

FOREIGN MINISTERS

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In Paris, the Foreign Ministers, having agreed in principle on Trieste, are now at odds about the way that Italian port is to be administered. The Soviets want Trieste, internationalized, to be run by the Big Four - while American Secretary of State Byrnes says he'll accept the internationalization plan only if Trieste is administered under the auspices of the United Nations.

Meanwhile the general strike ~~is~~ in that disputed city has ended, and things ~~are~~ have quieted down - after days of rioting.

NAZI AMNESTY

In Germany, in the American Zone, an amnesty has been granted to all Nazis under twenty-seven years of age. This -- by the decree of Lieutenant General Lucius Clay, the Deputy Military Governor. His action is based on the fact that the vast majority of Nazis now in their twenties joined various Hitler organizations when they were mere boys, too young to know what they were doing. ^R A great proportion of German youth is affected by this order. About a million young Nazis of the Hitler Period are restored to citizenship -- thereby remedying a condition that was having grave results on German life, the bulk of youth excluded because of former Nazi affiliations.

NUREMBERG

At the Nuremberg trial, evidence was given today to pin one of the foulest of war crimes on the Nazis -- the massacre of eleven thousand Polish Officers and soldiers in the forest of Katyn. During the war, the Germans tried to blame the atrocity on the Russians, saying it had been a Soviet massacre. Today, evidence was given at Nuremberg by a Russian expert on medical jurisprudence, connected with the Moscow Ministry of Health. He testified that his own examination of the victims in Katyn Forest showed the bullets that had killed them were -- German.

Another witness was a Bulgarian Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, who told about a report he had signed -- blaming the Soviets for the crime of Katyn Forest. Issued by the Germans, the document was called -- "An impartial report." But today the Bulgarian Professor testified that the supposedly impartial report had been drawn up by the Nazis, and that he had signed it because he was afraid to refuse.

PALESTINE

A daring prison escape in Palestine.

At an internment camp, ~~mm~~ members of the Jewish underground were confined, members of the extremist group Irgun Zvai Leumi. And fifty-four of them got out by tunneling under the fence of the camp. It was an elaborate tunneling job, cleverly done and one after one, fifty-four crawled through. Thirty have been ~~was~~ recaptured, the remainder at large, with the British looking for them.

HOOVER

The announcement was made today that the world food program has been a success. The statement comes from former President Herbert Hoover, chairman of the Emergency Famine Relief Board. Addressing a national conference of Christian and Jews, he stated that only in parts of China is there still any menace of starvation. As for the rest of the world, the spectre of immediate famine has been allayed. Herbert Hoover put it in these words: "Although in March we thought it was not possible to prevent famine, there is now no mass starvation on earth".

The former President did not go on to add that this happy result has followed his own Round-The-World food survey. He laid the credit to the food growers, ⁱⁿ Canada, Australia, Argentina and the United States. To which we, on our part, can add the dramatic figure of Herbert Hoover back on his old job of food relief, which raised him to world reputation in the crisis that followed World War One, and now again has made him one of the world's top figures.

PRICES

In Chicago the price of livestock took a drop today -- after increasing yesterday. The reason was -- the huge pouring of cattle and hogs^s into the Chicago market. Figures for the increase of supplies are remarkable -- the livestock ~~gm~~ growers taking advantage of the end of the O.P.A. to sell their produce in a huge volume.

Last Friday, while price ceilings were still on, the ~~nmj~~ number of hogs received in the Chicago markets was a mere one thousand. Yesterday, the first day of the free market, the number was four thousand. So what was the figure for today"? It was nineteen thousand! That many hogs went to the market in Chicago today -- which cut the price down.

Yesterday hogs were selling at nineteen dollars a ~~hnd~~ hundredweight, Today the figure was sixteen and a half per hundredweight, a drop of two dollars and a half. Today's price, however, was a dollar and sixty-five cents above the O.P.A. ceiling.

In the case of cattle, eight hundred were

received in Chicago on Friday. Yesterday that figure rose to twenty-five hundred. And today the cattle coming to Chicago numbered ninety-five hundred. This huge increase caused a drop in the average price.

