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Wednesday

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The House of Representatives has just passed the bill to extend the luxury taxes. The vote was overwhelming, Republicans joining Democrats, in granting President Truman's request for a continuation of the taxes on furs, liquor, jewelry and other luxury goods. There was a sharp flurry of debate, with Democrats jibing at Republicans, and vice versa -- the Republican contention being that the extension of the luxury taxes will give them a better chance to cut income taxes.

RECORDS

From the White House we learn that, when President Truman leaves office, he won't take any public records away with him. He won't have any ten ton truck backed up to the White House door, and load up with filing cases, ^{crammed with} ~~filled with~~ official documents. Presidents, in the past, have done that. The late President Roosevelt before he died, in fact, had a huge lot of public and private papers sent from the White House to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park. ~~Then,~~

~~of course, we know the recent hullabaloo about the Roosevelt Cabinet members, Morgenthau and Ickes, who took away mountains of documents when they left office.~~

President Truman, we are told, is of the belief that public papers in the office of any high ranking government official, are the property of the government - ^{the People,} ~~and should be retained by the government.~~

Any papers that he takes away, upon quitting office,

will be strictly of a private kind - entirely personal.

The President ^{Truman} is said to be in complete
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sympathy with Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, who is
trying to get back the documents taken away by his
predecessor, former Secretary Morgenthau - in connection
with that nine hundred volume diary.

More than that, President Truman is considering
legislation to keep officials from carting away public
records. This was stated today by White House Secretary
Ross, who said that the President intends to ask
Congress to pass a law making it clear and definite,
that government records are government property.

RENTS

~~There were~~ Rumors ~~came~~ out of Washington today that there would be a nationwide ten per cent increase in rent ceilings. The rumors were founded on facts, ^{we now hear} but the increase will not go into effect after all.

Late^r word from Washington is that President Truman ~~had~~ at the last minute blocked an order directing O.P.A. to grant landlords a general ten per cent raise in rentals.

A series of misunderstandings and errors was climaxed today when President Truman canceled what had apparently been a previous order to O.P.A. to go ahead and grant the rent increases.

Early in the afternoon, newspapermen were told by the O.P.A. to stand by, that an important announcement was coming up, that rents were to be increased with White House approval.

Whether or not there was a premature leak on the story we don't know. At any rate, the order was canceled. According to O.P.A. officials, canceled

By the White House Despite the fact that President Truman denies he has ever approved a rent boost.

GEORGIA

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CHINA

In China, diplomatic observers were not surprised today when the American Embassy announced the newest move by the United States, abandonment of American attempts to mediate in the civil strife between the Chinese Nationalists and Communists. ~~The Chinese~~ It was pointed out that this followed largely from the previous report made by General Marshall, before he left China to become the new Secretary of State. At that time, General Marshall bitterly criticized the extremists of both sides. And now, ~~as~~ Secretary of State, he calls off the American attempt to mediate, which he, in China, found to be a hopeless task.

RUSSIA

In London there is word that the British Ambassador to Moscow has been instructed to ask, what are Stalin's ideas about the British-Soviet Alliance? Ambassador Sir Maurice Drummond is to put that question to Molotov - or to Stalin himself.

~~This refers, of course, to what we heard the other night - Stalin's remark about the "weakening reservations" in the alliance ~~with Great Britain~~ that Great Britain has with Soviet Russia. Stalin,~~

^{Stalin,}
in a message to British Foreign Secretary ~~Ernest~~ Bevin, suggested that the "weakening reservations" might be removed, but he did not say what they were. - ~~and~~ There has been much speculation ever since. So now the British Ambassador is to inquire.

