

TRUMAN

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Today President Truman began his fifth year in the White House -- and did it with stately celebration. But that was because of the arrival in Washington of the President of Chile -- Gabriel Gonzalez Videla. The President and his entire cabinet were at the airport to greet the distinguished visitor from a good neighbor republic. Tonight the President and Mrs. Truman are holding a state dinner for the South American President, his wife and twenty-two year old daughter. Well, I hope there is dancing because President ^{Gabriel} Gonzalez Videla is reputed to shake an expert foot -- dancing the Samba.

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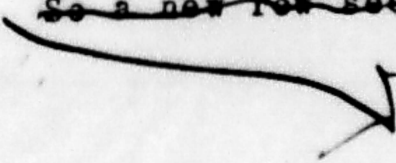
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Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Aeronautics and Astronautics, said today that there was no American plane in the sky over Berlin - except the Navy Privateer patrol plane which was shot down. He said the plane was carrying a crew of five, including a pilot and four crew members. He said the plane was shot down by a single Red fighter. He said the plane was shot down by a single Red fighter. He said the plane was shot down by a single Red fighter.

COMMUNISTS

A new battle is brewing in the Senate Communist investigation -- which already is ~~all~~ tangled up with those charges made by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin. Today, committee chairman, Senator Tydings of Maryland blocked the appointment of an assistant counsel, who had been named to serve in the inquiry. Frederick Ayer, Jr. is a Republican -- and it is according to Hoyle to have a Republican assistant counsel. But Senator Tydings says that Frederick Ayer is a candidate on the Republican ticket for Attorney General of Massachusetts, ~~he~~ *and argues that* a political candidate should have no part in the investigation. -- ~~Keep~~ *Keep* politics out!

However, the nomination was sponsored by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, and ~~associates~~ associates of his in Washington say, [^] he will be "burned up". ~~So a new row seems to be in prospect.~~



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Our first large newspaper, which has reported that there was no intention of any where near there - except the fact that the plane was shot down over the Baltic. Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Sherman, is usually positive in stating that the patrol plane was shot down. The only weapon shown was one pistol, carried by an officer. All of which, of course, constitutes a most serious denial of the charge of an intentional downing of an unarmed plane. The plane was shot down with machine guns.

SOVIETS

Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, declares that the Soviet protest will get no reply, until our own government gathers all the information it can about the shooting in the sky over Latvia. He says the Defense Department in Washington is pressing an exhaustive inquiry to gain all ^{possible} ~~the~~ facts. ~~It can~~

Meanwhile, the United States government will proceed deliberately and calmly -- in ^{the case of} ~~the~~ what is believed to ^{have} ~~been~~ the shooting down of an unarmed American patrol plane by Red fighters.

~~Our Air Force Commander, General Hoyt Vandenburg, insists that there was no American plane any where near Latvia -- except the Navy Privateer, on routine patrol over the Baltic. Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Sherman, is equally decisive in stating that the patrol plane was -- unarmed. The only weapon aboard was one pistol, carried by an officer. All of which, of course, constitutes ~~on the most~~ ^{positive} ~~American~~ denial of the Soviet charge of an American plane opening fire with machine guns -- shooting first.~~

~~The Privateer could not have done any shooting at all.~~

Today, American search planes, out over the Baltic, spotted a huge oil slick and two life rafts -- overturned life rafts, apparently. ~~The~~ Indication, ~~is~~ perhaps, that the Privateer crashed, and sank at that point -- off the Danish island of Bornholm, near the tip of Sweden. That, by the way, is a considerable distance from Soviet-controlled Latvia -- across the Baltic.

The search, ~~by the way~~, has produced another international complication -- of a minor sort. Today, the government of Sweden protested that American search planes had flown over Sweden's largest Naval Base -- which is a restricted area. A ~~diplomatic~~ note, handed to ~~our~~ Ambassador at Stockholm makes ~~no~~ ^{due} mention of the fact that the weather was bad, and the American planes might not have known exactly where they were.

