

ADD FORD

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But there's irony in the later news from Detroit. Only a few hours after the strike of production workers was averted, the Ford Company suspended its assembly line operations and laid off ~~an~~ fifty-five thousand employees.

A strike in a supplier plant, the Murray ~~Corporation~~ Corporation, having brought about a shortage of parts.

The auto workers walkout against ~~the~~ Murray is two weeks old now. It being the first test case to insert into labor contracts clauses side-stepping the Taft-Hartley Law.

The Ford crisis resolved at the last minute today, was over the same issue.

LONDON

Prime Minister Attlee goaded by yesterday's scathing attack launched by Winston Churchill, made a surprise move in the House of Commons today. He asked the British Parliament for war-time powers to fight the threat of national bankruptcy. War-time powers in the days of peace!

(The crisis in Britain is said to be the most serious ever faced by that nation. Attlee has invoked what amounts to "defense regulations", to give the London labor government power to control prices and make Britons tighten their belts once again - and take any measure necessary to bolster up industry.

It looks as if the winter ahead will be grim indeed for the average Briton.)

## ANTI\*SEMITISM

( Anti-semitic riots in the English industrial city of ~~MAN~~ Manchester today, the fourth day of such demonstrations in widely scattered parts of England. All an aftermath of the hanging, by the Jewish underground, of the two British sergeants in Palestine last week ) and further reports of other British deaths from violence in the Holy Land. Manchester Jews imposed a voluntary ten o'clock curfew on themselves tonight.

The Manchester police have ~~qs~~ arrested twenty ~~zig~~ ring leaders. But, by and large the British still are unwilling to condemn the Jewish community as a whole for crimes committed by a few. In Manchester this afternoon, a committee representing twenty thousand employees at the big Vickers Aircraft factory appealed to all workers not to participate in anti-Jewish rioting.

( Anti-semitism also flared in London, Leicester, and Liverpool. ) In Liverpool, authorities ordered street lights -- at the present dimmed to conserve fuel - turned up to full power to aid police

in breaking up the riots.

( In Jerusalem meanwhile, the feeling was equally anti-British -- Jewish extremists blowing up a two-story government building, killing a British constable and a soldier and injuring two more. )

Jewish extremists are bragging openly that the building was blown up in retaliation for the British demolition yesterday of a Jewish building in which was found an underground arsenal. There was, however, a difference in procedure. The British evacuated all the occupants of the Jewish building the day before they blew it up. While the occupants of the public works building, blown up by the Jews today, they were given only a few minutes warning.

U.N.

( At Lake Success today, Egypt's Prime Minister Mahmoud Fahmy Pasha, told the United Nations Security Council that the time has come for Great Britain to end its occupation of the Nile Valley: and, relinquish control of the vital Suez Canal.) The Egyptian Prime Minister hinted that the Egyptian people might unleash their resentment, and he warned the United Nations Security Council that ventures in imperialism can no longer be tolerated in the world of the U.N. Charter. Hard words from a member of an ancient nation that once dominated the Nile Valley, and that also played a mighty role in history as a conqueror.

The Egyptian Prime Minister demands the evacuation of all British Troops from the valley of the Nile, and the termination of the British Administration in the Sudan, so the Sudan can be unified with EGYPT.

More trouble for the already sorely troubled British Empire -- another hot potato tossed to the already overworked Security Council of the U.N.

## GYPSY SMITH

The Queen Mary arrived in New York this morning. Her first post-war crossing as a luxury liner. On board was the body of eighty-seven year old Rodney Smith -- as famous a member of the Smith family as you could wish to find. Gypsy Smith -- a Romany Evangelist.

The son of an illiterate tinker, Smith was born in a humble gypsy wagon in the forest of Epping, east of London. He started life whittling chothespins. Instead she gave him a bible.

When he learned to read it, young Smith decided to become an Evangelist. His companions laughed at him, but Gypsy Smith remembered that other tinker, John Bunyan, who wrote Pilgrims' Progress. "If Bunyan could preach the gospel, why can't I?" said the boy. "And the whole world will be my congregation."