The gist of various statements by the big packing companies would seem to be that the rapid increase of supplies of meat will cause prices to seek their natural level in a competitive market -- and this level will be ~~some~~ above the O.P.A. price ceiling, but below the black market figures that were so prevalent in actual fact.

~~At the same time, warning is given that the huge increase of livestock in the Chicago market will not mean plenty of meat right away -- it will take several days before the abundance has a chance to reach the retail trade. As for other types of goods, the~~

The picture continues to be one of the retail trade announcing it will try to hold the line and avoid a large general price increase. On the other hand, there are numerous reports from all over the country about

prices going up on one kind of merchandise or another --

~~also, some~~
~~though there are cases~~ of reductions.

There are widespread reports of rents being raised, with the Governors of States trying to do something to hold rents down. In New York, of course, ^{Gov. Dewey and} the State Government ^{has} already taken care of the matter; in advance; and rents are unchanged. In other States, Governors are taking measures to freeze rents, while in still others they haven't got the power under the law, and are trying to figure out what to do.

In Congress, the Senate is still held up in the attempt to pass a quick extension of the O.P.A. while another price-fixing bill can be devised. Pappy O'Daniel of Texas has made it impossible to get immediate action, and he vows he'll filibuster against any attempt to revive the O.P.A. The word is that there is little likelihood of the Senate being able to do anything before Friday, and probably there can't be any action until next week -- that much delay of any Senate okay for the O.P.A. extension passed yesterday by the House of Representatives.

~~Meanwhile, the country is in all the~~
~~uncertainty about prices, which the sudden end of the~~
~~O.P.A. brought about.~~ Nobody knows what will happen in
the present free market, but it may possibly be that
things will just straighten out, and all the dark and
ominous prophecies may come to ~~naught~~ naught.

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MISSISSIPPI

Primary Day in Mississippi was peaceful and quiet today - in spite of the talk about possible riot and bloodshed. The center of the predicted storm that didn't come to pass was, of course, Senator Bilbo, running for reelection. - The democratic nomination of Mississippi being equivalent to that - he campaigned on a platform of white supremacy - and his opponents called him everything from ^areactionary bourbon to rabble-rousing corn. Bilbo's oratory included noisy ~~mix~~ advice that the Negro should not be allowed to go to the polls, and that's what caused the dark forecasts of bloodshed and violence, and even ~~px~~ possible civil war.

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picture taken.

On the Bilbo front, there was nothing
amiss - save for the fact that few negroes voted today, ^{in Miss.}
The latest news declares that only two thousand negroes
went to the polls in the entire state
~~in Mississippi.~~ From one county, in the rich cotton-
land of the Delta of Old Man River, there's news that
may be typical. We hear that yesterday, the white leaders
in the county went around among the negroes in a campaign
to persuade them not to try to vote. The last reports
from that cotton county today show that not one negro
vote had been cast.

As for election results, it's too early
for any figures - the indication merely being that Bilbo
was likely to run ahead of his rivals.

MARRIAGE

As if we didn't have enough international problems already, here's still another one that has to be solved - the problem of the diplomat without a wife.

Today in Washington, the matrimonial^l perplexity was presented by Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson to a Congressional committee.

You'd think that it wouldn't be so difficult for a dapper young attache to catch a spouse, the matrimonial market being what it is. You'd imagine that among the crowds of young women you see nearly everywhere, there'd be many who wouldn't mind marrying a consular official assigned to Guatemala or the Minister to Siam.- Think of the travel, girls.

The difficulty, however, is that the diplomatic representatives are so likely to be stationed in foreign parts nearly all the time. Or, as Dean Acheson explained to the Congressional Committee today - "many of our young officers" said he, "have to stay abroad during the years when a young man's fancy turns to something other than the foreign service. The boys" he went on, "either marry foreign girls, for which they are

criticized, or they have to wangle time to try to catch a girl here at home". They have to wangle the time and then they have to wangle the girl - but then, diplomacy is supposed to be the art of wangling.

