

( It was only to be expected -- what happened today.

The announcement of General Eisenhower's resignation from his command in Europe. ~~It was an open secret that he was asking to be relieved so that he might campaign for the Republican nomination.~~

Actually, the President had the Eisenhower letter before him for nine days, ever since ~~an~~ April the Second.)<sup>R</sup>

General Ike made the formal application to Secretary of Defense Lovett, <sup>In it he explained</sup> that the task for which he had been sent to Europe had been

launched successfully; <sup>i.e.</sup> -- the organization and planning of West

European defense. <sup>Lovett</sup> ~~The~~ Secretary passed the letter of resignation on to President Truman. <sup>R</sup> But General Ike also wrote personally

to the President, who replied, with a letter in his own hand.

The exchange between the Democratic President and the prospective

Republican ~~and~~ candidate was not made public -- but the

correspondence is reported to have <sup>been extremely</sup> ~~been extremely~~ cordial. ~~The~~

~~General sent the proper notice likewise to the North Atlantic~~

~~Treaty Organisation, NATO.~~ <sup>TR</sup> General Ike now goes on the inactive

list of the Army -- enabling him to campaign with virtually the

status of a civilian. )

( His resignation is effective June First -- which accords with ~~the~~ political timing planned by his backers in the United States. We have had reports that he will make his first major address at Abilene, Kansas, <sup>in</sup> his home state, on June Fourth, which -- is confirmed by Paul Hoffman top leader of the Eisenhower boom. )

( In announcing ~~the~~ General Ike's retirement today the White House refrained from any discussion of who will succeed him to the NATO command in Europe. One likelihood all along has been General Alfred Gruenther, General Ike's Deputy Commander in Europe. Another suggestion -- General Ridgeway, Supreme Commander in Tokyo. Tonight, these two seem to be the best bets. )

# There is one moody coincidence -- today being the first anniversary of the retirement of another famous General, who, however, got out under very different circumstances. General Douglas MacArthur -- dismissed from the Supreme Command in Tokyo, April Eleventh, last year. Yes, very different from the resignation of General Ike. But, just the same, <sup>today</sup> MacArthur stands, a potent political figure.

## FOLLOW POLITICS

In Chicago tonight, and heading west -- of course I have been making inquiries about the political situation. And I find one fine confusion. No, not on the Republican side. That's cut and dried. Senator Taft is well in the lead on the G.O.P. side. It's the Democrats who are in a tangle of doubt. Governor Adlai Stevenson says he'll make his announcement next week -- whether or not he is a candidate. The Chicago United Press Bureau where I have been working, has been querying the newsmen covering the state capitol, regarding the prospects for Stevenson. Fifty-fifty is their verdict as of today.

All of which leaves two alternatives -- but only one element of doubt. If Adlai Stevenson declares himself to be a candidate he will get the Illinois delegation even though Senator Kefauver did win the Democratic primary, and almost without opposition. But that was merely a preference vote, a popularity contest, leaving the delegation unpledged.

But, suppose Stevenson is not a candidate? What then? Well, the Democratic organization doesn't quite know what it

would do in that event. However they have no intention of letting Kefauver have the delegation! But, it would be awkward to have the Illinois contingent with nobody. There istalk of Senator McMahon of Connecticut, who withdrew from the Illinois primary. He might be put back into the picture just to enable the Illinois delegation to have a candidate. All - a graphic symptom of the confusion in which Democratic politics were left - by the withdrawal of President Truman.

So that's the report as of tonight from Chicago.

Farther West how will it be? We shall see. We shall see.

## TELEPHONE STRIKE

The settlement of the Michigan telephone strike, today, might be the beginning of the end of the nationwide <sup>(walkout.</sup> ~~strike~~ Company and union came to an agreement for a wage increase, and ~~the~~ union President Joseph Beirne, says the ~~strike~~ terms could in his words, "serve as a pattern" for a settlement of the strike everywhere. Michigan -- providing the first break in the telephone ~~strike~~ tie-up.

the dispute.

## STEEL STRIKE

The U.S. Steel Corporation went to court today, filing suit against the government. U.S. Steel demands the return of its plants, requesting a judgment that the seizure by the government was illegal. Meanwhile, negotiations between the steel industry and the union are still deadlocked -- a meeting today having failed to make any headway in settling the dispute.

The Missouri River floods.

FLOOD

At Pierre, South Dakota the flood waters were receding today -- and tonight the city is <sup>5</sup> recovering from the disaster of the deluge. In the business district the water was waist deep, ~~and~~ <sup>with</sup> a third of the people of Pierre, ~~are~~ homeless. Motorboats, chugging through streets turned into canals, rescued hundreds of people marooned in their ~~houses~~ <sup>homes. Some of them</sup> ~~Some houses~~ chimney deep in water. The city of Pierre suffering the chief disaster in the Missouri River floods.

**ATOMIC**

We are to have another billion dollar atomic plant.

So announced by the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington today.

This new one will probably <sup>be</sup> built in the Ohio Valley, turning out more atomic explosives for the bomb.

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and some have children. All of which has brought about requests  
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*Extra*

We have a reported explanation of a startling development at the great Air Force base near San Antonio, Texas, Randolph Field where -- six fliers went on a sit down strike, Air Force officers who refused to fly, defying orders -- which sounds like mutiny. One has gone A W O L -- after having been overheard when trying to put in a telephone call to President Truman in Washington. This flier ~~also contacted~~ Texas newspapers -- to put in a protest.

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and two navigators.

Their names are not disclosed, nor are we told what the Air Force is going to do about them, ~~all~~ -- covered by official secrecy.

