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Coronado

The weather here in Southern California is cloudy and chilly, which, perhaps, I shouldn't mention, except for this bit of news from Florida. <sup>Its from</sup> ~~Today,~~ <sup>the vacation</sup> ~~at the winter~~ White House, Key West where the balmy breezes of the tropics are supposed to blow on warm sunshiny days. <sup>But today</sup> President Truman got into a woolen suit. He might even have put on that long woolen underwear -- if he had any along, on his Gulf of Mexico vacation.

Last night, he slept under heavy Navy blankets -- that cold. And today, a chilly gale was blowing.

## ROME

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This year, the greatest Easter celebration in the world <sup>is</sup> in Rome -- Holy Week. Today, Good Friday, ~~the~~ number of pilgrims was estimated at one hundred ~~thousand~~ thousand. Great hosts attending the traditional ritual of the crucifixion in the many historical churches of Rome. (~~Thousands of them streaming to a town south of the Eternal City, to witness a torch-light procession and a Passion Play in an ancient amphitheater. This Passion Play town has a Communist administration, but the Reds cooperated with the pilgrims.~~)

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The Vatican is under siege, as the crowds increased to a climax on Easter Sunday. Church authorities have had to beg the pilgrims to visit other shrines, until there is room for them in the Vatican.

## GERMANY

It always comes as a shock to find ~~an~~ American<sup>s</sup> going over to the Communists, behind the iron curtain -- and today, we have George D. Wheeler, of Rolling Bay, Washington, asking the Red regime of Chekoslovakia to accept him and his family as political refugees. He denounces the Truman administration, and says the United States is fostering what he calls "Gestapo and Nazi methods in Germany".

3 During the war, Wheeler was in the service of the government in Washington. An economist in the War Department. Later, he was an official in the American military government in Germany -- chief of the Manpower Allocation branch, from nineteen forty-five to nineteen forty-seven. Today, in Frankfort, it was stated that Wheeler's job was to place German labor. In this, he favored the use of what an American official calls -- "compulsion and force". Sounds like forced labor; -- but now, Wheeler accuses the Americans of "Gestapo and Nazi methods in Germany."



(More recently, he has been a professor of Economics at a University in Red Chekoslavakia, while his wife, born in Alaska, says she worked for -- The Religious News Service, in New York, which is followed by a statement from that organization, saying that Mrs. Wheeler did act as a correspondent for a short time last year -- on space, not salary. The Religious News Agency adds: "She was so unsatisfactory, that we dropped her.")



## KOREA

The United States has presented a blunt note to Southern Korea, the sharpest kind of communication, demanding measures to check inflation. The government, ~~is~~ supported by the western powers, — is ~~said to be~~ <sup>accused of being</sup> remiss in its financial policies -- not doing anything effective to check a spiral of inflation. Too much spending -- no balance of ~~the~~ budget.

Moreover, the American note insists that elections be held in May. Called ~~for~~ for a financial and political house-cleaning. -- If not, American aid funds will be cut -- less money.

NEW ZEALAND

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The latest tonight -- New Zealand is closing its legation in Moscow. The reason -- financial. The Soviets have declared an exchange rate for the ruble, which makes things extremely expensive for the diplomatic people in Moscow. So New Zealand is ending diplomatic relations, closing its legation -- as a "useless extravagance".

SUBSTITUTE COMMUNISTS

The Owen Lattimore affair becomes more and more complicated. Tonight, Attorney General McGrath stated that <sup>neither</sup> ~~the~~ the Department of Justice nor the F B I has expressed what he called "any conclusion". This, of course, applies to the statement by Democratic Senator Tydings of Maryland that a summary of the F B I report completely clears Far Eastern expert Owen Lattimore of charges hurled by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin -- that Lattimore is a Communist and a Soviet spy. <sup>H</sup> which verdict from the Chairman was ~~is~~ vigorously disputed today by Committee member Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa <sup>states</sup> ~~he stated~~ that he has examined the F B I summary and finds that it does not exonerate, but to the contrary suggests the need of a full examination of the loyalty files of Lattimore -- who, according to McCarthy was prominent in formulating American foreign policy toward the Chinese Nationalists and the Chinese Reds.

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~~to~~ make the complication more complicated, here is a statement from Senator Henry Cabot Lodge

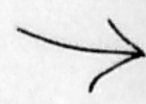


## KANSAS CITY

In the Kansas City killings, the police today were seeking -- a woman. They believe that a woman accompanied the killers. This -- on the ground of an earring found in an automobile.

A car stood parked outside of the political club, scene of the murders, and it turned out to be the property of a dice-dealer in a gambling house. He, upon being questioned, stated that he had loaned the car to Binaggio, the political boss, who drove off in it -- with Gargotta, his chief lieutenant.

