

L.I. - Delco. Wed. Feb. 27 - '57.

RACKETS

THE SENATE HEARING ON LABOR RACKETEERING ARRIVED AT THE MELODRAMATIC STAGE, TODAY,--WITH EVIDENCE OF BLOOD-CURDLING THREATS, AND <sup>an</sup> ~~THE~~ <sup>world</sup> ~~UNDERGROUND~~ MENACE OF DEATH. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, SENATOR MCCLELLAN OF ARKANSAS, STATING--THAT INTIMIDATING TELEPHONE CALLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY A BROTHER OF THE STAR WITNESS. ~~ONE~~ THIS IS ~~ONE~~ THE MOST RECENT INCIDENT IN A SENSATIONAL TALE OF TERRIFYING TALK.

THE WITNESS--JAMES ELKINS--A TEXAN WITH A RACKETEERING CAREER IN OREGON, WHO BECAME "DISENCHANTED"--AND IS NOW GIVING THE COMMITTEE A LURID ACCOUNT, PICTURING-- UNION OFFICIALS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CROOKED POLITICS AND CRIMINAL DOINGS OF THE UNDERWORLD.

HIS ACCOUNT OF THREATS AND DEADLY MENACE BEGINS WITH A SCENE WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS HAVING HAPPENED IN SEATTLE - SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN-FORTY-FIVE. ELKINS--IN CONVERSATION WITH FRANK BREWSTER, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE TEAMSTERS UNION AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE OF THAT LABOR ORGANIZATION. THE SUBJECT- A MATTER OF GETTING GAMBLERS FIXED FOR BUSINESS

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IN PORTLAND. TEAMSTER UNION OFFICIALS -- INVOLVED IN THIS . POLITICS-- ALSO MIXED IN . ELKINS -- AT ODDS WITH CLYDE CROSSBY ORGANIZER FOR THE TEAMSTERS IN OREGON, AND -- WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILLIAM LANGLEY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IN WHICH PORTLAND IS SITUATED. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACCORDING TO THE WITNESS -- TRIED IN WITH UNION OFFICIALS AND GAMBLERS.

ELKINS QUOTES BREWSTER AS FOLLOWS : "IF YOU EMBARRASS BY TWO BOYS, YOU 'LL FIND YOURSELF WADING ACROSS LAKE WASHINGTON WITH A PAIR OF CONCRETE BOOTS."

WHICH REFERS. OF COURSE TO THE UNDERWORLD WAY OF DISPOSING OF BODIES OF MURDERED VICTIMS-- BY ENCASING THEM IN CONCRETE AND THROWING THEM IN THE RIVER. OR-- THE LAKE. LAKE WASHINGTON, IN THIS CASE-- BEING AT SEATTLE.

ELKINS ALSO QUOTES THE UNION OFFICIAL ~~As~~BOASTING AS FOLLOWS:  
"I MAKE MAYORS, AND I BREAK MAYORS. IMAKE CHIEFS OF POLICE, AND I BREAK CHIEFS OF POLICE. I 'VE BEEN IN JAIL , AND I 'VE BEEN OUT. AND THERE'S NOTHING --THAT SCARES ME."

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THREATENING VISITS AND PHONE CALLS TO ELKINS AND HIS WIFE. THE TEXAN , TALKING IN A SLOW DRAWL, SAYS THAT ON ONE OCCASION → THERE WAS A PHONE CALL SAYING -- THAT A COUPLE OF MEN WERE COMING OVER TO BREAK BOTH OF HIS ARMS AND LEGS. BUT ELKINS WAS NOT INTIMIDATED. . THE TWO MEN CAME TO HIS HOUSE, AND THERE WAS A BRIEF CONVERSATION. "I POINTED A SHOTGUN AT THEM, AND TALKED TO THEM , " SAYS ELKINS IN HIS TOUGH TEXAS WAY.

ANOTHER TIME, HE RECEIVED A THREATENING VISITOR AS FOLLOWS:

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"I HIT HIM ON THE HEAD , PUT HIM IN HIS CAR , AND TOLD HIS BUDDY--THAT I WAS GOING TO SHOOT THE NEXT PERSON WHO CAME IN MY YARD."

