

American Communists are making plans to bring about a general strike in the United States. A general strike which probably would result in a Civil War. Their purpose, of course, is to precipitate a revolution, which they hope would end in the overthrow of the Government, the destruction of all Civil liberties - with Communist Commissars holding our noses to the line.

This warning is contained in a report to the Committee of the House of Representatives on un-American activities. The report is signed by Ernie Adamson, the Committee's General Counsel. He points out that Communists have sneaked their way into key positions in many unions, both locally and nationally. The general strikes called in various cities during the past year, were really egged on by Communists. You will recall that not long ago, J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I., in a documented report described American Communists as members not of a political party but of a criminal conspiracy against the government of the United States. Every day we learn of some new organization with a fine

sounding title, which actually is a political front for the Reds and Pinks in the U.S. A.

Adamson also suggested that the Committee conduct an investigation into the activities of Elliott Roosevelt during his recent visit to Moscow and Poland.

GEORGIA

Herman, the son of Eugene Talmadge, is trying to ~~grab~~ ^{seize} the Governorship to which his father was elected before he died. The ~~violent~~ white-supremacy crowd in Georgia are backing young Talmadge. They announced today that it was he, Herman Talmadge, who wrote that scorching platform on which Eugene Talmadge ran earlier this year. ^{And} They called upon the legislature to put Herman Talmadge into office. The ex-speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives of the last legislature ~~said that~~ one hundred members of the ~~nd~~ assembly have promised to back young Talmadge.

~~The~~ On the other hand, Ellis Arnall, the ~~present~~ present Governor, is preparing to turn the Executive Mansion over to M.E. Thompson, whom the voters elected Lieutenant Governor. Arnall declares that obviously the man whom the people elected to be Lieutenant Governor is the only person legally qualified to hold the office of Governor at the Governor's death.

BILBO

~~The~~ Friends of Senator Bilbo today uttered a warning to other Senators. Let them beware how they press charges against the gentleman from Mississippi, because he has been doing some investigating on his own and can tell a lot of embarrassing things. The pro-Bilbo Spokesman was Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, ~~who~~ told newspapermen that Bilbo has been looking into ~~the existing~~ relationships between other Senators and war contractors, and he will not give up without a fight. In fact, said Thomas of Oklahoma, if they try to throw Bilbo out, they may provoke the most embarrassing debate ever heard on the floor of the Senate.

POLITICS

A mid-western Congressman gave a big stir to the political pot today. Representative Clare Hoffman of Michigan sent out a warning to his colleagues with Presidential aspirations not to make the Eightieth Congress an arena for the fruition of their ambitions. The slogan of his utterance was: "hands off Congress!" Hoffman addressed it to Senator Taft of Ohio, Former Governor Harold Stassen, also to Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York. He described Governor Dewey's declaration that he is not a Presidential candidate at present as rot and nonsense. "Everyone knows that Dewey is a candidate," said Clare Hoffman of Michigan.

Then he warned the others not to take the Democrats too lightly. ~~President~~ "President Truman," said Hoffman, "is no mean politician himself. He has seen the handwriting on the wall and appears to be making an effort to give the people the kind of government they want. After his knockout fight with John L. Lewis, Harry Truman is no push-over for the Republicans." *So said the Michigan Republican Congressman.*

He went on to say that there will be no

time for political scheming in the coming sessions of Congress. The law makers will be far too busy finding a reasonable remedy for devastating labor disputes, ways to prevent economic chaos, to limit bureaucratic power and end wasteful spending, and, "to restore," as Hoffman said, "The Government to the people."

~~Hoffman~~^{He} then addressed his ~~remarks~~ remarks individually to several of the candidates. Stassen, said he, seems to have nothing but his campaign on his mind, so let him devote himself to that. Dewey ~~x~~ has to perform the task of Governor of New York, so let him take care of that, ~~said~~ Hoffman of Michigan. *And Dewey has always been an expert at doing that.* ~~for~~ Bricker, Taft and Vandenberg, they are all in the Senate, and there will be plenty there to keep them busy. Let the Members of Congress attend to their congressional duties, added the Michigan Representative, and politicians lobbying for Presidential ~~can~~^{can} candidates keep out of Congress.

