

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

From the headquarters of General MacArthur in Tokyo comes the statement: That the United States will oppose Communist aggression -- anywhere in the world. today a spokesman for MacArthur told the Japanese that America will fight what he called "ruthlessly aggressive communism." We'll battle against that as we did against "Nazism, Fascism and Tojo's Japanism," said the MacArthur spokesman.

Warning the Japanese people to be on the alert against Communism, the MacArthur statement is all the more important in that it proclaims an American battle against Red Totalitarianism, not only in some places, but "anywhere in the world."

General Eisenhower tells us that there is in his ~~xxxxxx~~ words: "No immediate danger of a deliberately provoked war". So stated ~~that~~ in an address to the National Press Club in Washington.

Yet, the fact that there is no immediate danger of war being deliberately provoked does not rule out alarming possibilities. General Eisenhower put that in the following words: "But, because all wars are stupid, they can start stupidly" said he.

R And our Chief of Staff who commanded the victory in Europe pointed out that incidents like those in the neighborhood of Trieste last year could bring on a war. That is, the shooting down of unarmed American transport planes, by the fighters of Red Marshall Tito.

ATOM

There's a congressional move to put this nation's atomic energy program under the control of a commission headed by the Secretary of State.

A by-partisan group of legislators, Republicans and Democrats, are behind this idea. Their plan is to replace the present civilian atomic commission -- which has been in so much controversy-- replace it with another group that would include the Secretaries of War and Navy, and, headed by the Secretary of State.

Senator Ecton, of Montana, one of the sponsors explained this afternoon that the purpose of the new atomic energy control would be to strengthen the hand of Secretary of State Marshall.

CONFERENCE

In Moscow Secretary of State Marshall today made a proposal designed to avoid one of the major mistakes of the peace making after World War One. He suggested that the peace treaty now being negotiated with ~~the~~ conquered Germany should not be signed by the ~~German government that will take~~ ~~the~~ power ~~under~~ the ~~treaty~~.

The mistake after World War One lay in the fact that, after the ~~the~~ ousting of the Kaiser and the ~~the~~ Prussian military ^{domination} ~~arrangement~~ of those days, the Allies compelled the German Republic to sign the ignominious and humiliating peace treaty. It should have been their ~~the~~ policy to support the German Republic, liberal and democratic -- ^{but} ~~by~~ the regime that signed the treaty of Versailles was ~~the~~ hopelessly compromised in the eyes of the German people. ^{Of} this Hitler and the Nazis took full avail. One of the most effective charges they hurled against the liberal democratic Republic was the

signing of the Versailles Treaty.

The Marshall idea is that a clause, accepting the treaty, shall be placed in the new German constitution which the people are to adopt, a clause committing the entire nation to the peace arrangement that concludes World War Two. So in adopting the constitution the German people will be ratifying the treaty.

Sounds like one of the wisest of ideas, but it met with immediate objection today. Who said -- no? Yes, Molotov. He said that if the new German government which is to be set up, does not do the signing it would weaken the treaty.

ADD CONFERENCE

The latest from Moscow tonight sounds ^{an} optimistic note -- this a reflection of the fact ~~is~~ that Soviet Russia has suddenly started to make concessions on the subject of Austria. After having been adamant in opposition to proposals made by the western democracies, for an Austrian treaty, the Soviet representatives today conceded a bit, and agreed to ~~in~~ discuss a whole series of points.

AUSTIN - PRECEDE U N

Our new foreign policy is to be presented to the United Nations. ~~This was~~ ^{So says} stated today by Warren Austin, American delegate to the United Nations after a White House conference with President Truman.

This will meet one of the principal objections in Congress ~~the~~ ^{the} criticism that the Truman plan for aiding Greece and Turkey against communism ~~is~~ ^{is}, in effect a way of by-passing ~~the~~ ^{the} United Nations, ignoring the world organization.

(That's the objection of most of the critics in Congress, although Senators Pepper of Florida and Glen Taylor of Idaho go much farther. These two democratic legislators have bolted the Truman policy altogether. They offered today another kind of plan for helping ~~in~~ Greece and Turkey -- a non-military, limited to relief, and administered by the U N. That ^{is,} Pepper and Glen Taylor would ~~xx~~ cut out military aid to Greece and Turkey in the face of the Red Menace. They stated today that the Truman plan to stop Communism in the Near East, was s ~~xxx~~ step

Today's news from the United Nations gives us an echo of that old headline -- Soviet veto. For six months Gromyko had failed to toss that international monkey wrench into the United Nations machinery; but, today, once again, he vetoed.

