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General Clay is flying back to Berlin tonight, ^{and} with his ^{goals} special State Department adviser Bohlen. Our Berlin commander was leaving Washington late this afternoon to return to his post, as he was scheduled to do -- and Secretary of State Marshall decided to send a special representative to Europe for emergency negotiations. ^{So Chas.} ~~Bo~~ ^A Bohlen, selected for the job, Hitch-hiked a ride with General Clay.

Before leaving the General said that he did not think there would be any war -- which gives us a ^{Pres.} ~~big~~ background for Truman's optimistic, ~~etc. etc.~~

BERLIN

~~General Clay doesn't think there will be any war. Our Berlin commander gives us a background for President Truman's optimistic statement yesterday -~~
the White House belief that the peace of the world will be maintained. The President spoke after conferring with General Clay, and today the General gave his views before a secret session of a Congressional Committee. What he stated in detail is not ^{disclosed,} ~~disclosed,~~ but later on he told the newsmen: "I don't think the Russians want war. Hotheads could create a war, but I don't think that will happen."

General Clay went on to say that American military leaders in Germany have no idea of trying to crash through the Soviet starvation blockade by force - sending an armed food convoy in an attempt to get through to Berlin. That has been rumored, but our Berlin commander now spikes the rumor. He dwells upon the alternative - the aerial supply line, indicating that this is going very well indeed.

General Clay stated today that the fleets

of transport planes are quite able to provision the Germans in Western Berlin. Right now they ~~are~~^{are} ~~bringing~~ bringing in an average of two thousand, two hundred and fifty tons of food - and that, said General Clay, will be expanded to an average of forty-five hundred tons a day.

General Clay's remarks in Washington were echoed by news from Berlin, which states that the aerial supply line, hopping over the Soviet land blockade, set a new record today. The planes made five hundred and sixteen flights, and brought in two thousand, eight hundred and eleven tons of supplies.

~~The General was asked about the statement made by Soviet ~~XX~~ Marshal Sokolovsky last night - his declaration that the Berlin blockade was retaliation against restrictions imposed by the Americans. Our military command put ^{ting} into effect a rule whereby ~~XXXXX~~ ~~XXXXX~~ were required to procure ~~XXXXX~~ special permits before entering the American one in Berlin. The Soviets answered ^{ing} by blockading - so said Sokolovsky last night~~

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~~After sentence ending fig "two thousand eight hundred and eleven tons of supplies."~~

The total since the beginning of the air lift, June twenty-sixth, now amounts to nineteen-million, one-hundred-and-ninety-four ~~thm~~ thousand pounds -- delivered to Berlin in the course of nine-thousand-~~thm~~ nine-hundred-and-five flights.

The great Sokolovsky offer - to call off the blockade of Berlin, if the Americans will abelish some travel restrictions -- that now turns into something of a joke. The Soviet news bureau in Berlin is quoted as denying that Ned Marshall Sokovolsky ever said any such thing. The Soviet explanation is that a United Press Correspondent asked the Marshall some questions at a time when Sokolovsky was talking to some other people. The Marshall answered ^{ing} with a few sentences - but ~~did~~ not suggest ^{ing} any offer.

~~Kill end Berlin.~~

SUBSTITUTE LEAD WALLACE

(The Third Party Convention got going in Philadelphia tonight, with the slogan -- Wallace or war. The left wing political oratory is thundering, in addition to which there is a huge lot of singing. The Henry Wallace Convention is featuring ~~a song~~ ~~upbeat~~. ~~Then continue with the early story.~~

~~Pick up story at "Wallace held a news conference"~~

~~him a lot, without much effect. But maybe singing a song to Stalin would work.~~

And, Henry Wallace held a news conference, in which one point was brought out - far removed from the political issues of the day. The question was asked by Westbrook Pegler, who has long been hammering away at Henry Wallace on that particular point. At the news conference, Pegler arose and asked Wallace if he had written a much talked of series of letters - the "Dear Guru" letters. This referred to communications that Wallace is supposed to have sent to a mystical Russian artist a sort of occult Guru - Wallace writing a lot of ~~such~~ metaphysical raptures that don't sound so ~~much~~ sensible when read out ~~ixxxxx~~ loud.

