

Feb. 14, 1950 Tues.

The new treaty between Red China and Soviet Russia provides for Russian concessions in that all-important area Manchuria. Tonight the Moscow radio states that the Soviets agree to give to China the control of the Changchun Railroad, ~~which~~ ~~is~~ the railroad ~~that~~ is the virtual key to that huge province. China ~~to~~ to get the railroad upon the conclusion of a treaty of peace with Japan. Or, at least by Nineteen Fifty-two.

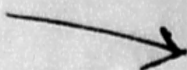
Further, Russian troops are to be withdrawn from the Manchurian Harbor of Port Arthur, the Soviets to hand over Port Arthur to China. The case of the other Manchurian port, Dairen, to be decided later. Also - Moscow concedes the independence of outer Mongolia, which hitherto has been a red-puppet state.

There are economic concessions too - Russia to provide Red China with three hundred million dollars worth of aid over a period of five years.

All this would seem to indicate that Red

leader Mao-Tze-Tung, in his prolonged negotiations at Moscow, has been able to get a good deal from Soviet Russia.

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The latest -- comment from Washington,
where State Department officials are suspicious.
They say they don't believe that Soviet Russia
will give up control of Manchuria.

MORMONS

Red Czechoslovakia gives an answer in the case of the two missing Mormon missionaries, Stanley Abbott and Aldon Johnson of Utah and Idaho, respectively. They ^{were}~~had been~~ arrested for what the Red reply calls, "Entering a prohibited area." Seized near the border of Poland - and that, according to Red rules, is forbidden country. The two missionaries were visiting Mormon homes in northern Moravia.

The Communists are puzzled by the fact that the Mormons have ha^d as many as thirty-nine missionaries in Czechoslovakia, at present seventeen - and there are only two hundred and fifty Czechoslovak Mormons. They figure there must be something peculiar - maybe espionage. Today, Wallace Toronto, head of the Mormon mission over there, said: "They just do not understand Mormons. That's the way we work all over ^{— many} the world," ^{trying} Mormon missionaries to make converts.

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In Poland, a Red court has imposed a sentence of ten years prison on a French consular official, Andre Robineau, who was arrested last November. France has been angry about the case, has protested vigorously, and has retaliated by arresting and expelling Poles.

Robineau was charged with espionage, and the Red trial produced confessions. There were six defendants, four Poles and another Frenchman, who was sentenced to ten years. All of which will add to the bitterness in France.

DEPORTATION

From Germany - the news that a young American woman has been deported back to the United States. Jean Von Goetz - who was a secretary of the military security board, an allied agency dealing with German industry. She's a niece of Major General Hodges, United States commissioner of the military Security Board.

The complaint against Jean Von Goetz was that she went to the Soviet zone of Germany with her German fiance, and stayed there with him in the Communist area for some weeks. Returning finally to the American zone the United States authorities promptly ordered her ~~to be~~ deported back home.

SUB ITALY

Rome reports a wild brawl in the Italian Parliament tonight, the Communists breaking into fury against Premier de Gasperi. There was tumult for fifteen minutes, fighting all over the place - and at one point a Communist leader took a flying leap into a battling mob. He was hurled back over the benches. One Cabinet Minister was injured - but it all ended in a parliamentary triumph for De Gasperi, who was given a vote of confidence by one of the largest majorities he has ever received.

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill gave a pledge today to seek what he called - "another talk with Soviet Russia." That is, if the Conservatives win and he becomes Prime Minister again. In his campaign speeches, the wartime prime minister has been intimating that it might be a good thing to have another Big Three meeting between Great Britain, The United States, and Soviet Russia - and he came out for the idea more strongly than every today. He said that, if he is returned to power, he will work for another Churchill-Truman-Stalin meeting - reminiscent of those various Big Three palavers during the war.

BRITISH WEATHER

The British election campaign is ^{still} being impeded by the weather - heavy rains and flooded rivers. The British voters go to the polls ten days hence, ~~and~~ ^{already} the electioneering is at a climax - but ^{things are} ~~also~~ a little difficult in the ^{midst of a} deluge.

