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In North Ireland, Belfast, an almost complete count of votes tonight shows an overwhelming majority for continued union with Great Britain. A general election ~~was~~ was held yesterday, selecting members to the North Ireland House of Commons, fifty-two -- Unionist candidates running against Irish Nationalists who favor having Ulster join the new Irish Republic. Tonight's figures show a popular ^{vote} of more than two to one in favor of remaining in the British Commonwealth. The Unionist party of Prime Minister Sir Basil Brooke won thirty-four seats and independent Unionists took two, ~~of~~ of the first forty-four to report. The Irish Nationalists captured only six -- and, no matter what happens by the time the count is completed, they'll be much in the minority. All of which ~~was what~~ had been expected -- Ulster voting not to ~~join~~ join the Irish Republic.

NORWAY

~~The latest from Washington -~~ The talks ~~is~~
between Norway and the United States have been
concluded. Norwegian Foreign Minister Lange ~~is~~
flying to London to confer with British Foreign
Secretary Bevin. Everything is being kept a close
secret - and there is no hint of ^{whether} ~~whether~~ or not
the Foreign Minister will make a favorable report
to his government on the subject of Norway joining
the North Atlantic Security Pact.

EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower is back on the job - in Washington. This time as temporary presiding officer of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The new President of Columbia, hardly well settled in his academic job, is recalled by President Truman. The White House describes General ~~Ike's~~ Ike's new ^{post} ~~post~~ as follows: "He will sit in meetings of the joint Chiefs of Staff and act as presiding officer of that body". This new task is temporary -- out of consideration for Eisenhower's duties as University President.

TP Sounds as if he might possibly be summoned for an emergency, ^{- but} ~~if~~ this ~~is~~ the White House denies. They are merely making temporary use of Eisenhower's vast experience as Commander of victory in the West, and then ^{as} ~~is~~ Army Chief of Staff.

BULGARIA

In Red Bulgaria, same old story - the Protestant pastors have confessed. - The fifteen most prominent ministers of the United Evangelical Churches are to be tried on charges of treason, black marketing, and espionage -- the same line of accusations made against Hungarian Cardinal Mindszenty. ~~The Red indictment resorts to the violent abuse, familiar in Communist denunciation. The fifteen pastors are described in these words: They are all spies and traitors. They have committed the worst crimes known to Bulgarian law.~~ In addition to which we have that other feature universal in Communist trials - everybody confessing. At least, so announces the government of Bulgaria, the Soviet puppet.

The fifteen pastors are leaders of the *Bulgar* Congregational, Pentecost, Methodist and Baptist churches. These denominations are ~~combined~~ coordinated in Bulgaria, as the United Evangelical Churches. ^{TP} We are not accustomed to thinking of Protestantism in Bulgaria which Slavic country has its own Orthodox church,

descended from the ancient Greek ~~Orthodox~~ Church. And, in fact, the Protestants in Bulgaria are few -- ~~only~~ ^{only} sixteen thousand in a population of seven million. More than six million Bulgarians ^{are} of the Orthodox Church. ~~There are~~ Six-hundred-and-eighty-three-thousand Moslems, one-hundred-and-twenty-three-thousand Gypsies - with their own peculiar kind of ~~religion, no doubt.~~ ^{cult.} Fifty-seven thousand Roman Catholics, forty-nine thousand Jews - and those sixteen-thousand Protestants.

That small number seems hardly in proportion to the magnitude of the Red out-cry against the Protestant leaders. Perhaps it is a reflection of the significance of the Congressional, Pentecost, Methodist and Baptist Churches, as representing the ~~West,~~ ^{there behind the Iron Curtain.} The moroso as those denominations are in such large degree America. ⁿⁱ The Bulgarian Communists ~~xxx~~ will say, of course, that the persecution of the fifteen pastors is important because of the enormity of their crimes-- opposition to Communism, ~~having~~

~~contacts with American and British representatives.~~

For example, the enormity of crime is indicated by the statement that one of the pastors ^{said} ~~stated~~ ~~unfavorable~~ unfavorable things about the behavior of the Soviet Red Army in Bulgaria.

They are all accused of having been in communication with thirteen American and British citizens. ~~In Bulgaria~~ -- The Reds call it - ~~is~~ espionage. Oddly enough, one of the Americans named by the Reds is Miss Melanie Turner, ~~and she is it~~ identified as a high official in a political party in the United States. Which party? The Henry Wallace group! Which sounds like an oddity indeed. The Bulgarian Protestant pastors accused by the Reds of having had dealings with a leader in the Henry Wallace Progressive Party -- which American Communists' have supported with such enthusiasm.