The remedy proposed by the Acting Secretary of State is to give the young diplomats more time at home. Right now, they are entitled to leave once every three years. Dean Acheson proposes they should be given time off to return home every two years. That would mathematically increase their chances of catching a wife. Or, maybe, of being caught by a wife, according to the popular epigram "he chased her until she caught him".

Well, I hope they settle this international problem of ours by giving the young diplomats time off for wife-hunting every two years. It must be awful to be a bachelor, ~~it has been so long since I was one, that I've forgotten what it was like. But it must have been~~
with ~~awful~~ all that freedom.

~~without ruining the seeds.~~

Today's news discloses one bit of evidence, vivid and weird, of the effect of the radio activity of the explosion ^{at Bikini.} Aboard one of the target ships a folding metal chair was leaning against a ~~gun~~ gun turret, when the atomic flames were let loose, and the radiation was so powerful that it photographed the shadow of the chair on the gun turret - like a sort of X-ray picture. A warships crew exposed to that intensity of radio ~~acti~~ activity would have been a horror.

All of which brings us to that number one factor in the experiment - the animals aboard the target ships. There is late news about these. Aboard ^{the} battleships Nevada, ⁱⁿ the very middle of the explosion, ^{those} goats and sheep ~~should have been~~ ^{are} found alive, ~~but they~~ in bad physical shape. Mice in the stern gun turrets of the Nevada were ~~all~~ all killed by the explosion that burst several hundred yards away. On ^{the} battleship Pennsylvania, ^{way} on the outer fringe of the target area, all the animals ^{survived} ~~survived~~. Aboard ^{cruiser} The Salt Lake City, also on the outer fringe, all but five of the twenty animals aboard were

killed. This indicates a spottiness; - the blast taking effect in an uneven way; ~~having~~ ~~for~~ different results ~~in the case of~~ ships at equal distances from the center.

One question is - what will time tell?

It is well known that the deadly effects of radio activity are seldom evident immediately, and may only come about after days have passed. This was noted in dramatic fashion at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where apparently uninjured victims died days later. And it has also been noted in cases of accident ^{al} ~~at~~ fatality because of radio acitivity.

As for the damage to ships, the count now is five sunk, and six wrecked. Of these latter, one is as good as sunk - the devastated carrier, Independence. Half of the seventy-three target vessels were damaged in one degree or another ^{with} - the amount of injury now _{1 11} being investigated.

There is, of course, disillusion in certain quarters - after the wild surmises of what the atomic test might do, disintegrating ~~ing~~ all the ships, or

even disintegrating the world, ^{as some predicted,} Navy men are hailing the fact that no battleship was sunk, and a remark was made in the Senate today - that the atomic bomb was in a big firecracker. *I guess it just depends on what you mean by big.*

In England, naval officers are saying that the atomic test does not indicate that warships are obsolete. And in Germany today newspapers tried to give the impression that the test was a failure.

German newspapers, under Soviet control, were jubilant in this idea, one saying: "The atom bomb has lost its value as an argument in international talks!" In Soviet Russia? **Nothing!** For the second day, Soviet newspapers made no mention of the bombing at Bikini.

The bomb, though of the Nagasaki type, was not as powerful as the one that hit the Japanese port, ~~of Nagasaki~~, and expert opinion is in abeyance, until further studies can be made, and until the next test is staged, the explosion of the bomb under water in the Bikini lagoon several weeks from now.

ATOMIC 4.

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To the animals they are going to say: "have a beer!" And now Hugh, ~~we~~ have a "mike!" All of which is just a curious example of the great variety of things that were exposed to the radiation of the blast - soft drinks, various kinds of ~~gum~~ food, candy bars, ~~also~~ - agricultural seeds. For years the experts have been experimenting with grain exposed to X-rays, and to this is now added the effect of atomic radiation on the seeds planted in fields and gardens. In one case, the seeds exposed to the blast of the bomb were infested with insect tests - the idea being to see whether the radiation would kill the bugs *without ruining the seeds.*

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