

SUBMARINES

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A late story this afternoon tells of a U S destroyer spotting four unidentified submarines off the coast of California -- strangers, presumably Soviet undersea craft. This ~~comes~~ from U P Correspondent Gedulig, who was the only news man aboard the destroyer. ^{Upon} ~~Now~~ returned to port he filed his account which ~~was~~ ~~been~~ cleared by the censorship of the Navy -- thereby putting an official okay on the story of a pack of Soviet submarines off the California coast.

Last Thursday, a mysterious undersea craft was reported by members of the Coast Guard. Whereupon, the ~~submarine~~ ^{destroyer} Colahan was dispatched to the scene ~~of~~ to investigate. The Colahan never did sight either a submarine or a periscope, but did its detection job with electronic apparatus -- radar, and sonar, sound detection. In that way, ~~ixxxxx~~ the destroyer was able to pick up and follow invisible boats down under the water.

They spotted the first one last Thursday night, the U P correspondent writes: I was peering over the radar-operator's shoulders at the ~~screen~~

big green screen when we made our first radar ~~contact~~
contact on a submarine going toward the coast, at
about ~~ix~~ ten-twenty-three P M. In a few minutes the
news man continued, ~~radar~~ radar picked up contact
number-two, going north about seven miles distant. He
says they followed the submarine for almost an hour.
The subs were on the surface invisible in the darkness
of night - and, after a while, each one, realizing
that it was being followed, submerged to avoid radar
~~the~~ detection. ^{TP} The next day, they picked up a

submarine under water, spotting this one by sonar --
that sound detection. Altogether they spotted four.

At least such is the judgement of the skipper of the
Colahan, Captain J. A. Holbrook, a veteran of

submarine warfare. "The contact we made," says Captain

Holbrook, ^{leads} ~~led~~ me to believe that a fleet of submarines

is operating in the northern California area". ~~And~~ ^{And} he

^{Goes on: They} usually travel in packs, and I'd say there are four

in this group.

At the San Francisco Naval base, Rear Admiral Entwistle, Deputy Commander of the western sea frontier states that the under sea ~~mm~~ boats are probably Russian craft on what the Admiral calls "normal peacetime manœuvres." Which is entirely ^{in accord with} ~~accord to~~ international law, unless the Soviet submarines navigate within the three mile limit.

This follows a curious coincidence. Earlier in the day the news came that witnesses at a light house had spotted a submarine off the coast, and at the same time, word came of the disappearance of a man convicted of treason during the war -- Theodore Donay, who was sentenced to prison ^{for} ~~for~~ aiding an escaped ~~mmmm~~ German prisoner of war. He was released recently, and turned ~~mmmm~~ up at Catalina Island, where he rented a row boat. Later, the boat was found drifting -- nobody in it. Then a suicide note was discovered, in Donay's hotel room. But the authorities say they couldn't ^{be sure} ~~be sure~~ it was genuine.

The ~~xxxxxx~~ coincidence was such that the disappearance of the ~~xxx~~ convicted wartime traitor was ~~ix~~ tied in with the submarine story -- with some vague surmise that the two might be connected ~~xx~~ in some way. However, it is all a blank, at this hour.

FLYING SAUCERS

More about flying saucers -- with new denials. The latest talk of marvels comes from Radio Commentator Henry J. Taylor and from the magazine called U.S. News And World Report. Henry Taylor says the discs are of two kinds -- one a revolutionary type of aircraft. The other, real round flying saucers, -- but with a mystery angle ~~as~~ [^] a marvelous ~~and~~ secret weapon. ^{TR} The magazine calls them "revolutionary" new planes, probably developed by the Navy as part of its guided missile research. To this the Navy immediately responds that it has no type of aircraft, under construction, -- at all resembling a flying saucer. The Air Force has repeatedly denied any knowledge of saucer-weapons. And so it goes -- new stories, new denials.

COMMUNISTS

Republican Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts declares that Senator James McCarthy of Wisconsin has not proved his charges of communism in the State Department. The Massachusetts legislator is a member of the investigating committee, and he declares the McCarthy evidence does not amount to proof. So ^{son} Lodge comes forward with a proposal to turn over the whole question to a non-partisan committee, which would take the whole thing out of the realm of politics, ^{and} conduct an inquiry that would keep the State Department from being made a political football.

Today, President Truman, ~~is reported to~~ ordered the F.B.I. and other government agencies to ignore the subpoena issued by the Senate Committee -- demanding the loyalty files. The President replies by pointing out that in previous cases during the past, the White House has refused to give Congress confidential information -- on the grounds that it was against public policy. So he is following that precedent.

