George Sokolsky

Jury Issue Is Important. In Red Trial

THE Communists now being tried in New York have raised an issue which needs the widest dis-

The 12 Communists being tried constitute the National Committee of the Communist Party of America. One of them, William Z. Foster, the chairman, is ill and has been severed for a separate trial. The indictment does not, of course, make them guilty; it only stipulates offenses. The indictment was drawn by a grand jury after devoting 13 months to sifting a mass of material concerning a Communist conspiracy to overthrow the government of the United States. This is the same grand jury that indicted Alger Hiss for perjury.

The 12 indicted Communists are to be tried before a trial jury still to be sworn in. The Communists have raised this issue; both the grand jury and the trial jury are illegal because improperly drawn, as Negroes, Jews, laborers and pour people are not on them.

THE law only provides that they should be American citizens. The fundamental question raised by the Communists is, what kind of people are we? Are we Americams or are we Jews, Catholics, Protestants, Negroes, whites, Nisel, Italo-Americans, workers, capitalists, management, labor leaders? Are we already broken up into little segments? Surely no nation so divided can long endure. The Fifth Amendment to the

"No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or maval forces, or in the militis, when in actual service in time of war or public danger . . ."

Constitution provides:

The courts have held that ". . . prives the court of the power of proceeding to try the accused."

B UT what happens if the grand just is found to be illegal? Then, of course, the indictment would be quashed. If then the statute of limitations had run, the trial may not proceed. Otherwise, a new indictment has to be obtained. If the trial jury should be found illegal, then that jury is dismissed and another must be found.

The rule as now stated is that a person has been in jeopardy when he is regularly charged with a crime before a tribunal properly organised and competent to try him . . . certainly so when acquitted

These men are now charged before a properly constituted court, but they contend that it was done by an illegal grand jury. They contend that no grand or petit jury in New York can be legal because of the current procedure. What they are actually fighting for is the death of the indictment. And should they succeed, thousands of criminal cases in United States courts may have to be reopened.

RAND juries and trial juries, I in this area, are "hand-picked." The reason ought to be ob-vious: In a large city, where neighbor does not know neighbor, it is possible to have juries of burns, loafers, crooks, scoundrels, and bribe-takers. Also, while it is true that a man is to be tried by his peers . . . a. word that means 'equals" . . . it is also true that in a city of 8,000,000 population, it is next to impossible to get intelligent "equals" by a hit-or-miss

How to pick jurors is a pretty tough problem. Some do it out of the telephone book, from voting the telephone book, from voting lists, from local tax lists. Judge John C. Knox, presiding justice of the Pederal Court in the southern district of New York, instituted a method that is both representative and equitable, preference being given to responsibility, education, intelligence. No questions of political, racial or religious affiliation

C OMESONE has to decide what O constitutes the "best." Is it "best" that members of Marcantonio's chubs should fill the panels? body has to decide on a formuls. The officers of the court

Some lawyers cannot be blamed for objecting to intelligence on the juries when it would serve their clients to leave dopes, bums and bribe-takers on the juries. But the unists have raised altogether a different issue, namely, that we are not a nation but a congeries of groups. That idea ought not to be tolerated. It is destructive.

SIDOLETS.

Washington Background

Beware Governmentese! Miss Perkins Tells Girls

By The Inquirer Washington Bureau Staff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. IRLS, if you have a yen to write, don't get a Federal Gov-T ernment job. That's the advice that Miss Frances Perkins. Civil Serv-

ice Commissioner and former Secretary of Labor, recently gave to members of the National Capital Alumnae Chapter of the Theta Sigma Phi.

Commissioner Perkins said that "Governmentese," a new type of English, is the stumbling-block for women with a literary bent who work for the Government.

As to "Governmentese," Miss Perkins says she has never been able to learn it.
"I'm sure there must be a course in it," she said. She reminded her audience of the blackout signs of the war, which read, "the illumination must be extinguished before departing.'

At a Cabinet meeting members took a vote on that one, and it was unanimous for "put out the lights."