After four inches of rain, the river Thames tonight has overflowed its banks, ^{upstream} from London. ^{With} ~~are~~ large areas of ~~the~~ meadow lands of southern England ~~are~~ under water. Other streams are in flood, and in some towns the streets are canals four feet deep. So it's water plus politics - the more so because of the British ways of electioneering.

Candidates for Parliament do a lot of house-to-house canvassing, personal contacts with voters. They have political rallies, too, with loud oratory. But, much more than over here, the candidate goes from house to house, and talks to the electorate at home. Which can be difficult - when the whole place is under water.

But it takes more than that to stop an

ambitious statesman - and today's dispatch pictures politicians wading knee deep in water, and electioneering by boat. In the old city of Worcester, people are marooned by the inundation, and today the labor candidate got a boat, rowing from house to house. His conservative opponent put on hip boots, and went sloashing ^{alone} in his canvass of the voters. Bedeviled Britain ~~is~~ having a deluge of water, in addition to the usual deluge of politics.

WEATHER

In our country old man weather is in bad temper tonight, from the middlewest on east. From far and wide comes word of storm and ice - with highways turned into skating rinks, transportation tie^d up. Power lines - broken down all over the place by the weight of frosty masses.

In Michigan, the Straits of Mackinaw, a ferry boat stranded in an ice jam - thirty-five passengers marooned in a howling gale and blinding snowstorm, but they~~are~~ in no danger.

In Toledo, ~~the~~ slush ~~was~~ so deep in the streets, that school children were given a holiday.

^{TP} Suburbs of Chicago - blacked out by a failure of electricity. [^] Along the east coast - dark skies with deluge of snow and sleet. But that was okay with New York City - sounding good for the depleted reservoirs in the water shortage.

COAL

In the coal strike, President Truman has recalled his fact finding board, which will make a second report - in accordance with provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law. Otherwise, there seems to be no further presidential action in prospect - word from the White House being that President Truman hopes there ^{will} be a back-to-work movement among the miners.

The belief is expressed that they may start obeying the order issued by John L. Lewis - to return to their jobs. This -- as the union chief goes into new conferences with the mine owners, trying for a settlement. However, there was no sign of any back-to-work today, the miners ~~staying~~ still on strike, despite the Lewis order and two injunctions.

Meanwhile, the coal shortage grows worse, the national emergency more serious. Today in Albany, Governor Dewey told the state legislature that New York faces a "catastrophe." He asked for "emergency powers" to deal with the coal crisis, and the assembly immediately voted okay.

PLANE

Tonight there's a space of the Pacific Ocean three hundred miles long and seventy-five miles wide, a strip of water off British Columbia, which is the scene of as intensive a hunt as has ever been made - seeking for a giant B-36, forced down today with seventeen aboard. The sky giant was in radio contact all the way down, and the spot where it landed on the sea can be narrowed down to that area. So at last reports seventy search planes were winging over those waters, and a whole fleet of ships were on their way.

The B-36 was returning from a flight to Alaska, going back to its home base at Fort Worth, Texas - when motor trouble was encountered. Three engines went out, and one was on fire. The wireless message gave a dramatic account of pe^ril on high. The first signal of distress was from an altitude of thirty thousand feet, telling of difficulties with motors and saying that the super-bomber was on its way down. Then, at seventeen thousand feet, a radio message told of the worst of icing conditions - ~~and~~

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the plane ~~was~~ beset by masses of accumulating ice, as well as by failing motors. The pilot said the crew might have to bail out. Or, - he might ditch the ship. This latter was what happened - the plane landing on the water.

The men aboard had all the routine life-saving equipment - including rubber boats. But the sea tonight is lashed by an icy gale, whipping up nasty, choppy waves - not so good for men in boats. Which adds to the urgency of the ~~the~~⁷⁴ huge rescue mission right now ~~is~~ searching the sea off British Columbia.

UNIFORM

At Air Force headquarters in Washington, a directive was issued today by Air Commander General Hoyt Vandenberg - and it had nothing to do with planes or motors, machine guns or bombs. The subject - suspenders. A ponderous B-36 or a speedy fighter is supported in the air by its wings. So what shall ~~them~~ support the trousers of the flyer? A belt? No, says General Vandenberg - suspenders.

