

COAL

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It looks as if the revolt against John L. Lewis might be the real thing. Today at Brownsville, Pennsylvania, the local union called a meeting of strikers - to urge them to obey the order issued by the big boss, and go back to work. So what happened?

Three thousand coal miners were gathered in a hall. A union official appeared. He was received with a storm of boos and cat-calls. It took a lot of trouble to restore order, and then the union official addressed the crowd - telling them to call off the strike, as commanded by John L. Lewis.

The response was a riot. The miners are angry about the three-day week and threats of a Federal injunction - and they roared out their opposition to the Lewis order. There was pandemonium and fist fights, and the union official had to be escorted through the meeting hall by bodyguards - to escape getting hurt.

## SECOND SUB BOSTON ROBBERY

In Boston's million and a half hold-up, the police in Miami made an arrest today. Arthur Longano of Englewood, N.J., was taken into custody - on a stool pigeon tip from the underworld. That is how the police got the information which led them to pick up the ~~question~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ suspect from New Jersey, who has a police record.

The F B I. announces that the serial numbers of more than ~~xx~~ twenty four thousand bills in the loot are known, and can be checked - numbers of bills from one dollar to thousand dollar notes.

DENFELD

Admiral Denfeld resigns from the Navy - just as Congress breaks into a new uproar of argument about the way he was ousted as Chief of Naval Operations. Today the Admiral told newsmen that he preferred to quit, rather than accept a high naval command in Europe. He had a distinguished career of forty-one years in the Navy, and rose to the top - only to come to grief in a quarrel over unification.

ARNOLD

General H. H. Arnold was laid to his final rest this afternoon - at Arlington National Cemetery. The funeral procession was a mile long, and the dirge was played by the Air Force Band. Every branch of the Armed Forces was represented - in paying honor to America's air commander in the Second World War, one of the foremost military figures of all time.

VAUGHN

Now about General Vaughn: - he stays on the job.  
So stated by President Truman today.

There's a new outcry against the Presidential Military Aide, following a Congressional report on John Maragon, accused in the investigation of the salesmen of influence, the Five Percenters. Maragon is now under indictment for perjury, and the Congressional report calls him - "an outright fixer." The Greek-American from St. Louis figured as a personal friend of the White House aide, and the Congressional Committee heaps a lot of blame on Vaughn.

So at the White House news conference today, the question promptly came up, would the President fire Vaughn? Well, at the elbow of Mr. Truman stood the General in full uniform - with medals. The President said that his military aide would stay on the job, regardless of all the clamor in Congress.

## ATOMIC

President Truman denies that he plans any direct negotiations with Soviet Russia - before this country begins to build a hydrogen bomb. There has been talk that this country should make a try for a new agreement with Moscow before creating such power of devastation. But the President says - no direct approach. Which, however, could mean negotiations through the United Nations.

All this developed at a White House news conference today, with President Truman adding another denial. He says there's nothing in the story that David Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, has offered to go to Moscow in a personal attempt to seek an atomic settlement with Stalin. <sup>IF The President refused</sup> ~~to discuss the project~~ <sup>of building a hydrogen bomb. And</sup> there's a new voice in the argument: ~~about a hydrogen bomb~~ - Dr. Arthur Compton, one of the foremost of American scientists. He says the United States should go ahead and develop the new weapon - moral objections notwithstanding. Dr. Compton contends that this would only be "realistic", since Soviet Russia already knows

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the secret of atomic energy. Which fits in with the contention that the Soviets will surely try to make a hydrogen bomb.

On top of all of this, the Russians took an atomic walkout today - Soviet Delegate Malik boycotting the U.N. committee on atomic energy. Which might have seemed a gesture in the direction of that hydrogen bomb, but it wasn't that - the trouble was Chinese

The Russians, pressing for the admission of the Reds as legal representatives of China, are walking out wherever the Chinese nationalist delegation is represented. They started with the Security Council, and followed with boycotts of three committees. Today they took a stroll from two more committees - and then departed from the commission on atomic energy.



SUB WALKOUT

The latest - the Chinese Reds have named a chief delegate to the U.N. He is called Lo Pu, and at one time was a student at the University of Southern California. Presumably they'll send him over to the U N to claim the place of China.

## KOREA

Congress has just rejected a bill for aid to Korea -- turning down a measure that would have put up a hundred and twenty million dollars to help the Koreans against the Red menace. The majority was a combination of Republicans and Democrats, and this is the first time Congress has voted against the Administration <sup>in</sup> an important ~~the~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>^</sup> /matter of foreign policy.

## SPAIN

Secretary of State Acheson says it was a ~~big~~ mistake to recall ambassadors from Spain back in Nineteen Forty-Six. Our own Government opposed that move in the United Nations, but the U.N. recommended the withdrawal of ambassadors. So we abided by that decision - though it has had little effect. Secretary Acheson says it has only strengthened the Franco regime.

In a letter to Senator Connally of Texas, he explains that our Government does not consider Spain a menace to the peace of the world, and pledges American support for a resolution in the U.N. to cancel the diplomatic move against Franco. But, meanwhile, we will continue to accept the U.N. verdict - and will not send an ambassador to Spain.