The hunt continues, in the hope of finding survivors of the Privateer -- which had a crew of ten aboard. ~~They~~ ^{could} provide the

information needed by the State Department -- ^{could}~~not~~
relate what happened. If they are found to have
perished, the State Department ^{will}~~not~~ charge Soviet
Russia with their murders -- when a reply is made
to the Moscow protest. Such, at least, is the opinion
in diplomatic circles in Washington.

In London, the American Embassy announces
that seven people were expelled last night, when they
came to protest against what they called: "An American
plane, firing on a Russian plane." Which was typically
Red -- the propoganda line. An unarmed American plane
shot down by Soviet guns -- and the Communists immediatel
shout that the American plane did the shooting. The
murderer accuses the victim -- ^{as certainly would be}~~not~~ the case, if it
should turn out that the Navy Privateer was downed by
Soviet fighters, as appears to be probable.

The London Reds ^{demande}~~demanded~~ admission into the
Embassy, were told that the place was closed, no
responsible ~~per~~ official present -- but they refused
to leave. Whereupon, United States Marine guards

settled the matter, and pushed them out of the Embassy entrance. Today, the Communist paper, the London Daily Worker, came out with a noisy blast, stating that the deputation of Reds was ejected by American Marines with drawn guns, automatics pointed at them. At our Embassy, the statement is that one Marine buckled on an unloaded pistol before going to help eject the Communist deputation.

MENUHIN

Tonight, the famous Jewish violinist, Yehudi Menuhin, played a concert -- under a heavy guard of police. The concert hall was cordoned off by detachments of policemen -- and members of the audience ^{as they arrived,} were assailed by jeers and booing, ~~in~~ a hostile demonstration.

Where does this occur, to one of the most prominent ^{Jewish} musicians? Why, ~~in~~ in Tel Aviv, capital of Israel. Sounds strange -- the more so, since Menuhin's own father was born in Palestine, an earlier day zionist. Yet, when the concert of the violinist was announced, he was attacked in most Palestine newspapers. ~~Because~~ he played recently in Germany, before German audiences. Moreover, he testified in behalf of the German conductor, Wilhelm Furtwaengler, when that musician was put on trial as a Nazi.

Hence, the heavy police protection in Tel Aviv tonight -- with the Menuhin concert the scene of a demonstration by ~~xxxxxx~~ the more severe element of the Orthodox ⁱⁿ Israel.

WORLD CITIZEN

The "world citizen" is getting married, and invites the whole town to the wedding -- all five thousand residents of Ellsworth, Maine. Garry Davis, who renounced his American citizenship, is marrying Audrey Peters of Bonita, California -- to whom he became engaged in the course of a mail-order romance.

It was all most unconventional ~~and~~ when, over in France, the son of the New York society band-leader, Meyer Davis, became so international, that he couldn't ~~limit his~~ ^{limit his} citizenship to any one country. So he adopted the whole world, for his nationality, and became a citizen of no country at all.

Giving up his American passport, it looked as if he would never return to the U.S.A. But he got a letter, a series of letters, from a young lady in California -- who seems to have been beguiled by the idea of a world citizen. They corresponded, and the postage stamp romance developed, culminating in an engagement by mail.

But how to return to the United States to get

married? ^{Garry Davis} ~~The world citizen~~ minus his passport, had to come in under the French immigrant quota. On his papers, the French immigrant marked down his country as -- the earth. The geography is a bit complicated, but it all ends with a global wedding at Ellsworth, Maine -- the whole town invited.

^{couple will}
~~They~~ have a marriage ceremony of their own invention and will take vows that they have figured out for themselves. They call their wedding a unification.

CRASH

The Atomic Energy Commission has clamped the most rigid military security on the news of the crash of a B-29 last night -- on the New Mexico desert, an ultra secret area where atomic bombs are assembled. We are merely told that the entire crew was lost, thirteen lives. ~~The superfortress plunging into a hillside.~~ But ^{is} even the exact location, ~~was~~ kept a secret, although it is believed that the crash occurred in the rugged ~~xxxx~~ Manzano Mountains, where there are supposed to be underground laboratories and stock piles of atomic bombs.