This was in the case of Albania, which Soviet puppet is accused by Great Britain of having laid mines in the channel off the island of Corfu.

Britain complained to the United Nations, and today the Security Council was prepared to vote a resolution finding Albania guilty of the mine laying, guilty of a crime against humanity. The majority was about to vote that way, when Gromyko imposed the veto.

So, that ends the U N consideration in the case of Albania and the mines -- killed by the soviet veto.

EXPLOSION

In the mine explosion at Centralia, Illinois, several miners got out quickly from the inferno of dust and violence below ground -- and then they ~~xxxx~~ went immediately back into it. Coal miners who had just escaped with their lives, went plunging back to help in the rescue of their comrades ~~in~~ trapped deep down under ground.

That sets a key to the story of disaster, a story so familiar in the annals of mining -- the frightful peril of the men entombed and the heroism of the ^{rescuers} ~~xxxxxx~~ that seek to save them. More than a hundred miners are reported to be deep in the black pits, at Centralia -- waiting. From one trapped party word has come, by the mine telephone ~~xxxxxx~~ system, that they are okay, thus far -- waiting.

~~The~~ At last reports, the rescue crews having descended into the exploded mine were trying to force their way to survivors -- though no word has come as yet telling of ~~neither~~ success or failure.

WEATHER

Weather news from the East is in vivid contrast to what I see out of my ^{St. Francis} hotel window here in San Francisco; -- the window wide open ~~on~~ by the way; sunshine and warmth -- and a balmy breeze blowing from the Pacific.

Five weeks ago I left New York on a broadcast jaunt West -- to renew impressions of those great spaces of our land which lie toward the sunset. I didn't realize it, but the trip was as good as a flight, an escape, from cold waves and blizzards that were about to sweep ^(upon) ~~the~~ the East. It was, in fact, an escape ^{into} ~~into~~ springtime, unusually early ^{Spring}, exceptionally warm -- here in the West. ^{TR} I took some time off, ~~in~~ between radio ~~in~~ chores, to do a bit of skiing, and, found the necessary snow ^{high up} in the mountains. **But,** ~~as~~ for snow, I might as well have stayed back home -- where they ^{we} had such an abundance of it.

~~and~~ Today again, the news wire, here in ~~the~~ warm San Francisco, tells of new blizzards and

storms sweeping from the middle-west to the East with cold and snow far and wide. Snow preceded by wind, a violent gale that caused an exceptionally perilous havoc. Power lines down, telephone poles blown over, all the way from Missouri to Atlanta, Georgia. Three persons killed by the deadly shock from fallen electric wires -- as lines were swept down by a sixty-mile an hour gale.

In New England -- fog from Connecticut all the way up across Maine, a blinding mist, covered the New England states today, while out here it's balmy spring-time on the Pacific Coast.

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Dr. Rappaport head of the famous Town Hall of S.F. is here with me. Dr. Rappaport you are a wise man, how do you explain this early Spring?

Dr. Rappaport: The sun always shines in California! And we are all anxious to hear you and your son at The Curran Theatre Sunday afternoon and evening.

ADD WEATHER

For a final detail, here's a weather report from Los Angeles today -- record breaking warmth for this time of year, the thermometer at eighty-nine, the highest for March ~~Twenty-Fifth~~ since Nineteen ~~Thirty~~.

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BLACK DAHLIA

The history of quarrels in romance, the long record of battles in the moon-struck realm of sentiment and heart's devotion -- present many a strange way of getting even. Many an odd method of retaliation. Few, however, ~~xxx~~ will compare in freakish madness with today's account in the Black Dahlia murder case. The word from St. Louis is that the ex-Marine Melvin Bailey confessed to the hideous murder in Los Angeles -- ^{merely} as a way of getting even with the Detroit girl who turned him down!

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They never did -- the prospective bride breaking off the engagement.)

Today she stated: He went to St. Louis and I sent him a letter saying I didn't want to see him again.

And to this she adds: "He wrote back that he would get even and make me sorry." So her conclusion is that Bailey went to the police and confessed the murder of the Black Dahlia, -- "just to get even with me", says Dolores.

