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SOBSTITUTE DEWEY.

Tonight we have a follow up to last nights explosion story from Valparaiso, Chile. The dynamite blast that killed forty, and injured hundreds.

The building the powder magazine, of course was shattered. And firemen, digging in the ruins, uncovered tons of Communist literature. Books, pamphlets, newspapers, - all propaganda of course. The Chilean authorities are questioning the man responsible for the maintenance of the building, - asking him to explain all that Red propaganda, and all the explosives that blew up. That chance fire-cracker set off a tragic explosion that may lead to a political explosion.

SUBSTITUTE FOR LAST PARAGRAPH OF KOREA.

Ground fighting has erupted along the Korean
battlefront. The Reds hammered Allied positions with
artillery and then attacked. The South Koreans beating
them off; in ten below zero weather.

KOREA

In Korea, the Allies are hurling heavy air attacks against the Reds - blasting railroads, supply centers, and military transport in North Korea. Our planes came in low, at tree-top level, to hit railway tunnels near Kumsong. Also showering bombs, rockets and gasoline jelly on supply centers. Our pilots report that they totally destroyed their targets. Other planes, on the lookout for Red transport, knocked out five locomotives, shot up some thirty box cars, and destroyed forty Communist supply trucks.

CHURCHILL

U P Correspondent, Peter Webb radios a story about Winston Churchill aboard the Queen Mary.

In contrast to past voyages, when he preferred to remain in the privacy of his suite, this time the aged Prime Minister is mixing with the passengers. "His cabin is close to the main deck elevators, says the correspondent, When he emerges, with his ever-present body-guards, he usually goes either to the bridge, the movie auditorium or the starlight grill."

On New Year's Eve he joined the crowd at the ship's party, toasted the New Year, and joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

We hear he visits the bridge every day. It's only natural that the former first Lord of the Admiralty should be interested in ships and the problems of navigation on a great liner like The Queen Mary.

Also we hear he is fond of the Starlight

Grill ~~is~~ which after midnight functions as the ship's night-club. The United Press scribe describes the Starlight Grill as: "decorated with paintings on the ~~the~~ walls, pictures of circus girls, top-hatted victorian men about town, and girls of the Follies Bergere.

But the Prime Minister likes to go there for lunch - and gazes out over the sun deck.

We hear he is doing some work, dictating on the final volume of his memoirs - that vast literary undertaking that has had the whole world interested. In the past he would work through the night, into the early hours ~~the~~ of the morning. But this time - on the Atlantic voyage - he is confining his work to the daylight hours.

~~In the evening he goes to bed early.~~

~~The Queen Mary is scheduled to dock at~~

~~New York on Monday. (From then on we have no details of Churchill's movements. The chances are he will see General Eisenhower on Tuesday, and then hurry on~~

EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower took up the problem of universal military training today. Discussing the problem with members of the National Security Training ~~Commission~~ Commission.

The Commission favors universal military training to start immediately. But during the campaign, General Eisenhower said he did not see how this could be done while the draft was in operation. There seems to be a difference of opinion on that. The chairman of the Commission Doctor Karl Compton says it will be difficult but that military training by all should go into effect now!

Today the Commission briefed the President-elect on its investigations, which have been going on since President Truman created it in Nineteen Fifty-one. Evidently, General Eisenhower has not made his own decision on this much debated problem.

FILIBUSTER

Most Republican Senators say they are opposed to changing the rules of the Senate when it convenes. This refers to the proposal, originally put forward by opponents of the filibuster who hoped that a decision might be taken to change the rules. Then they would introduce a new rule, to stop any senator from talking endlessly, on and on.

The G.O.P. senators met in caucus to discuss the issue. We hear they didn't mention the filibuster; but, they did vote to keep the present rules. Which means rejecting that first step toward ending the filibuster.

That question of filibuster involves a curious paradox. Southern senators favor the filibuster since it enables them to block civil rights legislation. Therefore, therefore, they will certainly filibuster any attempt to change the rules. Using the filibuster to save the filibuster.

CONNALLY

When Congress convenes tomorrow, a familiar face will be missing.

Back in nineteen seventeen, a young Texan named Thomas Terry Connally came to Washington, to sit in the House of Representatives. And Tom Connally has been in Congress ever since.

He entered the Senate in nineteen twenty-nine. Since then, we have seen many ~~weird~~ turns of history. Through them all, Tom Connally remained one of the strongest defenders of his country's interests. He was always a distinguished figure. Referring to the men of ancient Rome, one observer said of ^{Senator} Connally:- "Dress him in a sheet, and he'd be the only man in the Senate who would look the part of a real Senator."

Now Tom Connally is leaving ^{es} Washington, ~~xxxxxxx~~ going home to Texas. ^{TP} ~~xxx~~ Stories about him will be told for a long time to come, ^{and} ~~xxx~~ that famous booming voice ^{that} ~~will~~ no longer ^{will} be heard in the Senate.