The police believe they <sup>have</sup> picked up two men, the killers -- the murder bullets now having been found to have come from two guns. The assassins must have been trusted acquaintances -- because Binaggio left behind, waiting at the gambling joint, his body-guard, whom he usually took with him for protection. Moreover, both Binaggio and Gargotta



6 were unarmed -- though the latter was a gunman. They ~~drove to the political club, and there the murders occurred.~~

and In the <sup>automobile</sup> ~~car,~~ police found ~~that tell-tale~~ ~~smoking~~ evidence of a woman ~~a~~ square, gold earring, ~~lying~~ <sup>lying</sup> on a seat. It must have been dropped when the woman got out -- because it lay in such position that any jostling of the car in motion would have shaken it back behind the seat cushion. ~~So the earring had to be dropped while the automobile was standing there in front of the club.~~

Police think the woman may have been used as a decoy, to emphasize an air of confidence, as the political boss and his henchman went inside -- to their doom. Today, four women were picked up and questioned, each ~~one~~ known to the police as an associate of the gambling mob.

The Kansas City opinion is that the murders grew out of the gambling racket, and not because of politics and the coming primary election for senator.

FOLLOW KANSAS CITY

Tonight in Kansas City the funeral ~~mor~~  
mourning for Binaggio and Gargotta is being observed  
by the members of the <sup>families of the</sup> murdered political boss and  
his henchman. Binaggio's brother Dominick expresses  
his feelings in the following words: "I hope and pray  
to God that Congress passes a law against gambling."  
In the Gargotta ~~household~~ household, Vincent, the  
twenty-two year old son of the gambler racketeer,  
has this to say: "If we had an anti-gambling law,  
this would not have happened to my Dad".

Such <sup>(are)</sup> ~~are~~ the reflections -- the funeral <sup>i</sup>  
philosophy <sup>ed</sup> at the final <sup>obsequies</sup> ~~ceremonies~~ -- the wake.



## MERCY KILLING

The mercy killing case at Allentown, Pennsylvania, brings a conviction of -- "voluntary manslaughter". Harold Mohr, a tannery worker, shot his brother to end <sup>the</sup> miseries of <sup>an incurable disease.</sup> ~~cancer~~. The prosecution demanded conviction, ~~charging~~ <sup>urging</sup> the jury to do something to halt a "threatened wave of mercy killings". The prosecutor argued that if the jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty", it would encourage similar acts and set a pattern <sup>for</sup> ~~of~~ the taking of human life on the ground of mercy.

The jury agreed, and today said -- "voluntary manslaughter". They recommended <sup>leniency and a</sup> ~~mercy and a conviction~~ <sup>light sentence. It could be</sup> ~~that might call for a prison sentence of~~ as much as twelve years.

## SUBMARINES

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Those Red submarines, if any, which have been prowling along the California coast, had better go right back to their Red base -- because the California legislature is after them. The law-makers in the Sunshine State, have ordered their own warrior of the under-sea to get after them. Assemblyman John B. Cooke, of Ventura, California, who for sixteen years was a commander in the Navy -- a submarine man.

Today, the legislature voted a resolution, with a string of words that are liable to sink me -- if not the Soviet under-seas craft. The ~~Navy notes the~~ <sup>resolution speaks of</sup> ~~reports of~~ what it calls "suspicious submarines **MMI** sailing sneakily shoreward". And assemblyman Cooke is ordered to "squelch such subs suitably, or silence such stories swiftly". And if not, his goose is cooked.

~~Well, I hope I hissed those asses with a sinister sibilance. And now Nelson Case.~~

NEW YORK

I'm out here in the spectacular lands of the West, but this piece is about spectacular doings in New York. A fire high up in the Woolworth Building -- which lofty tower once made history as the tallest building in the United States. ~~It~~ Still ~~is~~ the sixth highest.

The blaze roared through the twenty-second and twenty-third floors of the sixty-story skyscraper, a fire <sup>burning</sup> ~~that burned~~ with such fury that those two floors were like a glowing beacon -- so bright that the red gleam was visible way over in New Jersey.

The blaze-battlers had to <sup>haul</sup> ~~drag~~ their fire hoses up to those two high floors, twenty-second and twenty-third. Dragging the water lines up the elevator shafts. They checked the <sup>flames</sup> ~~fire~~, which burned out <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ home headquarters of the Woolworth five-and-ten. ~~It took them an hour of busy~~ <sup>hot</sup> fire-fighting to put out the spectacular blaze.



## ROBBERY

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In Los Angeles, a storekeeper has <sup>received</sup> ~~got back~~ money stolen from him in a hold-up three years ago, ~~the robber sending it back. His address? That's the remarkable part of it. The crook of three years ago, is now in~~ <sup>He gets it from</sup> an Indiana Bible Institute.

