

HALLINAN

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At San Francisco this afternoon, a candidate^{who} ran for the presidency last fall was indicted for income tax ~~in~~ violation. Vincent Hallinan, who was a candidate on the Progressive ticket -- a left wing party often called pro-Communist.

Recently Hallinan spent five months in jail on a charge of contempt of court. Now he and his wife are accused of defrauding the government of sixty-five thousand dollars in income tax. All of which adds up to the technical fact -- that a presidential candidate in the last election is under indictment.

HAWAII

The bill to admit Hawaii as the forty-ninth state seems to be stalled for the time being - in spite of the fact that it was passed in the House of Representatives last night. The Senate still has to vote its own approval, that won't happen right away. The Senate - tied up for the time being by the question of Tideland^S Oil. That issue will have to be decided first. It looks like a long debate.

Moreover, the Democrats in the Senate say the bill for Hawaiian Statehood will get plenty of debate. They do not use the word "filibuster" do not indicate they will try to talk it to death. But they won't be in any hurry.

Democrats want Alaska ~~to be~~ admitted to the Union along with Hawaii. Alaska - normally Democratic, ~~while~~ Hawaii ~~is~~ normally Republican.

An apt retort was given at the United Nations today, when U.S. Chief delegate, Henry Cabot Lodge, replied to Soviet charges of American "atrocities" in Korea. He was interrupted repeatedly by applause, when he reminded Moscow delegate Gromyko that the United States Army in Korea is ^wour delegate's own words - "the same Army which helped the Soviet Army to defeat Hitler." He told Gromyko that our American forces were good enough for the Soviet in the years of World War Two. "They would be now" he exclaimed, "if your government's policy had not so tragically changed."

CHINA

The Chinese Red radio hails - Malenkov, as the successor to Stalin. Saying that Red China "warmly" supports the appointment of Malenkov as Premier of Soviet Russia.

All of which tends to diminish the hope that Mao Tse Tung might consider himself above Malenkov, and refuse to accept the leadership of the new Premier in Moscow.

They called on China to rally around Mao Tse Tung, but made no mention of Malenkov. They closed with a salute to Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. Without mentioning - Stalin's successor.

The picture might seem contradictory - but anyway, I suppose we will have to fall back on the old phrase "time will tell".

ARTILLERY SHOW

Today brings a new charge in the story of "shows" put on by the army at the war front in Korea. Performances - for V I P's, especially groups of Congress^{men}. The artillery, were told^{to} follow~~ed~~ a "shooting script," in the style of Hollywood movies.

This is stated ~~xx~~ by former Lieutenant Colonel Garnett Dick, in the Louisville Times. He tells ~~gm~~ how a Colonel would be briefed with a "shooting script" of the show. Then, when the performanc~~e~~ was on, the Colonel would explain it all to the "very important person" - and, at appropriate moments, the guns would fire, sound effects, it would seem.

Well, shooting scripts are a proper thing in movieland. But at the war front, they were "shooting scripts" in more ways than one. According - to the story in the Louisville Times ~~xxxx~~ today.

KOREA

News from the war front in Korea tell ^{507a} ~~a~~
daring attack in a violent blizzard. South Korean
raiders wiped out ^a Red outpost on the eastern front -
and had to make their march of assault through a
snowfall of ten inches. It was piled in deep drifts
- but they slogged their way through, to a battle of
hand to hand fighting. Most of the time ^{(they were} ~~throughout~~
invisible - ~~xxxxxxx~~ ⁾ from lookout points nearby. The blizzard
was that blinding. The Reds were taken completely by
surprise. They never expected an attack - not in such
weather.

The latest from the war front tells of B-29s bombing targets, in spite of all the bad weather. They hit a supply center, near Pyongyang, ~~at~~ at night when the area was hidden by dense clouds. The fleet of super forts ~~was~~ aiming its bombs by radar.

SUB LEAD-PLANES

Red Czechoslovakia admits the attack on two American jet fighter planes yesterday - one shot down. When Communist jets opened fire. Czechoslovakia, at the same time, rejects ^{the} strong American protest, and denies ~~■~~ that the American planes were assailed over Germany, ^{the} American zone. American Air Force radar shows they were twelve to fifteen miles inside Germany.

