

(Word from Washington is that, in the controversy over General MacArthur, the President has decided to do nothing on his own.) This, according to administration sources, is the tentative plan.

(The President will leave the question to the military high command in Washington. If there is any action to curb MacArthur, make him keep quiet on matters involving international politics -- that would be up to Secretary of Defense George Marshall and General Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff.) They would decide what to do, without interference from the White House.

Any action they might take would be communicated to General MacArthur directly, or through Army Secretary Frank Pace -- who is now in Tokyo. We are told, however, that Army Secretary Pace did not go to Tokyo to silence MacArthur. He took no such instructions with him, when he left Washington last week.

Meanwhile, the President has cancelled an

→ appointment he had with ^{the} commander of the American Legion ~~Earl Cook~~ -- and today we are told the reason why. Yesterday the Legion Commander came out in public-support of MacArthur, and backed the MacArthur proposal to use Chinese Nationalist troops against the Chinese Communists ^{(for opening} ~~inexpensive~~ a second front on the Chinese mainland. This the Legion Commander planned to tell the President -- and the White House appointment was called off because he told it to the newspapers first.

The news from Korea continues to feature the Hwachon Reservoir -- and the opening of the flood gates. We now get ~~more~~^a clearer understanding - why the deluge was not more effective. The huge dam impounds more than nineteen trillion cubic feet of water, and could have hurled a wall of water thirty feet high upon the allied troops, pushing up the valley of the Pukhan River. However, the river rose only seven feet. So our soldiers over there merely moved up to higher ground in the hills along the stream, and let the flood go by - instead of being swept away by a deluge filling the whole valley.

The reason is to be found in the fact that the Hwachon Reservoir with a series of dams, has eighteen flood gates, and the Reds opened ~~some~~^{them one} at a time - not all at once. The massive gates have to be opened by hand, and the Communists, apparently, were unable to do it simultaneously. At last report, they were still opening flood gates, toiling away.

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All of which would seem to picture - the way not to release a deluge. By opening the flood gates gradually, all the Reds did was to loose an inundation of medium size. Meanwhile, American troops are fighting their way to the reservoir and are now within one mile of the most important dam. There the enemy has turned to fight a stubborn rear guard action, pouring a hail of artillery fire to check the advance. Battling to hold back the Americans - until ~~they were~~ able to open the rest of those flood gates.

BRITISH BUDGET

The British military budget was announced today, and it is bigger than had been expected; ~~in the House of Commons Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Gaitskell told the M.P.'s that, this year, Britain will spend for military purposes a total of four-billion-one-hundred-seventy-two million dollars. Previous estimates had been something more than three and a half billion, but the guesses are exceeded by four hundred forty eight million.~~

With so much money to be spent on armament, the meaning is only too plain to the British people -- more austerity. The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated today that the standard of living will have to be reduced still further, ~~and some war time controls will have to be imposed. "We have to limit consumption at home" said he.~~ So, the British, who already have little, will have to do with less.

COMMUNIST

The story told by movie star Stirling Hayden today was a striking account of how one American got into Communism. During the war he was in the Marines, a Captain of Leathernecks, and won ^{a number of} decorations; after which he joined the Reds.

Today, testifying before the committee on Un-American Activities, Stirling Hayden told how he came from Montclair, N.J., and was educated in an exclusive prep school at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Growing up, he was caught by a fascination for the sea, went voyaging as a sailor - some of the time on fishing schooners out of Gloucester, Massachusetts. In time, he became a Hollywood actor, a star.

Then, during the Second World War ~~xxx~~ he went into the Marines and ~~xxxx~~ served in the Office of Strategic Services - that cloak and dagger outfit. His assignment was - Jugoslavia, where he rescued Allied flyers forced down along the enemy held coast, and smuggled weapons to the Yugoslav partisans who were fighting the Nazis. Today he told the ~~xxx~~

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Congressional Committee that he picked up an "enormous respect" for the Partisans, who were led by Communists. This connection with Red partisans began his journey into Communism.

During all this time he was in communication with a sort of mystery man called Captain Warwick Tompkins, ~~Tompkins~~ who was employed by Amtorg, the Soviet trading firm in this country. Tompkins gave him Communist literature; sending him Red propaganda while he was in the Marines.

Stirling Hayden returned to this country in Nineteen Forty-four, and met Tompkins in San Francisco. The Marine Corps Captain expressed his enthusiasm for the Communist-led partisans of Jugoslavia, and Tompkins took him around to Red circles where he met various big shot Communists.

Hayden wanted to work again with Partisans, like those in Jugoslavia. Tompkins advised him to go to New York and contact V. J. Jerome, head of the cultural Commission of the Communist Party. He did so,

inquiring for Jerome at the Communist headquarters, and identified himself as an officer in the Marine Corps. Today he told of the "consternation" that this caused at the headquarters of the Reds. But he got in touch with Jerome, and met other big-time Communists.

After this Hayden was given an assignment in Europe, and was discharged from the service in Nineteen Forty-five. He wanted, at first, to go to sea, but finally returned to Hollywood - to star in pictures. He met Tompkins again, who now started to write a book about Hayden and Communism. This was the time when Stirling Hayden joined the Communist party. He says he stayed in only seven months - and gave as his reason for quitting these words: "When I became aware of the totalitarian nature of Communism, which had been obscured in my mind by the war years." He said that when a member of the party, he realized that one of the aims of the Reds was to overthrow the government of the United States. So he got out.

