

L.J. - Sunoco. Tuesday, April 30, 1946

In Paris Soviet Delegate Molotov has agreed to consider the American proposal for a Big Four treaty of alliance to guarantee the disarmament of Germany -- a treaty to extend for twenty-five years. There is nothing definite about this, but the report is insistent that Soviet Russia is willing to discuss the ~~proposal~~ <sup>plan</sup> offered by American Secretary of State Byrnes. However, there's a string <sup>to it</sup> ~~to it~~ -- Molotov intimating that he will expect something in return. The Soviets will ask for concessions as a quid pro quo -- conditions for agreeing to go into a discussion of the American scheme.

PALESTINE

For Palestine, the recent weeks have been a period of tense waiting - waiting for the report of the ~~joint~~ <sup>joint</sup> British-American Committee studying the question of Jewish immigration. Now we are about to hear, <sup>^</sup> the news to be disclosed tonight. The Committee is making recommendations - on the question of admitting Jewish immigrants into the Holyland. These <sup>recommendations</sup> will be of the greatest importance, bearing as they do on one of the most disputed problems in the present-day world - Palestine.

The Committee investigation was decided upon - following a suggestion by President Truman that one hundred thousand Jews be admitted into Palestine at once - and there have been reports that the Committee would adopt this presidential proposal. The ~~offer~~ <sup>admission</sup> of one hundred thousand, would, of course, be a compromise between the Zionist demand for unlimited immigration





## RIOT

The demonstrations of Jewish protest in Germany have reached a stage of bitter acrimony and ugly epithets. The trouble is at Landsberg, where the United States Army runs a camp for displaced persons. There today, four thousand Jews went on a hunger strike, and a crowd of a thousand staged a demonstration march. The protest is against the arrest of twenty camp leaders because of a riot on Sunday - when the Germans were holding an election.

What aroused<sup>d</sup> Jewish anger, more than anything else, is the fact that the twenty under arrest are being held in the Landsberg Prison. - And that's where, years ago, Hitler wrote "Mein Kampf". After the futile Nazi beer hall putsch back in the 'Twenties, that evil fanatic who was to become the Fuehrer of Nazi Germany, was put in jail at Landsberg - and in a prison cell there wrote the sprawling screed that was to become the Bible of Nazism.



Such is the emotional background of what occurred today. The ~~crowd~~ <sup>crowd</sup> marching ~~in the demonstration~~ yelled!~

"American anti-Semitism is worst than German anti-Semitism. American democracy is no better than Nazism."

At the camp gate, where American soldiers were on guard, a riot was narrowly averted. In response to the shouted slogans, G.I.'s yelled back at the crowd. At one point, a U.S. Army truck came rolling in. Children scattered, as the motor roared. And two hundred angry Jews moved toward the truck. The soldier-driver jumped to the ground, and drew his pistol. Things quieted down - and then the truck continued on its way.



ADD RIOT

An Army report on the disturbance of Sunday indicates that the outbreak was caused by a false report, an unfounded rumor stating that Germans had invaded a Jewish school, ~~ka~~ killed people, and kidnapped children.

## HITLER

Today in Berlin, a newsman went down to a small half-burned out room in the basement of the ruined Chancellery building. The place that was Hitler's headquarters as the capital of Nazi Germany was falling in flame and fury, the little room where Hitler is said to have taken his life, joined in suicide by his long time sweetheart, Eva Braun. Today was the first anniversary of that reputed event.

In the basement room United Press Correspondent Charles Arnot found two Russian soldiers. In the darkness, they had a flashlight, the beam of which they focused on the carpet, on a dark stain, a stain of blood "That," said one of the Red Army soldiers, "is where Hitler died." The other Russian shook his head and replied: "No - not Hitler. Hitler ran away."

All of which was evidence of the fact that, on the first anniversary of Hitler's reported death There still is doubt - especially among the Russians.



HITLER - 2

There still are suppositions that the suicide of the Nazi Fuehrer was a fake, and that Hitler got away - and is in hiding somewhere.

...stated that the conspirators were, in his words, "not identified as Communists" and he added that there was no connection between the plot and the forthcoming May Day celebration sponsored by Japanese Reds - although the attempt on MacArthur's life was to have been made at the time of the May Day demonstration.

... is the ringleader - former Japanese suicide pilot. It had been previously reported that he was, but this is now denied. This ringleader, Takayama by name, is a former member of the Japanese Overseas Police force -- military police that served in the conquered countries. He is now being sought in a manhunt all over Japan, together with four or five others in the conspiracy.

The plot was to kill MacArthur with a pistol shot as he proceeded from his home to

## MACARTHUR

The latest from Tokyo gives no indication of what kind of political slant may have been behind the plot to kill General MacArthur. A spokesman at American Headquarters at Tokyo states that the conspirators are, in his words, "not identified as Communists." And he added that there was no connection between the plot and the forthcoming May Day, celebration sponsored by Japanese Reds -- although the attempt on MacArthur's life was to have been made at the time of the May Day demonstration.

Nor is the ringleader a former Kamikaze suicide pilot. It had been previously reported that he was, but this is now denied. This ringleader, Takayama by name, is a former member of the Japanese Overseas Police force -- military police that served in the conquered countries. He is now being sought in a manhunt all over Japan, together with four or five others in the conspiracy.

The plot was to kill MacArthur with pistol shots and hand-grenades as he proceeded from his home to

Headquarters -- his habit being to go without guards, disdaining protection. The conspirators planned to get away by disappearing in the May Day crowds. <sup>R</sup> The scheme to murder the Supreme Commander was disclosed by an informer who said that Plot Leader Takayama tried to poison him -- ~~which adds another~~ <sup>which adds another</sup> touch of melodrama to the plot against MacArthur.