Today's dispatch from London states that the British Cabinet believes that Stalin wants the alliance to be an all-around affair - instead of being

directed specifically against Germany. ~~(So apparently~~

~~Stalin's "weakening reservations" are to be found in the fact that the treaty between London and Moscow was a wartime ~~policy~~ ^{fact} focused on the problem of defeating the Nazis, and of preventing a revival of the German~~

~~menace.) This does seem rather out of date at the present moment, and the Soviets, in fact, have been~~

~~uttering criticism along that line. Yesterday, for~~

~~example,~~ ^{Yesterday} the official Moscow news agency made the

sour remark that, while Great Britain has a formal

alliance with Soviet Russia, the British have an

informal tie with the United States, a tie which Moscow

described as - "a bloc against the Soviet union."

^R So the London Cabinet believes, we are told, that Stalin wants the British Alliance to be revised so as to apply to any aggressor - or what might be considered an aggressor. In other words - a full scale, all-inclusive, military alliance.

BRITISH-AMERICAN

I ~~have~~^{ve} just heard about the formation of another postwar veterans' organization, that sounds like an excellent idea. General Jimmy Doolittle is the first President, and I am always for anything with which General Doolittle is concerned. As General Jimmy put it, the Allies did a first-class job getting on with each other, during the war, in time of crisis. Not perfect. It ~~is~~^{being} always difficult for people of different nationalities to see eye to eye on everything. But, the British and French, in their comparatively crowded spaces, for the most part got on ~~all right~~^{okay} with the millions of Americans who suddenly descended upon them.

But, in this postwar period it's so easy to pull apart, and ~~lose~~^{lose} much of the ground gained in the crisis of war.

We were sitting in a restaurant, one of the most interesting in all this land. It's called H Q -- Headquarters, run by Marty and John, who handled General Eisenhower's mess at headquarters in Europe. ~~In these days they were Staff Sergeant John Schwarz and Master~~

Sergeant "Marty" Snyder ^{Sgt.} Marty and ^{Sgt.} John prepared the food for all the Generals and Field Marshals and Air Marshals who passed through Headquarters in Paris. Now they have their own restaurant here in New York. It was there that General Doolittle was ~~xxx~~ telling me about this new organization.

The name of it -- the Fellowship of U.S.-British Comrades. The ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ ^{purpose,} to perpetuate wartime ^{comradeship.} ~~xxxxxxxxx~~
The Presidency to be rotated, or rather alternated, back and forth between Britain and American. The senior vice president is a well-known Britisher, Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Morgan, top man on their side in planning the Normandy invasion. ~~The second vice president is an American MajorGeneral, who, when Sir Frederick Morgan becomes President, will automatically become senior vice president.~~

According to General Doolittle, there are some eight million men eligible to belong; but, they have no

ambitious plan of trying to stir all of them up at once. The idea is just to get the organization underway, and let it grow, hoping that eventually it will include all our other Allies.

At first those eligible will be British and Americans who actually served side by side. General Doolittle, ^{first of the 15th Air Force and then the} as leader of ~~the famous~~ Eighth Air Force, had plenty to do with the British. And from personal experience I found that they are as fond of him as we are.

The dues will be nominal. The big idea is to try and pull together in these days of peace, just as we ^{did} ~~pull together~~ in time of war -- making ~~some~~ a modest start with the British because most of our men fought side by side with them -- hoping to include the rest of our Allies when possible.

CRASH

The air crash in China is particularly tragic because of the character of the victims whose lives were taken. Of the twenty-five aboard the big transport plane, twelve were American and Canadian missionaries and their families. ~~There is~~ Only one survivor, and he gravely injured. ~~was~~ Among those killed was Methodist Bishop Schuyler Edward Garth and Mrs. Garth, of Madison, Wisconsin. Bishop and Mrs. Garth had just arrived in China on their first foreign mission assignment.

The plane, belonging to the China National Aviation Corporation, was flying from Hankow to Chungking - when it crashed in swamp land west of Hankow.

SYMPHONY

Sixty-eight members of the Utah State Symphony Orchestra, and their conductor, Werner Janssen, set off in two buses today from Salt Lake City, heading for Hever City, a farm and mining community in Northern Utah. **P**Undertaking the trip despite snow, over tortuous mountain roads glazed with ice. It's part of an attempt to bring fine music to people whose contact with symphonies heretofore has been only by radio.