And so he set forth--booming and thundering the lessons of the bible. At first he preached in tents, to the gypsies. But his own people were not too interested. So he ~~xx~~ began to tramp the English Countryside, barnstorming, -- preaching to all who would

listen. And finally - he fulfilled his ambition. He preached in the great Albert Hall in London, -- also in cathedrals, in sports arenas when there was no building big enough to hold the crowds that flocked to hear him. Twice round the world. Forty times across the Atlantic. But, his last message to Americans was never delivered. A few hours out of New York, -- aboard the Queen Mary - he died suddenly, after taking the sun on deck and chatting with his fellow passengers.

And thus Gypsy Smith fulfilled the tradition of his Romany brethern, to die on a journey. That's what they say will happen to you if you are a real gypsy.

## ATOMIC

Some thing more about atomic bombs to scare us out of our wits - if that's still possible: Dr. Hutchins, Chancellor of the University of Chicago, said today that two of the atomic bombs that now can be manufactured, could make all the United States uninhabitable, if exploded simultaneously.

Just two of them ~~xx~~ would blast America into oblivion -- or back to the Dark Ages. That's the cheery picture this well known educator gives to us. And then he goes on to say that, within five years, some other countries will have these same bombs.

Why does the learned doctor spring this on us? Well, it's because he thinks Uncle Sam should get busy and civilize the ~~wh<sup>o</sup>le~~ whole world, right away - in not less than five years! That's the deadline he gives us. Addressing the National Association of Visual Education Dr. Hutchins said it can be done. How? By visual education. By means of motion pictures and slides. The new streamlined method of

promoting knowledge. About which any G. I. will tell you.

## COSMIC RAYS

A twenty nine year old Mountain Trooper, today in Washington, told how a small party of climbers succeeded in setting up a laboratory for the study of cosmic rays on the upper slopes of Mt. McKinley, highest peak in North America. Twenty-thousand-two-hundred-and-sixty nine feet.

The purpose of the expedition, to study those mysterious cosmic rays, of extremely high frequency and penetrating power, which scientists believe are produced from the earth's atmosphere by transmutation of atoms. Mysteries of space studied on the roof of the world.

Young Lieutenant Wm. Backett and his party had hard going. For twenty-seven days, at twenty holes, sometimes against a hundred mile an hour gale. Because of yawning crevasses they had to be roped together and even then many of them fell into crevasses hidden by new snow.

Backett himself fell fifty feet, with a seventy-five pound pack on his back, and was rescued.

This cosmic ray expedition brought back much valuable information apparently; tested Army winter warfare equipment, lived on special food dropped by parachute, and found that a human being can only operate at fifty per cent normal efficiency at eighteen thousand or above.

So work on the top of any of the world's highest mountains is likely to attract only a few, such as Al Lindley, Erling Strom, Brad Washburn and mountaineers like them.

## CHICAGO TIMES

The expanding newspaper empire of Marshall Field now includes the Chicago Times; owners of sixty-five thousand shares of Times stock having voted tonight to accept Field's offer of more than five million dollars for their holdings.

The final announcement came not from Field but from Dick Finnegan, Editor and publisher of the Times - with Finnegan staying on as Editor and Publisher of the Times; and as Executive Vice President of the Chicago Sun as well. Quite a plum for my one-time boss when Carl Sandburg, Ben Hecht, Bob Casey and a few more of us were reporters under Editor Finnegan.

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~~When Meyer said that at some of the parties where his expense accounts included ~~xx~~ such items as "presents for four girls, two hundred dollars.," that young Roosevelt was almost constantly in company of Faye Emerson, who later became his wife, Elliott shot back that he "resented insinuations on Miss Emerson's name."~~

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HUGHES

Elliott Roosevelt, at that Howard Hughes Senate probe, was in fighting mood today. After describing Johnny Meyer as a comedy character, he told the Press Agent that he sharply resented Meyer's use of his name for each and every expense account. "You put my name down because it was easy," Roosevelt fired at Johnny Meyer!"

"I put it down because it was the name of the most important person concerned!" said Meyer.

The testimony turned to night clubs, Roosevelt insisted that he paid a good portion of the checks himself. Meyer insisting he never saw Elliott pick up a check.

One expense account listed a hundred an fifteen dollars worth of liquor for the Roosevelt account. Replied Elliott: "I resent the implication that I drank a hundred and fifty dollars' worth of liquor."

