

CHINA

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At Chungking an historic document was signed today. It ~~was~~ ^{an} agreement between the Chiang Kai-Shek government and the Communists.

By this arrangement, the troops of Chiang Kai-Shek and Communist general ^UChow En-Lai, are united into one army. ~~It will~~ ^{Te} be commanded by Chiang ^{Kai-Shek} as Generalissimo, through a ministry of national defense,

^{TP} which he will form. The army will number nine hundred and sixty-six thousand. Both the nationalist and communist armies are to be cut down considerably, at once; and, they will be amalgamated within eighteen months.

The document was signed by Nationalist General Chang Chih-Chung, Communist General Chow En-Lai, and also ^{by} our own general Marshall.

INDIA

Disorders in India are spreading. All across the sub-continent of Hindustan, discontent with the British Raj has caused strikes and riots. In the South at the great city Madras; also at Trichinopoly.

At ~~Karrah~~ Karachi, at the mouth of the Indus, the British government imposed a censorship on Friday, and about all we know is that the Indian Naval mutiny there developed into a general strike ashore, with the police firing on the crowd.

The British government adheres to its claim that the present troubles in India can be blamed on the Communists.

The government in India has established five courts of Inquiry to investigate the mutiny in the Indian Navy. Tonight ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ Bombay and Calcutta, the situation is calm on the surface, but seething underneath. The casualties at Bombay alone are estimated at more than two thousand killed and wounded. At Karachi over a thousand more.

LEND-LEASE follow Egypt

Senator Brewster of Maine today demanded that ~~the~~ our government take ~~some~~ steps to prevent the British from using American lend-lease military equipment to squelch uprisings in British colonies. The United States, said he, is embarrassed because American-made equipment is being employed against Jews in Palestine, as well as against the Egyptians, Indians and the Indonesians.

POPE

An event without precedent took place at Rome today. Pope Pius the twelfth admitted the entire corps of diplomatic envoys to

the Vatican, into an audience that he gave the College of Cardinals. *and,*

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He addressed his remarks to the diplomats. *saying that* During this war, the

most terrible ever loosed on humanity, vatican city, a tiny

defenseless state, ~~surrounded on all sides by fire~~, remained an

oasis of peace. The Pope then went on to say that he had been

constantly preoccupied with sparing humanity from *the horrors of* ~~this funeral~~

the conflict. *TP* Then he used these words; "for that reason, we have

always kept ourselves from letting escape from our lips or our

pen a single indication of approval or encouragement in favor

of the war taken up against Russia in nineteen forty-one."

TP The Pontiff also reiterated his plea for a new order in the world,

a new order founded on truth, justice and love.

TP Earlier in the day, Cardinal Spellman of New York, made an address

~~of wide significance~~, when he took over titular possession of

the church of St John and St Paul, one of the classic old *churches* ~~houses~~

of worship in the eternal city. The key note of the cardinal's

word was that the church now faces a tidal wave of militant

atheism, unbridled immorality, *and* *file* injustices, *as well as* and blinding

hatreds and cruelty. "All talk about the liberation of man is empty theorising," said the Cardinal, "if he is denied the fundamental freedom necessary for human happiness. By that, he added, he referred to the freedom of religion."

DISUNITY

The lack of friendly relations between Russia and the other three big powers ^{all} is the result of a conspiracy. That is what a committee of Senators heard today from Russel A. Nixon, former Director of the division of the American Military government in Germany, in charge of investigating ^{cartels} ~~cartels~~ and external assets. ^{That is -} There are persons in the governments of the United States, Britain and France who are deliberately trying to set up ^{the other major Powers} ~~these three countries~~ as a bloc against Russia. ^{TP} For instance, he pointed out, the United States, Britain and France refused to permit the Russians to join in the search for German assets in neutral countries, ^{such as} ~~such as~~ Spain, Portugal, Sweden, and Argentina. Had the Russians been allowed to participate, he added, the world would have known all about the fascist and reactionary regimes in those neutral countries, all about the collaboration of certain interests with fascists.