Incidentally, it was former Representative Maury Maverick, of Texas, who first rebelled against what he described as "gobble-de-gook," or Government English.

FRANCES PERKINS

used to be President of the United States."

The face was familiar: A stranger approached Herbert Hoover as the former President of the United States was leaving his hotel in Washington the other day, and asked, "Haven't I met you before?" "No, you haven't," Hoover replied. "But you might have seen my picture. They run it very occasionally in the newspapers. I

The House Un-American Activities Committee published 592,-300 copies of tracts dealing with various Communist activities in the United States during its 10-year history. The most popular of these tracts was "100 Things You Should Know About Communism in the U.S.A.," with 507,000 copies coming off the Government Printing Office presses.

The next most popular subject was "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Labor," 22,000 copies. Interest in Communist activities has reached a point where the committee's supply of these publications is almost exhausted.

Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) appears to be in the lead as far as bills introduced is concerned. In the first three weeks of the fist Congress, Johnson put 23 bills in the legislative hopper. They range from legislation to abolish restrictions on purchases of gold to limiting the power of

On the House side, Representative Gordon L. McDonough (R., Calif.) leads with 13 bills, all dealing with various construction projects in Los-Angeles, his district.

The old State, War and Navy Building, west of the White House, may win the distinction of becoming a permanent landmark, not because of historical associations or pleasing architectural lines but because of its ugliness. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, 3d, chairman of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, wants the building "preserved as an object lesson of how wrong architects can be when they are most confident that they are right."

-Edited by John C. O'Brien

up. I think it was a copy of Life,

with its pages of pictures on the

Willow Run bomber production

As THEY prepared to move him to a French hospital at

Tebessa, I exchanged addresses

with him-hatreds cool quickly in

a forward line hospital, being

nothing compared to the foaming

wrath of home front commenta-

tors and we agreed to write, if

we both got through the war. I

didn't think my friend would, see-

ing him a few weeks later in the

French dungeon at Tebessa, where

they "treated 'em rough." The air

was laden with the stench of in-

fection. But as I've mentioned,

Barthlomeiczik's Polish-Prussian

constitution was a case-hardened

Horst's letter said he had even-

tually been transferred to Ameri-

can prison camps, which doubtless

where Gedat comes in. Gedat, ban-

ned as an enemy of the Reich by

Hitler, worked underground in

heimkehrer-homecoming prison-

ers," the baldish secretary of Ger-

many's National Committee of

YMCA's was saying. "It is our job

to provide a welcome center, try to

reorient them to civil life, re-

kindle their interest in living. But

when you watch them unload from

the trains you realize what is

meant by 'the fortunes of war.'

The lottery of defeat can be un-

THOSE from the U. S. leap to

dy-cheeked with smart uniforms

and packs, appalled at the ruins

around them. Those from Britain

are somewhat thinner, living

manifestations of leaner rations.

Those from France, thinner still.

the lines of severest labor in their

faces-for the French have taken

vengeance for what Hitler did to

"But you should see what comes

back from Soviet Russia," Gedat

said. "Skeletons with skins pulled

over, in rags. Skeletons, or the

bloated victims of dropsy and

starvation. Three and four cling-

horror effect at home.

-still buried under there?"

helping hand?"

now?' "

rabble pouser.

the platform, big, strong, rud-

speakable degradation."

"One of our jobs is with the

Germany for Christian decency.

explains why he lived. And that's

which finally crushed him.

Ivan H. Peterman

Many in Germany Wonder If U.S. Will Support Europe

A I MUNSTER lager in north- convinced Horst the Nazi jig was west Germany is the separation center for Deutschland's returning prisoners of war. Yanks who sweated out the conflict waiting for liberation in Hitler's lagers, know the word also means prison, not necessarily beer.