## WESTERN WEATHER

The Red Cross has proclaimed northwestern Oregon and southwestern Washington - a disaster area. This as the result of ice conditions which have assumed the proportions of a catastrophe. For example, the city of Astoria, Oregon, is completely cut off tonight from all normal communication with the outside world.

That section had heavy snow, on top of which came a downpour of ice pellets today. There was a quick thaw in the afternoon, turning the country into an ocean of deep slush. That was quickly followed by a hard freeze, creating a thick blanket of ice. Power lines down, highways tied up, communities isolated - a strange emergency of ice.

## TELEVISION

C.B.S. reports a stunning surprise. At Roselle, New Jersey, a twenty-seven year old electrician rigged a color television receiver for thirty cents - and has been viewing color T. V. programs. These <sup>programs</sup> are being ~~sent~~ <sup>beamed</sup> to Washington, as experiments - ~~and~~ <sup>where</sup> complicated receivers were installed, most expensive. But the Jersey electrician took an old phonograph motor, some wire and gadgets, and bought thirty cents' worth of colored cellophane - red, green and blue. With this junk, he constructed a receiver, with which he has been getting color video in fine style.

It all came out in a casual letter sent by a sister of this genius, who told C.B.S. about it. They couldn't believe it, and sent out a party of experts to investigate. Today the experts came back and said - "It's true."

Well, if C.B.S. is astonished, so are the electrician and his sister. They are surprised at the surprise. "It was all so simple," says the sister "that we figured everybody was doing it."

## ATTORNEY

At Crown Point, Indiana, lawyer E. G. Sproat won his case today - but it was in a way so darkly dramatic that mighty few lawyers would want to score a courtroom victory like that.

Lawyer Sproat <sup>is</sup> a sixty-six year old veteran of the law and a prominent Republican leader in Lake County. In forty-two years of practice he brought the case of many a client to a successful verdict - and today he was attorney for the defense fighting a charge of illegal possession of weapons.

Before Judge William J. Murray, he presented a motion to quash the evidence against his client, and toss the case out of court. He was in the middle of a learned legal argument - when suddenly he sagged and slumped to the floor. They carried him to the judge's chambers, and there a doctor said - heart failure. The only court in which lawyer Sproat would ever appear again would be - a higher court.

Judge Murray returned to the bench, and sat for a moment with a bowed head. Then he looked up and

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said: "Motion upheld."

And so it was that the veteran lawyer won his  
last case.

## DOGS

At Elkins Park, a suburb of Philadelphia, the authorities today installed a lock on the gate of the dog pound - an unbreakable, burglar-proof lock. The reason, a series of strange events. On several occasions recently, the dog-catcher, upon going to the pound in the morning, found it empty - after he had left it crowded the night before, crowded with an assortment of yelping howling mutts. So how had all those pooches got <sup>ten</sup> out? A mystery.

A policeman was assigned to investigate. He kept a watch, and here is what he saw. In the middle of the night - two small boys creeping to the gate of the dog pound. One braced himself, while the other climbed on his shoulders, - which enabled him to reach the latch high up on the gate. He snapped open the bolt, and the two pushed the gate, releasing the mob of mutts, which went scurrying down the street.

So today they were securing the dog pound with a burglar-proof lock.

Well, you can hardly blame those boys -



considering the ways and manners of the canine breed. <sup>R</sup> At Hanover, Illinois, today, farmer Charles Nobis got back his three year old sheep dog - named Sport. Last month somebody stole Sport, and the farmer has been looking for his sheep dog ever since.

Today Sport showed up, sent in a crate by railway express -- all charges paid. The sender, who kept himself anonymous, attached a note to the crate, saying -- "He wouldn't eat or sleep, and howled all night." Just homesick for his master.

Today back in his old doghouse Sport was eating, and tonight he is sleeping, with not a howl or even a whimper.

## CROCODILE

At Cincinnati, the surgeons today operated on Cleopatra - Cleopatra the crocodile. She swallowed a soda pop bottle. *Inside Cleopatra - the* ~~and then inside the~~ stomach of the crocodile, they found five more. Which they never suspected. Also - thirty stones.

This is said to be the first operation ever attempted on a crocodile, relieving Cleopatra of a tummy-ache caused by-six bottles and thirty stones.

## SLEEP

From Italy - the story of the sleepless doctor. The ancient city of Bergamo (~~accent on the first syllable~~) reports the obituary of a Doctor Pavoni, who has died at eighty " after having been without sleep for sixty years. The doctor always told how, when he was a university student he found he could no longer doze off at night - no slumber, no shut-eye. So thereafter he had to do without that "Sweet sleep which knits the raveled sleeve of care." He said he obtained rest and relief from fatigue only through relaxation - just lying quiet, though wide awake.

Physicians and psychiatrists made studies of his case, and tried in vain to cure it. But the sleepless doctor lived to an age of eighty unslumbering years. *Nelson - are you awake? Anything unusual from you?*