The Red reply claims the U S jet^s had violated the border and were over Czech territory twenty-five miles inside that country. Also - that they fired back, making it an air battle. Our pilots declare - they did not fire a shot. They had been instructed - most positively, not to do anything that might bring about an incident.

Today the two fliers told their story, and one odd angle is the fact - that they did not recognize the insignia on the two jet fighters that attacked them. They say they bore markings - "unlike those in any known Air Force in the world". Lieutenant Warren Brown, whose plane was downed, and Lieutenant Donald

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Smith, whose Thunder Jet was not damaged - were shown the official markings of every air force in the world, of every nation. But they recognized not one Δ as the insignia of the attacking planes. It must be that the Air Force of Red Czechoslovakia has devised some new kind of insignia - not on international records.

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recently by the Reds.

The story of the attack is told by Lieutenant Brown, a veteran of one hundred combat missions in Korea. "We were flying along the Czech border" says he, "when we spotted these aircraft. We were not sure of ^{what} ~~the~~ nationality they were. But I saw one MIG was behind me and circled several times, not knowing what the MIG'S intention was. He opened fire, and hit me -- and, for a moment, my plane was out of control. I flipped over on my back," Lieutenant Brown goes on, "and turned in the opposite direction. Then I found myself in a dive. My plane was pretty well shot up. My right wing was beginning to come apart. Then I shot out, using the ejection seat". He came down by parachute.

All this action occurred from seven to ten miles inside the German border. The two pilots ^{say} ~~decide~~ that visibility was excellent, the sun shining. So the Red planes had no excuse for mistake. ~~Neither American plane, when the shooting began, returned the~~

ITALY-OIL

In the oil dispute with Iran, Great Britain loses a court battle - in Italy. An Italian tanker brought a cargo of petroleum from the Iranian fields. The British company ~~xxx~~ claims ownership of all that oil, and entered suit in the Italian courts. Demanding -- possession of the cargo of the tanker.

But the tribunal in Venice rules - no holding - that the purchase of oil from Iran was legal.

The British will not^w_x appeal the case to a higher court in Rome.

FAROUK

Ex-King Farouk denies that he has been divorced from his Queen, Nouriman. The former Monarch is at Rome. The statement was handed out by his secretary. Calling reports of a divorce - false.

However, the statement ~~is~~ that the former sovereigns of Egypt have split up, is confirmed by Nouriman's family in Cairo. They say the two have been quarreling violently of late, and that Farouk has been divorced from his wife. The further statement is -- that Nouriman's family is making moves to have the former Queen return to Egypt immediately.

SHIPWRECK

In the North Atlantic twenty-eight lives ~~xxx~~ were saved today - sailors rescued from the stern-^{the} ^{after-}section of an oil tanker which had broken in two. The tanker Angy was the victim of an explosion that shattered the vessel several days ago! The stern broke away from the bow, ^{and} both sections drifted apart. In the stern - twenty-eight sailors.

After drifting for ~~xxx~~ three days, they were sighted by the American freighter Claiborne, which stood by to do a rescue job. A violent gale ~~xxx~~ was blowing, heavy sea running. But the Claiborne did it, and took off all twenty-eight.

Survivors report there were ² eight persons in the bow, including the Captain. ^{and} Still missing - ^{with a} search ~~is~~ being made over waters a thousand miles east of New York

FIRE

There was grim tragedy at Newark, New Jersey - fourteen lives lost, when fire broke out in a brewery - Annhaeuser-Busch. The material that burned was - cork. Which produces heavy suffocating smoke. Workers were trapped in huge brewery fermentation ~~xx~~ vats, where they were ~~xxx~~ overcome by the fumes of burning cork. Tragic turn of evil fortune.

With all that gold buried at Fort Knox is anyone still interested in mining gold? Word has just come from the editor of the newspaper THE GOLD RUSH, that a new rich strike has been made at Cripple Creek, Colorado, on the famous old Cresson mine. That's the mine where mining engineer Roelofs some forty years ago, broke into an underground cavern, called a Vug, the walls of which he found covered with gold.

