

L.T. - Select. Monday, April 9, 1956.

The latest on the Palestine crisis - a dispatch reading as follows: "The United States promised, tonight, to oppose any aggression in the Middle East - within the limits of the American Constitution."

The declaration was issued by President Eisenhower, at Augusta, Georgia. Following special consultation - between the President and Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles.

The precise wording of that Eisenhower statement is as follows: "The United States, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations, will observe its commitments, within constitutional means - to oppose any aggression in the area."

To which the declaration adds: "The United States is likewise determined to support and assist any nation - which might be subject to such aggression."

This is just about the strongest American statement thus far - in efforts to prevent war between Israel and the

Arabs. This presidential declaration - that the United States, "within constitutional means" will oppose any aggression."

Full American backing is given to the mission of U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. Who is commissioned - to do everything he can to mediate between the contending parties.

PALESTINE

Israel, today, claimed - that Egyptian hit-and-run squadrons were still raiding Israeli settlements near the border of the Gaza Strip. Which raids precipitated the latest outbreak of battle. With Egypt claiming heavy casualties, when a motorized military patrol assailed Egyptian strong points. The Israelis declare, on the other hand, that they lost only one man - while nine Egyptians were killed.

Reports from the Jewish section of Jerusalem say - the U.N. Truce Command ordered Egypt to put a stop to sabotage operations in Israeli territory. On pain of being branded - an "aggressor."

Such is the perilous ^(Crisis) ~~argument~~, as the U.N. Secretary General arrives in Palestine - hoping to mediate and ease the tension. Dag Hammarskjold was in Rome today, where he had an audience with ^{the} Pope ~~PIUS XII~~ - who blessed the U.N. peace mission. Hammarskjold - thereupon continuing his journey - to the scene of the trouble.

MOROCCO

A strike - at American air bases in Morocco. Eight thousand Frenchmen and Moslems - walking out at seven great flying fields.

Which, however, has not affected the flights of the bombers and fighter planes. The strikers - mostly employed in housekeeping jobs. A hardship for the American airmen - they have to do their own housekeeping, making the beds, washing the dishes.

The Union calling the walkout has put in a demand for higher wages, and benefits of various kinds. The word is that American officials agree with the Union demands. But the command in North Africa can't do anything about it - until they get instructions from Washington.

Meanwhile, a lot of the ^(fly)~~XXXX~~ boys are doing - K.P.

BRITAIN

The British Foreign Office replies to Moscow charges - that Britain intends to "hide" Bulganin and Khrushchev, during their visit later in the month. The two traveling leaders have spoken out in criticism of the schedule - for their ten-day stay in Britain. Saying - they "regret" that ~~not~~ more meetings with the "population" are ^{not} included. Bulganin and Khrushchev wanting, apparently - to play the part of good mixers. Drumming up - some popularity. ~~and~~ hand-shaking tour, ^{and so on,} ~~and so on,~~ ^{Parliament.} ~~baby-kissing.~~ Maybe they think they're running for ~~president~~ ^{president} of ~~the United States.~~

~~to this~~ The London Foreign Office replies - that the British government merely suggested that more time should be set aside for "serious political discussions." Explaining that ⁱⁿ visits to factories and parading around on a sort of good-will tour - kill a lot of time. Which could be better spent - in important negotiations.

They say they expressed this opinion to Bulganin and Khrushchev - who agreed. Anyway, they have no notion of

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In Moscow - Lysenko has resigned. Which is only from "hiding" the two. They won't lock them up in a clothes closet, along with the family skeleton, or even lock them up in that delightful place - the tower of London.

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PHILIPPINES

In the Philippines - a ceremony in a tunnel. With prayer, and homage to heroism. The Malinta Tunnel - on Corregidor Island. Where, in the epic of Bataan, American and Filipino defenders - made their surrender to the Japanese.

All the Philippines - observed ~~this~~ fourteenth anniversary of the Fall of Bataan. A special holiday declared - for the first time. ~~That~~ ^{That} bitter defense for three months, called - "a shining symbol of courage and heroism."

One feature of the observance - a message from Philippine President Magsaysay to President Eisenhower in Washington. Pledging - "close collaboration between the Philippines and this country." The thoughts of navy on this day are of that heroic figure of Bataan, General Douglas MacArthur.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court has knocked out a New York City law - under which public employees are fired automatically, if they refuse to answer - questions about Communism.

A Brooklyn college professor, questioned by a Congressional Committee, took the Fifth Amendment. Was fired, and appealed up the line, all the way - to the Supreme Court.

Which now holds the New York City law - unconstitutional. The Court condemning - the usual supposition concerning people who refuse to answer questions about Communism, invoking the Fifth Amendment, the supposition - that they're guilty. The Court arguing - that this tends to make a constitutional privilege - ~~that is, a mockery~~ "a hollow mockery."

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Administration is asking Congress for authority - to investigate civil rights violations. Attorney General Brownell - submitting a four-point program. Including - the creation of a civil rights commission. A ^aboard of six members - three Republicans and three Democrats. Which would hold hearings and gather evidence - concerning such matters as economic pressures and restrictions of individual voting rights. The Department of Justice - to create a new section on civil rights, headed by an Assistant Attorney General. All this - in accordance with suggestions made by President Eisenhower, in a message to Congress in January.