Anyway, from the Munster lager came two reminders recently. One was a green-ink letter addressed "Mr. Peterman, Philadelphia Newspaper, U. S. A." It was from Feldwebel Horst Barthlomeiczik, formerly of Koenigsberg and Rommel's Afrika Korps. The other reminder was Gus Gedat and a long conversation in Central YMCA the other day. Somehow, the two represent the end and the beginning of a serious prospect for us, the victors. Its title: "Germany: Which Way?" Having whipped

them, what to do with 'em? Horst Barthlomeiczik was a paratrooper and, without wishing to make comparisons or detract from millions of courageous men, I would say that he was among the toughest individual fighting machines I saw in uniform. And I looked at quite a few in action during the recent difficulties.

C ERGEANT BARTHLOMEIC-O ZIK had 35 combat jumps through Poland, Czechoslovakis, Holland, Norway and Crete when in March, 1943, he came down six miles behind the U.S. Pirst Infantry's lines at El Guettar. But that was the last. A GI heard him coming through the darkness, sent a burst of 50-calibers through

They brought Horst into the post-operative tent on the dusty hillside near Gafsa, and put him in the cot opposite mine. And there Eva Sachs, a swell nurse with the 48th Surgical Hospital, who went to Africa from the Strawberry Mansion section of Philadelphia and had no special reason for liking krauts, "mothered" him back to convalescence.

During those frightful nights, while the stretcher-bearers formed a ceaseless procession bringing new patients and lugging out the improved or dead, and Goering's bombers circled every half hour mistaking us for the Second Corps' ordnance dump, Eva and I finally

Headline Hopping

5-Cent Cigar Back Again, **But 5-Cent Nickel Is Needed**

By Ollie Crawford

P USH aside the headlines, the five-cent cigar is back. Now all the country needs is a good five-cent nickel.

New York dealers announce the new price, but they guarantee nothing. In this case, if you're not satisfied, you may not be around to get your money back. A five-cent cigar ain't hay, but it's the closest thing to it. They got the idea from that exciting Hitchcock picture: "The Rope."

They could make these things in the middle of a tobacco

T'S THE perfect way to end a business conference. One puff and even an insurance agent will run for cover.

Vice President Marshall said: "What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar" and apparently nothing else. Then the country got Wallace and a five-cent Vice President. They make the five-cent cigars strong so they can help carry you out.

Some of these cigars are imported from Havana. They come disguised as the ship's anchor rope.

It's the first break in cigar prices since the war. Up until now, buying a Corona-Corona was like purchasing two type-writers. They could have made them cheaper out of \$20 bills. We've been up against prices as fat as a Perfecto with a wal-let as thin as a Panatella. The tobacco in the new five-cent cigars

may not be very well cured. But they ought to cure a lot of cigar

Something Phony About Red Program

Samuel Grafton

T IS nice to hear leading French 1 and Italian Communists say that it is possible for Russia and the West to live in peace together. The fact that a Soviet Embassy publication in Washington echoes this declaration is also pleasant. But if there is really going to be a chance for peace, something more than this is necessary.

And one of the things that is necessary is for Communist pundits to give up the absurd business of alternately declaring it is possible for Russia to live in peace with capitalist democracy, and then falling over in mock dismay at the discovery that capitalist democracy behaves like capitalist democracy.

F IT is America they want to live in peace with, and not Oz, they will have to accept America as it is, and build their peace with it. There is something very fakey about the horror which Communist spokesmen show when they find that America is not, on the whole, pro-Communist, and that it feels a sense of alarm at the thought the rest of the world might go Communist.

When veteran Communists stand aghast at this remarkable finding they are sensationally unconvincing, and when they translate this entirely predictable American concern into a malevolent imperialist conspiracy, they reveal that it is not this America with which they want to make peace, but another one, one that does not exist.

IT IS very easy to make peace in I never-never land. No great statesmanship is needed for that. It would be child's play to make peace with an America which beamed at the growth of Communism, said "goody" every time another country went, and held coats and passed out refreshments while

this process was going on. With such an America the Communist leaders Europe have al-ways been ready to make peace. That is to say, they stand ready to solve the problem so long as there isn't any problem. But there is no such America, there can't be. there won't be, and what the world would like to hear from them is tion to solve the problem that exists, on the level on which it exists.

