

LABOR

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A labor headline tonight states that John L. Lewis and the United mine workers <sup>at long last</sup> have returned to the American Federation of Labor. <sup>^</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>so</sup> announced by A F of L President William Green at Miami, where the A F of L Executive Council is in session.

The move, of course, has been long anticipated. We have heard time and again that John L. Lewis and the mine workers, whom he ~~had~~ led away from the A F of L in ~~the~~ the memorable split that resulted in the founding of the C I O - were going to return to their original fold, the American Federation of Labor. Now it's definite; <sup>and</sup> we have the <sup>added</sup> ~~good~~ information that John L. Lewis now takes a place on the executive council of the A F of L.

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In the packing house strike, the C I O is balking. Late today the C I O ~~is~~ packing house union decided not to go back to work, unless they ~~are~~ are guaranteed an increase in wages.

Of course, the government is taking over the packing houses, these to be seized tomorrow. *And,*

The strikers who are affiliated with the A F of L have voted to go back to their jobs when the government takes over. ~~And~~<sup>TP</sup> Today the C I O faction of the strikers debated what action they should take. ~~Their~~ Their decision is -- to continue the strike unless the government, in taking over the packing houses, agrees in advance that there shall be a ~~major~~ raise of wages.

The U N O is going to investigate ~~the~~ Greece, Indonesia - and, Iran<sup>too</sup>. This was decided today in London. And it follows indications that we had previously - a story that Britain will welcome a U N O inquiry into British doings in Greece and Indonesia. Britain - at the same time - suggesting that Soviet actions in Iran be investigated.

Well, all that is to happen, though the matter of Iran is somewhat less than clear cut.

In London today the Security Council voted unanimously to consider Greece, Indonesia, and Iran on next Monday and Wednesday. The unanimity implies that the Soviets agreed -- that Soviet Vice Commissar of Foreign Affairs = Vishinsky gave his okay. However, the Soviet Vice Commissar conceded the point on Iran only to this extent:-- that the question ~~is~~ be taken up for a decision on whether or not there is to be an investigation. In other words, the Security Council will talk over complaints that the Iranian government is making against the

Red Army and then will decide whether there is to be a real investigation.

But the best guess would seem to be that the matter will go no further, because today Vishinsky was unchanged in his contention that, in the Iranian problem, there is really nothing for the U N O to investigate. He sticks to the contention that, in supporting the insurgent government in northern Persia, the Soviets are really backing democracy.

The British attitude on their policy in Greece and Indonesia is, of course, <sup>in direct</sup> ~~indirect~~ contrast to the Soviet stand on Iran. The British, in the U N O deliberations today expressed their eagerness to have a United Nations investigation. In this they were joined by the delegates of the Dutch Government, the cause of which the British are upholding in the islands of the East Indies.

All accounts from London represent the feeling between the British and the Soviets as

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increasing in acrimony. More and more we have a curious fact that though Britain now has a Socialist government, they show the least tendency to get along with the union of Socialist Soviet Republics, the U S S R.

Today that feeling between the British and the Moscow delegation flared in a sharp exchange between British Foreign Secretary Bevin and Soviet Vice Commissar Vishinsky. ~~This~~ <sup>It</sup> occurred during a discussion of a military commission for the United Nations. Vishinsky said he might have to ask for a delay on that point because the Russian members of the military commission might be late in arriving at London. And Vishinsky added in a joking voice. "Bad weather between Moscow and London," said he, with a sharp double meaning.

To which Bevin snapped: "I hope the Soviet government will dispell the fog in Moscow." He was referring to the obscurity that so many people see in Soviet foreign policy.

**Incident**

"London" retorted Vishinsky, "has more fog than Moscow". And that jibe at London's favorite kind of weather seemed to give Soviet Vice Commissar the better of the exchange of repartee.

BOMBAY - BOSE

The police out in India, at Bombay, used tear gas again today to break up crowds of rioting Indians who raided the Post Office Building. Casualties in the past three days of mass Nationalist demonstrations have mounted to nineteen dead and four hundred and sixty-one injured.

Yesterday's casualties were two Indians killed and sixty injured, twenty-seven of them by gunshot wounds when police on six occasions opened fire to disperse excited crowds. Police losses, four officers and eleven constables injured.