Now at that same mine, on the eighth level, running along the Trilby Dike, a dike of basalt, they've found ore that runs three dollars a pound. So if gold is ever worth anything any more it looks as if Cripple Creek will be back on the map. Also - they are re-opening the great-one time exceedingly rich Portland mine - Portland No. I.

By the way, I've just received a check from an old Colorado neighbor who says his family has owed money to my father since the year 1897. His conscience worries him and now he sends a check and a letter

which reads:- Some fifty-five years ago when Uncle Dewey broke his leg riding a horse, down Tenderfoot Hill from the Molly Kathleen Mine, your father, Dr. Thomas, took care of him. Our family records show that your father sent a bill for two dollars for setting Uncle Dewey's leg. But that bill, like so many of my family's bills, was never paid." Then he goes on:- "I've tried to figure out how much two dollars would amount to at compound interest, for fifty-five years, and I have arbitrarily fixed the amount at five dollars and sixty-two cents, -- check for which is enclosed."

The check is on The California Bank, Wilshire, Boulevard, Beverly Hills. It's made out to the Estate of Colonel Harry George Thomas, M.D., with the following written at the top:- "Payment in full for setting Uncle Dewey's leg in the year 1897. The sum of five dollars and sixty-two cents." Signed-- Gene Fowler.

You all recall Gene Fowler? And his many famous books, TIMBER LINE, which was a number one best seller years ago? Also his biography of John Barrymore, and many others? He's a legendary figure in Colorado, also in N.Y., and Hollywood. Whenever he returns to Denver, where he and I used to be cub reporters, they get out the fire department, have a parade and fire off bombs from the roof of the Denver post.

TRACE TRACK

One of the big arguments out here on the Pacific Coast was settled today with a ~~piece~~ peace agreement between the Tanforan Race Track and horse owners. Latter were demanding more money, a larger cut of proceeds, which demanded ~~the~~ the big race track near San Francisco rejected. So the Society of horse owners were boycotting Tanforan just as its racing season was about to begin. The Guild of Jockeys backed the horse owners, and things were in a snarl. Now the President of Tanforan states that an agreement has been reached according to which there is a ~~sum~~ guarantee of one million dollars in purses for the winning horses. That much out of ^{the} thirty-two million ~~dollars~~ which the track expects to handle in the forty-five day season. In addition there is a provision for further ~~sum~~ adjustment -- thus ending a squabble talked about eveyrwhere here in California.

AWARD

I was especially interested in the awards made by the Hollywood script Writers' Guild. Honors for the best dramatic script going to - High Noon. Best comedy - the Quiet Man. Best musical - Singin' In the Rain. The award that pleased me particularly was the one comedy - The Quiet Man, having been produced by an old friend General Merian Cooper.

FISH

Here's a fish story worthy of the old tradition of tall whoppers. But it happened - out here in the West. A news dispatch tells how Colonel Alfred Lambert of Richmond, Virginia, went fishing in the Lake Meade - that great body of water backed up by Boulder Dam. The Colonel's line was one hundred feet down when he caught something. No it wasn't a strike.

"It was too sluggish to be a fish", says the Colonel. "I thought I had snagged an old shoe, an auto tire or something."

He reeled in his catch, and found he had hooked a fishing rod, a fine one made of spun glass, complete with reel. The line was on it also - and, at the end of the line, a two pound catfish. So he caught - both the fish pole and the fish.

SLANG

Some people may raise a supercilious, grammatical eyebrow, if I should burst forth and exclaim: "We sure got in a hassle about that king-size palooka when he gave me a hot foot, and it was a lead pipe cinch that I'd get sore."

If you think that's too slangy, I can only cite the venerable book, Webster's dictionary. Its new edition, just coming out, recognizes a whole series of slang words -- as proper English.

Okay - gets a special treatment. Not even called slang now, described as - a noun, verb, advert, adjective, interjection. Okay belongs to every part of speech. Which would seem to be - okay. What do you say Miss Ivory?