ADD COMMUNIST

The movie star gave an extensive account of Communist meetings in Hollywood. This prompted Committee Member Congressman Moulder, of Missouri, to say to Hayden: "You gave honest testimony - I have concluded that you are an intensely loyal American citizen." But Congressman Kearney of New York said he was not satisfied - because in his testimony, Hayden failed to remember the identities of people at Communist meetings in Hollywood. Kearney said he could go to an Elk's lodge, and, in his words "tell you at least fifteen people who had been there."

Hayden identified several Hollywood Communists, including a prominent film writer, but was hazy about others.

COCHRAN

Aviation officials, today, were checking on the exact speed made by Jacqueline Cochran, the woman speed flyer who claims a new record for propeller-driven planes. A study of the photographic tape is needed to tell just how fast Jackie went winging, but it is certain that her speed was better than four-hundred-and-sixty-nine miles an hour. ^RWife of the

industrialist, Floyd Odlum, she flew from the Odlum - ^{near Indio,} ranch in the California desert, to a landing field near the San Jacinto mountains; - an open course.

The previous record for propeller-driven planes was made by Fritz Wendel of Germany, in Nineteen Thirty-nine, when he flew more than four-hundred-and-sixty-nine miles an hour over a closed course.

Jacqueline Cochran holds most of the records listed for women flyers and some for both men and women. - And now she seems to have added a new one.

GAMBLER

News from Reno produces a story with odd turns -- in the indictment of a big time gambler on charges of income tax invasion. Today Elmer Remmer surrendered to the U.S. Marshall. His nickname is "Bones" but he turns out to be portly, if not paunchy. So one wonders where Elmer "Bones" Remmer got his nickname. ~~Not because he is skin and bones, but~~ Perhaps because of his way of rolling the bones.

Another oddity came in the matter of bail. Elmer Bones Remmer was held on a bond of fifteen thousand dollars, which was put up by two xx prominent businessmen of Reno -- one a millionaire real estate dealer. Tonight's dispatch, from U P Press Correspondent Robert Bennyhoff, states that this aroused some curiosity. The question was raised why the big time gambler had not put up the ~~xx~~ money himself. The answer was - he doesn't have any.

Which reminds one of the case of Mickey Cohen, the Los Angeles lord of gambling, who has

protested so much ~~so~~ that he is broke. Maybe the
gambling business doesn't pay any more - although
you wonder about that if you happen to visit Reno.

CONTEMPT

The District of Columbia Court issued citations for contempt, today, against Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer and nine other officials. This comes about in the case of the Dollar Steamship Line, which is now under government control. They have been trying to keep it under government control, in spite of a court injunction. Hence the citation for contempt.

JUDY GARLAND

A dispatch from London today tells how Judy Garland won so great a success in London last night. She stumbled her way into an ovation. She nearly fell on her face.

Some folks
think of the British as cold, unemotional -- but Judy Garland showed how completely sentimental they can be. She is trying a comeback, beginning in London - trying to restore herself, after so much trouble. Her marriages have broken up, two of them. She has had spells of illness and distraction. Hollywood studios turned against her - no film contracts. Last year in a fit of despondency, she tried to take her own life. So now in London, ^{at} twenty-eight, she is starting all over again.

When she appeared on the stage of the Palladium her voice choked up at first, the audience grew uneasy. She went into songs she used to sing in the movies, and soon was putting them across the way she used to. The audience gave her a great reception.

Her lips quivered, she was in tears, crying out "now I know I can do it. I am going to pick up where I left off."

With that, she started off stage, and then came the stumble. Judy tripped, nearly took a dive. Picking herself up she cried: "That's one of the most ungraceful exits ever made." Which they say was what brought down the house. The manager of the Palladium calling it - the greatest ovation he ever heard. *For the British really are a warm and sentimental people.*

TRAFFIC

A few miles down the road from where Jean,
In Reno, ~~today~~ City Judge Guy Walts handed
today.

out seventeen warrants for arrest, His Honor was annoyed -- and no wonder, seventeen traffic violators had failed to show up and answer for their misdeeds. So handing the warrants to Police Sergeant Carl Broberg, the Judge said -- "arrest them and bring them into court."

The Sergeant vowed he would, and started out to seize the offenders. Several hours later, he was back - with all seventeen warrants, not one prisoner. But he had a good answer -- all the traffic violators are somewhere in uniform, having been nabbed by the armed forces.

FALL

At a town in France a roof repairer named Michel Berthome fell off a roof, plunged for sixty feet - and landed in bed. It would have been a fatal tumble for Michel, except for a truck that was passing. The truck was transporting a big bed with bouncy springs and a thick, soft mattress - and Michel fell right into that. He took a big bounce, and came out of it with nothing more than a damaged ankle. Michel - falling off a roof into bed.

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And now it - back to you.

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From the wide Spring snowfields of Squaw Valley, and, ~~the~~ So. Pac. Railway station high here in the Sierras - s-l-u-tion.