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After Elliott Roosevelt finished his study of the accounts, he remarked bitterly: "You can see the name of Roosevelt had a very particular attraction for Meyer." Previously, he admitted having borrowed -- and paid back in full -- one thousand dollars from the fat Hughes aircraft company publicity man. Just before his marriage to Miss Emerson.

Elliott took time out to hope that the committee did not regard him as involved with either the Democrats or the Republicans. He said he had no political ambitions, and he hoped the Republicans would bring

everything out that might have been hidden by the  
Democrats.

HUGHES

In Washington tomorrow, Howard Hughes is scheduled to appear before the committee. Hughes took off from Culver City, California, in his private plane today, and the word is that he headed for Washington, after a five day game of hide and seek during which reporters and United States Marshalls were looking for him to serve ~~xi~~ him with a subpoena to appear before the committee.

Hughes remarked that he didn't intend to "jump through a ~~mm~~ hoop" just to please the committee. But he said he would appear tomorrow as he originally promised.

## ALISON

President Truman has selected John R. "Johnny" Alison of Gainesville, Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Aeronautics. An all-important air post for a much ~~decorated~~ decorated and exceedingly capable young flyer with a distinguished record. The appointment, says the New York Times, is subject to confirmation by the Senate when Congress convenes in January. But there is <sup>not</sup> likely to be any difficulty about that nomination. Johnny Alison, like his brilliant colleague, and partner Colonel Phil Cochran, is one of our ablest young airmen.

Alison graduated in engineering and administration from the University of Florida in Nineteen Thirty-<sup>six</sup>~~xxx~~, and joined the Air Forces ~~in~~ in Nineteen thirty-seven, - commissioned in the regular Army. Last year, at the ripe old age of thirty-five, he, and his pal Phil Cochran, retired from the Air Forces both with the rank of full Colonel.

Among his experiences, were spectacular individual performances against the Japanese especially in Burma, where he and Cochran landed a whole British

Army, by night, behind the Jao lines. The previous year, the young flyer, then a Major, flew Harry Hopkins to Moscow for those conferences with Premier Stalin. He was also adivser on American aircraft for the lend-lease. program. And he made a great record as a combat pilot shooting down Japs with Chennault -- in China.

In Nineteen Forty-One, Johnny was in England acting as adviser to the Royal Air Force of United States planes, later he served as a fighter pilot under General Chennault, in the f urteenth Air Force. And finally, as co-head of our Air Force with Wingate in Burma, he and Cochran pulled off one of the epic achievements of the war -- of which the world has heard too little. A great appointment.

And now a great announcer, to tell <sup>US</sup> ~~XX~~, a great secret.

## FORD

That threatened strike of a hundred-and-eight-thousand Ford employees was called off today by the C.I.O. United Auto Workers Union. An agreement was reached with the company by the appointment of a Committee to study the Union's demand for a contract clause to bypass some of the penalty provisions of the Taft Hartley Law. This study committee has a year to work out a satisfactory agreement. And while the committee is at work, the union will be protected from breach of contract suits under the new law.

United Automobile Workers Vice-President Richard Leonard, had announced that a new bargaining session on the pension issue, for Ford employees, would be held tomorrow. And then he spoke of a strike threat pending those negotiations. But today he called those hundred-and-eight-thousand workers back to work and a peace pact was reached this morning after the hundred and ten members of the Ford and United Automobile Workers Council put in a nineteen hour marathon bargaining session that brought results.

PARAGUAY

From Argentina, we hear that the revolution against the Paraguay government of President Morinigo, is making headway, the tide ~~xxx~~ turning in favor of the rebels. With the rebels heading for Asuncion, the capital.

Also that President Morinigo has fled the city, resigned, or died. The news isn't clear. The only undisputed fact seems to be that the rebels are closer to Asuncion, following a simulated evacuation of Concepcion the rebel capital, with Paraguayan regulars entering that city, and announcing its capture. And finding the city empty and the rebel army already on its way south, moving swiftly down the Paraguay River, heading straight for Asuncion.

Asuncion, now under siege, with President Morinigo this morning issuing a proclamation mobilizing everybody -- every citizen capable of bearing arms.

Over the weekend the government arrested some five thousand persons. An uprising is expected in the city itself, and the government people are