Pegler asked: "Did you or did you not write the "Dear Guru" letters?"

To which Wallace retored: "I will never engage in any discussion whatsoever with Westbrook Pegler."

A reporter from the ~~Maxx~~ Detroit news,

Martin Hayden, chimed in and asked about the "Dear Guru" letters.

The Wallace answer was like an echo: "I will never engage in any discussion with a stooge of Westbrook Pegler," said he.

So the Third Party Candidate wouldn't talk, not on the subject of - "Dear Guru." Maybe that's something to be answered with a song.

A headline conference was held at Pawling, New York, this afternoon - Republican candidate Governor Dewey discussing the international crisis with General Eisenhower. What they talked about was amply stated at a news interview they gave toward the end of the day.

They went over the Berlin blockade situation in detail, the military and economic problems of Europe, and questions of our own armed strength - - matters on which General Eisenhower, with his vast European War experience, is well equipped to give advice.

At the news conference, Governor Dewey stated conclusions at which they arrived. "We agreed," said he, "that our country must stand with absolute firmness in Berlin, and at the same time neglect no avenue to find a possible solution." The General agreed with that, and added: "I believe there is no one in the world mad enough to seek a solution through force of arms at this moment."

All of this had to do with the

bi-party foreign policy. We're standing pat in Berlin and avoiding war - g Governor Dewey and General Eisenhower adding their own affirmation to that.

The General made it clear that his conference with the Republican candidate was not political. He pointed out that he was ~~not~~ not identified with any political party, and described his conference with Dewey in these words: "We have been talking as two good Americans, I was happy to receive Governor Dewey's invitation to come here for this conference."

Governor Dewey added his own emphasis on the non-political nature of the talks, and said: "That's the way it will be in the future." He stated that he expected to call on General Eisenhower frequently for consultation and advice.

CAIRO

It is now disclosed that Cairo, the metropolis in the Near East, had a reign of terror last week-end. This has been concealed hitherto by Egyptian censorship. These were the disturbances in which an American citizen was killed, Stephen Haas of Philadelphia, stoned to death by a raging mob. The crowds were excited to fury by the pressure the United Nations and the United States were bringing on the Arab states to end the Palestine war, they went berserk in a city wide orgy of violence.

All of which was concealed by censorship - but now United Press correspondent Robert Miller, who was in Cairo the last week-end, has been able to get to Cyprus, and has been able to send this dispatch.

ADD CAIRO

Europeans everywhere were assailed by screaming mobs that surged through the streets. The French coach of the Egyptian Olympic swimming team was stabbed to death - the entire city of Cairo in a wild panic over the week-end.

U.N. BOMBING

The bomber of the U.N. gave himself up this afternoon - walking into a police station at New Haven,, Connecticut. An airman who won decorations in the war, Stephen J. Supina states that he was, in his own words, "not satisfied with the way the U.N. has been treating Palestine and the russion situation." So he tried some improv^{ed}ised bombing, which he explains in in these words: "The only way you can make people afraid is to plant fear, or by exploding a bomb or by threatening them."

He said he made his bomb out of a stick of dynamite, to which he attached a detonator. This dangled from a three hundred foot wire, and he flew over the U.N. He exploded the bomb by using an ordinary flashlight battery. The explosive went off in mid-air, after which Supina dropped a message to the U.N. - scrawled in red ink across his discharge papers. The message was found today - and tonight the peace-minded veteran is being held on a charge of malicious mischief.

NEWFOUNDLAND

(In Newfoundland, they ~~was~~^{are} counting votes - and the latest shows a majority in favor of joining Canada. That great northern island off the Canadian Coast has been a ~~xxxxx~~ separate British Colony hitherto,) and there ~~was~~^{long has been} wonder - why did Newfoundland remain apart from the Dominion? So now an election ~~has~~^{been} held to decide whether or not the island should confederate with Canada or should have a self-governing colonial status.

The latest count of the vote tonight shows seventy-two-thousand,-seven-hundred votes in favor of the ~~xxxxx~~ confederation, as against ~~sixty~~ sixty-nine-thousand,-five-hundred for continued separation. The majority is a mere three thousand; but, ~~sixty~~ only a small percentage of the ballots remain to be counted - so the prospects look favorable for a union of Newfoundland and Canada.

