

ESPIONAGE

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(President Truman ^{today} delivered another blast at the House Un American Activities Committee, ~~today~~. ~~Mr.~~ ^{He} Truman told ^{the reporters} his ~~news conference~~ that the Washington spy hunt ^{is all} was a search for headlines, ^{by} but what he called "A dead committee". If the members of the committee, said he, were sincere, they would turn their evidence over to the Justice Department. And he added that Attorney General Tom Clark is using every means at his disposal to find out who stole ^{the} these documents. ^R The fact seems to remain that they were stolen! ~~To which Acting Committee Chairman Mundt replied~~ ^R Whereupon Committee Chairman Mundt ~~incredible.~~ And he challenged Mr. Truman to authorize ^{the} ~~the~~ Committee to make public the secret papers which ex-Communist Whittake^r Chambers produced from that ~~hallowed~~ ~~out~~ pumpkin. Later, Congressman Nixon announced that the State Department has cleared sixty-five of the secret Documents for publication, and that these will be released shortly. ~~And~~ Nixon also accused the President of helping ~~to~~ keep the facts of the stolen documents from the American people.

Meanwhile, today the Committee questioned Henry J.

Wadley, a former State Department economist. But Wadley refused to answer questions, on the ground that they might incriminate or degrade him. He wouldn't tell whether he knew Alger Hiss. Neither would he say whether he gave Whittake^r Chambers these^e secret documents. The only question ~~that~~ he would answer was; - had he ever been a member of the Communist Party? *His answer was, to which he said*
no.

NEW LEAD ESPIONAGE

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In Washington tonight the Justice Department demanded that the House spy hunters withhold information concerning the New York Grand Jury investigation of communism and espionage. Further, that the committee refrain from questioning people who have given evidence before the grand jury, or who are to give evidence.

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The request was made in a letter signed by Alex Campbell, Chief ^{of the} ~~Justice~~ Department of ~~Justice~~ Criminal Division. Campbell said he wrote this letter "for reasons of internal security". And, for the successful prosecution of any case which might develop from the hearings. To which Attorney General Tom Clark adds that "premature publicity" by the House Un-American Activities Committee may wreck the New York Grand Jury's investigation of Communism. Also says Tom Clark, the new evidence given to the committee has been deliberately withheld by ~~xx~~ Chambers. And he goes on to say that the ~~H~~ouse investigators have not

dug up anything that the government did not already know. Further, he assured the committee, in a statement issued in Washington tonight, ~~he assured the committee,~~ that anybody who has violated the law in connection with the alleged espionage ring will be vigorously prosecuted. The Department of Justice, said he, "knows its responsibility. ~~He~~ ^{Will} press and try any violation of the laws - this in the proper forums - and not in the newspapers".

replies that
To which Congressman Mundt ~~says~~ [^] he considers the Justice Department letter ~~as~~ a blatant proposal to destroy the investigating authority of all congressional committees. His committee, he says, ~~has~~ ^{has} decided to reject the ~~Department's~~ ^{Justice} letter, ~~of~~ [^] rejection of the Justice Department's ~~request will~~ be released shortly.

TAXES

Senator Harry Byrd of the Senate Finance Committee says that it's almost sure that we shall have some^{thing} of ^a tax increase next year. If we don't, he says, ^{Sen. Byrd,} the Federal Government will slip back into a serious deficit.

The Senator from Virginia points out that the Government is spending more than it is taking in, ^{because} of our expenditures abroad. The Marshall plan; ~~and~~ our help to ~~the~~ Anti-Communist Western European Nations. ~~So it's~~ ^{is what will run up our taxes,} The high cost of Communism ~~that may put taxes~~ ^{up,} he thinks.

~~Today Mr. Truman discussed the defense budget with the military members of his cabinet. And then he saw Senator George of Georgia, who will head the Senate Finance Committee in the next Congress. Afterwards, the Senator said that the whole question of increased taxes would have to wait for the budget next year -- and the tax returns on March fifteenth.~~

MADAME CHIANG

As
~~she had been~~ *rumored the 1st*
Lady, Mrs. Truman, is giving a tea party for Madame Chiang at Blair House on Friday. With Mr. Truman and Mrs. George G. Marshall attending.

When Mr. Truman told reporters today about this tea party, he didn't say whether he would see Madame Chiang alone after the tea drinking ceremony. *Now did he say* ~~or~~ whether she would have the opportunity to make her plea for immediate military and economic aid to China. That, said Mr. Truman, he did not know.