IF IT is peace they really want. they will give up their synthetic expressions of dismay at the stupefying discovery that, in America, somebody makes a profit whenever a fountain pen is sold. I have a feeling they've known that about us all along, even during the years when they liked us

If it's peace they're interested in, and not propaganda, they will cease expecting America to turn an idiot grin on developments which seem to it to be of staggering importance to the future of the

If it is really peace, and not propaganda they are furthering, they will take us pretty much as we are. That is what they have done in the past when they really wanted to have friendly relations; and they have not, at such times, seemed to find us particularly repulsive.

COMEWHAT the same points O could, of course, be made about the President's formidable attack on Communism in his inaugural speech. He, too, seemed to want* another kind of Russia to make peace with than the one which actually exists, and he, too, raised the issue to that level of high theory on which there can only be irreconcilability.

But if that were the only level on which mankind could operate, then peace would always be illogical. Both sides should be cautious about pressing logic to the point at which mankind may become weary of logic itself.

In a world in which space has recently become curved, and in which the mathematician's ruler turns out to be made of rubber, statesmen's syllogisms may not be the last word in accuracy, either. What the world wants is peace among the people who live in it, and not dismal theories on why they should be different from what they are to produce what otherwise cannot be had.

Inquirer on File At Free Library

QOUND files of the printed Deditions of The Philadelphia Inquirer, starting with the year 1831, and a file of the microfilm editions of The Inquirer, starting with the issue of Jan. 1, 1941, are available at the Newspaper Department of the Free Library of Philadelphia, Logan square (Parkway at 19th st.).

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

Att'y Hogan explode the Parole Board investigation? . . . Mayor Bill O'Dwyer will proclaim the week of Feb. 20 as "Food for Israel" week . . . Eve Lehman and Joe Eller a Colony twosome (Gene Cavallero carrying on alone at the Colony, since veteran George Fiorentino's leg ailment bedded him for the winter) . . . Louis

Shur and Druscilla Strain mak-

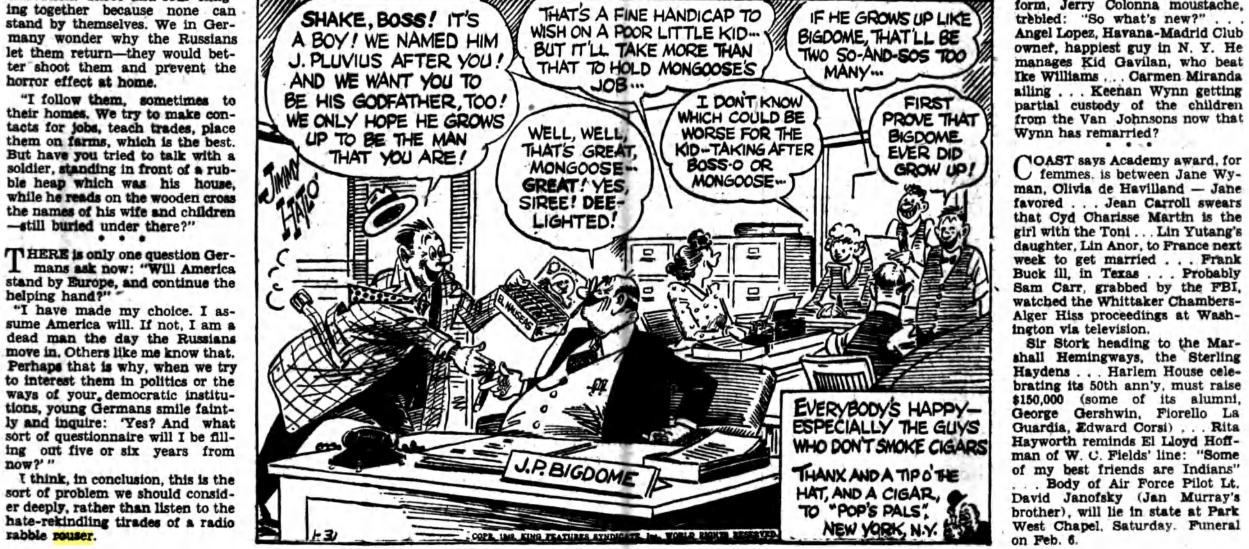
ing the spots. TT SEEMS to this dep't that the most amazing thing about Cole Porter is that, despite 31 operations, he has continued to pen songs and lyrics . . . TWA's new prexy, Ralph S. Damon, even toured airline ticket counters on his N. Y. visit. His approach to

