

SHANGHAI

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The news of the fall of Shanghai came with an abrupt suddenness tonight. Earlier in the day there were claims of successes by the defenders -- no inkling that the capture of the city was at hand. Then abruptly came a flash stating that the Communist forces had broken through the defense of the city from the West. Then, hardly more than fifteen minutes after that, a bulletin which ~~xxx~~ began with the words: "The Communists captured Shanghai today."

The break-through from the West was a bitter struggle by night; - but, when the Reds succeeded in storming through the line, the battle was over, resistance was at an end, and the Communists pushed into the center of Shanghai early in the morning -- i.e. tomorrow morning over there.

All that the defending troops did was to barricade the streets covering their own escape to the North, ^{leaving} ~~and lost~~ the protection of the city to what is called -- the peace preservation guard. From this no fighting could be expected, and tonight's bulletin

CONFERENCE

In Paris, the chummy mood of yesterday took a turn today, things looking more as usual - as Vishinsky denounced the Western Powers for violating the Potsdam Agreement. Nothing too morose or ferocious in the Soviet aspect, but the Red delegation buckled down to business.

Vishinsky demanded a return to the Potsdam Agreement. He asked for a restoration of the Four Power Control Council to run Germany - which Council has been in the discard ever since the Soviets walked out, more than a year ago. He suggested likewise a resumption of Four Power Government in Berlin, which the Russians themselves disrupted. Also - give the Soviets ~~making~~ a hand in running the Ruhr, that Great Industrial section of Western Germany.

All this was rejected firmly and in unison by the Americans, British and French. It would mean, for one thing, that they would have to scrap the new Government of Western Germany, which went into operation only yesterday, and they are determined not to do

anything of the sort. The Soviet proposal amounted, in fact, to a diplomatic lunge against the West German Government.

Back to Potsdam! - was the Vishinsky call.

But, one after another, American Secretary of State Acheson, British Foreign Secretary Bevin, and French Foreign Minister Schuman, ~~got up and~~ replied that the Potsdam Agreement had been a flat failure, and the Soviets have ^{ing} made it a failure. So there'll be no turning back that page of history.

BERLIN STRIKE

Tonight in Berlin the Soviet-controlled German railway-police, the Red strike-breakers, are moving out - giving up railroad installations. This began today when the Western Authorities ordered them to get out or be put out. Strike-bound stations of the elevated railway were taken over by German police of the Western Sector, who were accompanied by French and British occupation-officers - the Red police and strike-breakers leaving without opposition.

This line of strong action follows a series of clashes, in which three persons have been killed, fifteen hundred injured. Today American Commandant ~~Brigadier~~ General Howley, stated: "I won't stand by while Soviet railway police shoot into crowds in the American Sector, and forcibly take prisoners to the Eastern Sector, ^{there to} ~~who will~~ be tried ~~there~~ and perhaps sentenced to death."

Which gives a grim aspect to the spectacle of Red strike-breaking - the Soviets don't go easy with strikers.

ADD BERLIN STRIKE

General Howley tells the Soviets that, in the Western Sectors of Berlin, they will have to handle their strike on what he called - "A democratic basis." Meaning, picketing, and other normal ways of a walkout."

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SPIES

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He was asked , also - did he think that

giving atomic secrets to the Soviets would be disloyal to the United States? He replied - "I certainly do."

He insisted that he was loyal to this country, but refused to answer whether or not he had rendered atomic service to Red espionage. He took refuge in the constitution.

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It is said. All this was omitted by the Atomic Energy
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ATOMIC

Atomic Chairman ^{David} Lillienthal says he deserves to be blamed, as he is being blamed. This - in the case of the disappearance of a small quantity of uranium two three five, atomic bomb material. An ounce or so of the radioactive isotope was found to be missing in the commission's laboratory in Chicago. That was February Eighty - and the F.B.I. was not called in to investigate until March Twenty-Eight, six weeks later. This delay was in direct violation of rules established by the Atomic Energy Commission. So ^{Atomic Chairman} today, Lillienthal said to a Senate Sub-Committee: "I should be criticized, and I am - very severely."

At the same hearing, the general manager of the Atomic Energy Commission, Carroll L. Wilson, was asked about a fake theft of Uranium at the Great Hanford Plant, State of Washington. There, ^{just} as a test of precaution, a Security Officer sneaked out two bars of Uranium; ^{just to see if someone could get away with it.} the loss was not noticed for some time - Ninety days, it is said. All this was admitted by the Atomic General Manager, who stated that the two bars of Uranium, taken

in the fake theft, were returned only yesterday. He ^{added} ~~said~~ that security precautions are now being tightened. ^{He also} ~~asked~~ asked the Senators to consider the fact that many thousands of pieces of the radioactive metal are processed at Hanford.

~~There was a discussion of the export of radioactive isotopes to Finland - which had been opposed by Atomic Commissioner Strauss. He today told the Sub-Committee that he believed all forms of atomic research material should be kept from the Iron Curtain countries - although he agreed that the isotopes that were sent to Finland could not be used in any way in the making of atomic bombs. Chairman Lilienthal minimized the importance of the isotopes, and appealed to the Senate Committee - not to encourage public fear and panic.~~

CONGRESS

It looks as if there'll be no action on President Truman's compulsory health insurance during the present session of Congress. This was stated today by the democratic leader in the Senate, Lucas of Illinois - after a talk with the President. He said that, with Congressional business moving slowly, he saw no chance of quick action on the much debated medical measure before the summer adjournment.

Senator Lucas also said he had what he called, "serious doubt" about any attempt to pass the Truman Civil Rights Bill during the present session.

MILITARY PAY

The House today killed the military pay boost. In a surprise action, the Congressmen voted to turn down the Four Hundred and Six Million dollar bill, which would have hiked the money for everybody in the armed services except the lowest grade of G.I., the recruits.