It became evident today that Senator ~~x~~ Taft will have the entire and undivided support of the Ohio

delegation at the Republican Convention. Senator-Elect Bricker, who supported Taft in Nineteen Forty, has announced that he will support him again in Nineteen Forty-Eight.

INDO-CHINA

French Forces in Indo-China are successfully crushing the Viet Nam, the Indo-Chinese Freedom Movement. They have surrounded the Viet Nam Forces in the native quarter of Hanoi, and have broken through the ring of Viet Nam Troops which surrounded the city.

The Viet Nam Government, under President Ho Chi Mink, after its flight from Hanoi, is established in a suburb five miles outside the city.

DAIREN

We learn today that it was perfectly all right for a General of the Red Army to order one of Uncle Sam's ships to get out of Dairen within twenty minutes, or take the consequences. At least, that is the view of our State Department in Washington.

This opinion was expressed today by an official named Lincoln White. He explained that the Soviet officials were quite within their legal rights and, from what Lincoln White says, we have no provocation whatsoever to be offended because one of our ships was booted out of a Chinese Port by Soviet Army Officers. There was no ultimatum, says Lincoln White. The ~~xx~~ Russians were perfectly right to use the language they did, because the official business for which the vessel went to Dairen was accomplished, and the forty-eight hours ~~to~~ permission to stay had already been extended two hours.

CHINA

In China, a Communist Army executed a particularly daring maneuver and captured a strong point not far from Peiping. There was a blinding snowstorm on Christmas Day in that part of China. The Reds took advantage of it, appeared quite suddenly amid the swirling flakes, ^{and} swooped down on Luchungtsun.

This puts the Reds closer to Peiping than they have ever been before, for that place is only five miles north of the outer defense ring of the former capital. The Koumingtang Generals are hurrying reinforcements, but at present the Communists hold the advantage. They also cut the railway line between Peiping and Tientsin, but Nationalist Units drove them back.

PLANES

In China, ⁱⁿ the crack-up of three airliners, ^{were killed} ~~total~~ sixty-three passengers, injured twenty-two, ~~others~~ a total casualty list of eighty-five. And a rescue party is looking for the survivors of a fourth transport which is missing and believed to have come to ~~rest~~ ^{grief} with ten aboard.

In San Diego County, California, Deputy Sheriffs, State Foresters and volunteers are looking for twelve people in the Laguna ^{una} ~~Mountains~~ where an ~~western~~ airliner is believed to ^{be} ~~have come~~ down in the snow. Nothing has been heard from ~~that~~ plane since seven o'clock ~~on~~ Christmas Eve, ^{when} The pilot ~~then~~ ^{that} signalled he was passing over the Laguna mountains. ~~That was~~ ~~That was~~ ~~the~~ last message.

CRIME

A Philadelphia Magistrate today had before him two boys, fifteen years old, charged with having murdered a Philadelphia policeman. Both of them are the sons not of under-privileged families but of people in well-to-do circumstances. The father of one of ~~them~~ is an Army Captain ~~at~~ Long Branch, New Jersey, the other an electrical engineer at Elberon, New Jersey.

The murdered man was known on the Philadelphia Force for his kindness. He was the father of six children. All he was doing was taking the boys to the Station House and then get in touch with their families, and he told them that if the families did not send the money, he would provide it, so that they could get home.

Thereupon one of them poked a gun into the policeman's back, while the other one took the cop's service revolver. The policeman urged the boys to stop their nonsense, warning them they would surely be found and punished. The police say that one of the boys fired twice, while the other took the policeman's

gun and beat him to death.

And again, a seventeen year old ^{lad}~~boy~~ is wanted in ~~W~~ Wilmington, Delaware, for the murder of a city detective. The police of eight states are hunting for him. A fifteen year old companion, who was with him, is now under arrest. The detective was killed when he was questioning the boys.

COMMANDER FINN RONNE

There's one person in this land who ate his Christmas dinner today with especial attention -- keeping in mind what kind of Yuletide feast he will have next Christmas. He's Commander Finn Ronne, who is heading an expedition to the Antarctic -- another American adventure in the Polar South, in addition to the Navy Task Force, of which Admiral Byrd is technical director. The Finn Ronne expedition will supplement the job of ~~that~~ task force, and will remain on the Antarctic Continent for more than a year. The Polar adventurers are leaving soon; so, their next Christmas will be spent in that southern world of ice.

