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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

American Military Officials in Germany express the fear that the affair of General Grow's diary may be a lot more than merely that.

(The diary was stolen, and photographed - parts of it now being published behind the Iron Curtain, as anti-American propaganda. The General's personal opinion of war - - presented as proof that Uncle Sam, himself, is an old warmonger. But that may be the least important part of the business.

The Army discloses that General Grow, American attache in Moscow, went to Germany to attend a conference of American Military Attaches from behind the Iron Curtain. This was held at Frankfurt, and that was where the diary was stolen - - and photographed. The talks between the Military Attaches concerned matters highly confidential - - and the fear is that, along with the diary, documents of top secret Military

information may have been stolen likewise, photographed,

and transmitted to the Reds. *If so - why would any American general leave such documents where Red spies could get at them ?*

FOLOW GENERAL GROW

The Reds have their own peculiar version of what happened. Communist propoganda states that the photographs of the diary were given to a British Communist behind the iron curtain. Givent to him by a British newspaper man who had them from an American officer. Who said he had a chance to read the General's diary, and was so shocked by its warlike tone that he made photostats -- which, he hoped, would be published behind the iron curtain. A weird story.

But that's what the Communist are saying.

KOREA - TRUCE

The Reds have thrown a new gimmick into the truce talks at Panmunjom. Today they came up with a twister that would make a Korean Armistice outlaw a Naval blockade of Red China.

The fast curve was introduced by Colonel Pu Shan with Oriental subtlety. In the Armistice terms already agreed upon, there's a clause that would forbid blockades of Korean coasts. So Colonel Pu Shan, in a careless, casual voice made the suggestion -- that all reference to Korea be stricken out of the blockade clause. Which, in effect, would make the prohibition of a blockade an all-around affair -- applying to the coast of Red China, as well as Korea.

There is no blockade of China right now -- but the effect of the twister would be to prohibit any such thing during a Korea truce. It doesn't sound important, only sly -- and it was immediately turned down.

EISENHOWER

At Naples, today, General Eisenhower was quoted as saying that he does not want Greek soldiers placed under the command of an Italian General. The reason - Greek resentment left over from the Second World War, when Fascist Italy invaded Greece, in one of those wanton aggressions of the totalitarians. All of which raises a new snag for General Ike - an example of the bedeviling problems that come up in the business of creating an international defense of the West.

When the command for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was formed last year, Greece was not a member of Nato. So there was no problem, when an Italian Commander was named for ~~xxxx~~ ground forces in the Mediterranean area. General Castiglione (Cahs-tee-lyo-nay). But, since then, Greece has been admitted - also ~~xxxx~~ Turkey.

General Ike flew to those countries to talk ^{over} military plans. In Greece, he was told - the Greeks, remembering the Italian invasion of their country, did not want their troops to serve under an Italian General. Moreover, there was opposition to Castiglione ~~per~~ personally - he being rated as an unknown, without military reputation. Some say he has little prestige in the Italian Army.

So now, General Ike is on his way back to Nato Headquarters in Paris. ^{With a stop at} ~~Brindisi as a~~ Naples. There - conferring with the Italian Minister of Defense and the Italian Chief of Staff.

All - an example of puzzles and perplexities confronting General Ike. Enough to make him think of the White House as a place where things are simple and easy.

INTERNAL REVENUE

That reverberating noise you hear -- is verbal cannon fire, an exchange between the White House and Congress today. All -- on the subject of the Presidential plan to reorganize the tax collecting department, by putting it under Civil Service.

There's opposition to this in Congress, and today President Truman, before leaving on ^{another} vacation trip to Florida, sent a letter demanding that the Senate okay his tax reform program. Either that -- or show that they're merely talking politics in denouncing corruption in government. The White House letter declared that the Senate vote will reveal, in the President's words -- "Who it is that is just talking about corruption, and who it is that really wants to do something about it."

The ^Pcannade in answer to this comes from
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Senator George of Georgia, a leading opponent of the

Tax Bureau shake-up. In the Senate, he declared, that the President is trying to shift the blame for the scandals of income tax -- from his own administration to Congress. He says today's letter is, in the Senator's words -- "intended, not to bring clean, decent, fair administration of the government -- but to remove the issue of corruption from the Nineteen Fifty-Two campaign."

Hard words on both sides -- in the battle over the Tax Bureau.

At the same time, the President sent another letter to a sub-committee of the House of Representatives -- which is investigating the Department of Justice.

The Congressmen asked for the record on all cases brought to the Department of Justice, ^{cases brought} but not prosecuted, during the past six years. The President says -- no. He declares that the six year record on

cases not prosecuted would be a job so big that it would interfere with the business of government.

Officials of the Department of Justice say -- there are some five hundred thousand cases not prosecuted -- the records of which would pile up into mountains.