VOLCANO

The people of Inyo County on the border of Nevada and California are re-assured that Tunnel mountain, ^a volcano, will not erupt. That peak was a fire mountain ages ago, now long extinct. Last Saturday the mountain went into a convulsion with a reverberating roar, and sent up a cloud that looked something like the explosion of an atomic bomb. It was feared that the one-time volcano had turned active ~~again~~ and was erupting again. But now investigation discloses that it was merely a collapse of the ancient crater, which had been undermined by the action of the weather. That ^{ing} caused the mountain to topple inward -- with an immense cloud of dust that looked like an eruption.

MANHUNT

Today's great manhunt in the Middle West came to an end with what you might call - a twist of the expected. The surprising thing was that the conclusion came so much in a way that was indicated.

It was the biggest manhunt since the days of Dillinger - when desperadoes were captured or killed ^{in police and F.B.I.} ~~in~~ sweeps over several states. ~~by the police.~~

The sensation broke on Wednesday, with the murder of the superintendent of an Ohio reformatory farm and his wife and daughter. They were murdered, for revenge, by two former inmates, John West, twenty-two, and Robert Daniels, twenty-four.

Previously, these two killers had murdered a tavern keeper at Columbus, Ohio, and a tourist camp operator at Flat Rock, Michigan - in hold-ups. Then, in the manhunt during the past three days, they killed two others - a farmer and a truck driver. That brought the count of the murders they committed up to seven--; mad-dog killers, to be ~~max~~ hunted down at any cost.

The truck driver, whose body was found along an Ohio Road, was the driver of an automobile - carrying truck - four new autos aboard. Nearby was an abandoned two-tone ~~xxx~~ sedan - in which the police found a driver's license and automobile keys belonging to the murdered superintendent of the reformatory farm. The inference was obvious - that the killers had seized the automobile-carrying truck ^{— using that lumbering affair} as the vehicle for their getaway.

Whereupon the police set roadblocks, cutting off a large area in which the ~~ponderous~~ ponderous truck must be moving, ready to stop it. One roadblock was near the town of Van Wirt, Ohio, and there today a sheriff and deputies were waiting. Then the twist of the expected - the thing that all signs indicated. Along ~~the~~ the road, heading west, came a truck as described - carrying four new automobiles. At the roadblock it stopped. Sheriff Roy Shaeffer, armed with a machine gun, stepped forward to climb up and investigate

- covered by the machine gun of policemen Leonard Conn.

The driver of the truck, jumping down from his seat, opened fire - and hit the policeman, who was seriously wounded. But officer ~~LEONARD~~ Leonard Conn blazed away, and cut down the driver with machine gun slugs. He turned out to be one of the two hunted fugitives, John West - fatally wounded, dying a couple of hours later.

The other killer, Robert Daniels, was hiding on the top deck of the truck. He surrendered meekly, and the latest news tells of his confession - he admits all seven of the murders, ~~committed by the~~ ~~mad dog~~ killers.

SHAW

In London today, George Bernard Shaw sent a message to a newspaper - in emulation of Mark Twain, on one famous ~~■~~ occasion. ^{You all know that} ~~■~~ well known anecdote of literature ^{that} tells how the great American humorist replied to a printed report that he had died.

Mark Twain informed ^{ing} the paper that the story of his death was - "greatly exaggerated." ^{Someone somewhere is always repeating it.}

~~to now~~ Today, George Bernard Shaw put his own special touch to it when he made reply to a notice of his death in a newspaper in

West Africa. The great ~~ix~~ Irish wit, who will be ninety-two on ~~Monday~~ Monday, sent a cable as follows:

"Your note is premature. I am only half dead yet. Please contradict." ^R All I have to add to that

is that at Ninety-Two, G.B.S., considering himself half ^f dead, has more life in him than many of us who are firmly convinced we are one hundred per cent alive.

And that brings us to the head of our 99.44% department -- meaning you, Nelson.