From
show
From Washington we hear that Madame Chiang has a three-point program for China, to put before Mr. Truman. This is thought to include an aid program extending over three years; ~~;~~ mostly military supplies, at a cost of a billion dollars a year. To be supervised by an American mission; *including* ~~and~~ the loan of a top flight U S Military Commander to advise the Generalissimo how best to fight the Communists. *we hear that* Also, ~~what the~~ Chinese *people* ~~public are said~~ to need, ~~so~~ desperately, at this moment, a definite statement of U S policy towards China. With emphasis that the relations between the two countries are ~~solid~~ *are on a firm footing -- not tottering.*

Something that the Nanking Nationalist Government can use for propaganda -- to convince the Chinese people that America is still ^{on} their ~~friend~~ ^{side}. Not ready to leave them to their ¹ fate -- to be overrun by the Reds.

JUGOSLAVIA

(Uncle Sam

Can ~~we~~ do business with Red Jugoslavia? The State Department apparently thinks so. A Washington announcement today says that the United States is interested in developing a "sound trade" with Tito's country. *— a land that is sorta in the twilight zone these days —* ~~is~~ half in and half out of the Iron Curtain. *Which*

Belgrade newspapers have been carrying the story that the volume of our export of Non-Strategic goods to Jugoslavia will shortly be increased. *This* Because Tito's break with the Soviet Cominform is causing commodity shortages -- what a Belgrade spokesman describes as economic pressure. So Tito is looking to Uncle Sam for goods he can no longer get from *Uncle Joe* ~~behind the Iron~~ ~~Curtain~~ -- to lessen ~~that~~ economic pressure. And we apparently are willing to play ball -- with non-strategic materials only.

BALKANS

Two ^{incidents in} minor ~~boil-ups~~ are reported from the Balkans.

~~and~~ Both ~~are~~ concerned with Communism. In Budapest, Hungary, Premier Dinnyes has resigned. Leaving ^{his country} the nation in what the news dispatch describes as "a state of astonishment." Premier Dinnyes handed in his resignation to the President because his own small ^dholders party condemned his policy as bourgeoisie - meaning that he didn't follow the party line. They accuse him of favoring private enterprise, indulging the farmers, and not purging what his party calls "the two-faced ^{ants} ~~elements~~" in Hungary.

Then, across in Albania; that tiny mountain kingdom once ruled ^{by King} ~~over by~~ Zog, the Moslem shepherd king who went into exile in Nineteen Thirty-Nine. Communist Premier Hoxha has carried out ^{an Albanian} a purge. Six Communist leaders arrested. Hundreds of party members dismissed from their government jobs. All ~~this~~ because Premier Hoxha enthusiastically supported the Cominform when it denounced Marshall Tito in Jugoslavia. Hoxha publicly lauded his bosses in the Kremlin and broke all his trade treaties, with Jugoslavia; those treaties on which little

Albania depends for food and manufactured goods.

Since which Hoxha has

But all ~~Hoxha~~ [^] obtained from Russia were four food ships and three thousand Russian specialists to help him run the country. So, with their help, he ~~pulled off~~ ^{has staged} his purge. Putting his police chief in jail and three ~~other~~ of his ministers. While Albania goes hungry, - *with* and political unrest is spreading

GENOCIDE

Today was a day of triumph in the U N General Assembly. Quite an occasion. (For ince, the world parliament meeting at Paris has obtained a unanimous vote. All fifty-eight voting the same way. To outlaw genocide. That's the term for the murder of national, racial or religious groups.)

Every country present in the General Assembly today pledged itself to try and prevent genocide, and to punish all persons found guilty of the crime whether they are constitutionally appointed rulers, public officials, or private individuals. And the delegates are to sign a solemn treaty to seal this unanimous resolve.

We hear this comes as a personal triumph for an American University professor of law, Dr. Raphael Lemkin of Yale. For years Professor Lemkin has fought to outlaw genocide. He it was who coined the name genocide. Taking it from the Greek work genus,

meaning race, and Latin c-i-d-e meaning murder.

While he was public prosecutor in Warsaw Professor Lemkin read of the exterminations of thousands of Christian Assyrians in Iraq. The Assyrians, are one of the oldest Christian sects in the world; and most of them have been wiped out - massacred because of their faith.

Later the Yale professor saw the Nazis practicing genocide in Poland. In fact he himself barely escaped, with a bullet in his leg.

Here in America, he started his campaign to have genocide outlawed by all the nations.

And today he sees a dream come true, mass murder outlawed by the nations of the world. This project put forward by one man of good will, passed unanimously by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Edgar Bergen.
RADIO MARKET

Charlie McCarthy is going off the air -
and Mortimer Sneed too. That's the news from
Hollywood tonight where Edgar Bergen says he is
quitting radio. He and his two wooden-headed
assistants. Their last broadcast December Twenty-Sixth.
Charlie and Mortimer ^{and Edgar} ~~to be locked away in the closet~~
~~while~~ Bergen ^{Bergen} ~~takes time walk out~~ He says he wants
to get a right perspective on radio and television.
Also, that the pressure of turning out a funny
show every week is too much, for him. ~~And naturally,~~
~~people are remarking that Bergen is the second funny~~
~~man to quit the network in recent weeks~~ - perhaps to
follow Jack Benny.

