

MALENKOV L.T.P. & Q. Fri. Mar. 20 - '53,

In Moscow, Premier Malenkov has resigned the post of Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. So says the Moscow radio -- without explanation. <sup>R</sup> That post of Secretary has always been regarded as the key to power in the Soviet Union. Stalin made it the instrument of his own climb, and passed the office along to Malenkov. But now, the Premier resigns it. The meaning of the move -- a mystery at the moment. But it could be of the highest significance!

BOHLEN

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles denies that there is a difference of opinion in the State Department -- on the loyalty and security record of Charles E. Bohlen, nominated as U.S. Ambassador to Soviet Russia. <sup>H</sup> Earlier in the day, Senator McCarran of Nevada told the Senate that the Security Director Scott McLeod had refused to clear Bohlen. This is what the Secretary of State denies. There have been reports that Security Director McLeod had ~~disagreed~~ disagreed with the way Dulles came out in support of ~~Bohlen~~ Bohlen before the Senate Committee. But now Dulles declares -- there was no disagreement at all.

WILSON

Secretary of ~~R~~ Defense Charles E. Wilson says he is sure he can cut military spending. Today, he held his first news conference, and told the reporters that he has ordered a complete review of military spending plans left by the Truman Administration, <sup>Purpose -</sup> ~~with a view --~~ to making cuts.

He is also reviewing the nation's military <sup>problem</sup> manpower -- and hopes to reduce the number of men drafted in the armed forces.

## CHURCHES

A prominent churchman comes out in favor of a congressional investigation of Communism in American churches. He is George Washington Robnett, Executive Secretary of the National Laymens Council of the Church League of America.

At San Francisco today, he spoke up in favor of Congressman Velde of Illinois, Chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities -- who is being assailed for suggesting that the committee might look into the question of Red penetration in the world of religion.

He wants to know -- why liberals jumped all over the Congressman because he suggested there might be something to investigate. Who's afraid -- and of what?" demands the Secretary of the Laymens Church Council.

He quotes Red statements <sup>about preacher</sup> ~~that there~~  
~~are preacher preachers who are~~ Communists -- and points to one in New York City who reached the retirement age, and then immediately announced that

he was a member of the Communist party.

## TAXES

Republican leaders in Congress <sup>make</sup> ~~made~~ a vigorous denial of the charge by Republican Congressman Reed of New York -- that the G O P is reneging on campaign promises to reduce taxes. Senator Taft of Ohio, says; <sup>n</sup> ~~the~~ Republican party did not promise tax reduction in Nineteen Fifty-three. He says he favors a substantial reduction, next year, Nineteen Fifty-four. The Senator and other Republican leaders agree with President Eisenhower that balancing the budget should come first.

Congressman Reed, meanwhile, declares that he is not abandoning his fight for a tax cut. <sup>yesterday,</sup> ~~xxxx~~ he said he was giving up ~~his~~ plans to force an immediate vote on his bill. Today, he explained -- he hopes the committee in charge of the bill ~~xxx~~ will take action to bring it before Congress in the ~~xxxx~~ near future.

## TURKEY

The earthquakes continue in Turkey. There were fourteen new shocks, today, two of them severe. These follow<sup>ed</sup> seventy quakes recorded in the previous twenty-four hours.

The result, in terms of human ~~misery is~~ <sup>misery is</sup> incalculable, the quakes wrecking scores of villages in northwestern Turkey, the center of the disturbance ~~being~~ one hundred and fifty miles southwest of Istanbul. More than a thousand lives have been lost, and the figure is rapidly mounting. At the town of Yenica, every building was wrecked. Some fifteen percent of the people killed. <sup>#</sup> Military convoys ~~were~~ <sup>are</sup> on their way with medical supplies, food and clothing. The situation all the worse because of bitter cold and heavy snows.

VIVIEN LEIGH

The arrival of Vivien Leigh in London today was as dramatic as anything that vivid actress has ever played on stage or screen. At the airport, the police formed a cordon to keep everyone away when she emerged from the plane. An ambulance, was waiting. ~~So were~~ Vivien Leigh's British physician <sup>was there.</sup> ~~also~~ <sup>So was</sup> the head of medical service for British Overseas Airways. And two health officers of the Port of London. And -- a nurse. All set -- for an agitated, even a tragic, arrival.

Well, you can hardly wonder. At Hollywood, the actress had sustained a nervous breakdown -- after a long airplane flight from Southern ~~East~~ Asia, from Ceylon. She suffers from a fear of airplanes. Then she was flown back to England, all the way from California.

