

Mon. June 16 - '52,

(Soviet Russia offers to return to the United States one hundred ~~xxxxx~~ and six naval vessels - lend-lease handed over to them during the war.) This comes in a surprise move - the whole business of Russian lend-lease having been deadlocked ever since the conflict ended.

(We turned over to them six hundred and seventy-one vessels,) and now the Reds explain that thirty-six were lost in the war. Twenty others - in the last several years. Ninety unfit for service. Another one hundred and seventy-one, called simply -- unfit. So they say they will hand back -- one hundred and eighty-six.

All this transpired at a meeting today, which followed a Soviet message - resuming negotiations. They also repeated an offer to settle the money side of lend-lease -- with a payment of three hundred million dollars. Which comes to less than three percent of the eleven billion dollars worth the Russians got in the war. ~~xxxxx~~ We've been demanding little enough,

eight hundred million dollars, less than ten percent
But, in today's meeting the Reds showed little sign
of increasing their offer.

(^{the} Today Moscow delegate to the U N called a security council meeting to discuss - germ warfare.)
Sounds like more Red propaganda - which it is.

Russian delegate Malik takes action - as presiding officer of the council. That post is rotated, and his ^{turn} ~~term~~ came this morning. So Malik is in the chair, and uses that place for his own propaganda purpose.

He made the move in a quiet way today - with a mild resolution. This connected with a Geneva protocol ~~xxx~~ outlawing bacteriological weapons - signed by the United States, but not ratified. So, with an innocent air, Malik summons the Security Council to consider the protocol. Slick device to get some Red propaganda going.

KOREA-TRUCE

(In the truce tents at Pan Mun Jom, the charge was made that the Red authorities, while talking truce, ^bdeliberately fomented the prisoner mutinees on ~~in~~ Koje Island.) U.S. negotiator General William K. Harrison, today told the Red delegates: "You have chosen to direct your captured personnel at Koje to endanger their lives to further your nefarious schemes." He said they did it for propaganda - and to drag out the Korean war.

KOREA-PRISONERS

On the war front, the Reds are still trying to keep the Chinese off three hills west of Chosun. Masses of Chinese have been trying for a week and they were able to break the contact between the Regiment and the 1st Division. But, just the same, they still were still on top of the three hills. The 1st Division is still trying to break through to the mainland.

The moving job is being completed on Koje Island- the Reds ordered out of three more compounds. No resistance expected. Commander General Boatner says he will send the Chinese prisoners-of-war off the island altogether, transferring them to the mainland.

KOREA-VAR

On the war front, the Reds are still trying to knock the Oklahomans off three hills west of Chorwon. Masses of Chinese have been trying for a week - and this time were able to break the contact between two regiments of the forty-fifth division. But, just the same, they were beaten back - and, at last reports, the Oklahomans were still on top of ~~the~~ the three hills.

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KOREA-EXPLOSION

~~at last report~~ The big fire in Korea, ~~was~~ still burning - at the largest American ammunition dump. This morning, huge masses of shells, rockets and bombs erupted in a ~~series~~ series of explosions, one American soldier killed, two missing, twenty-eight injured. The explosion hurled shells as far as two miles, while rockets went zooming skyward in ~~so~~ crazy patterns.

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(In Stockholm today, the Prime Minister of Sweden summoned the Soviet Ambassador to his office, and protested - against Red espionage. This, as a spy trial began,) the biggest in the history of Sweden. Seven-facing the court. The chief defendant, a Swedish newspaperman, who ~~pleads~~ pleads guilty of a whole series of charges. All - connected with military secrets transmitted to Soviet Russia.

At the same time, (Sweden also protests the shooting down of an ~~xx~~ unarmed plane by Russian jet fighters. An American-made Catalina flying boat, hunting over the Baltic for possible survivors of still another plane) - missing since Friday. Russian jets attacked, and shot down the search plane. Crew of seven aboard - and a later dispatch states that all have been picked up. *Two Swedes* *the Red* ~~Two~~ injured by gun fire.

A late dispatch from Stockholm tells of a wave of anti-Soviet indignation, because of the shooting down of the plane. Crowds jeering or hooting at the Moscow Ambassador, when he appeared on the street.

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ITALY

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ADD ITALY

New York City tonight is having a traffic jam repetition of the traffic jam this morning - Here's the latest. After nightfall, the Reds tried to stage a surprise - two hundred appearing on the Piazza Colonna, center of political life in Long Island railroad. Which line, of course, runs as Rome. They massed for a demonstration, but the Roman enormous commuting business - serving densely populated cops came swarming, and the outbreak lasted less than fifteen minutes. (Scores of Reds arrested- the others chased away.)