THUS THE TALE OF UNDERWORLD MENACE WENT ON. TAKING A NEW TURN, TODAY-- WHEN SENATOR MCCLELLAN OF ARKANSAS TOLD OF A THREATENING PHONE CALL TO ELKINS' OLDER BROTHER, CARL , AT PHOENIX , ARIZONA. CARL ELKINS, A BUSINESS MAN . THE WITNESS -- DESCRIBING HIM IN THESE WORDS : "HE 'S NOT IN THE RACKETS. HE'S BONEST , WE CALL HIM A SQUARE." ON THE TELEPHONE, CARL ELKINS WAS TOLD : "TELL YOUR BROTHER TO LEAV

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THE NEWS DISPATCHES ARE SAYING -- THAT THE PRESENT  
SENATE HEARINGS ON LABOR UNION RACKETEERING ARE EVEN MORE  
SPECTACULAR THAN THE FAMOUS KEFAUVER CRIME INVESTIGATION  
SOME YEARS AGO.

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OFF - IF HE KNOWS WHAT 'S GOOD FOR HIM. SHUT UP YOUR  
KID BROTHER!

TODAY, SENATOR MCCLELLAN DESCRIBED ALL THIS BUSINESS  
OF UNDERWORLD MENACE AS FOLLOWS: "IF THE SITUATION DEVELOPS  
AS IT <sup>Q</sup> ~~NEW~~ APPEARS IN PROCESS OF DOING -- IT WILL BE A CHALLENGE  
TO LAW AND ORDER AND THE POWER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES. "

THE MELODRAMA OF GANGSTER THREATS WAS FOLLOWED <sup>IN</sup> IN  
THE HEARINGS <sup>IN</sup> TODAY-- BY LURID PROCEEDINGS OF ANOTHER KIND,  
THE APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE -- OF A "MADAM",  
ELKINS --HAVING TESTIFIED ABOUT ORGANIZED VICE IN PORTLAND,  
<sup>3</sup> <sup>namings</sup> ~~NEWS~~ --ANNE THOMPSON OF SEATTLE, <sup>2</sup> AS HAVING PLANNED TO  
MOVE INTO PORTLAND. TELLING --OF TALKS WITH HER. ALTHOUGH  
PROTESTING -- THAT , AS A GAMBLING RACKETEER , HE NEVER HAD  
ANYTHING TO DO WITH VICE.

THE "MADAM" APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE -- A TALL MIDDLE-  
AGED WOMAN WITH GREY HAIR, WELL- DRESSED . SHE TESTIFIED CONCERN-  
ING HER BUSINESS AFFAIRS . HER EVIDENCE , AT SOME POINTS--~~CONTRADICTING~~  
CONTRADICTING THAT OF ELKINS.

ARABS

IN CAIRO-- A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE ARAB "SUMMIT CONFERENCE."  
A DECLARATION -- AS THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF SAUDI ARABIA,  
EGYPT, JORDAN AND SYRIA CONCLUDED THEIR TALKS. THEY SAY  
KING SAUD OF SAUDIA ARABIA URGED A PRO-AMERICAN STATEMENT.  
BUT -- NO GO .

THE COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSES HIGH APPRECIATION OF SAUD'S  
EFFORTS IN <sup>his</sup> ~~THE~~ TALKS <sup>with</sup> ~~OF~~ PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, BUT -- COMES  
OUT WITH A PROCLAMATION OF "POSITIVE NEUTRALITY" IN THE DIVISION  
BETWEEN THE FREE WORLD AND THE REALM OF COMMUNISM.

THE FOUR ARAB STATES JOINED IN DECLARING : "THE DEFENSE  
OF THE ARAB WORLD SHOULD EMANATE FROM THE ARAB NATIONS--  
AND OUTSIDE THE SPHERE OF FOREIGN PACTS."

WHICH CERTAINLY SOUNDS LIKE A REJECTION OF PRESIDENT  
EISENHOWER'S PROPOSED OFFER -- OF AMERICAN MILITARY AND  
ECONOMIC AID AGAINST THE MENACE OF COMMUNIST AGGRESSION.

MIDDLE EAST

THE UNITED STATES MADE AN ELEVENTH HOUR PLEA TODAY, URGING ISRAEL -- TO MAKE A "VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL " FROM EGYPTIAN TERRITORY. <sup>Do it</sup> BEFORE THE UNITED STATES -- GOES BEFORE THE U N WITH A PROPOSAL TO PUT THE GAZA STRIP AND AQABA SECTOR UNDER U N CONTROL.

SECRETARY OF STATE ~~JOHN FOSTER~~ DULLES HAD A CONFERENCE TODAY WITH ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER GOLDA MEIR AND AMBASSADOR ABBA EBAN OF ISRAEL. THE STATE DEPARTMENT -- TAKING THE UNUSUAL STEP OF DISCLOSING THE APPEAL , WHILE THE MEETING STILL WAS ON.