Commander Finn Ronne is a veteran of the Antarctic, having been with Byrd on two expeditions down there. His father was with Byrd on still an earlier Antarctic adventure -- and before that, was a companion of Amundsen. ^{Finn} ~~he~~ served ^{with} ~~the~~ Amundsen expedition that ^{was first to reach} ~~resulted in the discovery~~ of the South Pole.

I asked Commander Finn Ronne about Christmas in the Antarctic, and he said -- well, the Penguins will be as ~~xxx~~ noisy and intrusive as they are all the time. The most comic birds, utterly without fear, they will come poking into the camp of the explorers. They'll get into fights with the sled dogs, battles between the Huskies and the Penguins being a common occurrence -- and the feathers will fly.

But the Antarctic explorers won't have roast Penguin for Christmas dinner. "Time and again we tried to eat Penguin", Finn Ronne told me:- "One great problem for a party camping ~~in~~ on the Antarctic Continent as we do -- is the matter of fresh meat. We tried Penguin with every style of cookery, -- roast penguin, fried penguin, fricasseed penguin, but it was no good. The taste of penguin is too fishy - - strong enough to turn the stomach of a sea lion".

So what they eat for fresh meat is seal -

and that's fishy too. But they can get seal meat down their throats by dousing with ketchup, which the explorers call -- red lead. Finn Ronne told me that, among the supplies they are taking along, one of the main articles is tomato ketchup, dozens of cases of it. "So, next year", he remarked "our Christmas dinner will be roast seal with plenty of red lead".

That's why Commander Finn Ronne has an especial appreciation of the Christmas turkey today.

And I hope Finn brings that box north -- the one with my name on it that he left in Palmer land, when he had to fly out last time, when he and his companions had an exciting escape by air and had to abandon nearly everything including their dogs.

RESCUE

Leo Levesque of Canada says he will never forget Christmas, Nineteen Forty-Six. He will always remember it as the Christmas he celebrated on an ice floe ~~float~~ in the middle of the St. ~~Law~~ Lawrence River.

Leo Levesque, now recovering from frostbite in a hospital, is a twenty year old lumberjack. He was on his way home for Christmas when the plane carrying him and six others crashed in the middle of the river describing the adventure, he said they were all saved on the ice but the plane sank immediately, some of them were dressed warmly, but not war enough. After a while, all the men moved to separate ice ^{floes} ~~floats~~. Levesque went with two compaions. Snow started to fall on Tuesday. Levesque left the other two and set out along in a dinghy to paddle from one floe to another, carrying the dinghy ~~survived~~ across them. Finally, a veteran French Canadian Sailor says Levesque from the Gaspé Shore and paddled out for him in a small canoe. Only the hardiest and most skillful canoist could have made it

against the current. He brought Levesque to the Gaspe Shore. Saying he never would get into an airplane again.

Today another small boat, threaded its way through the ice cakes in the St. Lawrence and through a ~~blizz~~ blinding snowstorm to rescue two others who survived from that plane crash. They were on the verge of drifting out to sea, when saved. These were worse off than any of the others, worse afflicted by frostbite.

Six out of seven are saved. The seventh was last seen trying to flounder to shore across the bobbing cakes of ice, and it is feared that he drowned.

Well N - let's hear

1/2 from you.

BRITAIN

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The fight on Bevin in the British Labor Party grows hotter and hotter. The opponents of the British Foreign Secretary have become organized, and no fewer than ten county organizations of the labor party are supporting the movement. The war cry is for genuine political and economic collaboration with the Soviet Union and the new Democratic states of Europe. The opposition makes no secret of its hope, its fervent hope to get Bevin ~~in~~^{out} as Foreign Secretary. ^{TP} Their spokesman said today that the leaders of the Labor Party will find it impossible to lead the British people into anti-Sovietism. The more they try to do that, ~~said~~ he, the further they separate themselves from the people.

^{TP} The British public does ~~not~~ want to be tough with Russia, does ~~not~~ want old John Bull to be in the position of a colonial dependent of Uncle Sam. Bevin, he added, is pursuing the same anti-Russian tactics as Chamberlain, Halifax and Eden.