The legislation requested would, of course - apply, first of all, to the racial problem. With special relevance - in the South. Intention - to remove economic and political discrimination against Negroes.

Hearings will begin immediately - before the Judiciary Committee of the House, ~~of Representatives~~. ^{The} A bill - not likely to have too much difficulty in getting an okay from the

Congressmen. But it may be different - in the Senate. Where -
measures promoting racial rights have often been blocked by
Southern Senators. The old familiar - filibuster.

Today, Senator George of Georgia said - he doubted
the Administration proposal would pass, during the present
session of Congress.

DEFENSE

More money for intercontinental bombers, guided missile development, and the system of radar warning. President Eisenhower asking Congress - for more than half a billion dollars of additional money. More than half of which - would go into the production of our B-52 jet bombers. Complaints in Congress - that we may not be doing enough to keep up with Soviet Russia in the race for air and atomic power. So the Administration asks - for new funds to step up the program.

REUTHER

In Canada, the case of a bouncing rubber check.

Tying in - with a notorious affair of crime in this country.

The shooting - of Walter Reuther, nearly ten years ago.

Reuther - now Vice-President of the AFL-CIO. Then - ~~had~~ head

of the Auto Workers Union. A shot-gun blast - fired at him.

Shattering his right arm - which still is crippled.

The rubber check, at Oshawa, Ontario - signed

"D. White." When it bounced, they found the fingerprints of -

Donald Ritchie. Who was in the news last year, with a story -

that he knew who shot Walter Reuther.

The Auto Workers Union had a standing offer of a

reward of one hundred thousand dollars - for information that

would solve the crime. Ritchie told his story to the Union

officials, and - named names. They gave him ten thousand

dollars in advance - on condition that he would give his

evidence before a grand jury. He took the ten thousand - and

then vanished. The Reuther case - as much of a mystery as ever.

Later, Ritchie was picked up in Canada, but could not be extradited back to the United States. Meanwhile, one of the men he accused sued the Auto Workers Union - for a million dollars.

Now - the bouncing check - and the Canadian police are looking for the man who claimed he could solve the headline mystery.

RETAKE

L.T.: - Say Henry, who's the lovely lady sitting with you?

HENRY: - Lovely she is, Lowell. Meet Ann Higginbotham, editor of TV RADIO MIRROR magazine, who has news for you.

ANN: - Thank you, Henry, and congratulations to you Lowell Thomas. As you know, TV RADIO MIRROR magazine conducts an annual poll of its readers to determine radio's best programs. In our Ninth Annual nationwide reader poll, you have been named radio's outstanding news commentator. This is the fourth time in our nine years of polling that you've come out on top, incidentally. It's a pleasure to present this solid gold medal and accompanying certificate of excellence to you and I'm sure your listeners will be interested in the complete gold medal awards story in the current issue of TV RADIO MIRROR magazine, now at newsstands everywhere.

L.T.: - Thank you Ann Higginbotham and here's to T.V., Radio-Mirror and all its readers!

MARGARET TRUMAN

The big secret is out - Margaret Truman's wedding gown. Which arrived - from Italy, today. Brought - by Signorina Fontana of the Fontana fashion house in Rome. Who told - the whole story.

Five years ago, in Rome, Margaret Truman bought an evening gown from the Fontana firm. And, on that occasion - met Signorina Fontana. Margaret, apparently, liked that evening gown.

Six weeks ago, she wrote a letter to Signorina Fontana in Rome - asking her to make a sketch of a dress. Miss Truman putting it in these terms - "a dress to be worn at a very nice party to be given in my honor." She didn't mention marriage - but then, I suppose a wedding is, "a very nice party", given in the bride's honor.

Signorina Fontana, thereupon, summoned the inspiration, and sketched her idea - of a dream dress. She sent ^{the sketch} ~~it~~ to Margaret Truman in the United States, who replied, saying, "I love it. I want to tell you - it will be my wedding gown."

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Whereupon the job of dressmaking was begun, in Rome. Six young women - working on it for three weeks. To make ^{matters} ~~it~~ more romantic, all six - brides to be. Signorina Fontana, today exclaiming, "These six girls are all going to be married very soon."

When she ordered the dress, Margaret Truman invited Signorina Fontana - to the wedding at Independence, Missouri. So that's why the dress designer from Rome brought the wedding gown over here, personally.

But what's it like? Ladies, wait till you hear! Made of three hundred year old Venetian lace - Seventeenth Century lace, procured from three aristocratic families in Venice. The color - beige. Margaret will wear a small tiara of the same lace with a shoulder length veil. She'll have short kid gloves and grosgraine poms, with inserts of the lace. The bride - in lace.

One point is this - Margaret has not yet seen the dress. So today Signorina Fontana was asked - suppose she doesn't like it?

The Signorina replied, "I will kill myself."

~~Henry~~

Well, Margaret Truman is known to be kind hearted,

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and she'd hardly want the Signorina - to jump into the

Missouri River.

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