^{TP} Nixon went on to say that officials, sent by the allied governments, into Germany, have not carried out their orders to destroy the greatest German trust of all, I G Farben. ^{Which} ~~That~~, he described as the greatest single instrument of economic aggression that the Germans possess. The allies ^{said he} are allowing ^(I.G. Farben to) ~~it~~ to grow up once more along a pattern which the I G Farben officials themselves

drew up the moment they realized Germany would lose the war.

R Senator Kilgore of West Virginia, chairman of the committee, remarked; This explains why I. G. Farben stock went up twenty-~~one~~ ^{one} ~~one~~ points after its destruction had been announced. That ^{he added} ~~was~~ ₁₁ ^{was} not frenzied buying, it was based on sound analysis. "

R Nixon went on to say that American officials sent to Germany with the express purpose of destroying general cartels are themselves drastically opposed to such a policy. And because they have failed to let it be known what the united States wants, the British have had their own way in hamstringing all efforts to curb German monopolies. ^{According to him} Some behavior by United States officials amounts to sabotage. He then told the committee that a man named Carl Peters, formerly a member of the field intelligence agency of the foreign economic administration, was removed from Germany for reasons that threaten a major scandal. He made the direct statement that Peters was hand in glove with some top officials of I G Farben, preparing the way for renewed relations between Farben and Corporations in America. This, Nixon maintained, was proved by records of the Counter intelligence corps. ^{TR} He further stated that such attempts to create disunity among the four powers

promptly led to suspicion that some people in the ^{U.S.} ~~United States~~ state department are at the bottom of it, sympathetic to the creation of a western bloc against Russia.

~~The~~ The State Department promptly issued a denial.

TRUMAN

President Truman today reestablished the office of Economic Stabilization, which president Roosevelt first set up in October, nineteen forty-two. In his order, Mr. Truman stated that the Office will have the same functions, powers and duties that it possessed before last September, when he dissolved the office.

~~Incident to this procedure,~~ ^{the} the President also reestablished the Economic Stabilization Board, of which the Director is Chairman, the other members being the secretaries of ^{the} treasury, agriculture, commerce, and labor, the federal loan administrator, the chairman of the board of governors of the federal reserve system, ^{the} the director of the budget, ^{the} chairman of the securities and exchange commission, ^{the} price administrator, the administrator of national housing agency, ^{the} chairman of the national wage stabilization board, and two representatives each of labor, management, and ^{the} farmers.

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SECURITY

~~These~~ People in favor of expanding social security have been calling for extravagant raises in the taxes, to pay for it. ^{well -} The chairman of the social security board declared today that these fantastic increases will not be necessary. ^{So stated} ~~He said it~~ to the ways and means committee of the House, which is considering the bill. The present rate, ^{he,} he said, will cover all cost of an expanded program for the next five years, while ~~a two percent rate will cover it for the next ten.~~ ^{To} That ~~will~~ take care of the expansions of which he is in favor, such as bringing farm workers and domestic help under social security. For that ^{is} he urged ⁵ a stamp book system like ^{that} ~~that~~ ^{system} which is in vogue in Britain.

He also urged ^{Congress} ~~the representatives~~ to raise the maximum of the old-age pension for workers with dependents, which is now eighty-five dollars a month. And he wants to lower the age in which ^{lower it} women may retire from sixty - five to sixty. He would also permit people drawing social security benefits to earn money up to ~~the~~ thirty dollars a month without having to forego the social security. A

STRIKES

The CIO subway, bus and trolley workers of New York City are determined to go ahead with their strike after midnight tomorrow.

And today the City authorities were taking measures to cope with *the approaching chaos.*

it, A F of L men have said openly that the CIO transporta^{tion} Union could not tie up the City's transit system, since the CIO only has a small minority of the thirty-two thousand transport workers in New York.

Mayor O'Dwyer ^{has} ordered a list to be prepared of a thousand of the civil service employees to keep the wheels rolling.