As for subpoenas, there is a proposal to hand one to Senator McCarthy, demanding that he hand over the affidavits, on which he bases his contention that Owen Lattimore, Far Eastern expert, is a communist. In reply to this, the Wisconsin Senator declares that he will defy any subpoena -- in the case of two of the affidavits. He says if they were released, it would expose the ones who signed them, to reprisals. But he adds that, likely enough, he will make public still another affidavit, upon getting permission of the informant. This informant, a former communist, is said to be willing to swear under oath that Owen Lattimore was a member of the Communist Party for many years. McCarthy was asked -- "was this witness Louis Budenz, onetime editor of the Communist Daily Worker, who turned against the Reds, and is now a professor at Fordham University?" -- ~~the~~ ^{to that} the Senator ~~refused to give any comment on the report.~~ ^{made no reply.}

Owen Lattimore, meanwhile, replies to McCarthy's charges on the score of recommendations

which Lattimore submitted to the State Department last August. ~~a recommendation on China.~~ His reply takes the form of making public those recommendations -- which were that ^{Chinese} to continue to support Chiang Kai Shek and the Nationalists, would do "more harm than good" to the United States. He also told the State Department that ^{in the Cold War} Japan and South Korea were "Liabilities". ~~One wonders -- does he mean that we should abandon Japan and South Korea?~~

STRACHEY

Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, denies a report that the Defense Ministers under the Atlantic Pact will withhold Conference information from British War Secretary, John Strachey. Nothing to it -- says Johnson. ^R In the background, is the fact that Strachey has been attacked by London newspapers, on a charge that he is a Communist, and still is. To this, he replies that at one time, he did have Communist ideas, but has long since turned against the methods and policies of Soviet Russia. ^R As British Secretary of War, he would be in line to be informed of all the ~~secret~~ ^{secret} decisions made by the Defense Ministers ~~of the~~ ~~Western Powers during their recent conference at~~ ~~Brussels.~~ But the Defense Ministers decided ~~no~~ ~~because of Strachey's alleged Communist background,~~ ~~they~~ decided he would not be trust-worthy. Such is the story now denied ~~--~~ ^{by} ~~the~~ ^{NS} ~~our~~ ^{NS} Secretary of Defense, who states that the question of John Strachey was not even mentioned. ^R At the Atlantic Treaty Conference in { Brussels, Great Britain was represented by the Labor

Government Defense Minister, Emmanuel Shinwell, who, says Johnson, took a foremost part in the discussions.

In London, the report about Strachey is denied with equal vigor, ~~with an official representative of the government stating that the War Minister will be informed about everything that went on at Brussels.~~

AUSTRIA

The news today gives the facts about a Red underworld leader in Vienna, who came to a melodramatic end last night. Benno Blum, a Rumanian citizen, born in Bulgaria, is described as ^{having been} -- "the Chief of the Soviet-operated kidnap ring," working directly under a Russian colonel in the political section of the Soviet high command in Austria, ~~he~~ was head of a 20-man gang, said to have abducted 30 anti-Communist Austrians and displaced persons wanted by the Russians -- seizing them secretly, and handing them over to the Reds. [↑] The blood money they got was -- American cigarettes. Authorities declare that since the war, the Soviets paid the kidnapppers with some 350,000 cartons -- American cigarettes which the Russians got somewhere. -- more than a million dollars worth, since cigarettes sell for \$3.00 a carton in Vienna.

American Military Intelligence got on the track of the mob, and trailed its leader, Benno Blum, to the apartment of a Russian-born woman, ~~where she~~

~~Lived with her daughter~~ -- So last night the trap was sprung, by American and French Military Police. They went to the apartment, and entered. When the kidnap leader saw them, he switched off the lights, pulled out a pistol, and started shooting. Whereupon, there was a thundering gun fight in the black apartment. The Soviet agent was able to fire several shots -- before the M.P.'s cut him down with a blast from sub-machine guns.

In his possession, they found papers showing that he was preparing to go to Israel, presumably on some other job for the Russians," say the American officials. ~~But on just what mission the Soviets~~

What kind of mission
~~were sending him,~~ is unknown -- left to the imagination-- what the Red kidnap leader was intending to do in Israel.

DAMS

In Washington, a battle of dams. Not cuss words -- but the barriers that are thrown across rivers. Two dams are planned for Echo Park, Colorado, and Split Mountain, Utah, both on the upper Colorado River. Hearings are being held by Secretary of the Interior, Oscar Chapman, with arguments presented pro and con. The opposition is voiced by the National Parks Service, which points out that the dams would affect Dinosaur National Monument, ^{The critics} ~~some~~ claims that the water backed up into lakes would ⁱⁿ ~~un~~ ^{they} ~~date~~ what ~~is~~ ^{call} "valuable scenic, historic and scientific objects".

The projects are supported by Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah and Senator Edwin Johnson of Colorado. Senator Johnson pointed ^s ~~ed~~ out that his own state, Colorado would not get a drop of water from the dams, all of which would go to Utah, where it is badly needed, but Colorado, he explained, would benefit because the large lakes, backed up by the dams, would provide transportation for tourists, who could go by boat to remarkable scenic areas, which are now highly inaccessible.