ticket sellers: My name's Ralph Damon-what's yours?" . . . Sam Goldwyn and Ed Max Wilkinson parted amicably; contract had 41/2 years to go.

DE-BOP circles still discussing D Tommy Dorsey's blast at bebop musicians, in his interview with Monica Lewis, over the Copacabana mike. Dorsey ridiculed the new musical fad, said it was putting popular music back into the cellars from which it had been rescued by Benny Goodman and other pioneers in a new musical form. Dorsey said "it's not enough for be-bop musicians to sprout tufts of chin whiskers. It would be of more importance if they learned to play their instruments."

Dorsey, incidentally, will play the Princeton junior prom, with Hank Durrell as the local band . . .

By Jimmy Hatlo



-: Gossip of the Nation :-

Walter Winchell

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. MAN ABOUT TOWN—Merle Oberon's heart is in tatters because Count Cini's application for a divorce (in Rome) has been veto'd . . . The Kay Francis-Joel Ashley idyll has the cast of "Favorite Strangers" on edge. Soooo in love . . . Babe Didrikson is planning a headline . . .

Metopera eyeful Patrice Munsel and actor Philip Reed, the actor. have Hollywood heads weaving . . . Sonja Henie and Alfredo de la Vega are a duetcetera . . . Joan Tetzel and the "Red Gloves" management are at the tongue-sticking-out stage. They told Equity she is "incorrigible" ... Miami Beach's initial \$10,000 swank hotel burglary went unreported until just now . . . Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower at Walter Reed Hospital? . . . The Germans called Herr von Papen a small-time Nazi. If he had been any closer to Hitler, Eva Braun

would have been jealous.

The \$1,000,000 libel suit PATRICE MUNSEL against John Roy Carlson (author of "Under Cover" and "The Plotters") brought by Mrs. Grace Keefe (of an isolationist outfit) was won by Carlson in Chi Federal Court.

MULTI-MILLIONAIRE'S dghtr (disinherited for two stupid mergers, etc.) attempted suicide in H'wood. She was treated in a charity ward under an assumed name . . . Rosette Shaw (the chirper in Miguelito Valdes' crew) and Art Ford are ignited . . . MacArthur's young lad will be entered at a Southern military academy . . . Insiders hear King George has rejected medicos' advice that he shelve England for a warmer climate . . . Tony Zale is said to be spending heavily of his hard-earned coin to save his eyesight . . . There's a darling 21/2-year-old thing ice-skating daily at the Rockefeller rink . . . Barkeeps in New York may strike again when they learn of the new gadget which measures, counts and records every shot . . . It's a second boy for the New Yorker's E. J. Kahn, Jrs. at Le Roy . . . Another reason Truman won: Farmhands are now earning \$175 a month and board—against \$50 per in 1936.

THE reason the N. Y. Star folded is that the latest "angel" (who planned giving it a \$2,000,000 transfusion a fortnight ago) was counsel'd against it after his accountants told him he'd be nutz. It was losing \$30,000 a week.