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LONG ISLAND RAILROAD

New York City tonight is having a traffic jam repetition of the frantic snarl this morning - caused by the strike of locomotive engineers on the Long Island railroad. Which line, of course, does an enormous commuting business - serving densely populated Long Island. This morning, tens of thousands had to find ~~the~~ other ways ~~to~~ to get to work, ^ buses, private cars and subways. The same thing, getting home at night - same traffic jam.

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NEWARK AIRPORT

The Newark airport reopened today - but not much. The great fifty-four million dollar flying field, with its miles of runways, was ~~sh~~ available for business -- but only five small private planes landed and took off.

Officials declare that they don't expect much activity until the airlines have had a chance to make out new schedules - which will have to conform with new strict flying rules designed for safety of nearby communities, like Newark and Elizabeth.

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Here's one for the book of -- courage. There's an endless fascination in the many forms assumed -- by the quality of valor. So here's a new one.

At North Luffenham, England, a squadron of jet planes landed today. Sabre Jets of the Royal Canadian Air Force - headed by Squadron Leader Cal Bricker of Grenfell, Saskatchewan. Still in command - that's the courageous part of it.

Cal Bricker organized the flight. Obvious for the job -- because he was the only Canadian who had ever before flown the ocean in a jet plane. ^{When} They started out, ~~and~~ on the ~~first~~ first leg of that air voyage, he got violent pains in the abdomen. At the first stop, a flight surgeon looked him over and said - appendicitis; And ordered him - to a hospital for an operation.

"Not on your life", said Bricker. "I've been ~~fixing~~ planning this operation for five months, and

appendicitis is not going to stop me."

9 He made one concession. He turned his own Sabre Jet over to another pilot, and flew in a transport that accompanied the flight. All the while - giving directions to the jets. Which turned out to be most important - because they ran into bad weather all the way across.

At every stop, Labrador, Greenland, Iceland, they took the flight commander to a hospital, where the doctors did what they could to reduce those aches and cramps.

So today they landed in England, where Bricker was taken to a hospital - for an overdue operation.

CRIME-LONDON

London has a sensational crime - with a ~~xxx~~ story as dramatic and strange as you'll find in any book. A thirty-six year old woman stabbed on a stairway of the hotel in which she lived. Mrs. Christine ~~xxxx~~ Granville, a stewardess on ocean liners. She returned, last Friday, from a voyage to South Africa, aboard the steamship Winchester Castle. The murderer - a jealous lover, who was caught red-handed and confessed immediately.

(Such were the superficial facts that confronted Scotland Yard detectives. But, soon, their investigation unraveled the identity of the victim who turns out to have been a brilliant ~~xx~~ member of the European aristocracy and a heroine of the Second World War.)

She was the Countess Skarbek of Poland, highly educated, a member of the International set,
In Nineteen Thirty-Nine ^{she} ~~who~~ was in East Africa, on an adventurous jaunt - when the war broke out, ^{and} her native country ^{was} invaded by Nazi Germany. Countess

10 Skarbek offered her services to the British government -- and was sent to conquered Poland as a secret agent. The Nazi Gestapo caught her twice - but she escaped. She was assigned to the resistance movement in occupied France. Dropped by parachute, setting up radio communication between the French underground and London.

Today, a former leader of the resistance declared: "I owe my life to her. One day, three of us were arrested by the Nazis, and condemned to be shot, that evening, an hour before the execution, she walked into the prison camp, and told the sergeant in charge: "If you shoot them I will see that you are shot when the Americans get here." The sergeant, intimidated, called off the execution.

After the war, the Countess Skarbek was awarded the King George medal and the Order of the British Empire. Both were presented to her, by King George the Sixth. The French decorated her with - the Croix de Guerre.

Thereafter, she drifted around. Maybe ~~her~~ life was too humdrum for the Polish Countess who had been a dare-devil in war. She had married, but her husband vanished - and she became a stewardess on ocean liners. Now - to meet her fate on the stairway of a London hotel.

But who is the assassin? That completes the strangeness of the affair. ~~Next~~ A porter - at the Reform Club in Pall Mall. *The Reform is* One of the most aristocratic Clubs in London, dating back to the great reform movement in the Nineteenth Century. One of those unbelievably sedate and exclusive clubs - that you'll find only in London. The porter - at the Reform Club - the jealous lover in the murder of the Countess Skarbek, ~~murder~~ heroine of the Second World War.

PIANO

A new record is announced - and I shouldn't want to have heard it. In Germany, marathon piano playing. Some of us might find a two-hour recital at a concert hall - a bit long. But a German key thumper, Heinz Arntz, played the piano, continuously, for two hundred and twenty-four hours.

The details of the record-breaking music-making are not given - only the fact that, without stopping, Heinz Arntz tickled the ivories for nearly ten days, at a restaurant. I wouldn't even want to hear Paderewski play the piano that long. Why I wouldn't even want to hear President Truman tickle the ivories that long -

Ivories - Irovy - hum that item was made to order for passing the ball to you, Nelson.