PRESS OFFICER LINCOLN WHITE EXPLAINING : "WE ARE STILL HOPEFUL THAT THERE WILL BE A VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL BY ISRAEL -- SO THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BY THE U N WILL BE CALLED FOR."

MEANWHILE, THE UNITED STATES DELAYED PRESENTING ITS PROPOSAL TO U N . <sup>the</sup> EXPECTATIONS HAD BEEN THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE OFFERED TODAY. BUT IT'S BEING HELD UP-- WHILE NEGOTIATION CONTINUE.

NIXON

VICE PRESIDENT NIXON LEFT THE WHITEHOUSE, TODAY--WHERE  
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER GAVE HIM NINE MESSAGES TO DELIVER.  
*this time*  
NIXON--ON AN EIGHTEEN THOUSAND MILE GOOD-WILL TOUR.  
THE MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT--TO BE DELIVERED TO HEADS  
OF STATE ABROAD.

( THE NIXON TOUR WILL BE MOSTLY--IN AFRICA. NORTH,  
CENTRAL, AND EAST AFRICA. ) THE VICE-PRESIDENT BELIEVING, <sup>as</sup> WE  
HEAR, THAT THE ONE-TIME "DARK CONTINENT" MAY BE THE FUTURE  
HOPE OF THE FREE WORLD. AFRICA TO BE DECISIVE--IN THE CAUSE  
OF FREEDOM, OR OF RED OPPRESSION, <sup>during</sup> THE NEXT QUARTER OF THE  
CENTURY.

~~ONE POINT OF PARTICULAR INTEREST--THE STATE OF GHANA.  
WHICH MAY SEEM LIKE A MYSTERIOUS KIND OF NAME--BUT IT'S  
THE GOLD COAST. THE BRITISH COLONY --BECOMING AN INDEPENDENT  
NATION. RE-NAMED--GHANA. CEREMONIES OF INDEPENDENCE-- TO  
BE HELD NEXT WEEK. NIXON ATTENDING--AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF  
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.~~

AFTER COMPLETING HIS AFRICAN TOUR, THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WILL PROCEED ON TO ITALY--WHERE HE'LL HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH



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POPE PIUS THE TWELFTH IN ROME. ONE OF HIS MESSAGES --

A COMMUNICATION FROM PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO THE HEAD OF

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

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HUNGARY

OUR GOVERNMENT IS RECALLING -- THE U S MINISTER TO HUNGARY. FOLLOWING -- A DISPUTE WITH THE RED GOVERNMENT AT BUDAPEST OVER THE STATUS OF MINISTER EDWARD THOMAS WAILES. THE COMMUNISTS INSISTING THAT HIS ACTIVITIES WERE -- "IRRECONCILIABLE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES."

ALL ~~AS~~ EXPLAINED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS: MR WAILE<sup>S</sup> ARRIVED IN BUDAPEST ON NOVEMBER THE SECOND, OF LAST YEAR. HIS INSTRUCTIONS ~~WAS~~ TELLING HIM TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS " PROMPTLY " TO THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT THEN IN OFFICE-- HEADED BY PREMIER NAGY. WHOSE RESIME -- WAS TRYING TO WIN SOME SORT OF INDEPENDENCE.

BUT , BEFORE THE NEW AMERICAN MINISTER COULD PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS TO PREMIER NAGY -- SOVIET FORCES HAD MOVED IN. CRUSHING THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION-- WITH A BRUTAL POWER OF TANKS AND GUNS. A PUPPET RESIME -- TAKING POWER. THE KADAR OUT ~~LET~~ <sup>LET</sup> INSTALLED BY THE RUSSIANS.

WHERE UPON MINISTER WAILES DID NOT PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS <sup>because</sup> THE KADAR SATELLITES <sup>was</sup> NOT RECOGNIZED AS A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT.

TURNCOAT

THE AMERICAN TURNCOAT , SAMUEL HAWKINS , ARRIVED IN HONG KONG , TODAY, TELLING WHY HE DECIDED --TO TURN HIS COAT AGAIN. ONE OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR WHO WENT OVER TO COMMUNISM DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT. REMAINING WITH CHINESE REDS-- BUT , NOW , CHANGING HIS MIND . THE SEVENTH OF THE TWENTY <sup>ONE</sup> TURNCOATS -- TO COME HOME.

