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In Washington tonight, the State Department is -- mystified. Diplomatic officials declare they cannot understand the why or wherefore of the Russian note delivered this afternoon - ~~is~~ on the subject of the Antarctic. The Soviets give notice that they will dispute the claims of the United States and of other nations to ~~substantive~~ <sup>Antarctic</sup> territories, where mineral deposits may be found, especially uranium. No south polar arrangement will be considered valid, without Moscow approval.

But why? Officials point out that no move has been made to settle the Antarctic question - no negotiations are scheduled or planned. So little reason for the Soviet move that State Department officials are bewildered, and say they don't know how or when the note will be answered.

Soviet claims to the Antarctic are based on explorations one-hundred-and-thirty years ago - by Captain Von Bellingshausen, German <sup>navigator</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ in the service of the Russian czar, Alexander First,

**Bellingshausen sailed in South Polar waters, but his voyage attracted little attention in the world of statecraft - until these recent Soviet Claims.**

## ARMAMENT

Congress has been given an urgent warning by four top ranking leaders of the Air Force and Army. A warning that - the United States is not strong enough to fight a major war. The testimony was <sup>presented</sup> ~~given~~ before a Senate sub-committee last March - made public only now. The gravest words were spoken by General Hoyt Vandenberg, Chief of Staff of the Air Force - who stated that Soviet Russia will soon be able to launch an atomic attack of considerable strength.

This news is accompanied by word from London that the Soviets right now have so many jet fighters, ~~that~~ they are using numbers of early model jets - as ~~were~~ training planes.

CHINA

Word from China tells of new tricks of the Reds - they are trying to convert missionaries to Communism. They have, what they call - "study groups" - in which people are recruited for indoctrinations into the gospel of Marx, Lenin and Stalin. So now the missionaries, both Protestant and Catholic, have been ordered to join the "study groups."

This is stated in a dispatch from HONG KONG, which adds that the ministers and priests are required to bring along their Christian followers.

Well, the Reds appear to have a fantastic idea -

Christian missionaries out to convert the heathen, <sup>- themselves to</sup> ~~but they are~~

<sup>be</sup> converted to Communism.



## SOONG

One of China's most important leaders, Dr. T. V. Soong, has resigned from the Nationalist government at Formosa -- giving up his membership in the Central Executive committee of the Kuomintang, the Nationalist Party. He is in New York - and that is the reason. He lives on Fifth Avenue - and refuses to go to Formosa.

T.V. Soong, long considered the financial wizard of China, is a brother of Madame Chiang Kai Shek -- wife of the Generalissimo. He held many of the top positions in the Nationalist government - and then, when the Reds overran the Chinese mainland, he came to America. Nationalist officials in Formosa have been irked by his continued absence, now he resigns his political post -preferring New York.

TRUMAN

President Truman had a clash today with an antagonist he could not defeat. The President lost out - to a mythological character named Jupiter Pluvius. ~~The President did not~~

~~was~~ driven to cover by that antique lord of the rain. <sup>P</sup>(The occasion was the commencement at the University of

Missouri, the Truman home state - and the big football stadium was packed for the presidential address. Jupiter Pluvius was

making threatening gestures <sup>- and it</sup> started to rain on the huge crowd of twelve thousand, including seventeen hundred graduates

in their caps and gowns. <sup>P</sup>(The President tackled international affairs, and said it would be "disastrous" for this country to cut back foreign spending - money to support the Western democracies.)

But the more he talked, the harder it rained - and many in the audience were scurrying out. But not those seventeen hundred graduates in their academic robes. Their motor boards were wet and wilting, and their gowns were soggy - but they stuck it out.

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~~The President completed his~~ commencement address, ~~and~~  
~~that~~ was to be followed by a climax - the presentation of an  
honorary degree. A stately ceremony - the President of the  
United States <sup>created</sup> ~~made~~ a Doctor of Laws. But that made Old Jupiter  
Pluvius really mad, There was a roar of thunder, huge black  
clouds drifted over - and the heavens opened. Two and a half  
inches of rain fell in a couple of minutes - which washed out  
the honorary degree so far as the stadium was concerned. The  
graduating class fled in dismay, all seventeen hundred half  
drowned by the deluge. <sup>P</sup> The President, wearing a raincoat over  
his own academic robes, was under a protective canopy - and  
there he was marooned for fifteen minutes - until finally they  
were able to take him off in an automobile. - After which the  
honorary degree was ~~presented~~ presented in a hall of the Administration  
Building.

Which is a blow by blow description of today's ~~at~~  
~~a~~ bout - Truman versus Jupiter Pluvius.



McCARTHY

Senator McCarthy returned to Wisconsin today, and received - a thundering ovation. Appearing before the Wisconsin Republican Convention, and making his usual charges of Communist influences in the State Department, he was hailed with a standing ovation as he entered, was interrupted repeatedly by wild applause - and afterward was virtually mobbed by enthusiasts.

Any number of people are denouncing "McCarthyism", but it might not seem to be so disastrous - in Wisconsin politics.



## HOLLYWOOD WRITERS

The two Hollywood writers, Dalton Trumbo and John Howard Lawson, went to jail today - following the failure of their long legal fight to keep out of prison. The other eight of the headline ten are scheduled to go the same way - for a year in jail. They'll be sentenced later this month for contempt of Congress, <sup>ing</sup> when they refused to answer the sixty-four dollar question - Are you a Communist?

