

SUBSTITUTE LEAD REDS

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It is raining in New York tonight, and at last reports two thousand people were gathered outside that luxurious hotel, the Waldorf Astoria -- two thousand marchers drenched by the drizzle. They carried placards, which are half washed out by the ~~in~~ rain, placards reading "we don't want Communism. go back to Russia". One group of girls were singing that familiar old anthem, "America" with its old-time phrase -- ~~Land of Liberty~~ Sweet Land of Liberty. And, Let Freedom Ring. "Liberty and Freedom" are not exactly Communist words.

Inside of the Waldorf was a crowd equally large, in fancy clothes, dinner gowns, tail coats. *They* ~~they~~ *were the* people ~~were~~ attending that peace ~~for~~ conference of the Reds. The contrast is one for a ~~philosopher~~ philosopher -- the poor people outside in the rain demonstrating against Communists. The evening-gowned and tail-coated attending the rally of the Reds.

But there were red pickets too, out in the rain. But they were at another hotel, parading

out in front. This was the Ritz Carlton, a few blocks south of the Waldorf. There wartime British Prime Minister Winston Churchill was being entertained at dinner -- he who was such a hero when the forces of freedom were fighting the Nazis. Tonight the Red pickets chanted "Send that bundle back to Britain". Remember those days when we were sending Bundles to Britain, in the fight against Hitler? Well, Stalin did make a pact with Hitler, before he was attacked by Hitler. During the days of that Nazi-Soviet treaty Churchill, fighting the Nazis, was denounced by the Reds. ~~So~~ Now, once again, how history ~~does~~ repeats itself.

So New York is having ~~a~~ peculiar scenes tonight in connection with that World Peace Conference ~~that is being~~ staged by the Leftists. ~~Scenes that~~ were forecast by events this afternoon. The Red delegati^{on} were in the Waldorf Astoria -- and the picketing began. It started with two

hundred marchers, who chanted slogans and waved placards, ~~championing~~ ^{ing} championing human liberty.

One enterprising street hawker appeared ~~xxxx~~ selling buttons with the name of Cardinal Mindszenty, the Primate of Hungary doomed by the Reds: One woman-picket shouted an appeal -- to the outstanding figure in the Soviet delegation. The Russian Shostakovitch who has been blasted repeatedly ~~by~~ ^{by} the political big shots of Moscow Communism, because his music has ~~failed~~ failed to follow the party line; Shostakovitch -- who has been forced to humiliate himself abjectly before the Red Lords of the Kremlin. The woman ^{picket} ~~xxxx~~ invited that-much-suppressed-composer to escape to American freedom, and jump out of the window of the Waldorf-as the escaping school teacher Mrs. Kosenkina did out of the third story window of the Soviet ~~Embassy~~ Consulate.
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The climax this afternoon came when with the picket line growing all the time, five hundred marchers fell on their knees and prayed -- in the

middle of Park Avenue, in front of the Waldorf.

Meanwhile, inside, a news conference was being held -- the Iron Curtain delegations introduced to the reporters. Introductions by Dr. Harlow Shapley the Harvard astronomer. ~~He's~~ He's a top leader of the Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, ~~the~~ the Leftist outfit which has sponsored this Red Peace

Conference. ^{TR} The reporters wanted to question the

Iron Curtain people, after the fashion of a news

^{interview}
~~conference~~ -- but Dr. Shapley implored them not to.

As ^{an interview} ~~a news conference~~ the key was set by the Chief

Moscow delegate ^{Faday's} Fadeev who gave the reporters a

harangue in Russian. ^{TR} ~~As~~ Translated into English, the

declaration stated: "Great scientific and technical

discoveries ~~are~~ are being used, not for the benefit

of humanity, but for the further ~~annihilation~~ annihilation of

civilization". Meaning of course, the American atomic

bomb which irks the Soviets no end. ^{TR} "Several countries"

continued the Soviet delegate, "want the solution of

of international problems by the force of arms". An echo that is, of the familiar red propaganda-- charge of American war-mongering". To which the Moscow representative added a blast ~~that~~ about what he called "military block[^]s". A crack, that is, at the "Atlantic Security Fact."