~~Congressional recruits~~ Congress is having an economy drive and there was opposition to big salary raises granted to top officers, much less for the lower grades. The vote to kill it was Two Hundred and Twenty-Seven to a Hundred and Thirty-Six.

FORRESTAL

The Naval Hospital is exonerated by Mrs. Forrestal. The widow of the late Secretary of Defense, rejects the criticism made because, at the Bethesda Hospital, James Forrestal was permitted a degree of liberty which enabled him to jump from a window, to suicide. The psychiatrist, Naval Captain Raines, explains that this was - a calculated risk. Because close attention would only make a patient worse, in a case of fatigue and depression. Mrs. Forrestal agrees with this, and defends Captain Raines, especially.

FORD

The Ford Motor Company gives an immediate reply to the suggestion made by the Auto Workers Union for an arbitration of the strike. That proposal was sent to the Company by Union President Walter Reuther, and today the Ford people responded by asking for a conference tomorrow - to discuss the arbitration offer.

The Company has wanted arbitration all along, the Union refusing until now. But Ford objects to the form in which the Union phrases the question to be arbitrated - the complaint of a speed-up.

NARCOTICS

Canada is having some slight difficulty with China, the Chinese Embassy at Ottawa putting in an inquiry to the local police - why did they arrest George Lim? What right did they have to throw Lim in the Lock-up?

This newest bit of international trouble comes about as a result of a big time police raid - a hunt for narcotics. Two-dozen Ottawa cops came swooping down on a neighborhood in the Canadian capital, and made a search - looking for dope peddlers.

They made an arrest - George Lim, a Chinese who excited the gravest of suspicion. In the flat occupied by Lim, they found a lot of pills, which looked all the world like opium, if not heroin or cocaine. So they confiscated the sinister pills, and hurled Lim in the hoosgow.

The next thing was to have an analysis made of the pills. Which they did - and found they were a Chinese remedy for stomach ache and sunstroke. The chemical analysis ^(showed) ~~showed~~ that the pills were made of the

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powered gall bladders of snakes - which Lim had imported from China, as a sure cure when you're doubled up by stomach ache or knocked out by sunstroke.

But the gall bladder of a snake is not opium.

So today the Chinese Embassy was making a stern inquiry - and the Ottawa cops were out on a limb. *who pinched Mr. Lim - they*

training plane.

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that an instructor operating the controls of a trainer, a two-seater, would have enough to do, running the plane. Even an automobile driver needs at least one hand for the wheel. Of course, he can stop the car - but it's hard to stop the airplane, some ten thousand feet aloft. But, anyway, flight instructor Frank Farley told the Judge he was ready to promise never to fly with girl students again. So his wife wouldn't be jealous.

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FLYER

In the Chicago Superior Court, a Judge handed down a ruling in the case of Frank Earles, a flying instructor, who has been having difficulties with his wife. The Missus, it seems, is jealous. But, Frank is willing to promise that, hereafter, he will fly with men students only, no girl pupils in his training plane.

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in the evening. You know, the witching hour, sunset - always a good sentimental time. Take off in the plane with wifie - and go winging away into the serene evening sky.

Sentimental? Yes, but his Honor Judge Rudolph Desort of Chicago, may have had a deeper idea than that; - truly Solomonian. On romantic plane rides at eventide, wifie might get a practical understanding of the fact that a Flight Instructor has plenty to to, piloting the plane.

ROY

Now the story of the bashful boy. You know, how shy and embarrassed a lad can be at eighteen, afraid to step forward, too timid to intrude. So on a farm near Seattle, Roy Redfield, the bashful boy, set fire to the barn.

Today he explained to the police that his brother and sister were out visiting, and he thought they might have gone to the house of the neighbor down the lane. He wanted to find out if they were there. So he went to the neighbor's place, intending to go to the door, and knock, and ask. But he was too shy, too embarrassed. So today he told the police: "I set fire to the barn, so I could tell when everybody ran out."

What was the matter with that? It worked. When the people came tearing out of the house to the blazing barn - sure enough, there were his brother and sister.

FUZZY-WUZZY

New York had a look at a fuzzy-wuzzy today, and got a lesson in Pidgin English. Fuzzy-wuzzy said that New York was - "Big fella place."

His official name is Robert Salau, and he's from the Solomon Islands. Forty years ago, missionaries persuaded his tribe to give up its favorite pastime - head-hunting. During the ^{recent} war in the Pacific, the christianized-Melanesians helped the Marines, and Robert Salau, himself, was given a citation. He's over here in behalf of missionary work - Seventh Day Adventist.

In only one respect was that son-of-a-headhunter disappointing today - he really wasn't a fuzzy-wuzzy at all. When he heard he was to go to the United States, he got a haircut! - The way he had seen the Marines get haircuts. He had his bushy mass of frizzly hair clipped right off - and, ever since, his missionary sponsors have been praying for the hair of that Solomon Islander to grow back fast. So he'll look like fuzzy-wuzzy again.

But, otherwise, his appearance was okay -

barefoot, wearing a blue native skirt, brandishing war spear. Also - talking a rich brand of Pidgin English.

When Fuzzy-Wuzzy saw the Empire State Building, he exclaimed: "High up too much".

He told the newsmen his impressions when he saw the Statue of Liberty. It went like this: "Me look one fella-Mary standing up". Meaning, he saw a tall lady - Mary being Rìgh Pidgin for woman.

As for the torch in the hand of the Statue of

Liberty, Fuzzy-Wuzzy said: *He said: - ^{Mary} "He hold up one big fellow light."*

Everything is "Fella" And now - up come big fella Nelson Case; not barefoot, not wearing native skirt. How about putting your commercial in pidgin English Nelson?