Today Trumbo and Lawson spoke bitterly, <sup>saying</sup> ~~claiming~~ they are victims of what they call - "the bi-partisan pro-war policies of the Truman administration." They describe their prison sentences in these words - "part of a plan of big business and its political henchmen in Washington, to start a third war."

The prison in which they will serve their one year sentence has not yet been announced, but it could be - the Federal Penitentiary at Danbury, Connecticut. Which would be interesting. Because in that jail is former Congressman Parnell Thomas of New Jersey, who was Chairman of the Committee

on Un-American Activities - before which the Hollywood writers refused to answer the sixty-four dollar question. The former Chairman is in prison, after having been convicted of padding his congressional payroll.

## BOMBER

An explanation is given of the crash of the B-29 Bomber in the North Sea, night before last - a strange explanation. We are told that the Superfortress - "shot itself down." ~~xxxxx~~ A freak accident - in which the B-29 was hit by bullets of its own guns.

They were doing some practice shooting, when something went wrong in the upper forward gun turret. The turret was swinging around - so that fifty calibre machine guns were pointing at one of the engines. But there was <sup>a</sup> mechanism <sub>^</sub> supposed to cut off the machine gun fire at that point. The mechanism failed, and the guns went on shooting - ripping into the right outboard engine. That set the engine afire, and the bomber had to make a crash landing in the water.

This account is given by the survivors, of which there are four. Three killed in the crash, ~~and there are~~ four still missing. There is no word today about last night's report of the sighting of possible survivors in a rubber boat.

## BRITISH TRAIN

In Scotland - evidence that yesterday's disaster of railroad fire may have been a deliberate crime. The evidence is negative, something missing - twenty-eight thousand dollars' worth of jewels. It is disclosed that a Birmingham jewelry firm shipped the treasure aboard the Birmingham-Glasgow express - which caught fire in Scotland, five lives lost.

Today detectives made a search - but failed to find the twenty-eight thousand dollar jewelry shipment. So the supposition is that the fire may have been set by thieves - to cover a robbery.



## WINDSOR

The new issue of Life Magazine carries to the final climax - the drama of the abdication of Edward the Eighth. We are given the story behind the scenes - and, if you were a playwright or novelist, you could not invent a more striking plot for a play or book.

The Duke of Windsor tells how, with sensation breaking in the newspapers, it was considered advisable for Wallis Warfield Simpson to leave England. So he sent her across to France, while escorted by his equerry, Lord Brownlow, a trusted friend. She was to wait there, while he came to the ultimate showdown - with the Prime Minister. His determination was made - either he would be allowed to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson, or he would abdicate the throne.

Now the dramatic twister - and try to invent something more ingenious. One of the most powerful supporters of Edward the Eighth was Lord ~~Beaverbrook~~ Beaverbrook, the press lord, magnate of British newspapers. He had been working hard in the cause of the King, and now had taken secret action

on his own. He had got in touch with Lord Brownlow, and enlisted his aid. The royal equerry, too, wanted to prevent an abdication, and Beaverbrook's idea was - to persuade Wallis Warfield Simpson to renounce the romance. So, in sending Wallis to France, the King had entrusted her to a friend who was in what the Duke of Windsor now says he can only call, without malice - a "conspiracy." Lord Brownlow, alone with Wallis in France, would be in an ideal position to bring persuasion to bear and carry out Lord Beaverbrook's plan of having her - step out of the picture.

In France, not much persuasion was needed - Wallis was ready to sacrifice herself. She issued a public statement in guarded terms, that she was ready - "to withdraw" from the situation. An emissary from the British Government was sent to see her, and she said she was ready to go - disappear, escape, flee. By telephone she told this to the King in London. There the decision had already been made - abdication. So Edward the Eighth now saw himself in a position of losing -

both his throne and the woman he loved.

In Life, he tells of the talk by telephone. "But it's too late," he pleaded. "The abdication documents are being drawn up. Of course, you can do whatever you wish. You can go wherever you want - to China, Labrador or the South Seas. But, wherever you go, I will follow you."

To which the distracted woman replied: "Anything would be better than abdication."

It was only when he made it finally clear that he had already virtually given up the throne - that she changed her mind.

So, the dilemma of royal romance was resolved. The pageant of abdication moved swiftly - and he met her in France, where they were married.

We are also given the facts about the famous abdication proclamation, renouncing the throne - "for the woman I love." Who wrote it? Winston Churchill has been mentioned. The Duke of Windsor says that he wrote the address,



himself, while Churchill provided what he calls - "the final brush strokes." Editing the proclamation, and adding a few phrases.



## EXPEDITION

Now let's picture a giant summit, ~~twenty-seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine feet high~~ <sup>the top of which is a</sup> knife-like ridge. White with eternal snow and ice, it looks like a sharp, gleaming blade, high in the sky. The tallest unclimbed mountain in the Western Hemisphere - Mount Carnicero, in the Andes of Peru. The Spanish word "Carnicero" means "butcher", and is applied to the summit, because it looks like a cleaver.

All this is in the news, because of the announcement of an expedition to climb Carnicero - hitherto unscaled. Sponsored by the Harvard mountaineering club, six young Americans will make the attempt. Their plan is to establish an advance camp above the eighteen thousand foot level - and then make the assault on the almost perpendicular walls of that knife-like blade of snow and ice. Carnicero - the frozen cleaver.

Today they were asked - but why? For what reason?

The answer was typical, ~~mountaineers~~. They said:

"The same reason that mountaineers ~~are~~ always have - because the mountain is there."

The Mountain is there - but  
are you there.