Terrific hair-pulling bout between Shelley Winters and a wife in Movietown. The groom couldn't stand it and planed to New York . . . Pastor Niemoller ailing? . . . Al Smith's granddghtr, Emily Warner, and Robert Coyle are hand-holding at the Bagatelle . . . Mrs. Jean George (chomming British divorcee) and Wm. Bartol (of the City Investment clan) are playing Spin-the-Bartol. Chums think they will blend ... Arthur Laurents (author of "Home of the Brave")

and movie actress Joan Lorring prefer the secluded corners at Cafe Trouville . . . Bandleader Gene Williams and tele-Vision Joy Reese are trying each other for sighs . . . Several concert artists have pledged never to perform for booking agents who arrange U. S. tours for Nazis, Communists, etc. . . . X. Cugat's cheewahwah wears a necklace from which an emerald

THE other day the N. Y. Herald Tribune ran a batch of letters from readers protesting Gieseking's heave-ho . . . The newspaper's editorialist declared he was still bewildered by the case. He wasn't sure, he added, that the pianazi was pro-Hitler and asked for the facts . . . Apparently he doesn't read the N. Y. Times, which published all the facts needed to prove Gieseking was a Nazi . . . They appeared in the N. Y. Times on Jan. 8 and 9.

THE Copa City show (Miami Beach) costs \$32,000 per week. Biz is capacity and no wonder: Kay Thompson (and the four Williams Freres) heads the bill of show-stoppers, embellished by Peter Lind Hayes, Mary Healy, the Jack Cole Dancers and Sammy Kaye's crew-besides the Don Arden girl choir . . . Terrific biz also at the Beachcomber, starring S. Tucker, H. Richman and J. Miles . . . One of the New York gazettes fired an editor to save coin. Then had to hire two staffers the next week to handle her job . . . Louis Nunez, the Cuban sugar heir, and starlet Mariee Hayden are an early Valentine . . . Dunn (now

plete story of New York's waterfront racketivity. MENE FOWLER (whose book about Jimmy Walker I is due soon) says he felt funny after Hitler died because "he was the only guy I ever hated -and now there's no one left to hate!" ... Cafe Soci-

in the death-house at Sing Sing) is telling his story

to Governor Dewey in person. Revealing the com-

ety Downtown has been sold. The Mayor is being pressured against appointing a famed educator as prez of Queens City College.

Hizzoner shouldn't scare so easily. News Item: "Communist Leader Tze-tung Says Chinese Will Be Better Off Under the Communists." (That's a lotta chop-hooey.)

THE French Navy is being offered to steel mills as scrap metal . . . Sec'y of Interior Krug is slated for private life (they say) because he's a protege of Bernard Baruch, who is persona non grata (in spades) with Mr. Big . . . Ain't It the Truth Dep't .: From Ben Gross' radio pillar in the News: "Some performers who doubt the accuracy of the Hooperatings change their mind quickly when they land among the first 15."

The country is thrilled over Gov. Fuller Warren's blast at the Klan in Florida. He follows through, too. Watch him run them back under their rocks . . . There are more than 200 tax men checking up on certain people in the Miami Beach area . . . The tax dep't has "cut" into a big chunk of a new Broadway musical. The producer being that much in tax arrears.

Danton Walker

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. THE ROARING 40s—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor's 17-room chateau near Cannes, France, is up for sale. Asking price, 120,000,000 francs . . . Princess Elizabeth's attack of measles traced to the epidemic in France, where more than 1000 cases in one week were



reported recently . . . Hollywood gossip is that Lana Turner's next film will be her final one (because she is tired of having to "train down" on weight and also because she is well fixed financially) . . . New head man of the Russians in Berlin is Wladimir Semenov, who holds the highest rank in the Soviet diplomacy and is also political adviser to Marshall Vassily Sokolovsky (the counterpart of our Gen. Lucius Clay) . . . Sir Stafford Cripps is preparing for an active return to British politics . . . George Harrison, chairman of the AFL-for-Truman campaign, has been proffered

an ambasadorship . . . State Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi (Commissioner of Immigration during the Herbert Hoover regime) will toss his hat into the ring as fusion

candidate for Mayor of New York next year. MAYOR O'DWYER to start another head-lop-ping session within 90 days, starting with several top commissioners. Incidentally, O'Dwyer's failure to show up at the Irish Society's ball a week ago still being discussed . . . Louis De Rochemont, producer of "The House on 92d Street" and "Boomerang," predicted at the Screen Directors Guild dinner that Hollywood would be through as the motion picture producing center by the end of next year; with New York again assuming supremacy because of television . . . Milton Berle, ill of virus pneumonia at a midtown hotel (no visitors allowed)

