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(The tremendous air strike in Korea today, devastated targets of such vital importance)-- you wonder why they weren't blasted before. (The system of mighty dams ~~is~~ on the Yalu River - source of immense hydro-electric power for industries in Red Manchuria.) They are on the Korean side of the Yalu -- not within that Manchurian sanctuary, which we don't bomb.

(Those hydro-electric dams, built in the Japanese occupation, have been historic in this war. They were a number one goal for U N forces, when these made their dash to the Yalu -- and were a factor in bringing about the intervention of Red China. The Chinese communists -- insisting they could not see the sources of their electric power fall under allied control.

Well, our troops had beat a fast retreat, leaving the dams far behind - and, ever since, the great power ~~plants~~ plants have been immune from air attack. Just why, it isn't clear.

Apparently, our airpower could have blasted them at any time -- as ~~was~~ was indicated by what happened today.)

Fleets of planes converged on the great system of dams. Planes from Air Force bases, ^{and} naval planes from four aircraft carriers. The bombers - five hundred of them, ^{- were} ~~are~~ well protected by jet fighters -- but these had little to do. There was no interference whatever from enemy jets. Their bases were nearby -- right across the Yalu from the targets. Our flyers could spot rows and rows of Russian-built MIGs ^{there} on the flying fields. But they never took off, and the stupendous air strike went on unopposed.

The bombers hit the power plants, blasting them with a day-long rain of high explosive. And - left them erupting with masses of flame and ~~black~~ smoke. Fitting commemoration of the end of the second year of the Korean war.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee
okays the West German peace treaty. "Contract" as
it is called. But the committee tacks on an
"interpretation," stating that the agreement does
not increase the power of the President to send
soldiers to Europe.

All of which now goes to the floor of the
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MATERIALS POLICY COMMISSION

A report, broad in scope, and ~~in~~ of great importance - was presented in Washington today. By -- the materials Policy Commission. Which has to do with raw materials for American industry, our present resources and requirements, And - shortages too, Particularly - shortages of vital metals.

The President named the Commission at the beginning of last year - a five-man group headed by William Paley, founder and still head ~~president~~ of the Columbia Broadcasting System. They made an extensive survey - as indicated by the length of today's report, one hundred and forty thousand words. Setting forth - seventy recommendations.

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So what to do about it? The commission (headed by William Paley,) makes a series of suggestions -- right down to the practical details. (The recommendations are under three categories:~)

(Number One - we can) make efforts to discover new ~~XXXX~~ sources of raw materials here at home. (And -- we can make better use of what we now produce.)

(Number two - we can) change our methods of production in ~~XXX~~ such a way as to use more of the materials we have in abundance. (Use less of the scarce materials.)

(Number three -- we can) utilize in a larger degree the resources of other countries - trading with free nations, (both to their advantage and our own.)

(The report calls for a repeal of the "buy American" law of Nineteen Thirty-Three - which ~~is~~ restricts government purchases abroad. Legislation -- that calls for the use of American raw materials

whenever possible. This, the commission points
~~out~~ out, merely promotes the exhaustion of our own
resources. We should get what we can from abroad -
so that we won't run out of supplies at home.)

TAFT-SMEAR

(Today Senator Taft, denounced the smear against General Eisenhower.) At a news conference, he said he was "particularly disgusted" by a blast emanating from one Joseph P. Kamp, - and anti-Eisenhower screed circulated among members of the Maryland Republican delegation.

The Senator also condemned anti-Eisenhower tactics of an organization headed by ^{one} Gerald Winrod, who was prosecuted for sedition in World War Two. *Sen.* Taft spoke against the smear in all its forms, and (said he had seen anti-semitic diatribes aimed at General Ike.)

I, myself, saw some of these during a trip to the coast some weeks ago. At Los Angeles, I was shown a sheet that was being circulated - picturing General Ike as having been reared in Talmudic scholarship. His father called an authority of the Talmud. All - tied in with those old "protocols of Zion" which allege some sort of Jewish scheme to dominate the world. The irony is that the parents

of General Eisenhower, were ardent adherents of an extreme Protestant sect.

AMENDMENT

The Senators today, turned down a constitutional amendment - which would have prohibited the President from seizing the steel industry, or any other private property, without the consent of Congress. The amendment was introduced by Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, and got him into a hot argument with the Democratic leader in the Senate, McFarland of Arizona. McFarland assailed McCarran. The Democratic leader was backed by the top ranking Republicans in the Senate, Bridges of New Hampshire and Saltenstall of Massachusetts, and the vote was forty-two to thirty-two -- refusing to consider the proposed constitutional amendment.

POLITICS

Illinois gives ten more delegates to Senator Taft. Today the G O P State convention selected that many delegates at large -- in addition to those chosen in the primary last April.

All of which gives Taft fifty-nine out of sixty in Illinois.

of New York, Governor of Connecticut, Governor of New Hampshire, and Governor of New Jersey.

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POLITICS-TAFT

(Tonight, Senator Taft hurled a blast at four Governors of Eastern States - charging that they were using political patronage to put their state delegations behind General Ike. Taft named - Governors ~~the~~ Dewey of New York, ~~the~~ Lodge of Connecticut, ~~the~~ Adams of New Hampshire, and ~~the~~ Driscoll of New Jersey.)

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POLITICS-STEVENSON

(Indiana pledges twenty-two Democratic votes for Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois. He's not a candidate for the nomination, though he might be receptive.) Anyway, at the Chicago Convention, the Indiana delegation of twenty-two will support him.

