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The convention of the C.I.O. in Boston was addressed this afternoon by Secretary of State Marshall. His mere appearance before the C.I.O. was highly significant. That great labor organization is in the throes of a fight between anti-Communists and supporters of Left Wing politics, from Red to Pink. C.I.O. President Philip Murray is opposing the Leftists, who tend toward Soviet Russia, and who <sup>are</sup> bitterly <sup>hostile</sup> ~~oppose~~ to the Marshall Plan, echoing the Soviets. So now the author of the Marshall Plan addresses the C.I.O. convention - and the very fact of his having been invited is marked down as a victory for the anti-Communists.

So what did Secretary Marshall have to say today?

His words must have burned the ears of the Reds and Pinks.

Propounding the Marshall Plan for giving economic support to the free nations of western Europe, he stated that we Americans are confronted with what he called - "the danger of the actual disappearance of the characteristics of western civilization."

He declared that the issue at stake was - "our government and

our manner of living." Secretary Marshall did not mention Soviet Russia by name, but the C.I.O. convention could not be in doubt of what he meant, when he described the peril. "The basic issue," said he, "is simply whether or not men are to be left free to organize their social, political and economic existence in accordance with their desire." The alternative, he pointed out, was - dictatorship, totalitarian dictatorship. Tonight's news dispatch from Boston gives the following impression: "His speech," it says, "was studded with the gravest language he has used in America's 'cold war' with Russia."

All this, before the convention of the C.I.O. - ~~which added to the discomfiture of Reds and Pinks who were~~ ~~chagrined that the author of ~~the~~ the Marshall Plan~~ ~~had even been invited.~~

WALLACE - FOLLOW CIO

I always like to give the pros and cons on any subject. -- So, following Secretary Marshall's pro, here's Henry Wallace's con. The syllable "con," of course, derives from the Latin word meaning -- "against." But, if should you be inclined to attach any other meaning to the expression "con," you are entitled to do so. So here, in opposition to the Marshall view of the world crisis, is the Henry Wallace view:

From Baltimore <sup>Henry</sup> ~~XX~~ issued the following blast, featuring Defense Secretary Forrestal. He said: "Forrestal heads up the Wall Street militaristic point of view in Washington. This Wall Street crowd is out for world domination. Russia," he added, "had a similar situation under the Czars."

So, the villain of the piece is Uncle Sam's Wall Street, which is like the ~~the~~ Russia of the Czars -- and so unlike Stalin's Russia, we presume.

To this interpretation Wallace added an historic note -- on the subject of Roosevelt and Stalin. He said that the late President was "irritated and uneasy" during

the last days of his life by the way Soviet foreign policy was shaping up. But President Roosevelt always held Stalin in what Wallace today calls - "high esteem."

"F.D.R. always felt," says Wallace -- "that we could get along with Stalin."

## FOREIGN AID

Our government took another step today to aid the non-Communist government of France - a fifty million dollar step. That much money was transferred to ~~the government at Paris to~~ bolster French finance. The fifty million is technically in payment of a debt incurred by our military forces in France during the war - the President today authorizing the Army to buy French francs enough to reimburse ~~the~~ Paris government.

AT the same time, the Treasury is casting an eye on huge foreign assets deposited in this country, billions of dollars owned by citizens of those European countries which are badly in need of American aid. (~~France is prominently among these privately owned French assets in the United States, totalling a large figure.~~) Under-Secretary of State Lovett told a news conference today, that the Treasury was considering plans whereby privately owned foreign assets over here could be impounded and used as a financial basis for European relief - that is, used as collateral for an issue of bonds, these to be sold and the proceeds applied to foreign aid.

All along, the question of foreign private funds over here has been something of a paradox in the relief picture. While the need of the western democracies in Europe is so urgent, citizens of those countries hold in America a total of eight and a half billion dollars -- many fleeing over here with their money.

WHITE HOUSE - FOOD

White House festivities are being curtailed - because of food conservation. Today, Mrs. Edith Helm, Social Secretary <sup>to</sup> ~~of~~ the First Lady, gave out the news that six big dinners have been cancelled - traditional White House dinners prescribed by old custom for the entertainment of various branches of the government. These include such majestic functions as the dinner for the diplomatic corps, the judiciary, Congress, the Cabinet. These are called off for this year, which might seem to mean a considerable decrease of White House gaiety and merriment - except for the fact that those formal dinners are never so gay and merry, especially the one for the judiciary, including the Supreme Court.

Gaiety and merriment are more likely to be affected in the matter of - beer. Today, the Luckman Committee, in charge of the Food Conservation Drive, was negotiating with the brewers of the nation - talking over the reduction of grain supplies for making beer. ~~(The distillers have already fallen into line, promising a temporary shut-down in the~~

{ ~~manufacture of hooch.~~ The brewers are merely being asked to  
curtail operations, not to shut down completely.