Today, merchant Robert Gray ~~of Los Angeles~~ discloses ~~he has received~~ a letter from the Bible Institute of Fort Wayne, Indiana, in which it ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> stated that the robber who committed the hold-up is Albert <sup>now a bible</sup> Luscomb, <sup>student,</sup> ~~now dedicating himself to religion and the sacred scriptures. He was~~ Making restitution, sending back the money, together with six percent ~~of~~ accrued interest. Total -- a check for \$170.25. **TME**

The oddity is that he was perfectly safe, <sup>so far</sup> ~~where~~ <sup>as</sup> his victim was concerned -- the storekeeper in Los Angeles would never have recognized him. ~~He never saw the hold up man, in fact.~~

Today, Robert Gray said, "Sure, I remember the hold-up, But, do you know, I never got a look at

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him." <sup>H</sup> He explains that, ~~he was~~ driving in his car, *he* ~~and~~ slowed down for a stop, when he heard a voice say, "Keep on driving." Somebody had slipped into the back seat of the car, and the tone of voice meant plenty of business. "I kept on driving," says Gray, "and never turned around once." The robber made him hand back his ~~wallet, took out his~~ money, \$ a hundred and fifty dollars. ~~and handed back the wallet. And then~~ *Then* ~~he told Gray to slow down, and~~ jumped out. During all of it, the hold-up victim never once turned his head -- never got the slightest glimpse of the crook. X The voice from the back seat was -- that ominous.

~~But~~ the robber was seen, spotted most clearly -- by his own conscience. So that's what brings about the strange affair of stolen money returned -- the loot sent back from the Bible Institute at Fort Wayne, Indiana. ~~not only that there was also similar restitution paid to a bus company. A bus having been robbed by the hold up man who is now a bible student.~~

## SENATE-SHIRTS

Gaudy sights will be seen in Congress, as a result of transactions in a committee dealing with government expenditures. A dazzling spectacle provided by Congressman Rich of Pennsylvania -- who, in spite of his name, is always talking "poor". An economy advocate, whom they call "where'll-we-get-the-money" Rich!

One committee member <sup>noted</sup> ~~said~~ that the Congressman, back home in Pennsylvania, is a shirt manufacturer, and suggested that he provide the committee with some new shirts. So Rich roared, "Where'll I get the Money?" Whereupon, Congressman Dawson of Illinois had a bright idea -- and, the next day, every member of the committee got a letter signed with the name of Congressman Rich. A letter -- offering a free shirt, and asking for size and specifications. The replies were immediate and the Congressman was bombarded with orders for his merchandise -- free.

The joke was on him, but he reversed it, replying -- Yes, he would send the shirts, if the



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committee members would wear them on the floor of the senate.

The shirts have been arriving -- and you should see them. A wild assortment of red and yellow plaids, green checks and brown stripes -- to be worn on the floor of the Congress the day after the Easter recess. The joke promises to be -- Rich.

LADY GODIVA

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The police of Norwalk, California, are looking for -- Lady Godiva. They have descriptions from a whole string of witnesses who say she is red-haired and good looking. But there is no description of her clothes! -- she doesn't wear <sup>any</sup> any. This California Lady Godiva has been making appearances for a month -- on and off. ~~This doesn't apply to~~ <sup>But not</sup> her clothes -- they are off.

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The story, <sup>today</sup> ~~that~~ brings a climax -- the sheriff's office bombarded by telephone calls. Most of the ~~complaints~~ <sup>were</sup> complaints ~~are~~ from women, one of whom gasped: "She's smiling, just like nothing was wrong." ~~No, she wasn't~~ <sup>not</sup> embarrassed at all; but the sheriff is. <sup>Because</sup> Neither he nor his deputies have been able to find the local Lady Godiva -- and he admits he will be embarrassed, if he does. <sup>Are you embarrassed, Melba?</sup>

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## COMMUNISTS

The latest from Washington -- Republican Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa challenges the verdict that Owen Lattimore has been completely cleared. He says that he, just as completely, disagrees with the statement made by Committee Chairman Tydings of Maryland, and other Democratic members. They base their opinion on a summary of F B I reports. Senator Hickenlooper has now seen that summary and says it does not ~~exonerate~~ <sup>the</sup> exonerate far eastern expert ~~Owen Lattimore~~ of the charges made by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin, -- who accuses Lattimore of being a Communist and a spy.



as has been charged in Congress. They say ~~that~~ *that* Binaggio had promised the top command of the gambling mobs ~~that he would use his control of the river front votes to bring about~~ an open season for gambling. But the governor, whom he helped ~~to~~ elect, refused to take the lid off. Thus, Binaggio failed to make good with the gambling racketeers.

Moreover, he intended to quit politics and the rackets. Today, United Press reporter, Sam Millnick, reported<sup>s</sup> that two weeks ago, Binaggio told him that he was, his own words, "Sick and tired of this constant hot water." But, in the underworld, it's not so easy to quit -- when the quitter knows too much, ~~he may weaken in the face of something like a Grand Jury. And the doings of Binaggio were under Grand Jury investigation.~~