Another charge is that the Protestant ministers sought ~~at~~ American intervention in Red Bulgaria. Two of them are named as having approached

an American diplomatic official, Cyril Black, who promised them that the United States would give aid against Bulgarian Communism.

Cyril Black is identified as a professor of History at Princeton University, who formerly was Secretary to the American legation in Sofia. Today ~~he~~ ~~Professor Black~~ was queried and he ridiculed the whole thing. Of the two ^{clergymen} ~~persons~~ who are said to have dealt with him, in matters of ~~xxx~~ espionage and intervention, he does ^{not} recall the name of one at all, ~~he~~ remembers the other only vaguely. "I think he was a Methodist clergyman," ~~said~~ Professor Black. He summarizes by ~~saying~~ ^{decarling:} "These fantastic charges run true to the Communist pattern and illustrate the length to which the Soviet dominated regime will go in order to maintain themselves in power." ^{TP} Along with this, we have a statement from the American Methodist Church. ~~It~~ ^{alt} concerns the fact that the Methodists ~~are~~ ^{send} funds into Bulgaria -- charity - the usual kind of help that a church contributes.

We have the following from Dr. Ralph Stoody of the Methodist Information Office. "These arrests and charges," says he, "are entirely the result of the incapacity of the Russian mind to conceive that the American people would contribute funds to feed the hungry and clothe the naked of any foreign country -- unless motivated by some selfish, personal or political reason."

The summary of it all is that the world in a couple of weeks will witness the spectacle of another Red trial, a duplication of the doom of Cardinal Mindszenty - a protestant version this time.

In London, meanwhile, the British government has given another warning to Red Hungary. Great Britain reserves the right to investigate "any and every act" in connection with the trial of the Hungarian Cardinal. The London government maintains this claim on the ground of the Hungarian peace treaty, which guarantees political and religious freedom.

FOLLOW BULGARIA

Our own government today ordered the expulsion of the First Secretary of the Hungarian Legation in Washington. His name is Florian. And he has been described as the Number One Red among the Hungarian diplomats in our National Capital. This follows the expulsion of two American diplomatic employees from Hungary.

At the same time the United States government expresses its opinion of the forth-coming trial of the fifteen Protestant pastors. The State Department declares: "The similarity between the fantastic accusations made against the Protestant religious leaders in Bulgaria and those against Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary strikingly emphasizes the concerted nature of this continuing Communist assault on religious liberties in Eastern Europe."

SPIES

The sensational spy story released by General ~~MacArthur~~ MacArthur yesterday was discussed today by MacArthur's Chief Intelligence officer in Tokyo.

⁷⁷ Major General Charles Willoughby told a news ~~conf~~ conference that his ~~is~~ intelligence section thoroughly investigated the record of the Soviet espionage ring that operated in Japan before the war ^{and} achieved ^{ed} remarkable results for Moscow. Yesterday's disclosure was based largely on Japanese court records -- made at the time when the spy ring was broken up, its two top leaders hanged. General Willoughby stated today that he was convinced of the correctness of the report, ^{and} that he as Chief Intelligence officer, assumes what he calls: "entire responsibility".

General Willoughby ^{was} asked about Agnes Smedley, the author and former newspaper correspondent who was named in the Army disclosure as the American-Soviet ~~spy~~ ^{spy} member of the ring. ~~She is alleged to have brought about the original meeting between the master-mind,~~

~~the German Communist Sorge, and Chief Japanese leader of Soviet espionage.~~ ^{TP}

Miss Smedley who now resides in New Jersey is issuing abundant and angry denials. She makes bitter attack on the Army report and challenges General Douglas MacArthur in these words; "Waive your immunity and I will sue you for libel".

^{TP} ~~The Supreme Commander, in authorizing a report, made by his Army intelligence officers, is not liable to civil suit for damages. So will he waive his ~~an~~ immunity?~~

~~Today that question was ~~brought~~ ^{put} to General Willoughby's ~~and his~~ reply was that he would have to consult his superiors before he could ~~announce~~ announce a decision. So the question will have to wait -- whether or not General MacArthur can be sued for libel by the American woman-author who is charged with having been the American member of the Soviet spy ring in Tokyo.~~

TRUMAN

Congress turns down President Truman's demand for immediate action on raising income taxes. Yesterday the President urged that the law-makers get busy at once with his program for a general tax increase of Four Billion ~~Dollars~~. But today the Ways and Means Committee of the House of ~~Representatives~~ voted -- no.

