

FUCHS

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We now come to ^{the} a scene, in a cell of a grim British prison, Wormwood Scrubbs. Two American F.B.I. men - sitting with a pale, intellectual looking convict. A week or so ago, we had the story - the British Government had given ^{our} ~~the~~ F.B.I. ^{people} permission to question Dr. Klaus Fuchs, top level British physicist, convicted of transmitting atomic secrets to Soviet Russia. But would he talk to the American agents? The British government said he didn't have to, unless he wanted to. But, we noted the fact that at his trial, when he was sentenced to fourteen years in prison - he was contrite, repentent. So maybe he would talk.

That is borne out, double and redoubled, in the news today. The F.B.I. men are prolonging their stay, the questioning to continue until toward the end of this week. Klaus Fuchs is telling them that much about what they want to know - American angles of Red espionage, in which he played so important a part.

FOLLOW FUCHS

Now here is a story which has just come in on the newswire tonight. ~~J. Edgar Hoover~~ of the F.B.I. announces the first arrest in this country, in connection with the case of Dr. Fuchs. In Philadelphia a man named Harry Gold is in custody tonight, ~~and is said to have confessed.~~ J. Edgar Hoover states: "Fuchs turned over secrets of the atomic bomb to Harry Gold in the United States."

Several places are mentioned -- one, Cambridge, Mass. At Cambridge, Fuchs gave Gold secret information about work at Los Alamos, New Mexico, a research center on the New Mexican desert where the first atomic bomb was tried out. A number of others in this country were involved in the Fuchs atomic espionage -- but their names are not given tonight.

TRYGVE LIE

In today's news of the Cold War, we have a refrain from an old song - "She Didn't Say Yes, and She Didn't Say No." That is applied to the mission that Trygve Lie has taken upon himself - the Secretary General of the United Nations trying to promote high level ^{East-West} conferences, right up at the top, ~~within~~ in the hope of ending the Cold War.

He talked with Stalin in Moscow, and now is on a tour ^{having talks} of ~~resumption~~ with the government heads of the Western powers. He was in London today, conferring with Prime Minister Attlee and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin.

Trygve Lie sees better than a fifty-fifty chance of bringing about an agreement through Soviet-Western conferences - basing his belief on the fact that none of the governments involved have rejected his idea for a resumption of negotiations. Nobody jumped at the idea, but, also, nobody gave him a turn-down. ^{Which} ~~and that~~ applies to Stalin too.

So today one of the associates of the Secretary General summarized it in the words of the old song: "She Didn't Say Yes, and She Didn't Say No."

TRYGVE_LIE

The latest -- word from the United Nations headquarters at Lake Success that Trygve Lie is pushing a ten-point program for peace. His ten points include Security Council meetings attended regularly by the Chiefs of State -- like Truman and Stalin -- or their Foreign Ministers. Also-- the abolition of atomic weapons and the creation of an army of the United Nations ~~fx~~ to enforce ^{the} peace.

ATLANTIC PACT

Next week a meeting will be held - the first of its kind. The entire Congress of the United States will assemble in the Library of Congress to hear a report - a report from Secretary of State Acheson, on the negotiations in London. The Secretary returns home on Saturday, with an abundance of information about what went on in the conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Three, and the Western defense decisions made by the Council of the nations under the North Atlantic Security Pact.

Dean Acheson ~~The Secretary~~ will make a public report for the country at large, and will then give ^{an} ~~account~~ account to that gathering of the legislators - the first time a Congress of the United States has ever met like that.

TRUMAN

President Truman gave a warning today, though you would hardly think it would be needed. He spoke against a feeling of some Americans that this country should, in the President's words -- "surrender to Russia". He said he was disturbed by a postal card he got from Los Angeles recently, on which the writer, advocating surrender, said: "We may lose our freedom, but it is better to lose our freedom than our lives."

"Now what do you think of that?" exclaims the President.

then he added: -

"This is Patrick Henry in reverse."

Yes, instead of "Give me freedom or give me death" that individual would say: "Give me slavery and give me life."

AMERASIA

Senator Tydings declares that in the investigation of the famous Amerasia case, it is -- "A matter of opinion". The Committee, of which the Senator is Chairman, is looking into the record concerning that theft of government secrets in nineteen-forty-five -- which was hushed up, or so it is charged. The Senator says that the check-up is only beginning, and thus far the result is indecisive. As for the accusation that the Government mishandled the case, he declares: "So far as I have gone, you could have an opinion either way."