The symphony will play at a financial loss to itself just to bring to small-town miners and farmers fine music at popular prices.

The loss to be footed by Utha's Centennial Commission which is sponsoring the tour as part of the One Hundredth Anniversary celebration of the arrival of Mormon pioneers in the Great Salt Lake Valley.

DUROCHER

~~The world of baseball is amply familiar with the fame of - Leo the Lip. Hundreds of thousands of fans at ball games have seen Manager Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers give umpires -- the lip. They've seen him hurling verbal blasts; but, they couldn't hear him.~~

Well, today we were permitted to listen in ~~on~~
a Lippy Leo
~~was~~ Durocher argument, not with a baseball umpire, but with one of the legal variety, a judge. The manager of the Dodgers, as the news has been relating, is having marriage and divorce trouble. His bride, the Hollywood Actress Laraine Day, got a California divorce, which the Judge said would become final in a year. Meaning, she could remarry in a year. But Laraine tried to hurry things, and got a Mexican divorce -- and married Leo right away. So the California judge threatens to cancel the California divorce -- which today brings a blast from Durocher.

"It is," says the Lip, "a disgraceful situation when a supposedly holier-than-thou jurist can suggest -

as he did to my wife and myself -- that we annul our marriage and her Mexican divorce, and that the Court would overlook our living in sin until her interlocutory decree becomes final."

And Durocher excoriates His Honor in the following words: "The most unethical and publicity-conscious servant of the people."

In baseball, of course, the umpire has the final say. And it's just the same in legal matters -- the judge has the final say. So what does His Honor reply? He says that, so far as the divorce of Lorraine Day is concerned, Lippy Leo is not in the ballgame at all -- he's on the sidelines.

"Mr. Durocher," says the judge, "is not a party to the proceedings. He's an interloper." ^ROf course, Leo is the husband, but then, maybe a husband is just an interloper anyway.

TOKYO

In Japan, the American forces under General MacArthur have finally solved the problem of the beer bottles and the beer cans. The solution took five months - months of legal argument involving all sorts of army legislation and an Act of Congress. ~~All because of the beer bottles and beer cans only, at that.~~

It all arose out of the fact that the troops in Japan are allowed to buy beer at the rate of three cases per month per soldier. And beer in cans and bottles is sent from the United States by the shipload. The result was that the empties piled up, piled up high. The quarters of officers and enlisted men were in danger of being overwhelmed by the mountains of empties. It was a real bottleneck - a beer bottle neck.

Then, last September, a colonel had a bright idea. ~~But~~ He thought - why not sell the mountains of empties to the Japanese, who were eager to buy them? The Japs have all sorts of ingenious uses for

beer bottles~~XXXX~~ and beer cans. So the colonel sent in the suggestion to General MacArthur -- proposing that the proceeds from the sale could be used to improve the clubs for soldier-entertainment.

Then came the deluge of regulations and legal arguments -- as great as the deluge of beer that had poured out of the bottles and cans. General MacArthur's Quartermaster submitted the suggestion to G-4, Supply Supervision, which replied that the sale of the empties would come under the heading of black market activities. So G-4 passed the problem along to the Judge Advocate, who in turn passed the buck to the Legal Division of the Economic Scientific Section.

That produced a then thousand word report, which pointed out that the sale of the empties also came under the ban of the "Trading with the Enemy Act."

It all added up to the fact that the sale of the empties would violate so many laws and statutes, that the unfortunate colonel who suggested the idea could

be sent to jail for the rest of his live, if not executed by a firing squad. The Colonel when he heard all this said he might cimmit hari kiri. Meanwhile, the empties were piling up at a greater rate than ever, those mountains of bottles and cans.

However, the Legal Division and the Economic Scientific Section proceeded to come up with something bright, scientific, also economic. Those experts pointed out that the black market and trading-with-the-enemy statutes pertained to ~~supplies~~ supplies -- and could the empties be considered supplies? Webster's dictionary was cited on that point, and it could be argued ~~xx~~ that the bottles and can now might be calssified as junk.