. . . May be out of his video show for a matter of weeks. Milt's brother, Frank, getting a divorce in Florida, Feb. 10, planning to re-wed immediately . . . Judy Gershwin, sister of George and Ira, was involved in an automobile crash in Brooklyn over the week-end, her injuries requiring six stitches . . . Mrs. Betty Henderson, recently bedded by a heart attack, made her first public appearances at a beauty parlor

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.

MEN AND MAIDS, AND STUFF

When will New York Dist.

. . . William Powell talks of taking a permanent vacation after three more years of film work.

TO ITA HAYWORTH has written friends here that she and Aly Khan will go through a second wedding ceremony in Hollywood, following religious nuptials to be held in Europe . . . Honeychile Wilder and her "Wild Bull of the Pampas." Alfred Cernados, consulting their attorneys . . . J. B. Priestley's daughter, Susan Mary, has become the bride of Danish violinist Sigvald Michelson, of the Island of Wight . . . Columbia Pictures to pull a novel stunt at the special premier of "Shockproof," co-starring Mr. and Mrs. Cornel Wilde (Patricia Knight)-an invitation to all the acting married couples of Hollywood . . . Sir Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh will take their Old Vic production of "School for Scandal" to Paris in May, following the London season. Incidentally, Olivier, whose "Hamlet" received such superlative notices, once refused to play Romeo to Norma Shearer's Juliet because "Shakespeare is not for the movies" . . . Alexander S. Ince returns today from Europe, after a business trip to London, Paris and Rome, and will resume his duties with Ince-Shenecker Associates, producers . . . Monica Boyer, the sultry beauty of "Summer and Smoke," to make her film debut South of the Border, in a technicolor musical at Mexico's Cherubusco

forerunner of a trend that will manifest itself at tracks all over the country . . . Lex Thompson will not abandon his midget auto racing project, despite the wicked losses; he thinks video will help, rather than hinder the venture . . . Bobby Riggs is penning a book to be called "Tennis is My Racket" . . . Phil Ammidon, erstwhile New York cafe playboy, has taken up permanent residence in Miami . . . Arline Judge talks of another movie comeback (she has a big role in a still-unreleased Harold Lloyd movie, "Mad Wednesday") . . . Romney Brent is adapting the novel "Hanging Judge" for Raymond Massey . . . Frank Sinatra being wooed by Mutual for a daytime show . . . The ballet war about to be resumed with Lucia Chase's return to the battlefield . . . Broadway's biggest laugh of the week was over Equity's refusal to allow Alfred Delagre to give the cast of "The Madwoman of Chaillot" a \$15 weekly salary raise while the show is a hit . . . Songwriter Frank Loesser's song of the infantry on April 6, Infantry Day. Ed Sullivan

THE cut in purses at Florida racetracks is the

ballad, "Rodger Young," will be designated official

ing Californian stole 'em)

Burn, nursing an elbow broken at

DIRTHDAYS this week: Eddie

D Cantor, Clark Gable, Comm.

Arthur Wallander, John Ford,

Jascha Heifetz, Bonita Granville

Wrather, Ronald Regan, Charles

A. Lindbergh, directors John Ford

and Frank Lloyd, Benny Rubin,

Peggy Ann Garner, Ramon No-

varro, Mrs. John Boles, Edward

Small, Charlie Correll . . . Pat

Synan and actor Bob Kerr honey-

mooning . . . Most of the Jersey

bookmaking phones still discon-

nected . . . Hialeah finally had a

West Pointers still chuckling:

songwriter Sammy Cahn appeared

on parade grounds in kaydet uni-

form, Jerry Colonna moustache,

Sir Stork heading to the Mar-

million dollar handle.