PROTEST

News from Berlin tells of the arrest of eleven

today -

Communists who drove into the Western sector - with Communist

banners flying. This is ^(regarded) ~~as~~ as a preliminary ^{to what may be} ~~of~~ a crisis,

the climax of

which will come this weekend - the long heralded rally of

Communist youth. The ~~youth~~ ^(of half a million youth) demonstration is scheduled for the

Soviet sector, but the anti-Communists ~~have long been expressing~~

believe

~~the belief that~~ the whole thing may culminate in a Red attempt

to take over the entire city. A Communist march on West

Berlin - something like Mussolini's march on Rome.

The word ~~analysis~~ is that hosts of Red youth are already

arriving in the Soviet Zone - with an attempt to infiltrate

thousands of them into the Western sector. Today a ~~substantial~~

mobilization of the anti-Communist police was ordered - and

troops of the Western Allies were instructed to be in readiness,

~~to suppress any attempt to restore the city.~~

On the Red side, Communist leader Gerhardt Eisler,

the bail jumper who fled the United States, declares that the

RED POLICE

Another Western protest, addressed to Soviet Russia - this one on the score of the Red German police, the Soviets have organized in their zone. The United States, Great Britain and France, ^{join} ~~joined~~ in declaring that this alleged police force is really the nucleus of a Communist German army. They point out that it is equipped with army weapons - including tanks, artillery and anti-aircraft guns.

The legal basis for the complaint is found in a whole series of agreements - Yalta, Potsdam, the German surrender. In all of which Soviet Russia joined with the Western powers in a pledge to keep defeated Germany demilitarized - no German army to be allowed. The Western Allies have kept their end of the bargain, permitting no German militarism in their zones of occupation. But that Red police force, with its heavy military equipment, amounts to the nucleus of a Communist German war machine.

So the call is for the Soviets to disband that embryonic army.

REORGANIZATION

— less than an hour from now, in Washington
Midnight is the deadline for the Reorganization

Plans that President Truman sent to Congress. ^{The White} House passed along twenty-one, - all based on recommendations made by the Commission headed by former President Herbert Hoover, though with some changes. According to law, they would go into effect, unless rejected specifically by either House of Congress within sixty days. Which sixty-day period is up tonight - twelve o'clock. So what's the score?

Well, this afternoon the Senate, moving in a hurry, voted an okay for three of the plans, - (one for reorganizing the Department of Commerce, another concerning ~~planning~~ public works, a third pertaining to post offices. These represented final action in the case of the twenty-one.) Ten were never challenged, and three others were okayed. Meaning - that sixteen went through. Five were turned down by the Senate. So the score is - sixteen out of twenty-one go into effect.

Which would seem to be pretty fair. — good news for former President Hoover, and Pres. Truman, and presumably for all of us.

FOLLOW RE-ORGANIZATION

Tonight a chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report declares that, with the enactment of the sixteen plans, about thirty-five percent of the recommendations of the Hoover Commission will be put into effect.

Still later -- here is a comment from former President Hoover. He says "We are making progress." And -- points out that the five plans rejected were only in part recommendations of the Hoover Commission.

GENERAL MOTORS

Surprise agreement - between General Motors and the Auto Workers Union. Negotiations were going on, but nobody expected a settlement so soon - a new five year contract signed today. ~~No increase of wages,~~ though a series of ^{wage increases} ~~steps~~ is provided ^{extending into} ~~for~~ the future. The "cost-of-living" clause retained - which permits wages to be scaled up or down, as the cost of living rises or falls. The Auto Workers get a pension agreement - which, when added to Social Security, will give each one old-age benefits of more than a hundred dollars a month. A modified open shop is provided for - and Union President Walter Reuther says the whole thing amounts to a money increase of nineteen cents an hour.

The agreement was announced in a press conference this afternoon - both sides in high spirits, cheers all around. General Motors joins with the Union in hailing the new contract as a good thing for everybody.

NARCOTICS

From Chicago - as evil a story as we've ever heard. Drug peddlers giving "free samples" to children. Dope sellers distributing narcotics among teen-agers, gratis, to turn them into drug fiends.

The statement was made today before the Chicago Crime Prevention Bureau, and the story told - how, in the underworld of opium and cocaine, the peddlers recruit youngsters as customers, who thereupon become thieves to get the money to buy drugs.