~~The Committee is, of course, dominated by the Democrats, the President's own party - the leaders of which, however, insist on a policy of go-slow on tax-increases. So today, the Ways and Means Committee decided to put the tax-business on the shelf and give priority to legislation for Social Security.~~

HORSE RACE

In Seattle today, the full details were disclosed in the case of the hard-of-hearing horse-players. A number of small time book-makers have gone bust, and larger ones are complaining about heavy losses.

During recent weeks there appeared in the book-making haunts a number of horse players who couldn't hear so well. They wore those plugs in their ears - which, with wires attached, are used to overcome the infirmity of deafness. They had a way of putting in fast wagers and always won.

At the same time something curious was happening in the realm of amateur radio operators. Radio hams in several western states were surprised to hear quick accounts of ~~horse~~ horse races, the latest results. These came on frequencies not usual for broadcasting the news of sports. ^{It all of which} ~~They~~ started an investigation by the Federal Communications Commission and the result is the ~~exp~~ exposure of a big time swindle game to beat the book makers in Seattle.

Two men are under arrest - one Eddie Plesa, formerly a well-known jockey in the northwestern states.

The game was as follows: The book-makers would take bets until the very last minute, until they got word about the winning horses. This they received by wire. But the swindlers were getting out faster word - by radio. By a clever arrangement the race results were flashed to agents in the book-making establishments - who placed fast bets on horses that had already won.

These ~~indiv~~ individuals were equipped with radio receiving sets made up in the form of those ear-plug devices to aid people afflicted with deafness. Hence the mystery of the hard-of-hearing horse players - who were just about ^{ruining} ~~ruining~~ the Seattle book-makers. ~~out of business.~~

EARTHQUAKE

An earthquake in California this afternoon -- in the San Joaquin Valley. The shock was felt along ^aone hundred and fifty mile stretch from Bakersfield to Fresno. Buildings trembled, people were frightened -- but no particular damage was done.

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WEATHER

A new storm is sweeping into the northern Rocky Mountain states -- a tempest roaring out of Montana, with a swirl of snow blown by a gale of fifty miles an hour. Which brings new danger to the blizzard tormented West.

The new storm story features the whistle of the gale -- blowing huge snowdrifts and hurling frozen masses to block roads that have recently been opened.

In addition, the thaw, caused avalanches. Great snow and rock slides thundering down on highways, railroads - and towns. The blizzard-cold was followed by a sudden warmth in the Rocky Mountain area. Salt Lake City reporting temperatures up to forty-four this morning.

The result of the mountains of snow hit by the sudden thaw is shown in dramatic fashion at Anderson Ranch - Dam, Idaho. There, a series of avalanches hit a town of construction workers at the bottom of a deep canyon. The masses of snow, mud and stone blocked the canyon at both ends and sealed off the town, from

all outside communication. The snow slides began hitting homes and buildings, and one giant avalanche cut the town in two - separating two sections of the population. Moreover, new great masses were threatening to come rushing down at any moment -- and engulf everybody.

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The latest news is good news -- a sudden freeze. A sharp cold wave is following the thaw and at Anderson Ranch Dam. The Canyon cliffs are frozen again-- holding back the masses of snow. Today a relief plane flew over dropping supplies. A United Press correspondent was aboard and he describes the slopes

of the canyon as being scarred by long trails where snow slides occurred. The canyon seamed with hundreds of tell-tale lines - the trails of the avalanche.

I've been in the mountains today, with some Reno skiers who are getting ready for the Snowshoe Thompson race this weekend in the Sierras near there. Skiers are coming from all over the West for this now traditional race.

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Here in Nevada the airlift ends tomorrow. Reno has invited all of the airmen in for a banquet Sunday night -- a wing bat.

Most of the airmen who flew here from March and McCord Fields - and from South Carolina, have worked like mad - throwing out all that hay. And they have only seen small cow towns in Nevada and Utah, so far! Now two hundred are coming in to Reno - for a nite. What a nite! that'll be!

And now to Sunny Hollywood, I mean, to you,
Ken.

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Salt Lake
City.

Tells of bad
weather. and
the "Hayleft."
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