That was all that was needed, that ingenious legal opinion -- and at last reports the mountains of empties were melting away, with Japs flocking to buy the bottles and cans.

SHANGHAI FIRE

Over in China, Shanghai in investigating its Fire Department -- which is charged with letting a whole city-block burn down, because a house owner failed to pay. When the Shanghai firemen arrived to put out the blaze, they demanded -- cash in advance. The house on fire was owned by a wealthy manufacturer, and they insisted that he put up the ~~sum~~ cash in the form of gold bars. The manufacturer refused, whereupon the firemen let the house burn down -- the blaze spreading through a whole city block.

Witnesses today testified that the firemen drank tea, while the flames were sweeping. Also that they looted one house and ~~he~~ obstructed American military police -- who tried to put out the fire.

No payee no puttee out fire!

And now as Confucious would say -- if he were here -- Nelson, let's hear from you.

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And another late bulletin from Washington - President Truman denies rumors that he has approved of a raise in rents. There were ~~reports~~ ^{widespread reports} that the President had okayed a general ten per cent increase of rents throughout the nation. This the White House officially denies.

COLLINS

(Irgun Zvai Leumi, that terrorist Jewish organization in Palestine, has released Major H. A. I. Collins, whom they kidnaped as a hostage on Sunday.

Collins, the last of two hostages to be released by the ~~Zionists~~ ^{Jewish} underground, was delivered by his captors to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem this evening. The release of Collins was ~~expected~~ ^{effected} shortly after the expiration of a forty-eight-hour British Army ultimatum to the Jewish underground. The ultimatum expired at three o'clock this afternoon but was extended by the British High Commissioner for Palestine.

The sixty-five year old banker and former Army Officer was found standing in the rain tonight outside the Hadassah Hospital Clinic. One arm was bandaged and there was a bandage on his head. His first words were, "I was maltreated, and I am in bad condition. ~~As~~ I am in no condition to make a statement. Just take me home."

Later Collins told newspapermen, "I fought my way out. I can say nothing further."

LANDLORD

The current-housing shortage took a unique twist in Chicago today. An irate tenant, one Everett Richardson, charged in court that for the last five days his landlord had locked him -- not out, but in.

Richardson claims he came home six nights ago to find a ~~xxxxxx~~ padlock on the door of his small six-dollar-a-week room. So he pried open a window and climbed in.

But Richardson is a big man, weighing more than two hundred pounds, and the window was a small window. In climbing in, Richardson wrenched his back and couldn't get out.

After five days' confinement, Richardson was more than slightly fed up. Moreover, his supply of canned foods was running low. So he addressed a Special Delivery letter to the O.P.A. and threw it out the window. The letter read in part, "I have heard of your office forcing landlords to remove locks where they had tenants locked out. How about helping me, I'm locked in."

SPORTS

Taken from early Jan. 29th.

New York's boxing and gambling scandal developed today, with an offer from the District Attorney to Middleweight Prizefighter Rocky Graziano. Rocky, the blazing, fist-flying sensation of the ring, will be given protection against the vengeance of the underworld - if he will name the fixers who offered him a hundred thousand dollars to throw a fight at Madison Square Garden.

Graziano ~~has~~ insists he doesn't know who the crooks were - just some guys who spoke to him while he was ~~in~~ training in a gymnasium. He seems mighty nervous about the whole thing, about what he said when he was questioned - and claims the District Attorney "put words in his mouth." District Attorney Hogan says he is sure that Graziano does know who the would-be fixers were. He declares he has evidence that the big money boxer met the would-be ~~fixers~~ ^{bribers} on one occasion

outside the gymnasium. The Assumption is, of course, that Rocky, a denizen of the tough areas of New York's East Side, is afraid to talk -- afraid of what happens to a squealer. On the other hand, his boxing career, so spectacular and successful, may be ruined -- if Rocky is barred from the ring.

The District Attorney today ordered a general investigation of all prizefights that have ~~had~~ had a peculiar look.