And the people of Pittsburgh are threatened with another blackout.

The power workers are going to strike at one minute past midnight

tonight. This will be the second ^{big strike in Pittsburgh} in two weeks. The company

agreed to arbitrate, but the union refused. What the union leaders demanded was an immediate raise of twenty per cent. Twenty per cent or strike! said the union president. It will affect an area of a hundred and seventeen square miles, all of Pittsburgh and most of Allegheny and Beaver counties. No lights in homes or offices, no power to run factories, ^{ad} transportation crippled.

ADD STRIKE

^H At Houston, Texas, seven hundred city employees walked out, so the Mayor fired them. Tonight the Houston Labor and Trades Council will retaliate by calling a general strike and a mass demonstration of thirty to forty thousand workers.

At Everett, Massachusetts, thirty mothers and fathers promoted a strike at the ^aCentre Grammar School. ^{This} ~~It was~~ in protest against the appointment of a wounded war veteran as a Principal. The parents declared that this man was unfit for his job and that the appointment was political. The president of the Parents' Association said she would give the veterans anything but not her children.

The veteran who was appointed principal is twenty-eight years old, has had three years' teaching experience. To make room for him, the Superintendent discharged the woman who has been acting principal during the war, a teacher of twenty-six years experience.

The thirty mothers and fathers picketed the school and succeeded in keeping one-third of the pupils away. They carried placards

^{reading —}
whose ~~burden was,~~ "Get dirty politics out of the school board."

ADD STRIKE

In Portland, Oregon there's a strike of waterfront workers.

In Detroit there's a milk strike, and one is also threatened

in Cleveland. In Philadelphia fourteen hundred C I O workers

defied in injunction of the court forbidding them mass picketing

at the philadelphia plant of General Electric. Altogether,

almost nine hundred thousand workers are out all over the

country.

The United States Supreme Court today ~~decided~~^{de} that the army was
 out of order when ~~it~~ⁱⁿ suspended ~~habeas corpus~~^{ing} in Hawaii in nineteen
forty-four. ~~Martial law~~^{That} does not justify the military in usurping
 the function of civil courts even in wartime. ~~Justice Black~~^{JP}
 wrote the opinion, and chief justice Stone and ~~Justices Frank~~^{four of the}
~~Murphy~~^{Justices} Concurrred, as did three other of the high judges. Felix
 Frankfurter, and Harold H. Burton of Ohio, ~~dissented~~^{ing.}. The chief
justice said he found no proof, or even suggestion, that the
 civil courts of Hawaii were unable to operate with their usual
 efficiency. And he found no suggestion that trial by jury in
 a civil court would have endangered good order or the ~~public~~
 public safety.

ROBBERY

A real life wild west show was enacted today at Glencoe, Oklahoma, in the old time classical fashion. A group of bandits undertook to rob the Glencoe State Bank. They jimmied their way into the building through the back door. Then they got busy with chisels and electric drills and cut a hole eighteen inches square through the wall of the vault. ^{In} So doing, they jarred the telephone which touched off the night alarm in the home of the chief operator of the telephone exchange, ^{who} ~~He~~ called the Cashier of the bank, ^{one} Clarence McGinty - - rather an unusual combination in names. ^{anyhow,} Clarence or no Clarence out went McGinty, with a six-shooter, to the bank.

On his way he called the Sheriff and the under-sheriff who took ^{along} ~~him~~ a submachine gun. ^{TP} Then the battle began. The sheriff was armed with a pistol and a shotgun, the bandits had automatics. Some fifty rounds were fired, until the robbers took to their heels, running out through the back door they had jimmied, across an alley. ~~Later~~ the body of one of them was found, dead.

^{TP} The stakes they were playing for were not very high. Cashier McGinty said there was ^{not more than} ~~only some~~ seven hundred or ~~a~~ ⁹ thousand dollars in the vault.

And now, back to you Hugh -
for my s-l-u-t-m - will you say it for me!