IN HONG KONG , HE TOLD NEWSMEN, TODAY, --THAT IT WAS THE HUNGARIAN TRAGEDY WHICH MADE HIM TURN AGAINST COMMUNISM.

"TO ME IT SEEMED LIKE JANON KILLING BY SOVIET SOLDIERS, " HE SAID. . ADDING -- THAT HE HEARD ABOUT <sup>the</sup> CRUSHING <sup>of</sup> THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION<sup>^</sup> FROM BROADCASTS BY <sup>the</sup> BRITISH BBC AND THE VOICE OF AMERICA, AND -- FROM TALKS WITH HUNGARIAN STUDENTS IN PEIPING.

IN RED CHINA, HE MARRIED A RUSSIAN STENOGRAPHER-- AND WANTS TO GET HER INTO THE UNITED STATES. RETURNING TO OUR SHORES, HE'BL TRY TO GET A VISA FOR HER.

## SUB PLANE

That airline epic today might have been a gloomy tragedy. But now turns out -- a thrill of high adventure. With an odd theme -- saved by milk and orange juice. The airliner with twenty one passengers and a crew of five, took off from Milwaukee -- and, shortly afterwards, the nose wheel jammed. The wheel, so necessary for a landing - frozen.

The pilot informed the Milwaukee control tower by radio - and all he ~~xxx~~ could do was circle around, trying to get the wheel fixed. But -- no go. The passengers were informed of the predicament and all took the danger calmly. The news flashed on ~~xx~~ the wires and the suspense mounted hour after hour.

The ~~pxx~~ pilot of the crippled airliner instructed to fly to Detroit, the Willow Run airport, where he could get better assistance. A team of experts - flying from Washington, to give advice. So, the pilot, Captain William Richey, headed for Detroit, and presently got in radio contact with the

experts from Washington, flying in their plane. Presently, the two planes came in sight of each other, and circled round and round at Willow Run. While the experts, consulting with Captain Richey by radio made a diagnosis, and prescribed a remedy. The trouble with the wheel <sup>in</sup> of the nose -- a hydraulic leak. The remedy? That's where the milk and orange juice come in. The hydraulic leak to be fixed by pouring in liquid, any kind of liquid ~~was~~ available. So they followed instructions-- pouring into the hydraulic system all the water they had - and the airliner's supply of orange juice and milk. Which did the trick - the hydraulic system working and forcing the nose wheel down into a position for landing.

When the landing attempt was made - it was perfect. Not looking like an emergency landing at all. The passengers piling out - joyful and relieved. After all that suspense, saved by milk and orange juice.

## SINATRA

IN HOLLYWOOD'S AMAZING CASE OF THE "WRONG DOOR" RAID  
--FRANK SINATRA TOLD HIS OWN STORY, TODAY, SINATRA--  
HAVING BEEN MENTIONED AS ONE OF THOSE WHO WENT ALONG.  
WHEN JOE DIMAGGIO THOUGHT HE'D BARGE IN ON MARILYN MONROE.  
THE B.L.L. PLAYER--THEN SEPARATED FROM HIS MOVIE ACTRESS  
WIFE. THE BLUNDERING RAID--NOW BEING INVESTIGATED BY A  
COMMITTEE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, WHICH IS LOOKING  
INTO THE DOINGS OF SCANDAL MAGAZINES--ONE OF WHICH  
PUBLISHED AN ACCOUNT OF JOE DIMAGGIO'S MISS ADVENTURE.  
WHILE CHECKING--ON MARILYN MONROE.

TODAY, FRANK SINATRA TESTIFIED THAT SOMETIME BEFORE  
THE STRANGE EVENT, THE HEADLINE BALLPLAYER ASKED HIM--  
IF HE KNEW A PRIVATE DETECTIVE. SINATRA--REFERRING JOE TO  
BARNEY RUBISKY, A FORMER NEW YORK POLICEMAN. NOW A  
HOLLYWOOD PRIVATE EYE.

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THE <sup>W</sup>CAME THE MEMORABLE EVENING WHEN SINATRA WAS HAVING  
DINNER WITH DIMAGGIO AT A RESTAURANT. "WE WERE DINING AT  
VILLA CAPRI," SAID THE CROONER, "WHEN JOE GOT A PHONE  
CALL--AND, LATER, CAME BACK TO THE TABLE AND ASKED ME TO

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DRIVE HIM SOME WHERE. WHICH SINATRA DID--ACCOMPANIED BY A COUPLE OF OTHERS.