All of which ^{was} ~~is~~ a foretaste of what this leftist peace conference is going to grind out -- typical Soviet propaganda.

One of the newsmen, however, was not satisfied with merely listening to a Communist harangue. He wanted to ask some of those familiar news questions: So he walked up to Shostakovitch. But, before he could get to the composer, in stepped a huge Russian built like a football tackler who said: "You will ask me the questions". Sounds like an N K V D man -- or OGPU. Well, the reporter did not ask the questions of him. Shostakovitch looked tired and harried. He complained of the heat and noise. and was ushered from the room. ^R That was the end of the

interview
~~conference~~

of the reporters with the Iron Curtain delegates - as five hundred pickets outside kneeled and ~~pr~~ prayed in the middle of Park Avenue in front of the Waldorf.

FOLLOW REDS

All this follows interesting testimony in the New York trial of the eleven Communist leaders. Louis Budenz, former Managing Editor of the Communist Daily Worker told of dramatic events during that key period, June of ~~1945~~ Nineteen Forty-five -- when the Communists abandoned their war-time collaboration with the United States and went back to the old revolutionary Communist party. ^P Budenz told of a meeting of the Red leadership, a meeting attended by ~~Seven~~ of the eleven Reds on trial. ~~They~~ The subject of discussion -- the policy of Earl Browder, who advocated -- American collaboration during the war, when the U.S.A. was helping Soviet Russia. They found Browder guilty of -- "revisionism." That word in the jargon of the Reds means the capital crime of revising the ideas of Marx, Lenin and Stalin. Budenz today defined revisionism in these words-- "an error which flows from a belief in peaceful progress toward Socialism 2.

So that marked the change of ~~gunny~~

Communist post war policy -- when Browder was found guilty of "revisionism". His conduct was stigmatized as "disgraceful" said Budenz, former Managing Editor of the Daily Worker. Which led to the kicking out of Browder.

Budenz added that the sudden change in the attitude of the red leaders followed a pronouncement by Gerherdt Eisler, representative of the Comintern in the United States. Eisler who has since been prosecuted and ordered to be deported, is quoted as saying "that the United States is, in his words -- "a hopelessly capitalistic country in which the Socialist revolution could be established only with the aid of the Red Army."

All of which provided a neat bit of commentary on that Red Peace Conference in New York tonight.

CHURCHILL

In Washington the reception for Winston Churchill is not what it should be - ~~not according to the rules.~~ *As* a matter of protocol, Britain's war-time Prime Minister is in this country strictly as a private individual -- just a visiting citizen. The Prime Minister of Britain is Clement Atlee, and Churchill has no place in the present government - he's merely a leader of the opposition -- the outs. So, coming to the United States to make a speech for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the proprieties would require that he be treated like just another visiting Englishman.

The United States government, to be sure, is observing the protocol. Churchill went to Washington as a guest of the White House -- just as any private citizen might be a guest. Last night President and Mrs. Truman entertained Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill at a formal dinner, but ~~xx~~ care was taken so that no appearance was given of Truman and Churchill conferring on world affairs. ~~There was no long confidential talk~~

between them. They chatted only briefly alone. At the dinner table the conversation between them was on personal topics, and the same goes for the talk between Churchill and former Secretary of State Marshall -- who was a guest at the dinner. Nothing concerning international problems -- which might seem like diplomatic business. That sort of thing would be reserved for Prime Minister Atlee or Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin.

But the people of Washington are not so good at protocol, and they simply refuse to take Winston Churchill as a mere private citizen. Today everywhere he went, he was greeted by crowds who called out "hi! hay! Winnie!" To which he replied with beaming smiles and the well known victory sign.

So in Washington the reception for Winston Churchill is not what it should be -- not so far as the job is concerned. They have been hailing him as if he were still Prime Minister.