There seems to be no atomic angle, because A-bombs cannot be touched off by concussion or fire. But here's an eye-witness ~~xx~~ description, given by a civilian, ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ G. F. Heckman, whose home is three miles away. He says the crash of the plane ~~set up a mushroom of flame and smoke which~~ resembled pictures he had seen of atomic explosions. "I was at my bedroom window," ~~xxx~~ he relates, "and it was the oddest explosion I ever saw. It was like a big mushroom.

Then the fire look'd like it was running down the hillside in streams. My wife and I watched ^{it} ~~it~~ for hours, as it lit up the whole count ryside."

The Air Force issues a statement to squelch atomic rumors. It was an explosion of aviation gas.

SAUCERS

The latest on flying saucers comes from the astronomer-royal of Great Britain -- he doesn't believe in 'em. Sir Harold Spencer Jones one of the world's most distinguished star gazers, takes this view -- comparing the mysterious discs to the famous Loch Ness monster. Like the saucers, that Scotch sea serpent has been reported by no end of witnesses, all of whom claim they saw it. All a delusion, ~~is without~~ according to the astronomer-royal -- who ~~links~~ ^{high} the two mysterious phenomenon in the following words: the flying saucers are pure imagination combined with mass hysteria, like the Loch Ness monster. To which he adds a reasonable query: if people have seen them why haven't they photographed them? He says he'll wait until some competent scientific observer has observed a soaring disc in a scientific way.

Sir Harold Spencer Jones, the astronomer royal ~~becomes~~ ^{is} particularly indignant about stories that the saucers come from the planet Mars, which Heavenly body is his own speciality. His opinion is

that if there were people on Mars, they'd have more sense than to go scaling saucers through sidereal space.

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SLOT MACHINES

Congress is putting through a bill to outlaw the interstate shipment of slot machines and other gambling devices -- except *to* states where they are legal. This ~~is~~ ^{request} at the ~~insistence~~ of the Department of Justice, Attorney General McGrath having asked the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee to bring forward a bill against the "one-armed bandits", and other apparatus used to separate gambling suckers from their money.)

So today, the committee, by unanimous vote, put its O.K. on a measure designed to curb the most important factor in nation-wide racketeering. ~~This~~ -- as the senate prepares to stage an investigation of interstate crime syndicates. Democratic leaders guarantee early action -- spurred on by the Kansas City

murders of the political boss, Binaggio and his chief lieutenant.

The Republicans are opposed -- claiming they are not properly represented on the committee

(In Kansas City itself, head of the police department today told how Binaggio, some while ago, came to him and asked him to open the city to gambling,

but was informed that the law would be enforced.
Meanwhile, the murders, and the public outcry, have
stirred quarrel and controversy in the municipal
administration.)

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ROBBER

The crook, chased and captured by a young woman bank teller, turns out to be a most formidable individual. (Snitching money from a window of Miss Audrey Lorenzen, he was pursued down the street by that indignant young lady, who grabbed him a couple of times, and finally drove him into the arms of police. Whereupon) he was questioned by an agent of the F.B.I, Ralph Nolan, who immediately recognized him -- an old acquaintance.

Back in nineteen-thirty-four, the crook tried to steal a batch of negotiable securities at ~~the~~ a St. Louis Brokerage House, -- and Nolan caught him. Oddly enough, the present F.B.I. man, was then a brokerage cashier -- and he nabbed the thief then, pretty much as bank teller Audrey Lorenzen did the other day, though without so exciting a chase down the street.

All of which, in the news today, is accompanied by an impressive police record. William R. Evans, who has a score of aliases, is described

as a notorious bandit, who has stolen more than a million dollars during a long criminal career.

In nineteen thirty-six, he capped the climax by stealing five-hundred-ninety-thousand dollars worth of United States Treasury notes from the Bank of Manhattan, in New York. The police describe him as one of the most skillful of "stick-men", which has nothing to do with stick-up, but applies to the kind of thief who uses a stick with adhesive at one end to fish out money at a bank. That's what he was u up to, when the spunk of a young woman bank-teller brought about the arrest of the million-dollar bandit.

And now here's Nelson with a million dollar idea.