The reason is the new ~~natty~~ Air Force uniform of slate blue color - ~~which are~~ so constructed that, when the airman wears a belt, there's likely to be a gap between the trousers and the flying jacket. Not so smart - when a swagger Air Force officer has a space of ~~white~~ shirt between jacket and trousers, ~~gave~~ ^{that} sloppy sagging effect. So the Commander of America's Air Power issues the decree - suspenders.

SWANS

From the wilds of Alaska, comes news that might be - a swan song. That is, the final end of one of the rarest of birds - the swan song of the Trumpeter Swan. A trapper just back from a trip into frozen desolation, states that the severe, bitter weather is threatening the extinction of the last flocks of Trumpeter Swans on the North American continent. Which would indeed be a loss in the realm of birds and the poetry of birds.

The ordinary domestic swan, graceful as he is, has a poor, unlovely voice - a grunt and a hiss. But there's a swan in Europe with a loud resonant voice, and an old fable tells how this musical swan sings a song, the final utterance. The American relative of that legended bird is the Trumpeter Swan - whose name describes his voice.

Some while ago it was believed that the Trumpeter Swan had become extinct - then, later on, flocks were found in a remote section of southeastern Alaska. But now, trapper Chester Bull makes his report

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- saying the feeding grounds are frozen over. Marshes and lakes are solid ice - and the birds are starving - so feeble they can't fly.

He says there are about ten flocks, each flock numbering from six to ten - less than a hundred in all. Soon there won't be any, unless the wild-life authorities do something about it - as presumably they will ^{- if they can - in time.} Otherwise, it will be the swan song of the Trumpeter Swan.

POLICEMAN

Here's the story of a benevolent policeman. Some people may think the cops forbidding and stern. But - make the acquaintance of detective Captain Jean Tasse of Montreal.

Several years ago detective Jean Tasse was assigned to look for a missing girl, a fourteen year old orphan. It took him several months, but he found her, talked to her kindly, and persuaded her to go and live with an aunt.

A year later, the girl showed up again, telling detective Jean Tasse that she had been working, but had lost her job - so he found another job for her. Last month she called him, and told him she wanted to get married - did he approve? Jean Tasse investigated, found the bridegroom okay, and said - yes, she should get married.

Next, the girl informed him that the bridegroom needed a best man at the ceremony. So, at the wedding, Jean Tasse was the best man. But the bridegroom was out of a job - and Jean Tasse fixed that.

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He will probably stand as godfather when
 little Pierre or ^{Nanette}~~Marie~~ is born, and may ^{be} patch up any
 domestic quarrel that ^{occurs}~~might happen~~, not to mention the
 possibility of paying the rent. So Montreal is
 pointing with pride to a benevolent policeman,
 detective Jean Tasse. ^{Shall we say} *Vive ~~the~~ Jean! Nelson?*

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ITALY

The latest news tonight -- a riot in the Italian parliament. Premier de Gasperi made some remarks the Communists did not like, and they surged ~~far~~ forward in a violent demonstration. Fist fights broke out all over the place, and a cabinet minister was injured slightly. But, when it was all over the Chamber of Deputies considered a vote of confidence and DeGasperi won an overwhelming triumph. He got his vote of confidence by three hundred and fourteen to one hundred and eighty-nine.

POPE

Word from Rome - that the illness of Pope Pius the Twelfth is nothing serious. The pontiff has a touch of influenza, and spent the day in bed, on the advice of his physicians. He cancelled various Holy Year appointments, but the latest from the Vatican states: "His indisposition is considered slight."

SOVIET - CHINA

A treaty has been signed between Red China and Soviet Russia - so announced by the Communist radio at Peking today. The message was picked up in Japan, and indicates an alliance of broad scope between Moscow and the Chinese Red regime.

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Such, at length, is the result of the long negotiations in Moscow. There has been no end of wonder about why the whole thing has taken so long - China's Red leader Mao Tze-Tung having been in Moscow ever since the middle of last December. Tonight's announcement would seem to indicate that the Chinese

won important concessions in Manchuria - and thus have entered into a Far Eastern alliance with Soviet Russia.