CHURCHES

That's quite a
~~great~~ radio program ~~is~~ announced for tomorrow night, [^] with a cast headed by President Truman. It is called "One Great Hour" and is sponsored by the ~~great~~ religious organizations of this country, Catholics, Protestants, and Jewish, [^] with seventy-six thousand churches ~~xxxx~~ all over this country, participating in a humanitarian appeal.

The program - a

[^] radio drama, "one Great Hour," will present the plight of people in devastated areas overseas.

The script was written by ~~Rix~~ Pulitzer Prize Winner

Robert Sherwood, *Distinguished actors, in* cooperation with the President

eminent narrator - and
~~of the Radio Literary Guild. The narrator will be~~

~~author Quentin Reynolds, and the ~~ixx~~ leading roles~~

~~will be played by Ida Lupino and Gregory Peck - with~~

President Truman ~~appearing~~ on the program. ~~with a~~

~~personal message in support of the work of the~~

~~religious bodies of this nation.~~

CAVALRY

In Tokyo today the last remaining Cavalry Division of the United States Army passed out of existence. That is, it was turned into Infantry. Which marks the final end of a transition that has long been going on -- mechanization, the obsolescence of the horse-riding soldier. The First Cavalry

Division famous outfit, which led the way in the liberation of Manila, *— also first into Tokyo.* A division with famous regiments, like the Fifth which began its career nearly a hundred years ago, *in* Eighteen Fifty-five.

The Fifth Regiment of the U.S. Cavalry was organized by a Lieutenant Colonel. His name Robert E. Lee, later to become the great military leader of the Southern Confederacy. Also, the Seventh Cavalry Regiment, famous for its part in Custer's Last Stand.

Well, the great old ~~U.S.~~ Division now becomes a horse riding outfit in name only -- though it still retains the name. It is given a paradoxical designation -- "the First Cavalry Division Infantry".

R They have taken the horses out from under them. And they are now -- Cavalry Infantry.

AWARD

Here in Hollywood I half expected to see a venerable shade walking around today, a ghost of a portly figure, bald-headed, with a short beard, and wearing the doublet and the hose, of the days of Queen Elizabeth. A figure hardly ~~■~~ to be expected in this capital of movieland; -- William Shakespeare, no less. But, The Academy Awards were made last night, those Hollywood Oscars, and the ~~xxxx~~ lion's share went to nobody less than - the Bard of Avon.

For the best motion picture of the year - HAMLET. For the best acting of the year, the winner is Sir Laurence Olivier, for playing the role of Hamlet. There were other honors, too, for the British film production of the tragedy of the Melancholy Dane.

Well, I ~~xxxx~~ for one can congratulate the judges in the awarding of the Oscars. Having just seen the film version of Hamlet. Night before last the family and I decided that being in Hollywood, we ought to go to a movie. Hamlet is running here, and we had been wanting to see it.

~~were~~ The result was as ever, the magic of Shakespeare, having its usual effect -- the supreme showman and master poet conveying his genius to the modern screen. Laurence Olivier and his British colleagues ^{doing} ~~do~~ wonders in projecting those famous events in the somber castle of Elsinore, the tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. And how those Shakespearean lines rang out, those familiar ones which are so often quoted that they are part of this English speech. So, today, it was, as a personal experience, agreeable to note how the Hollywood Oscars were heaped on what surely is -- the most famous play in the world.

Of course there were others -- like Jane Wyman, hailed as the best actress of the year for her work in Johnny Belinda; and Walter Houston, who received the award for: "The best supporting ~~main~~ actor". ^{And an Oscar to my own Fox Movietone} But the real hero was the poet and playwright who lived and wrote some three-hundred-and-fifty years ago.

In London today Sir Laurence Olivier

colleagues for the short: "Symphony of a City."

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upon hearing the news shouted: "I am incredibly happy and delighted."

To which Shakespeare, himself, might echo with a line from his own Henry the Eighth; muttering: "I have touched the highest point of my greatness".

And now Ken, how about some histrionics from you?