Looting, arson and street-fighting have erupted at intervals since Wednesday when a procession was staged to celebrate the Fiftieth Birthday of Sibhas Chandre Bose, the Japanese-supported Indian Nationalist leader who headed the "free" Indian Army which fought on Japan's side during the Pacific war.

## INDIA

Time was when Subhas Chandra Bose was one of the foremost leaders of Nationalism in India, second only to Gandhi. Violently anti-British, he escaped to the Japs when the war in the Pacific broke out. He formed what he called the government of India, and agitated among British Indian troops captured by the Japs in Burma and Malaya. He was so successful at this, that he was able to recruit among the prisoners of war an army of forty or fifty thousand men, to serve under the Japs - a traitor army.

When Japan fell, the British captured the traitor army, and recently put its officers on trial for treason. This aroused wild disturbances in India, Calcutta tied up for days by rioting, the police firing at huge mobs, many killed and wounded. That was merely because the officers of the Traitor Army had been put on trial, and now the British face a further dilemma. When the



Traitor officers are executed- new disturbances are inevitable, widespread uprisings.

This was the situation when today, the Hindus put on a demonstration in honor of Subhas Chandra Bose, ~~Subhas~~ the Traitor leader of them all who founded the Traitor Army. What has happened to him? The official word is that Bose was killed in an air crash on the island of Formosa. This happened as the war ended, Bose a fugitive. That's the official version, but in India there are millions who don't believe it. Among Hindu Nationalists, the prevalent idea exists - that Subhas Chandra Bose is still alive. Stories to that effect appear constantly in Indian newspapers, which give headline importance to information, or supposed information, about the Nationalist leader who was once second only to Gandhi.

And the Hindus are not alone in their surmise.

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Today's dispatch from India states that many British officials out there believe that the report of the death of Subhas Chandra Bose in a plane crash was false - a phoney. They suspect the story was put out to cover the disappearance of Bose - who, they think, has gone underground. And maybe he'll turn up some time or other - with new mischief.

Such are the bedeviling difficulties the British are facing in India - as highlighted by today's news of violence and rioting in the celebration of Subhas Chandra Bose Day.

## ADD INDIA

The Indian independence agitation spread to London today. Nationalist organizations, supported by some labor members of Parliament, were planning weekend "India Independence Day" rallies at Trafalgar Square.

Tomorrow is the Sixteenth Anniversary of the India Congress Party's Declaration of Independence. India League organizers, students and merchants are scheduled to march to Westminster, where the United National Assembly is meeting.

Members of the India League and its Nationalist affiliate, Swaraj House, have been circulating among U.N.O. delegates and contending the Indian U.N.O. delegation does not represent the Indian people because it must take instructions from the official Indian government which is subordinate to Great Britain.

A majority of responsible observers of India affairs in London believe the Bombay riots may spread throughout India.

PRISONER

There's to be an official review of the much debated case of Private Joseph Hicswa, <sup>of Montclair, N.J.</sup> /who in Japan is under sentence of death, convicted of killing two Japanese, stabbing them. Senator Hawks of New Jersey states that he has been informed by the War Department that the Judge Advocate General of the Army will soon take the death sentence agreed against Private Hicswa under consideration -- a review, to see whether the penalty should stand or be changed. And the soldier ~~mk~~ will be brought back to the United States. Senator Hawks declares: "I was also told that Hicswa would be returned to this country in time for the review of his sentence."

General Doolittle has just been telling me about the new organization of which he is the first President. The name of it, the Air Force Association. There is much talk about this here in Washington today, and the future influence it may have. More than three million men are eligible to belong. General Doolittle hopes they will all, or almost all, join within the next few months,

~~Jimmy Doolittle tonight was all stirred up about this~~

~~air force association~~ <sup>World War I,</sup> All those who were in the Air Corps <sup>Two, are</sup> in or the Air Forces in World War ~~One and World War two,~~ are eligible. That was what General Doolittle said to me a few minutes ago.