PIER STRIKE

New York City now has two strikes. First, the bus drivers walked out, tying up the city's transportation. Now, the longshoremen, the stevedores who handle cargo on the piers. Thirty piers closed down today.

New York.

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DEWEY

Governor Dewey begins his eleventh year as chief executive of New York state. He was first sworn into office on January first, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Three. Since then twice re-elected. His tenure of office already the second longest in the history of New York.

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He was a Jeffersonian, suspicious of letting the Federal government have, what he considered, too much authority over the states. But of course that was at the beginning of our Country's history - when the constitution was still untired. Today we all have faith in the constitution - I hope. And no doubt George Clinton would too, if he today were in Albany.

ROSENBERGS

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg lose their appeal. The two are in the Sing Sing death house, convicted of passing atomic secrets on to the Russians; scheduled to die the week of January Twelfth.

Federal Judge Irving Kaufman, rules that the sentence shall be carried out. In handing down his opinion, the Jurist stated: "I still felt that their crime was worse than murder."

The only recourse now left to the Rosenbergs, is to appeal to the President, Mr. Truman, for clemency.

INDO CHINA

In Indo-China, French authorities are combing the Red River Delta, in a search for Communists. This follows an important French victory. After the battle, the Reds followed a pattern that is familiar in the Far East. They abandoned their guns, and simply melted into the local population. Many are said to be posing as farmers. And how can a European tell who is who?

At any rate, the French are doing their utmost to corral the Reds. So far some three thousand suspects have been rounded up -- or killed resisting arrest.

Fighting continues around the French fortress at Nasan. There in the latest pitched battle, loyal indo-Chinese forces are reported to have killed or wounded a hundred Reds. French planes are dive-bombing and machine-gunning the rebels, as French paratroopers advancing to the relief of Nasan.

VATICAN

The Vatican replies to Marshall Tito. The subject - Yugoslavia's decision to break off diplomatic relations with the Holy See. The Belgrade government accused the Pope of interfering in Yugoslav affairs when he ^{made} ~~appointed~~ Archbishop Stepinac a Cardinal.

Now the Osservatore Romano, official newspaper of the Vatican, rejects the Yugoslav charge. According to the paper, Tito's regime made the break only because ^{Tito's Government} ~~it~~ is atheistic. In the words of the editorial, "The true reasons for the Yugoslav decision are found in a deliberate hostility to religion."

The Osservatore Romano argues that the case of Archbishop Stepinac was only a pretext which Tito used to end his contact with the head of the Catholic Church.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The feud between New Hampshire and Massachusetts is on again. Or, at least its a feud between the "Granite State" and Massachusetts tax Commissioner, Henry Long.

The trouble this time is, that many residents of Massachusetts are registering their autos in New Hampshire. The idea being that, in this way, they avoid the tax in their home state. Motorists register their cars from summer places in New Hampshire. Then they come home, and drive around in Massachusetts - tax free - for the rest of the year. Of course their tax commissioner doesn't like this at all. And he thinks New Hampshire isn't playing the game as it should. In commissioner Long's words: "New Hampshire is the stealingest state in the forty-eight." When he adds: - "Massachusetts will get the tax money lawfully due her despite the attempts of that foreign state across the border to steal it." That was how he said it.

NEW HAMPSHIRE #2.

How does the tax commissioner propose to do this ? He says motorists will be compelled to prove their New Hampshire residence before the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board. If they can't, they will have to fork over, ~~the tax~~

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PIRATES

Piracy on the high seas! In this the Twentieth Century! So we hear in a dispatch from Marseilles. A French court is about to decide whether they should be tried on the out and out charge that they are pirates.

The whole affair began last October. At the time I told how a gang of pirates boarded a Dutch ship in the Mediterranean, sailed her to Corsica, and there hijacked her cargo. A valuable cargo of American cigarettes!

Later the suspected pirates were picked up in Tangier, the Moroccan international seaport on the Straits opposite the Rock of Gibraltar. ~~xxx~~ One of the leaders accused of taking part in the attack on that Dutch ship turned out to be an American, one Sidney Paley. In fact he was found guilty and convicted of piracy.

Now seven others - all sailors -- have been taken to France by the Tangier International Police. They are charged with smuggling, as well as piracy. The International police are said to be out to clear the Mediterranean of pirates, and also break up a vast ~~smuggling~~ smuggling racket, a racket so lucrative, that gang warfare rages up and down the Mediterranean between rival groups of ~~the~~ smugglers.

The French hope the trial of the seven sailors will bring out vital information on all this. The trial, when held, will have a really international tone - for of the seven defendants, three are Dutch, one an Australian, one a Sicilian, one French - and the seventh is described simply as "a stateless person" another Man Without a country, -- just a pirate! - his only flag the Jolly Roger.