At Hollywood, she was carried on a stretcher aboard the plane, unconscious from sedatives. Transferring to a trans-Atlantic airliner at New York



she was hysterical, had to be dragged to the plane by her husband, actor Sir Laurence Olivier; and comedian Danny Kaye, their friend. She wept and shook her fist at her husband. ) ~~ixxx~~ Which seems ominous indeed for the actress off on the trans-Atlantic flight ~~with her breakdown, her morbid fear of flying.~~ <sup>H</sup> So at London, they expected her to be carried out. All the other passengers came down the gangplank first. While - newspapermen, photographers and by-standers waited tensely, for ~~ix~~ tragic Vivien Leigh. <sup>H</sup> Then she appeared -- but not on any stretcher. She came walking down the gangplank blythe, and smiling, carrying a large bouquet of ~~ixxxx~~ roses. Vivien Leigh seemed the liveliest gayest person on the scene. <sup>H</sup> She posed willingly for the photographers and, ~~ix~~ laughingly, drew her husband over into the picture. He looked haggard and worn. You might have thought it was Sir Laurence Olivier, who had sustained the nervous breakdown. Then off they went -- Vivien Leigh with a happy smile.

Somehow she had made a remarkable recovery on the Trans-Atlantic plane. She slept a lot -- and, flying over the ocean, seemed to recover from distracted nerves, the fear of flying.

Her Doctors declare her condition is ~~not~~ serious and she'll be all right <sup>after</sup> a few weeks of rest. She seemed all right as she landed in London today. Which, I suppose would come under the heading of -- mysteries of personality.



compete with all those glamour queens and beauty gals. As far as that stuff goes" she says, "I might as well have stood in bed."

But she competed with the glamor queens and beauty gals okay -- and so, she stood and received the Oscar instead of having stood in bed.)

It was no surprise that Gary Cooper took the honors as the best actor of the year -- for his work in High Noon. But the movie critics today were a bit non-plussed by the fact that the Oscar for the best picture went to the "Greatest Show On Earth," produced by Cecil B. DeMille. That veteran of all veterans, moreover, was honored personally for his long, distinguished career in motion pictures, which began in the old early days of the silent film.

I, myself, was particularly interested in the Oscar presented to another magnificent veteran. General Merian Cooper who has had, undoubtedly, the most extraordinary career of anyone in motion pictures. <sup>Top Army</sup> ~~Army~~ ~~fixes~~ flier in World War One,

Then commander of the Polish Air Force in the war with the Bolsheviks, back in the days of Lenin and Trotsky. "Coop" has told me how, returning from the wars he saw a motion picture and thought -- I can do better than that. So he got a camera, learned how to use it, and then with his pal Schoedsack he went out to the wild Bakhtiari tribal country in Persia. Result -- the epoch-making film GRASS. After which Coop came to Hollywood, and produced revolutionary films like Chang, King Kong and a long list more. Then in W.W. II again in the Air Force, as a general. And now engaged in another film revolution. The award to him last night honored his work in Cinerama, of which he is the producer. Well, it is a long span of motion picture history-- from GRASS of the silent pictures on down to CINERAMA, which is turning the whole motion picture world upside down.

## GAMBLING

A singular law suit was filed in Kentucky today -- a demand for more than half a million dollars in damages, as a result of gambling losses. The defendants named are Adolph Rupp, baseball coach at the University of Kentucky; Frank Costello, alleged boss of gambling; and Ed Curd, one-time Kentucky gambler! The charge is that they, in the words of the complaint, "concocted a fraudulent and ~~an~~ debasing scheme of gambling in schools, colleges and university sports and athletics."

The plaintiff is Mrs. Lucile Chumbley—Bradberry of Athens, Georgia. Who states that her brother, George Chumbley, lost nearly two <sup>hundred thousand</sup> ~~million~~ dollars as a result of the gambling conspiracy. George, apparently, was doing some mighty tall betting on sports events -- and ~~lost~~ his shirt. Two million bucks being -- a shirt large and expensive.

The legal point of it all is that under Kentucky law, any disinterested party can sue to

to recover damages in gambling losses, can claim -- triple damages. That's what brings the figure in the law suit up to more than half a million.

Well, this sure comes as a strange aftermath of the basketball scandals. The University of Kentucky team, coached by Adolph Rupp was prominent in the sensations of rigged games.

The gambler mentioned in connection with Coach Rupp is Ed Curd, who left Kentucky after his gambling activities were made public at hearings held by the Senate Crime Investigation Committee.

Frank Costello, often called an ex-Lord of the Underworld, is now serving a prison sentence, imposed for contempt of Congress.

Costello was not mentioned prominently in the basketball scandal. But here he is - named in the half a million dollar law suit. The Georgia lady demanding triple damages -- for huge money her brother lost, betting on sports events.

## RIOT

At Santa Rosa, California a riot at a reformatory school for girls. Screaming teen-agers in a wild outbreak -- thirty injured. There was an attempt at mass escape last night, and today disturbances continued -- with inmates running through the buildings smashing windows and attacking the guards with jagged pieces of glass. Forces of police converged on the reform school -- ~~and~~ to suppress the rioting ~~of the~~ girls.



## WEATHER

This evening marks the official beginning of spring, the vernal equinox, but you'd never know it in the high Sierras. Today, Merle Jennings and his great snow plows once more were churning through the passes, opening up lanes of traffic. At Donner Pass -- marooned automobiles. A familiar scene at Donner. One salesman -- trapped in his car at a lofty point for five and a half hours.

Lovely spring! -- heralded by a California blizzard! I wonder if it's about Spring that our Ivory Girl is going to sing?