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<sup>added.</sup> The idea is simply to keep the air people together, <sup>he</sup> I discussed this with General Arnold several times, last July, <sup>while</sup> when ~~I~~ was flying with him around to the various air bases in the Far Pacific. And now that <sup>the</sup> dream of ~~General Doolittle~~ <sup>General Arnold</sup> and other air-minded people, has come true -- <sup>the organ-</sup> <sup>tion formed,</sup> with General Doolittle at the head of it, and with veterans everywhere <sup>reported to</sup> joining up today.

<sup>Today</sup> General Spatz, successor to General Arnold, attended the ceremony at which the new organization was launched. Also, the heads were received at the White House by President Truman.

Among those associated with General Jimmy Doolittle in this effort to try and keep armyair people in touch with each other during the years to come, are the following three vice-presidents; ~~who were~~ former Sergeant Merrill Frost of Dartmouth, the football star, who was so terribly burned in a plane accident in Italy when he was ball turret gunner. →

~~Another~~ → Ted Curtis, who was a flyer in World War

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One and a Major General in World War Two, And the ~~third~~ third, vice-president, Tom Lamphier, a Pacific ace, the man who ~~shot down~~ shot down Admiral Yamamoto, commander in chief of the Japanese Navy.

The Board of Directors includes Sergeants as well as colonels and generals: Sergeant Burton E. Donoghy, of Rutherford, New Jersey and Sergeant Reiland Quinn, 2 of San Francisco, California. Also Sergeant Forrest Vosler, the Congressional Medal of Honor man from Syracuse, New York. Oh yes, and the Hollywood flyer, Jimmy Stewart, who made a great record in combat.

Jimmy Doolittle tonight was all steamed up about this Air Force Association.

RADAR

Tonight the question is, if they can send radar to the moon, why not the planet. The astounding revelation in the news this morning about radar signals bouncing back from the moon, is followed by a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ immediate discussion of the possibility of beaming radar to Mars, and getting signals back in return. The word among experts in Washington is that ~~is~~ it might be possible to reach Mars by radar, although the distance to that planet is thirty five million miles, while the moon is only two hundred and thirty eight thousand miles ~~xxxx~~ away from the earth. The scientists are cautious about the whole thing, and warn that even the signals to the moon do not mean that we will necessarily gain any large amount of new knowledge about the satellite. For example there is little chance of mapping the moon by radar. This is because of what they call -- grass. No, not that there is any grass on the moon with possibilities of grazing cattle. Grass is the waviness and

fuzziness of the signals that come back from vast distances. They lack precision, just fuzzy.

The practical thing that scientists do expect to result from the triumph of reaching the moon by radar is a disclosure of ~~the~~ secrets of the top-most ~~air~~ atmosphere of the earth, the mysterious realm called the "Ionosphere" - which is ~~an~~ of great importance in such matters as radio.



# ATOMIC

~~We've heard of new marvels along the line of the~~  
~~atomic bomb.~~ From the time the first <sup>atomic bomb</sup> ~~elemental missile~~  
hit Hiroshima, the Japs came out with wild stories  
about the weird and terrible effects of the <sup>elemental</sup> ~~atomic~~  
devastation. Now, they have a new line of atomic  
chatter - but this time it's different. The Japs are  
talking, not about the deadly destructive effect of the  
atomic bomb - but the good things it did. They say the  
atomic explosion produced, in some cases - a renewal  
of youth.

Tokyo cites the case of two aged women at a  
Red Cross hospital near Hiroshima. The atomic bomb  
~~explosion~~ caused them to be rejuvenated - because of the  
radio-activity that emanated from the blast. After the  
explosion, the two women were, in the words of the  
Japanese hospital officials - "like girls again,"  
- *Geisha girls.*

Also, there was the case of a hen kept by a  
family two miles from Hiroshima. The hen was old,  
didn't lay eggs any more - until after the burst of the

bomb. Then, presumably because of the radio-active emanations, the aged hen started laying eggs again, much to the surprise of the Japanese family.

Such are the stories current in Tokyo - and they are being ridiculed by American authorities. They say that the case of the two women is probably to be explained by *psychological reaction to the ending* ~~relief because of the end~~ of the war.

But, as for the hen, the American medical experts have no explanation. Presumably the hen wouldn't react psychologically, ~~to the end of the war.~~

Anyway, its odd to hear of the atom bomb as a Fountain of Youth. — Now here's

our eternal youth — ~~Had~~

8 1/2 mean you Hugh.