MC CARTHY

The Senate Rules Committee hurls a challenge at Senator Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin, and may ask the Senate for a vote of confidence. This follows a McCarthy blast, assailing an investigation of charges made by Senator Benton of Connecticut. The demand being -- McCarthy should be expelled from the Senate for all that talk about Communism in the State Department.

The Senator wrote to the Committee, saying they were -- "Stealing from the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars" to dig up campaign material against him. McCarthy is running for reelection in Wisconsin.

Today, Committee Chairman Senator Gillette of Iowa retorted with a series of adjectives. He called the McCarthy assault -- "scandalous, intemperate, outrageous, unwarranted and undignified."

The Committee defies McCarthy to take an

appeal to the Senate -- and says, if he does not, the
Committee will, asking for a vote of confidence.

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ROSENBLATT

The New York shooting of prominent attorney Rosenblatt remains a blank mystery tonight. The police don't think it has anything to do with the sensational lawsuit in which Rosenblatt is named -- the legal proceedings to break the will of the late Mrs. Eleanor Satterlee, granddaughter of J. P. Morgan, the mighty financier, founder of the House of Morgan. The charge is that Rosenblatt, together with psychiatrist doctor Richard Hoffmann, exerted an ~~an~~ undue influence in the making of the will. The lawsuit, now being ~~is~~ tried, is being pressed by a sister of Mrs. Satterlee another granddaughter of the Great Morgan.

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coming home, three shots were fired -- one wounding him severely in the leg.

Rosenblatt, back in the days of the New Deal, was an official of the N.R.A. also -- General Counsel for the Democratic National Committee. Right now, he is what they call an impartial chairman of the New York Cloak and Suit Industry -- which has to do with labor matters. So the police are inclined to suspect -- some labor dispute. Today he was asked -- could this have been the case? He replied: "It might have been." But he says: "I have no idea who shot me."

Police are guarding him in the hospital -- also guarding Dr. Richard Hoffmann, the psychiatrist in the lawsuit over the will. There is some faint surmise -- of mistaken identity. Some supposition that the gunman may have intended to shoot -- the psychiatrist.

FOLLOW ROSENBLATT

The latest -- New York detectives are digging into an old story for a possible explanation. A well-known story. Extortion in Hollywood. The case of Willie Bioff, head of the theatrical union, was sent to prison for shaking down employers. In nineteen forty-three, Bioff told about a bribe of twenty-five thousand dollars paid by Fox theatre executive, George Skouras. He swore that he split the bribe with Attorney Rosenblatt. Which the lawyer denied. On trial for extortion were -- former members of Chicago's old Capone Gang. All of which provides a sinister tone -- ~~knigh~~ though not much of a definite clue in this latest crime sensation.

ROBBERY

New England reports the biggest robbery since the hold-up of Brinks - that million dollar theft of two years ago. Today bandits got away with one hundred thousand. But, the size of the robbery is less astonishing than the place where it happened.

The great U. S. Naval Air Station at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. The credit union there - an organization set up, under naval regulations, to handle savings and make loans. The bandits taking sacks of money for cashing checks of civilian workers. Today, ^{being} Friday, is pay day at the Naval - Air Station.

The robbers, two of them, were dressed in green dungarees, similar to the Marine Corps fatigues. They wore Halloween masks - just as did the bandits who held up Brinks, in that record-breaking robbery two years ago. The comedy of the funny faces turned into swift banditry, when the credit union manager, arriving

with the money by automobile, was held up at gun-point.

The two bandits seized the sacks of currency, *more than 100,000,* and drove

off in a stolen car - speeding to the main gate of the

Naval Station. There, sentries were on duty, but they

knew nothing of the hold-up, and let the car pass.

Startling - so bold a hold-up at a U. S. Naval

Air Station.

for National Defense.

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another list showing - three-hundred-and-ninety-five.

A discrepancy of two-hundred-and-thirteen between Pitch

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2 // Military Public Relations Experts -- vanished from the
Pentagon. At least, so says Congressman Hebert, head
of a committee investigating the waste of public money
for National Defense.

The Committee asked the Defense Department for
a list of what the Congressman calls -- Pentagon
Pitch Men. "Pitch Man" being old time circus slang for
a ballyhoo artist. The Pentagon came back with a list
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another list showing -- ~~three-hundred-and-ninety-five~~.
A discrepancy of ~~two-hundred-and-eleven~~ Pentagon Pitch
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A reply comes from the Pentagon. A spokesman

stating: "They didn't ask for a complete roster." The Committee, he says merely mentioned what he calls -- "Press Officers, Public Information Officers, and ~~press~~ persons whose duties entail writing speeches or press releases."

You'd think that would cover every angle of Military publicity. But, apparently, there are still others -- to explain the case of the two hundred and eleven missing press agents.

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Are you interested in Spanish gold, lost mines, pirates and pieces of eight? I have something to tell you about that -- but, I've run out of time, Nelson. For a story about hidden treasure -- we'll have to wait until Monday!