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At the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Soviet satellites joined in the chorus begun by the big boss - Moscow, Vishinsky. Puppets like Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, hurled angry denunciation against the American proposal to form an all year round committee which they're calling - "a little assembly." The satellites decry that as an attempt to get around the Soviet veto on the Security Council. Well, what's wrong with that?

## PALESTINE

In Jerusalem today, a shot rang out on Prophet Street - and immediately there was a panic. For five minutes the sirens screamed an alarm, and people ducked for shelter. Streets emptied, and Jerusalem had the appearance of a ghost city. The ~~shot~~ shot meant nothing at all, <sup>— not a prophetic shot. altho</sup> a soldier <sup>^</sup> accidentally firing <sup>^</sup> his gun in Prophet Street, but the fear was ~~not~~ instant - outbreak, insurrection .

All of which is a vivid sign of the tension in Palestine - as the United Nations moves to partition the Holy Land into Jewish and Arab states. This time, of course, the tension has a new angle, not any fear of Jewish underground <sup>eyes - -</sup> ~~violations~~ - it's the Arabs who are protesting wrathfully against the partition plan.

Today we hear how in the district of Beersheba, more than a hundred sheiks gathered out in the desert, and took a vote. They decided to form what they will call "National Guards to defend Palestine", a fighting force to resist the establishment of a Jewish state.

The agitation of the Arabs against the United States continues, because of American support of the plan to partition. After the Arab bombing of the American Consulate the other day, new blasts are being heard - though these at the moment are merely verbal.) But now the United States, as a target, has a partner -- Soviet Russia. It isn't often that Uncle Sam finds himself on the same side as the Soviets, but ~~now they're~~ <sup>the two together</sup> ~~in~~ a mark for Mohammedan abuse - after Soviet Russia took the same stand as our own country in okaying the partition of Palestine.

~~Today, the Arab newspapers raged at both countries, one Jerusalem headline ~~and~~ declaration reading: "Dictatorial Communist Russia joins with imperialist capitalist America."~~

~~So they agree with the Soviets about America, and with America about the Soviets, which would seem to be some kind of harmony and concord.~~

## BURMA PLOT

A spectacular trial began today in far off Burma - the exotic city of Rangoon, where rises the <sup>golden cone</sup> sculptured ~~wonders~~ ~~of that~~ <sup>ed spire of</sup> jewel <sup>Pagoda.</sup> of pagodas, the Shwe Dagon, Well, all that is Buddhist, and the worshippers in the Shwe Dagon murmur their prayers to that Light of Asia, who preach the eternal peace of Nirvana. But there's mighty little of that Buddhist mercy for all living things in the evidence that was begun today in a Rangoon court room. <sup>TR</sup> They <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ trying ten defendants for ~~xxxx~~ the mass assassination that virtually wiped out the <sup>v</sup> ~~g~~overnment at Burma, three months ago - the Premier and seven of his Ministers cut down by machine gun fire in the Council Chamber of the <sup>Rangoon</sup> ~~Burmes~~ government.

The chief of those put on trial today is a former Premier of Burma, U. Saw, who had dealings with the Japs during the war. He is accused of having been the chief conspirator who planned and directed the murder of practically the entire government of his successor. Four other of the defendants are charged with having done the deed - making their way into the

Council Chamber and blazing with machine guns at Premier Aung San and the other ministers of the government. <sup>↑</sup> The trial promises to be an affair of weird sensation - with fantastic disclosures only possible east of Suez, where the best is like the worst, in Kipling's <sup>city</sup> ~~town~~ of Rangoon, on the Road to Mandalay.

## HURRICANE

The State of Georgia was hit a surprise punch today -- a sneak punch by a treacherous hurricane. The tropical storm blasted <sup>southern</sup> ~~xxxxxx~~ Florida on Sunday, and then turned East out to the Atlantic -- and that seemed to be that! *Good riddance!* But what did that freakish and unpredictable hurricane do? The raging circle of wind turned right back, making a detour out in the Atlantic and veering westward again -- smacking the Georgia coast between Savannah and Brunswick.

The gale lashed at one hundred miles an hour, and mountainous waves batt<sup>ered</sup>~~led~~ the coast and flooded inland. Georgia was taken comparatively by surprise because of the unexpected way the hurricane ~~ix~~ travelled. Thirty thousand people were isolated <sup>today</sup> on beaches and islands, and the damage comes to a million dollars. Roofs blown off houses, plate glass windows crashing, trees blowing down all over the place. Fallen trees across railroad tracks to such an extent that train service was delayed for ~~xxx~~ long hours -- until the debris of the woodlands could be cleared away.