It seems a strange way of retaliation -- maybe he was just trying to make her sorry, for the sentimental turn-down.

Police say they are inclined to agree with her -- in this weird story of the way a jilted lover tried to get even.

DOG

At Red Wing, Minnesota, in a tumbled-down shanty, a dog is keeping a cold and lonely vigil tonight. He's waiting for his ~~xx~~ master -- and it's an extreme example of that quality so much extoled, the ~~xxx~~ loyalty of a dog.

Two weeks ago George Brenn of Red Wing went fishing, and took with him his cocker spaniel, named "Rascal". The place for fishing was an isolated point along the upper reaches of the Mississippi River -- that Minnesota region where the Father of Waters begins. ^{TP} George ~~Brenn~~ Brenn went to an old rickety shack and in ~~xx~~ it locked the dog -- Rascal to wait for him there. It isn't known exactly what the man had in mind -- ^{for} he hasn't been seen since. The belief is that he went out on river ice, broke through and was drowned. Search parties have been dragging the river for days. -- ^R In any case, the cocker spaniel was left locked up in the shack, ~~where~~ ~~his master had left him to wait.~~ They found Rascal

days later -- he had nearly starved to death. He had kept himself alive by eating some cereal and pancake flour that he had torn from packages -- and he had gnawed part-way through the wooden floor.

When they opened the door and let him out, Rascal ran around looking for his master. Unable to find him the dog went back to the shack. They ~~fed~~ fed him, tried to get him away. But Rascal ~~wouldn't~~ ~~leave~~ leave. In spite of the ordeal he had endured, locked in the shack, he'd ^(keep) ~~kept~~ on waiting there -- until his master returned. **R** So there he is tonight, alone in the lonely cold of the upper reaches of the Mississippi. Rascal continuing his vigil. ~~He~~ ^R mighty faithful and honest, ~~for~~ rascal.

HOUSING

Here's the height for the housing shortage -- the resignation of a mayor because His Honor can't find a place to live. At Huntington Park, California, Mayor Wendell Schooling announced today that he would have to give up his post as head of the municipal government. The local housing shortage is so severe that to find a place to live, he has been forced to buy a house in nearby Long Beach whereby he ceases to be a resident of Huntington Park. Having to choose between a house and the distinguished office of mayor, he didn't hesitate -- the house wins.

And that seems to suggest one on the House.--

And so long until Monday.

WRECK

A weird tale of the sea comes from far out in the Pacific -- a strange light appearing in the battered remains of a tanker, that's being towed to Hawaii. The Tanker Dearborn, which broke in two in a storm, leading to a story of rescue about which we heard last week.

The rear section of the ship is now being towed by a Navy tug, which reports that suddenly, and for no apparent reason, a light appeared in the derelict section of the hull. According to all accounts every living soul had been taken off the Dearborn, -- so how to explain the light?

The Captain of the ship insists that no one can be aboard, he being certain that all were taken off. The tug towing the rear section of the tanker is in no position to make an investigation. And a radio message asks that the hulk be searched immediately upon arrival at Hawaii, to seek an explanation of the mysterious light which seems to be a lantern and which appears every night.

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And on that note of mystery let's switch back
from the Pacific to the Atlantic -- back to you Nelson.

toward war with Soviet Russia.

However most of the criticism in Congress is merely on the ground of by-passing the United Nations and this would seem to be met adequately by today's ~~xxxxxxx~~ announcement -- that our delegate Warren Austin, will make a full report to the United Nations on American aid to Greece and Turkey -- in their ~~xxxx~~ opposition to Red aggression.)

PARIS DEMONSTRATION

(In Paris there was a mass demonstration today -- against the ~~new~~ new American policy of aiding Greece and Turkey against Communism. A mob of two hundred thousand quit work and marched, huge masses of Reds whose leaders denounced the American anti-communist effort in the Near East as -- imperialistic and Fascist.)

BERLIN FLOODS

(East of Berlin today it sounded like war again, the thunder of artillery and the roar of flame throwers. It was military action against the floods that have been devastating the Soviet area of Berlin. The main cause of the inundation is ~~xxx~~ an ice jam in the river Oder, down stream from Berlin. The River is virtually damned ~~by~~ ^{by the} ice, causing the water to back up -- back up all over the place, all over Berlin. So today Soviet troops attacked the ice pack, ~~ix~~ blasting it with artillery fire, and melting it with flame throwers.)