URANIUM

(The news has been telling of the discovery in Colorado of what may be an unlimited source of Uranium oxide ore-pitchblende; The mother lode of Uranium used in atomic energy projects. A strike of pitchblende in the Old Caribou Silver Mine, ~~that was~~ ^{a mine} staked out eighty years ago by ^a prospector ^{named} Sam Conger. ~~Conger~~ ^{Sam} struck it rich, and a city of three thousand citizens grew up overnight round his strike -- the town of Caribou, Colorado.

^{comes the latest from}
And ^{what's} ~~is~~ ^{doing} in Caribou, today? Jack Foster, Editor of the Rocky Mountain News, ~~today~~ tells of climbing ten thousand feet to the top of Caribou Hill, where the old silver mining town is marked on the map. Where you can't go in the winter because of heavy snow. And what did he find? Wide desolation and broken ruins. The Old Potosi Hotel empty, its windowless rooms glaring at the sky. The shell of the Post Office and wrecked sal^ons, a ghost town, in the snows. No sign of the boom days of the seventies.

But the atomic age may bring Caribou back to life.

Eighty years ago Prospector ^{Sam} Conger dug up great chunks of jet black rock. ^{These} And he thre^w them away, ⁱⁿ disgusted, -- a great pile ^{of the stuff, what} He wanted silver. ^{years} ~~But~~ in Nineteen ^{went by - and} Forty-Five a geologist prospecting for Uranium passed a geiger counter over Conger's dump - that huge pile of jet black rock. ~~and~~ The geiger counter registered -- radioactive deposits. ^{And so they made} ~~what turns out to be~~ a rich strike of Uranium Oxide Ore.

Laboratory tests revealed more than nine per cent pitch-blende. The supply of ore so rich, we hear, that the men working on the project believe that the U S. will not have to rely on any foreign sources for the basic element of atomic energy. Enough Uranium ore to make us independent.

Unimaginable wealth for the atomic age. ^{High} ~~was~~ up in the Rocky Mountains, where the ghost town of Caribou slumbers with its memories, ^{of Sam the prospector who came} ~~in the snow-swept wastelands.~~ there long ago with his burrow, his frying pan and a pick.

ALCOHOLICS

A scientist in Denmark claims to have hit on a remarkable discovery - a medicinal cure for alcoholism. A simple pill that makes the products of John Barleycorn ~~positively~~ repugnant ~~to~~ even ^{to a} ~~the~~ [^] ~~most~~ confirmed toper. — *an old soak.*

The secret, apparently, is an immediate hangover, what the inventor, Dr. Jacobsen, describes as the most sickening revulsion imaginable.

But, he says, some patients need to be supported psychologically. The hard cases need someone at hand to give them a pill when temptation comes.

And how did Dr. Jacobsen discover his remedy, which he calls - anti-abuse? By sheer accident, he says. He always tastes his remedies himself. He was searching for a cure for something else, and took some of the tablets to see whether they had any ill effects. That night he went to a party. For some reason or other he didn't feel like drinking. It was the pill, he says; but he took a drink. And then--that

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immediate and painful hangover. All of which puzzled him. And he went home to the little woman and said:- "It must have been something I ate." But when the Danish scientist went to his next party he took another experimental pill in the cause of science--with the same results. Since then he has tried them on many--including souces. And in each instance the magic pill caused the old topper to shun Demon Num.

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ADVERTISEMENT

The folks in Stockholm, Sweden, are talking about an unusual advertisement that appeared in their daily newspapers this morning in what, the world over is called the agony column. The personals. The advertiser describes herself as a widow about forty-five, rather good looking and attractive. And - yes, she says she has a fortune. She's a millionaire. That is she has a million kronen - around three hundred thousand dollars in our money.

Why is she advertising? The same old reason; because she wants a husband. But I'm afraid the Little Man she wants may be difficult to find. He must be cultivated. That's easy. About fifty years ~~age~~ old. Easier still. And then the gentleman qualified to lead the attractive widow of forty-five to the altar must be absolutely without means. On his uppers. Down to the last sue. Also easy. But, the widow wants more than that. She wants a husband who is in debt to

the tune of one million kronen - three hundred thousand dollars.

Get married, pay his debts, both brose! Live happily ever after? Hollywood ought to buy that story!

Where in Sweden to find a cultivated man of

fifty, who owes three hundred thousand? According

in Stockholm

to the dispatch, they seem to think it'll be difficult.

Over here I'm sure we could find her just the man!

Don't you think, Nelson?

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