It was one of the most misbehaving hurricanes in the whole misbehaving history of the storm demon of the tropics.

KIDNAPPING

At Barstow, California, today, a kidnaping -- a bride of two months stolen by the villain at gun-point, an exciting chase, reminiscent of the old Keystone cop thrillers of the movies of yesterday -- everything, including a life and death race with a train.

Last night outside a neighborhood church at Glendale, California, where she had been playing the organ, pretty Mrs. Ruth Radwanski, twenty-two years old, was confronted by a man with a gun who pushed her into her convertible and drove her away. Someone in the church saw the abduction and gave the alarm. Police were immediately alerted and road blocks arranged around the area.

But when the speeding car bore down on the first road block, the driver careened off the road at furious speed, plowed through the roadside brush, regained the pavement and was off again. The police gave chase. One of the police drivers says he touched a hundred miles



an hour along the flat desert roads -- some speeding!

~~Exercising~~ <sup>Then the</sup> climax of the chase. The fleeing car travelling broad-side with a fast freight train -- trying to overtake it -- and a railroad crossing ahead.

The pursuers held their breath. Would the driver lose his nerve and stop, or take a chance to beat the train to the crossing? He took that chance, jammed his foot on the gas and swept in front of the huge engine by a few

<sup>they say - -</sup> feet, leaving the police cars to wait for the train to clear the crossing. <sup>R</sup>By then, their quarry had vanished

along the trail to the Cajon Pass leading to the Mojave Desert. So the police threw a cordon around the area and waited.

During the night, Mrs. Radwanski was found, bound, gagged and knocked unconscious. Dumped on the

roadside. Her car was found abandoned near Amboy, California. <sup>R</sup>Today, as the sun rose high and the Cali-

fornia desert grew hotter and hotter, the abductor of the pretty organ player got thirstier and thirstier. So he

came out of hiding for a drink of water, and the police

officers captured him with his gun unloaded, and offering no resistance, admitting frankly that he was the abductor.

He turns out to be a young man from New York City - a city slicker, with a criminal record -- brought down by the heat of the Californian desert.

## SPAIN

In Spain, Dictator Franco has thrown a scare into the Spanish nobility, and tonight many a Spanish Don is trembling in his Castillian boots. ~~A large segment~~ <sup>Many</sup> of the grandees of Spain are opposed to Franco, and support a restoration of the monarchy. So now the Dictator has introduced into the Madrid Parliament a bill that would authorize him to strip any Spanish aristocrat of his title - if Franco should decide that said aristocrat is unworthy of the title. That would give him the right to transform a duke or a count or a marquis into mere Senor Lopez or Senor Gonzales - and the caballeros of ancient rank and lineage fear he may do just that.

At the same time, the new "nobility bill" would enable Franco to ~~xxx~~ create new noblemen - by bestowing titles on anybody he pleases, generals, politicians, financiers. So the Dictator could not only abolish the old titled ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ caballeros, he could create an entirely new noble class.

IT sounds like some twister of totalitarian megalomania. Though it all would seem to be considerably behind the times in this atomic era. Let's put that question to our Marquis of Ivory and Grandee of Soap! Caballero Don Nelson Case.

## RESCUES

The toast of the Coast Guard tonight is the Cutter BIBB, the weather ship that finally saved everyone of the sixty-nine people in the airliner forced down on the storm-whipped North Atlantic - bringing to a completely happy ending the story of desperate peril that had us in suspense last night.

<sup>The</sup> Coast Guardsmen who <sup>risked</sup> ~~rescued~~ their lives in the epic of rescue deserve the toasts of every human being who loves a brave deed.

And there's praise for the old-fashioned <sup>Boeing</sup> flying boat, which, forced down on the sea, weathered the storm <sup>for</sup> of those long hours of rescue, and stayed afloat <sup>amid</sup> ~~in~~ the battering waves all night - the final survivors removed this morning. The old

flying boat took such a beating, that she's a derelict now, <sup>but</sup>

<sup>that she</sup> ~~and will~~ <sup>still has to</sup> be sunk by gunfire up there in the North Atlantic.

## STRIKE

In France, the political and economic crisis is playing toward a climax - with a crescendo of Red labor trouble, Communist inspired strikes. Paris is tied up by a transportation strike, called by the General Confederation of Labor, which is dominated by the French Communist Party. The paralysis in Paris is so bad tonight, that police patrol wagons have been pressed into service; transporting people, and charging fares. Paying for a ride in the Black Maria! that's something!

In addition to the Paris tie-up, four other major strikes are paralyzing segments of industry, two more are scheduled for tomorrow, and still another is threatened for later in the week.

This crescendo of labor trouble is aimed at a goal, the French national elections - to be held over the weekend. The Communists are said to be fomenting strikes for the purpose of influencing the elections.