A police sergeant of the Chicago Narcotics Squad said that, after a teen-ager takes three shots, he becomes an addict. Last year a thousand dope takers were arrested, and twenty-five per cent of them were under twenty-one. A fourteen year old girl was found to be both ^{an addict} ~~a fiend~~ and a peddler.

The testimony showed that in Chicago alone, drug-taking-thieves, on an average, steal sixty million dollars' worth of loot a year.

For which that vicious trade recruits children - in as evil a story as we've ever heard.

TIPPING

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad cancels its rule of - no tipping in dining cars. The announcement was made today - the "no tip" regulation is off. The reason - the passengers wouldn't obey. The customers insisted on giving tips, and the dining car waiters accepted them.

Three years ago, the ^{C,}~~A~~ and O. took notice of the old complaint against the practice of tipping. People saying - why give tips? Waiters should be paid enough, / so they don't need any such gratuities. / So the railroad decided to abide by what the public wanted - or said it wanted. The no-tip rule was adopted, and the wages of the dining car waiters were increased enough to make up for the loss. So what happened?

Today ~~the~~ ^{C,}~~B~~ and O. Vice-President Thomas Deegan said: "Everybody complains about the tipping evil, but the traveling public has proved it is not yet ready to do its part in ending it. Too many persons," he explains, "lack the courage to participate in an experiment that breaks the custom." Nor were the dining car waiters courageous enough to break an old

custom - they just took the tips the customers insisted on handing them, while also accepting the hike in wages.

So the rule didn't work, the ^{e.}~~A.~~ and O. Vice-President stating today: "The experiment was not even fifty per cent effective."

Sounds like an old story. You squawk about an evil, and then won't permit that evil to be abolished.

ROOSEVELT

There was a rally of the Roosevelts this afternoon at Santa Monica, California - for another Roosevelt wedding. This time it's a grandson of the late President, F.D.R., who took to wife Miss Robin Edwards, daughter of an aircraft executive. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was there, with her daughter and three of her sons - as the young couple became Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dall.

But they won't have that name for long. Years ago, the bridegroom was known countrywide as "Buzzie", of the much publicized pair -- Sistie and Buzzie, grandchildren of President Roosevelt. He was born to the surname of Dall, but changed it to Boettiger, after his mother's divorce and remarriage. Then he changed it back to Dall, when his mother was divorced from John Boettiger two years ago. But he's going to change it again, in a few months - when he's twenty-one. He'll take that more famous name - of Roosevelt. Three name changes by the time he's twenty-one.

GOLF

We all know that kind of jittery suspense, with destiny teetering on the brink. Golfers do, especially - the way the ball can teeter on the brink of the cup, before deciding whether to fall in or stay out. But the climax of all that occurred at the British Amateur Golf Championships today, on that royal and ancient course ^{at} St. Andrews.

J.C. Earle of Los Angeles was playing Stanley Lunt of Britain, and going on to the seventeenth green, Earle ^{of L.A.} was one up. Then things narrowed down to a putt, with Lunt rapping the ball. The white pellet rolled straight at the cup, to the very edge - and hung there. The trick of it all was a high wind, and the ball teetered back and forth.

The two golfers stood, fascinated by the suspense, as the seconds went by - the ball still undecided about what to do. Going in, staying out - going in, staying out.

Finally, the Los Angeles golfer asked: "How long are we going to wait for it?"

The Britisher looked at the ball, still wobbling on

FOOTPRINTS

At Palo Alto, California, ~~today~~, people gaped and asked - who walked down the side of the tall tower? Must have been a giant - because the footprints were so huge. Looked as if Goliath himself had gone trudging down the perpendicular wall of the two hundred and eighty-five foot tower that surmounts the Hoover Library at Stanford University. *Maybe Merian Cooper's giant ape - King Kong.*

Actually, those big black footprints were pasted on - quite a joke. The more so - because the same sort of thing happened last year, but in reverse. That time the footprints were shown going up.

I suppose ~~some~~ frolicksome students ^{of course are} ~~are to be~~ suspected. But the police are bothered - because that library, donated by former President Herbert Hoover, contains a priceless collection of material for history - and it looks as if the joksters had got inside at night. The only way the police can figure - they must have made their way to the top of the tower, and then lowered some acrobatic humorist by a rope, so ^(he) ~~they~~ could paste the footprints on the wall.

Something like that - unless it was just a case of a
giant walking up ^{that Tower} the wall last year, and down the side of the
tower this year. ^{Let's ask} ~~Maybe~~ Nelson's girl friend,
has a clue.