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(Fulton Oursler)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Curious music of Tibetan Army bands on the Roof of the World. But I wonder how well the Dalai Lama's army would fight against a Communist invasion? Of course, in Lhasa, Lowell Thomas cannot know much about the news of the world today. So here's a quick round-up.

LABOR

There was a mediation meeting in the coal strike today. In Washington, representatives of the Companies and the Unions gathered with Federal Mediator Cyrus Ching. The meeting was merely exploratory - the talks to go on.

GERMANY

A new satellite was born today, not in the sky, but in Berlin. The German Communists in the Soviet Zone proclaimed an East German state. A Red assembly, called The Peoples' Council, took a vote and proclaimed itself the Parliament of this latest addition to the family of Soviet puppets.

DEFENSE

In Washington, Admiral Radford, Commander of the Pacific fleet, told a Congressional Committee that the Air Force has committed what he called - "a billion dollar blunder." He described the controversial super-bomber, the B-36, as - "a bad gamble." And said - we ^{cannot} ~~cannot~~ win any future war with an atomic blitz.

At the same time, Congress had a very different report from officials of the Air Force to the Atomic Energy Commission. They gave assurance that, in case of war, atomic bombs can be carried by inter-continental bombers to the necessary targets - action at a moment's notice.

FOLLOW DEFENSE

The defense forces have been ordered to cut expenditures down by ten percent. This is a definite must for the Army and Navy, while the Airforce gets what is called -- "some leniency." The ten percent cut not to be applied so rigidly to the squadrons of the sky. The reduction of military expenses is designed to save one billion three hundred million dollars.

SUBSTITUTE LABOR

Tonight in Washington the government served notice on the companies and the union in the coal strike. They were told to resume negotiations and work out a settlement promptly. If not -- well, the government will do something about it. What -- we are not told.

BASEBALL

In the World Series, the classical perfection of pitching ended this afternoon in a ninth inning blaze of hits and home-runs. Classicism is admirable, and perfection is always to be revered - but sometimes you long for a bit of the rough-house romantic. That came today. In the ninth inning the Yankees blasted in three tallies. The Dodgers came back with two home-runs. But not enough - the Yanks winning four-to-three.

MONDAY