AS MATTERS TURNED OUT, THEY DROVE TO A PLACE WHERE DIMAGGIO THOUGHT THEY'D FIND MARILYN MONROE. SINATRA SAYS THAT, AT THE TIME, HE DIDN'T KNOW THE OBJECT OF THE RAID.-- HE WAS MERELY PLAYING THE CHAUFFER.

"I PARKED THE CAR AT THE CURB," HE SAYS, "AND DIMAGGIO WAS MET BY RUBISKY--AND A MAN WITH A CAMERA. THEY DISAPPEARED AROUND THE CORNER--AND CAME BACK ABOUT FIVE MINUTES LATER.

SINATRA DENIES THAT HE WENT ALONG. SAYS--HE SIMPLY REMAINED IN THE AUTOMOBILE, WAITING. UNTIL DIMAGGIO AND A MAN NAMED KAREN CAME BACK. "WHEN JOE AND KAREN RETURNED TO THE CAR, "SINATRA RELATES," THEY SAID "WE WENT THROUGH THE WRONG DOOR." I THOUGHT, "ADDS THE CROONER, "IT WAS VERY FUNNY." WHICH IT CERTAINLY WAS--AND HOW.

SINATRA WAS FOLLOWED ON THE WITNESS STAND BY A PRIVATE DETECTIVE, PHIL IRWIN--WHO WORKED FOR BUSSEY RUBISKY.

IRWIN TESTIFYING--THE SINATRA DID GO TO THE APARTMENT IN THE

"WRONG DOOR" RAID. HE SAYS HE <sup>th</sup> THOUGHT IT WAS THE CROONER, *who*  
~~ACTUALLY, WHO.~~

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PERFORMED -- A CRITICAL BIT OF ACTION IN THE MIX-UP.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE RUBISKY PUSHING OPEN THE DOOR.

SINATRA -- SWITCHING ON THE LIGHT, WHICH REVEALED THE MISTAKE, ONLY TOO VIVIDLY.

"A WOMAN , " RELATES IRWIN , "WAS SITTING UP IN BED -- WITH A SHEET CLUTCHED AROUND HER. HER MOUTH WAS AGAPE. SHE WAS TRYING TO YELL-- BUT NOTHING CAME OUT."

WELL , IT SURE WAS THE WRONG DOOR AND THE WRONG WOMAN. IT WAS <sup>Q</sup> MISS FLORENCE KOTZ-- WHO HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MARILYN MONROE.

~~WELL, THERE WAS~~ <sup>Leaving</sup> NOTHING FOR JOE DIMAGGIO TO DO BUT RETIRE, CRESTFALLEN, FROM THE SCENE. RIDING OFF WITH FRANK SINATRA AND THE PRIVATE DETECTIVES.

HOW WRONG CAN YOU BE ?



SUGAR BOWL

Again tonight I have been ~~xxxxx~~ broadcasting  
from the High Sierras. <sup>Here to</sup> ~~Checking~~ over the site of the  
next Winter Olympic Games. My last visit to this  
region was some five years ago when I suggested to my  
Truckee-Donner Pass friends that it looked like they  
were in for a boom. Sure enough that boom is on. You  
can feel it in the air. The people of America, in fact,  
people all over the world are going to hear a great  
deal about this High Sierras region, <sup>during the next couple of years.</sup> Because, it  
is to be the scene of the next Winter Olympic Games.  
After I talk with local members of the Olympic <sup>organization</sup> ~~Committee~~  
and others, and after I look over the site, I will give  
you a report tomorrow evening, or Friday.

Today I've been riding Jerome Hill's Magic  
Carpet, and the new double chair up spectacular Mt.  
Lincoln, with Bill Klein, at Sugar Bowl. Henry,  
some day you should come out and ride that Sierra  
Magic Carpet! <sup>It's a new thrill.</sup>

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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L.T.           A year ago today we had an announcement from Moscow - telling of more honors for Marshal Zhukov, Soviet hero of World War Two. Once again he was in touch with his old comrade-in-arms, Dwight D. Eisenhower. Today? Things are different again. Now Zhukov is making bitter attacks on the "Eisenhower" doctrine" for the Middle East. That Zhukov-Eisenhower friendship not doing so well. Another indication of how uncertain international relations are in this post war world.

And now from the rmasters  
office, ~~D~~ A. Miller's office, in  
the So. Pac. Ry station - s-l-u-t-m.