loyalty file cleared Lattimore completely. ~~But not~~ Senator Lodge takes exception to this, and denies that he agrees with

MARS

A Japanese astronomer reports what appears to be a volcanic eruption on the planet Mars. Dr. Saiki, director of an observatory near Osaka, says that on five successive nights this month, he noted strange new clouds on the surface of the red planet.

Through his powerful telescope, he studied dense, billowing formations -- which were gray at first, then turned yellow, blue, and finally white. He won't say definitely that these clouds were from a huge, erupting volcano on Mars -- but that's the best guess.

## WEATHER

Iowa has called upon the National Guard to repair the ravages of an ice storm on Easter. -- One hundred twenty-five Iowa towns crippled, communications disrupted, power lines down, with rubbish and debris all over the place.

Worst hit of all was Clinton, a city of thirty thousand -- where today, ninety percent of the homes and business places were without electricity. That Easter storm laid a blanket of ice one-and-a-half inches thick all over Clinton, and the town was so completely isolated that the only communication was by a mobile radio unit, and by the sets of <sup>ham</sup> ~~the~~ radio operators.

The most dramatic sight of all is -- fallen trees. The town was proud of eighty-year-old elms, but these were <sup>weighted</sup> ~~weighted~~ down with such masses of ice that the elms fell over and to<sup>re</sup> ~~re~~ up great slabs of side-walk, as they were up-rooted.

The storm of ice has moved northeastward -- though now it is rain. Warm temperatures have thawed ~~out the frozen temper.~~

## FOLLOW WEATHER

The best headline of the ice storm is a rescue story from Benton Harbor, Michigan, where a Navy Patrol Plane, with eight aboard was caught in the sweep of sleet and wind and frost. The ~~ixing~~ icy conditions were - abysmal. And the pilot, after vainly trying to make the Benton Harbor Airport, was forced to ditch in Lake Michigan. The plane came down in water so shallow that it was not completely submerged, and the crew took refuge on the top, where they perched in the gale of ice.

Seven of them, <sup>while</sup> one man undertook to go and get rescue. ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> meant a swim of four hundred yards to shore -- four hundred stormy yards. But he made it, and found the house of a physician -- Dr. Sowers. He roused the doctor, who called a neighbor, and ~~what~~ <sup>all</sup> they had for a rescue craft was -- a frail canoe, ~~But~~ out they went, the doctor and his companion, battling their way through the angry, icy waves. They reached the half-submerged plane, but could only take one survivor aboard -- one at a time. Which meant

seven trips, each one hazardous.

But all hands were saved, everyone O.K.

anybody in the hospital? Oh yes, the doctor -- doing his usual job as a hospital physician.



## PILOT

The news today brings a fantastic story of an airplane pilot lost for seven terrifying days in the wilds of a vast swamp. The story sounds like one of adventure and ordeal in a remote jungle of the tropics. But it happened in Georgia, and came to a happy ending on Easter.

James Douglas Stewart, a 9th Air Force veteran, of Weston, West Virginia, crashed in a small plane in the Great Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia. He was little injured -- and actually, he had come down at the edge of the wilderness. He could have walked out easily, if he had gone south. But he was dazed and confused, and went the wrong way -- trudging off into the depths of the morass.

He struggled through the dense thicket and tangled undergrowth, day after day; amid alligators, swamp rattlers and cotton mouth moccasins -- eating lily pads, berries and bamboo shoots to keep alive. After four days, he heard the sound of an outboard

motor, like music to his ears -- and he struggled his way toward the welcome sound. But it was no go -- he couldn't find it amid all the channels and lagoons.

Actually, the clugging of the outboard motor



was at camping of boy scouts on Billy's Island -- where a host of scouts were having an outing. But the pilot didn't know that. He was all in, just couldn't go any further. "On Saturday night," he says, "I fell down to die." He thought he would never leave that spot alive, and sank into a deep sleep. On Sunday morning, Easter, he awakened a bit stronger, and again he heard the sound of the outboard motor. He got up, and one more struggled his way toward the cheery chug-chug.

This time, he made it. He came in sight of the camp on Billy's Island, just as the scouts were holding their Sunday service on Easter. They brought him in, and gave him food and rest, and today transported him back to civilization.--He is O.K., after a harrowing experience in the Gerogia swamp -- as bad as any tropical jungle.

## SUBMARINE

The Navy thinks ~~that~~ the Submarine, Pickerel, ~~has~~ established a world record for the longest voyage -- under water. Certainly, it is an all-American record -- tops for a Navy Submarine. *And a* spokesman in Washington states: "To the best of our information, it is the longest under-water distance ever traveled by any submarine."

Five thousand two hundred miles -- a twenty-one day voyage from Hong Kong to Honolulu. The Pickerel submerged at Hong Kong, and never came to the surface until it reached the entrance of Pearl Harbor.

The answer is -- snorkel, ~~The~~ breathing apparatus which enables an under-sea craft to take in air from the surface, and keep its diesel engines going indefinitely under water. ~~(The navigation was the real trick, navigation by the use of a ~~xxx~~ radio device. But the skipper of the under-sea craft, Commander Paul Schratz of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, carried it out in high style -- if you can apply that~~

GENERAL

A dispatch from Yokohama tells of the arrival in Japan of -- General Marshall. So, how was he received? General Marshall was immediately assigned to duty as a military policeman. Now, General MacArthur, how could you?

Well, it's another version of an old army mix-up, when a buck-private happens to be named "Major" or even "Colonel". And it's the height of army humor when a G. I. is top-level with both of his names -- General Marshall. *As you gather this was a G.I.*

## ROBBER

\* In St. Louis this afternoon, there was a bank robbery, which ended in a chase down the street -- A young woman in pursuit of the crook. She is Miss Audrey Lorensen, teller in the United Bank and Trust Company -- and was she indignant when she saw the thief snatch a bag of money from her window?

She was on a balcony in the bank when it happened -- William Evans, of Atlanta, Georgia, ~~snatching~~ <sup>grabbing</sup> the cash, and taking it "on-the-lam" down the street. She dashed after him, and caught him half a block away, but he broke loose and ran -- Audrey after him. She caught him <sup>again,</sup> but he broke away again. She still kept after him, and finally chased him into the arms of a policeman. ~~She recovered~~ <sup>she recovered</sup> four hundred and forty dollars, and returned in triumph to the bank.

## CENSUS

The nation is having its big nose-counting event, the census -- and the news brings oddities about door-to-door visits of the enumerators. That they have been having their troubles is illustrated by one who, while asking the questions on the form, was hit over the head with a frying pan. The lady of the house remarking, "I'm not answering questions for anybody."

~~Near Shawnee, Oklahoma, the Indians of the Kickapoo tribe refused to give a~~

(The lives of a mother and daughter were saved at West Allis, Wisconsin, because the enumerator happened to be stubborn, and kept banging at the door. That awakened the mother - who, with her three-year old daughter, was about to lapse into unconsciousness because of gas from a leaky pipe.)

At Minneapolis, a census-taker was arrested by the police for over-time parking -- and when he was able to show that he was a government enumerator, they were all ready to treat him with plenty of

politeness. But their check disclosed that he also had the following record -- arrested and sentenced to prison at various times for: burglary, robbery, forgery, disorderly conduct and vagrancy. Today, there is a new addition -- the charge of falsifying his record when he made out the application-form for the government job. The list of his misdeeds is a census in itself.

In Philadelphia, census-taker Mrs. Doris Williams was bitten on the nose by a dog, which seems odd. Some people might consider those questions noseey -- but how did the dog know that, Nelson?

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