So the battle is on -- ^{over} Echo Park and

Split Mountain.

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SCOTLAND

In Scotland -- a smallpox panic. Glasgow declared -- an infected area. Today, they ~~will~~ had wholesale vaccinations, with 80,000 doses of vaccine flown in from London. At the public health office, 28 doctors, working in relays, gave the preventive treatment to 10,000 persons, vaccinating them at the rate of 600 per hour. Hospitals are crowded with smallpox cases, but there has been only one death. The casualty -- a doctor, a woman physician who had never been vaccinated, because she didn't believe in it. ~~The medical authorities explain that the epidemic is not the milder kind, that occurs occasionally in England. It is~~ The deadly "Eastern smallpox", ~~that is,~~ brought in from the Orient. Today, the Health Officer at Glasgow stated: This type of smallpox originated in Bombay. It is a bad type." To which he adds that it was brought in by an Indian sailor, one, Mussa Ali, who landed in London a month ago -- and traveled to Scotland. There he was stricken -- and started the epidemic, which today turned that Scottish port into a scene of mass vaccination.

LEANING TOWER

In the ancient city of Pisa, today, experts were examining that famous Leaning Tower -- and it was an anxious inspection. This followed a series of earthquakes -- three shocks that hit the city in rapid succession. Several houses collapsed, and there was a panic among the people.

Once they got over the first fright, they had a second surge of worry, as they looked at their town's chief claim to fame, the Leaning Tower. That celebrated monument has been standing there for some 500 years, tilted at an angle, looking as if it might be in process of toppling over. It's been that way ever since the foundation shifted long centuries ago-- making the 179 ft. masterpiece ^{of architecture} unique in this world.

You would suppose that, if an earthquake should come, the Leaning Tower of Pisa would be the first victim -- leaning over some more, if not falling down. But not at all. Today's examination shows that the cockeyed, ornate structure was not affected one bit by the shocks that caused buildings to collapse.

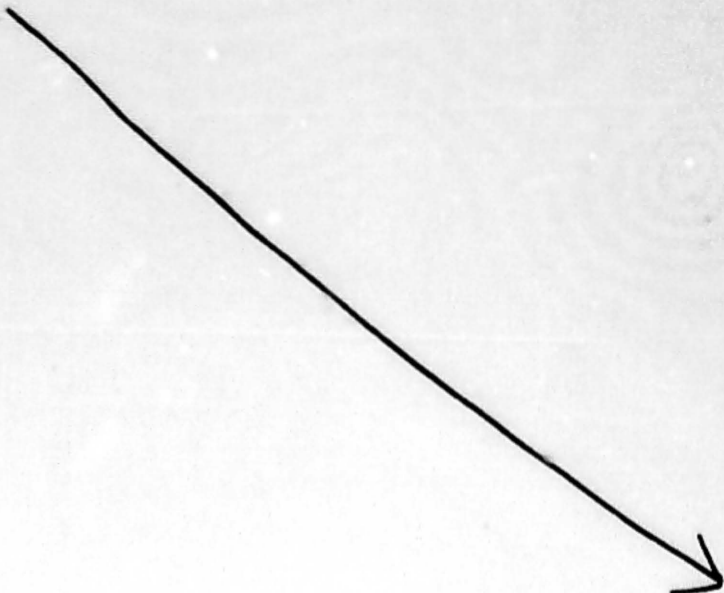
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The Leaning Tower leans just the same -- not a fraction of a degree more. The irony would be -- if an earthquake should cause the Leaning Tower of Pisa to stand up straight. That would be astonishing.

COWBOY MOVIES

A Hollywood question is being decided -- to have or not to have kissing in cowboy westerns. Do the kids want their cowboys to be kissless? The Hollywood rule at present is in favor of no sentimental smooch for the 2-gun heroes.

But this is challenged by a couple of movie cowboys -- Jimmie "Shamrock" Ellison, and Lucky Hayden. They became convinced that the youngsters would not object to a bit of osculation. The more recent kissless tradition was introduced by Gene Autry and Hopalong Cassidy. So they are having a try-out -- taking the question to the kids. They made a start



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at Glendale, California, and here's the result: Of 43 juvenile movie fans, 35 said it was quite O.K. for the cowboy hero to give a sentimental salutation to the heroine. Only 8 objected, saying it was -- silly.

One boy, a seven-year-old, wrote the opinion that the kissing was O.K. -- "Because," said he, "the cowboy gets a rest from all that hard riding and shooting." "hich certainly is one philosophy of

~~THE~~ romance. - and which meets with your approval, Nelson?

UNEMPLOYMENT

In March -- unemployment dropped more than half a million, hitting a new low for 1950. The number of jobless is now ~~ixixixxxx~~ about four million, one hundred and twenty-three thousand. At the same time employment increased by nearly six hundred thousand, -- more than fifty-seven-million-five-hundred-thousand people on the job last month.