And here's a curiosity - a statement from Governor Stevenson's ex-wife. Mrs. Ellen Borden Stevenson declares that she would not vote for her ex-husband - not for President. Or, for any other Democrat. But she ^{is} backing Stevenson for Governor. "Illinois" declared Mrs. Stevenson, "needs him as Governor; ^{she adds,} and ~~our~~ our country needs a change of administration!"

Rumors have been circulating that there might be a reconciliation of the couple -- married for twenty-one years. But, tonight, Mrs. Stevenson stated in her own words, "out of the question."

STEAMSHIP

The United States got a record-breaking welcome at New York today -- SS United States, that new superliner. From Ambrose Lightship, across New York Bay, and up the Hudson, the seventy-three million dollar vessel was greeted by a pandemonium.

(One hundred and fifty ships, large and small, formed a welcoming committee, and each one tooted its own salute. Each ^{in turn} answered by the thundering siren of the ^{new S.S.} ~~the~~ United States, ~~Steamship America.~~ Airplanes and helicopters roared overhead, - as on a rainy day. ^{received her} The new fifty-three thousand ton ~~queen~~ queen of the seas ~~got~~ a royal welcome.)

BRAZIL

Today, Brazilian police and marines fought a running battle with one hundred ^{and} eighty fugitives who ^{were} trying to make their way through tropical jungles along the coast. The fugitives, ~~and~~ survivors of ~~some~~ three hundred odd prisoners in an island jail-break -- in which sixteen guards and prison employees were killed. Forty convicts fell in the fighting on the island. Dozens of others were victims -- when fugitives threw comrades overboard from escape launches that were over-crowded. About forty had been captured. The remaining one hundred ^{and} eighty-; pursued through the tropical forest in a relentless man-hunt.

BEATTY

At Portland, Oregon, wild animal tamer, Clyde Beatty was in a hospital ^{again} today. Treated for loss of blood; - and the doctor took twenty stitches in his right leg. Severe injury! - but that didn't keep Clyde Beatty from going on with his animal act last night.

That master of lions and tigers, well-known for decades, was putting on a big show - with eighteen lions. In the middle of the performance, two of those kings of beasts got into a fight. Clyde Beatty separated them - used to that sort of thing. But, this time, both of the angry lions got a grudge against the trainer who had stopped their private battle.

Beatty, going along with the act, commanded his lions to lie down, all eighteen of them. They did - all except those two. They turned on him, one attacked him from the front. Beatty warded him off - but, as he did so, the other struck at him

from the ^{re}ear, ripping and mangling his right leg.

The other sixteen lions meanwhile - just looking on.

Well, Clyde Beatty is a veteran, and has the courage it takes. Injured as he was, he gained control of the two big ornery cats, and went right on through the performance. Then - to the hospital.

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BASEBALL

Minor Too bad, all you baseball fans. You're not going to see a lady play the outfield, not in the ^{big} leagues, ^{or the minors,} You're not going to see a beautiful brunette at bat, running the bases. That was the vision, when the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, interstate league signed Mrs. Eleanor Engle. She - to play on that minor league team. And, possibly make good, and rise to the majors. Maybe, play on the New York Yankess, or the St. Louis Cardinals, ^{with The Gas House Gang,} those old pros.

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Minor leagues has nixed the whole thing.

(Well, I wonder, if Mrs. Engle is capable of playing ball along with the Musials, the Rizzutos, and the Bob Fellers, why shouldn't she? However, ~~it~~ could it be that the Harrisburg team of the Interstate League engaged Eleanor as a sort of publicity stunt.)

When she was interviewed today, the beautiful brunette was in tears. "Baseball is making a big mistake," she sobbed. "But" she sighed, "I still have my accordion. I'll just keep up my entertainment work." But not in League baseball.

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LONDON

London is having an election - choosing its "ale conners." Which means - "con" the brew, inspecting, testing. Although - that's mostly nominal nowadays.

The "Ale conners" date back to the time of the Norman Conquest - when there was trouble in London. The anglo-Saxon citizens complained that, since the Normans took over, the nut brown ale was of poor quality. But William-The-Conqueror fixed that. He decreed that London should be responsible for its own ale. So the Londoners proceeded to name - "Ale Conners". A custom - that has continued right down to the present day.

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sit on it. If the leather breeches got stuck to the bench, it was good ale - with plenty of body. If not, the tavern keeper was punished - by having his total supply of the bad ale poured over his head.

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Poetic justice, ^[Nelson] - doused with ^{his} ~~the~~ own ale.

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DEFENSE APPROPRIATION

President Truman takes notice of a report that the Senate may slash funds for defense -- by fifty percent. He says it would be a "terrible disaster."

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Well, it's a puzzling question -- how much can we cut, without reducing fighting ability?

Vishniuk gave the Swedish Ambassador an answer to a question - whether the missing plane, called the 'Flying Glass Rock' had been fired on by the Red fighters. The 'Flying Glass Rock' was the technical training plane that vanished - and, later, a rescue plane searching for it was also shot down by the Reds. Indications have been - that the 'Flying Glass Rock' had also fallen victim, as shot down. So what does Moscow reply?

The Soviet note charges that, on the day in question, two planes violated Red territory. And were driven away by the Russian fighters. The Russian note says the nationality of the planes could not be determined - because of bad weather.

All of which would make it likely enough that the 'Flying Glass Rock' was shot down. There is no explanation of the other plane mentioned in the Moscow communication.