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## PLANE

In the air crash off Puerto Rico, at least ~~ten~~ eleven lives were lost and perhaps many more. Sixty-nine persons were aboard the great airliner, <sup>(eighteen)</sup> ~~twenty-three~~ rescued <sup>(others missing.)</sup> The plane, plunged into the sea a few minutes after it took off -- bound for New York. The pilot reported that one engine was out and he was trying to get back to the airport at San Juan but couldn't make it. The pilot, Captain John Burn, hero of a crash off Portugal in Nineteen Forty-Three when he saved the life of a badly injured singer, Jane Froman, whom he married later. <sup>(Today---</sup> Captain Burn is among those picked up out of the water ~~--~~ <sup>alive.)</sup>

## BOLIVIA

The latest from Bolivia pictures the insurrectos in control -- after three days of savage fighting. At first the rebels announced an easy victory, the government overthrown in a bloodless revolt, but that was a ~~in~~ wrong description. Partisans of the deposed President rallied, and there was fierce fighting in the capital city of LaPaz. The decisive event seems to have been action by the Bolivian Air Force in support of the revolt - bombing and strafing at LaPaz. More than a thousand killed, and now the latest -- the revolution winning out!

## PHILIPPINES

The Philippine government announces the capture of one of the top leaders of the Huks -- the Communist Insurrectos fighting a guerilla war in the wild mountains of Luzon. This Chieftain of the Huks *balshaps* is named -- William Pomeroy, which certainly does ~~not~~ sound ~~either~~ either Spanish or the native Tagalog. Pomeroy, in fact, is an American, who has risen high among the Huks -- Education Director of the Red Insurrectos, conducting what they call -- "Stalin University". ( Communist indoctrination classes -- held at Red strongholds in the mountains. The capture of William Pomeroy - held so important that it is hailed in a message of congratulation from Philippine President Quirino.)

The history of this Pomeroy is illuminating. Some years ago he was a member of the American Youth League, a Red controlled outfit, known to be entertained at tea on the White House lawn -- back in the days of the New Deal and Mrs. Roosevelt's tea sessions.

During the Second World War, Pomeroy was a soldier in the U.S. Air Force, serving in the Pacific -- which took him to the Philippines, Later, a student at the Philippine University,

under the G I Bill of Rights, <sup>Then</sup> He married a Communist woman,  
and joined the Huks -- which put an American in the top leadership  
of the Red insurrectos.

# JERUSALEM

This day was one of ideal beauty in Jerusalem --

where Good Friday was commemorated in the ancient way -- Roman

Catholics and Protestants retracing the last steps of the

Saviour along the Via Dolorosa. From the Garden of Gethsemane

to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The sky -- a brilliant

blue. And, a mild breeze blew across fields of wild flowers,

blossoming in the spring. Nature in all its beauty -- as

*in the*  
*city of The Prince of Peace they*  
commemorated the Divine Tragedy of two thousand years ago.

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send him to the jail farm. Because there he was -- old robot.

But, when a man really wants to reform nothing can stop him.

John-Barley said to the cops -- meet me in four hours at the corner

of Fair Oaks and Mountain Streets. Four hours later officer

Len Blum kept the appointment, and found the handyman petrified.

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DRUNK

From Pasadena, California, a story to show that -- when a man is determined to reform -- nothing can stop him.

In this case -- a Pasadena handy-man, Carl May, whose weakness is -- the curse of drink! He worked for Miss Laura Miller, a kind <sup>by</sup> lady of seventy -- who gave him some benevolent advice -- on how to get out of the clutches of demon rum. She said -- the way was for him to spend some time at the County jail farm, where they would keep him away from wicked John Barleycorn. The handyman agreed. ~~For~~ he was determined to reform.

So, with the kind lady, he went to the police, where she explained her helpful ~~his~~ idea. The cops agreed -- it would be a good thing. But -- they couldn't arrest the handyman and send him to the jail farm, because there he was -- cold sober. But, when a man really wants to reform nothing can stop him.

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and sufficient cause to arrest him, and send him to the jail farm,  
determined to conquer the curse of drink. Even if he had to get  
dead drunk to do it.

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organization of women secretaries in the capital of Nevada.  
Today they sent a huge Easter card to Congressman Simpson,  
Chairman of the Tax Writing Committee of the House, asking the  
Congressman to keep the tax collector from their door. They  
state they won't be able to join the Easter Parade. They  
haven't enough money to buy new outfits for Easter.

All of which was explained in poetry, a song about  
the poor working girl, which begins like this:

There should be a rerun  
about the F. ed. house  
With last year's bow -- up it.

The plaintive beginning is followed by a lugubrious  
description of shabby clothes this Easter, and the poem ends:

So let's assist the nation  
To get some legislation

SECRETARIES

A pathetic appeal was made today. Addressed -- to the tax man, <sup>who</sup>, as we know, is a flinty-hearted individual, ~~who~~ seldom ~~is~~ melted by tears and sighs. So you can guess the reply the mournful plea is likely to get.

Sent by the White Collar Girls of Hollywood, an organization of women secretaries in the capital of Movieland.

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There should be a sonnet

About the faded bonnet

With last year's bow -- upon it.

The plaintive beginning is followed by a lugubrious discription of shabby clothes this Easter, and the poem ends:

So let's enlist the nation

To get some legislation

To elevate the station

Of the poor working girl

So what will the tax collector say to that? It is

not hard to guess. He'll just sing another song in reply. ~~and~~

*Nelson, I'm*

*sure he'll sing! -*

Heaven will protect the working girl.

Leaving it up to Heaven, while he <sup>with</sup> ~~gouges~~ the taxes,

*gouges and gouges.*

- Chicago, Ill.
- Lapaz, Bolivia -
- Jerusalem.
- Pasadena, Calif.
- ~~Hollywood~~