R. I. P. & S. Monday, July 26, 1948.

It was business as usual today for the Eightieth Congress. Senators and Congressmen coming back to the capitol for the special session called by President Truman. And no one much liking it; neither Democrats nor Republicans seeming to have any hearty enthusiasm for a session of law-making in mid-summer.

So, the temperature in Washington was high, both inside and outside the capitol -- with a prospect of storms. The lawmakers ~~mixing~~ pondering over how to end the session.

When Senate President Vandenberg called the upper house to order at noon, only sixty-five of the ninety-six Senators were present. Speaker Joe Martin in the Lower House, banged his gavel to three-hundred-and-ten listless congressmen. A hundred-and-twenty-five absentees.

The Senate quit after twelve minutes, but the House lingered on, with temperature rising and collars wilting, to hear one-minute speeches on housing, civil rights, and other campaign topics.

Democratic whip ~~John~~ McCormick

pleaded with the House to give the people a break in ~~the~~ high prices and in the housing shortage, ^{which} ~~from which~~ ^{affects} millions of families, ~~are suffering so keenly~~. To which Congressman Chester Gross, Republican of Pennsylvania, ~~replied~~ ^{replied}, ~~asserting~~ that the high living costs must be laid directly on the doorstep of the Administration. The Government, he said, ^{had been working} ~~wanting~~ to keep ~~the~~ prices ^{in order} high, to get the farmers' vote.

Congressman Frederick Smith, Republican of Ohio, expressed the thoughts ^s of some of his colleagues, on both sides of the political fence -- Republicans and Democrats, when he said that he will offer a resolution for an immediate adjournment -- right after the President speaks. ^λ No matter what Mr. Truman says.

And what will the President say? Democratic leaders of each house were called to the White House ^{to} ~~visit~~ ^{to} day for a preview of the Presidential message. They found Mr. Truman still at work on the draft.

Later in the day, the White House issued a memorandum ^{to} ~~for the~~ newsmen, setting ^{forth} ~~out~~ the points on ~~the~~ which Mr. Truman will touch when he delivers his message ^{to the} ~~in person to a~~ joint session of ~~the~~ Senate and ~~the~~ House. In addition to anti-inflation and ~~housing~~ housing proposals, the President will mention federal aid to education, an increased national minimum wage, federal pay raises, and civil rights legislation. In other words, the Democratic party platform, with that sixty-five billion dollar loan for a permanent United Nations headquarters tagged on. ~~All of which will make no sense for politicians.~~

While President Truman was in a ^{Luddle} ~~hotel~~ with the Democratic leaders from both Houses, the Senate Republican leaders were holding a strategy conference, their second today, under the chairmanship of Senator ~~Robert A.~~ Taft, leader of the G.O.P. policy committee.

~~And what is did the Republicans decide on as a counter measure? Well,~~ ^{if} said Senator Taft ~~said~~ there was quite a bit of sentiment ~~at the meeting~~ for ~~an~~ immediate adjournment, as proposed by ~~some~~ Republicans and Democrats; but ~~the~~ G.O.P. leaders have decided to do nothing until they meet again. This, ~~will be~~ after Mr. Truman ~~has~~ ^s delivered his message.

As for the nineteen southern Democratic Senators, ^{we} we hear they are planning ~~x~~ to ~~go~~ fight ~~Mr. Pres.~~ Truman's civil rights measures. After a special meeting, presided over by senator ~~xx~~ ~~Richard~~ Russell, Democrat of Georgia, ^{Sen.} Russell said he didn't like the word "filibuster" but, he admitted, ^{that} the southernns would make speeches ^s at length, although ~~Senator Russell~~ ^{he} hinted ^{that} before resorting to lengthy speeches, most of his group would vote to adjourn.

DISCRIMINATION

President Truman today ordered sweeping changes in the federal government, to wipe out what he terms "racial discrimination". He ordered equality of treatment in the armed services, and the establishment of a fair employment program for government workers. In the ~~executive~~ executive order, Mr. Truman declared this policy ^{will} to be put into effect immediately. "There shall be an equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services, without regard to ~~their~~ race, color, religion or national origin," he said. Similarly, all federal jobs to be filled on the same principle. For which purpose the ~~President~~ President is appointing a fair employment officer in each government department.