the inaugural. A sidewalk slip.

said Popkin.

at random: Veronica Lake's husband, direc-

tor Andre De Toth, goes into the hospital Thursday for an eye operation.



widow of Tom Mix, is negotiating to buy the Sunset Towers apartment hotel. The asking price is \$800,000. Wonderif Vickie will sell some of those fabu-

Tom gave Myrns Loy. pears was suffering from her appendix all through the filming of The Case of Lady Brooke," She

on tomorrow. Carmen Figueroa is in New York visiting Alicia Garajales, widow of Grenville Baker who was so mysteriously shot. Carmen flew out from Los Angeles, where she was visiting, and is expected tomorrow. The Bakers were close

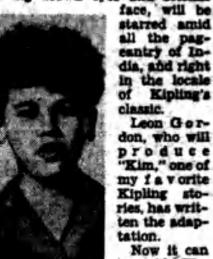
friends of hers.

Just about everyone dropped in for a glimpse of Ernie-Rosalind Russell and Freddie Brisson, the Al Halls, Gloria Hatrick McLean and Peter Lawford, and the many people who Ernie has entertained at the Ambassador east in Chi-

Louella Parsons Metro to Film Kipling Story In India

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 30. "IT IM," Rudyard Kipling's fas-A cinating story of a white boy brought up in India by the natives, will be made in India by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Dean Stockwell, the boy with

the big brown eyes and solemn



don, who will produce 'Kim," one of my favorite Kipling stories, has written the adaptation. Now it can be told. The

reason Donns DEAN STOCKWELL Reed bowed out of "Scene of the Crime" with Van Johnson is because she is go-ing to have a baby. She also saked for a release from her M-O-M contract. But, Arline Dahl gets the break

of her movie life in Donna's withdrawal. The redhead who turns all heads (particularly male) wherever she shows up, gets the part of Van's leading lady in the M-G-M thriller. Chatter in Hollywood: Counte

Haines, who was so heartbroken when her fiance, Richard Gray, died in veterans hospital a year and a half ago, tells me she has found a new romantic interest. He is Robert Clarke, a stage actor, who was with Faye Emerson in "The Play's the Thing" on Bread-Connie had just started a suc-

cessful singing career at Ciro's. She planned to marry Gray while she was in Los Angeles. Then came news of Richard's grave illness. He died within a day of their mar-. . .

In spite of all rumors to the contrary, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello both assure me: "We've never been closer friends than we are today."

The boys explained that they signed a secret pact after their last feud, agreeing that whoever starts the next fight will pay the injured member of the comedy team one-half his salary. There's nothing like money to keep peace in a family!

If I could catch up with Ty Power, honeymooning with his bride somewhere in Switzerland, I could tell him what his next pieture will be after "Black Rose" in Italy.

When the newlyweds get here in August, Ty may stay long enough to make a movie at 20th. The way it looks now, he is up for "Secret Assignment," a thriller based on those famous paintings recently exhibited and supposed to have been hidden in German salt mines by Goering.

There was a big questions about their authenticity.

Jack Benny is reading "The Phony," a story which Harry Popkin has just bought from Charles Martin The Martin yarn is that of a

show off who brags himself into a murder. "It's a character something like Jack plays in radio,"

Snapshots of Hollywood collected

Reports are Detectives prowling Broadway current that spots, looking for Sonja Henie fur Victoria Mix. thieves (Delmonico's Joe Feder says the solution is easy; a freez-Jane Froman's pilot hubby, John

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didn't say a word until the movie was finished. She will be operated

The Mervyn Leroys party for the Ernie Byfields went off as scheduled, except that the guests of honor were missing. Their plane was held up because of weather, Ernie's wire was a classic, They arrived Friday morning by train. Carola and Leon Mandel, who had expected to meet the Byfields

here, have gone on to Honolulu. I chatted for a long time at the party with Mary Lee Fairbanks, who leaves next week with Douglas for New York. She says her days have been spent keeping the baby away from Victoria, who has the chicken pox.