Tonight the city of New York witnesses one of the singular events of its long history -- the opening of the "world peace conference", which is a leftist affair attended by delegates from Soviet Russia and the other Iron Curtain countries. This conference is a sounding board for pro-Soviet -- Anti-American propaganda. But there is something to counteract that, plenty, to neutralize all the Red noise. The occasion is one for a rally of opposite forces, -- the leftist conference picketed by a mass demonstration of anti-Communism. The place, New York's Waldorf Astoria -- where at this moment, spectacular scenes are building up.

All of which was forecast by events this afternoon. The Red ~~delegations~~ delegations were in the hotel and the picketing began. ~~It~~ With anti-Communist organizations sending an advance guard, as a foreshadowing of what was coming tonight, when the first session of that leftist peace conference begins. The picket line swung into action, starting out with two

AXIS SALLY

Today in Washington sentence was passed on Axis Sally, forty-eight year old Mildred Gillars, convicted of treason. She did Nazi radio propaganda during the war, ^{and} now is given a prison term of from ten to thirty years -- together with a ten thousand dollar fine. Two other Americans, men, ~~are~~ found guilty on similar charges of treason, have been sentenced to life imprisonment.

KANSAS CITY

A story from Kansas City today conveys a sinister impression - not only because it tells of gangland murder, but still more because of an angle of the social picture that ~~it~~ it gives. That is, the terror the underworld exerts.

A Prominent Kansas City figure ~~was~~ cut down by gangster guns. ~~He was~~ Wolf Rimann once prominent as a professional golfer and more recently the manager of a swanky country Club, who had large business interests. Police believe, in fact, that he was killed because he was branching out too ambitiously. An association in a refrigeration company, and the operator of a string of automatic coin machines, vending machines. It is hard to see any reason for underworld violence in this, but the police think it may have had something to do with the murder.

The crime was bold and cold-blooded -- on a crowded street. ~~The~~ Killers ~~were~~ apparently imported ~~gunmen~~ hired for ~~the~~ ^{the} murder job. They waited for their victim to emerge from a store, two men with shotguns.

Rimann saw them, tried to run to his automobile. But the shotgun blast hit him and he stumbled to his car. Passers-by were terrified, ~~and women screamed.~~

But one of the murderers, in the full sight of all of the witnesses, ~~went deliberately to the automobile and~~ completed the crime with pistol shots.

~~Then they drove off in a car next of their own which was found later - abandoned.~~

There were a dozen witnesses, ~~but today some of them gave a clear description of the killers.~~ One, who had a particularly clear view, was about to be questioned by the police - but disappeared. ~~He vanished from police headquarters.~~

Today, the chairman of the Kansas City Police Board made the following comment: ~~said~~ ^{he} that gangster murders like that were -- "unfortunate". ~~To which he added:~~ ^{said he,} "But [^] those things do happen. There is not much you can do about it. Witnesses," he explained, "usually are afraid to testify." ~~-- or they are intimidated so they won't testify.~~

Which sounds like painful comment on
some aspects of city life.

BANDIT

At Phoenix, Arizona the police today captured the Yacht ~~Bandit~~ Bandit. ~~That is,~~ Lloyd ^S Sampsell listed ~~as~~ by the F B I as one of the top ten criminals of the country. Yesterday he robbed a Los Angeles branch of ^The Bank of America, took Five Thousand Dollars, and escaped in a stolen car. A big man-hunt was put on, and today Sampsell, the yacht Bandit was picked up at Phoenix -- on a tip received by the police.

Back in the Twenties he rose to notoriety by the use of a yacht, in committing robberies. With a partner, he ~~represented~~ posed as a sportsman sailing around in a yacht, and in that guise robbed a series of banks. Then the two bandits would get away in their speedy cabin cruiser -- the getaway by yacht being a puzzling feature that baffled the police for some time.

But finally the yacht bandit was captured, with his partner, and they were sent to prison for long terms.

In time ~~xxxxx~~ the partner committed a prison murder and was hanged. Sampsell served sixteen years and then was released -- only to go back to his bandit ways. Now, caught for a new bank hold-up and confessing.