## HOOVER - BAGHDAD

Here's an unusual story -- about a former President of the United States, and an adventure he had in Baghdad, the city of the Arabian Nights. The story of how President Hoover, up to his ankles in water, was invited to become a trustee of a new American College in Baghdad. An invitation that he accepted.

Word of this has just come back to us from Frank Mason, a former Vice President of the N B C, and a famous journalist. Frank Mason and former Ambassador Hugh Gibson, have been flying around the world with President Hoover, <sup>who has been</sup> making a study of starvation problems in many lands.

President Hoover, ~~by the way~~, arrived at Baghdad in the only way that one should arrive at the city of Haronn al Raschid - flying through the air, on a modern Magic Carpet.

For many years there has been an American

School in Baghdad, presided over by two great people, Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Staudt -- Pennsylvanians. Now their school is to blossom forth as one of our American Near East-Middle East college group, along with Beirut, Istanbul and Athens. The plan is to train the young men of Iraq in agriculture and engineering, in the hope that they some day will transform their country back into the Garden of Eden, that the Bible tells us it was in the days of Adam and Eve. *Start to p4*

A young American educator, Dr. Ralph LaShaum, flew from Cairo to Baghdad with President Hoover's party. He is there to understudy and relieve Dr. Staudt and help build his new college -- which, by the way should not be confused with the famous Jesuit College in Baghdad.

Hugh Gibson and Frank Mason are members of the Board of Trustees of our new American college in the city of the Caliphs. President Hoover went with them to school, to call on the Staudts.

Here is the way Frank Mason describes what happened; -

"Mrs. Staudt, a dear little American Lady, greeted us and showed us around with the greatest pride -- told us how important it is to get the boys young enough to mold their characters." The Staudts have been doing this for thousands of boys of the Middle East, for a quarter of a century.

As she was showing us her parlor", continued Frank Mason, "a few feet below the surface of the patio, built low to be cool in summer, in came the Chief," meaning President Hoover. "The Tigres River is unusually high now. Its waters had come as far as the school, flooding all the ground floor."

There stood the former President of the United States in a Baghdad parlor, with the waters of the Tigres half way up to his knees. Mrs. Staudt picked that moment to mention to Mr. Hoover that he too, was one of their Trustees. "The Chief" in that rather shy



way of his mumbled something about never contradicting a lady. "And so between Mrs. Staudt, the subterranean parlor, and his interest in trying to solve the Palestine problem through improving the agriculture in Iraq and Arabia," continues Frank Mason, "former President Hoover became the newest trustee of this new American college that is to be built in Baghdad."

Oh yes, Mr. Hoover generously said he was going to give Five Thousand Dollars to the School which is now in the midst of a campaign for funds.

✓ The former President of the United States flew up and down the Tigris and Euphrates studying it from the air with a view to the possibility of building great dams that may at a not too far distant date transform Iraq into the rich granary that it once was. The new American college to be built out there will play a big role in this. And as the Near and Middle East are now regarded as the world's most dangerous spots, politically, what could be more

important for us than to do everything possible for  
the people of those lands, and to win their friendship

On all sides are vivid and graphic exhibits of the  
winged creatures that fly over great spaces of the sea.

They are shown in flight and on the ground.  
The way they follow steamships, the way they come on  
remote islands of the ocean. That catches my eye

particularly is a group of Arctic terns over there -  
those remarkable birds that are said to migrate from the  
North Pole to the South Pole, stopping in between on  
distant reefs and rocks. The group of Arctic terns is  
shown on one of the Pacific islands, where they  
congregate in vast numbers.

The exhibit gives me a sort of fellow feeling,  
reminding me of a day last year when I found myself  
in the same company of the Arctic terns. On a trip to

## MUSEUM

Well, I'm surrounded by birds. Tonight I am broadcasting before a gathering in the Whitney Hall of oceanic birds at the American Museum of Natural History. On all sides are vivid, ~~and~~ graphic exhibits of the winged creatures that fly over great spaces of the sea.

They are shown in flight and on the ground, the way they follow steamships, the way they <sup>nest</sup> ~~nest~~ on remote islands of the ocean. <sup>TP</sup> What catches my eye particularly is a group of Arctic terns over there - those remarkable birds that are said to migrate from the North Pole to the South Pole, stopping in between on distant reefs and rocks. The group of Arctic terns is shown on one of the Pacific islands, where they ~~runways~~ congregate in vast numbers.

The exhibit gives me a sort of fellow feeling, reminding me of a day last year when I found myself amid swarms of ~~the~~ Arctic tern. On a trip ~~I made~~ to



the war fronts in the Far Pacific, & returned<sup>by</sup> by way of Johnson Island - a tiny bit of land, a mere speck on the vast expanse of the Pacific. There was hardly enough room for the ~~xxx~~ airstrip, and there was distinctly not enough room for both the planes and the birds. The island had been a base for the Arctic tern long ages before an airbase was dreamed of. And the birds had flocked in as usual - for their customary stop on the long flight from ~~xxx~~ Pole to Pole. And they<sup>now</sup> found that their island had been preempted by those other and much bigger birds that roared for landings and take-offs.

The swarms of Arctic terns did<sup>not</sup> not like it at all. They flocked in beside the runway - and on the runways. When a plane came roaring, they blackened the air as they rose, and deafened one's ears with the sound of their shrill and angry cries. ~~They were~~ Exceedingly indignant, <sup>they</sup> and wanted everybody to know it, ~~apparently~~. That was on Johnson Island, thousands of miles away, and here,

in the middle of New York, what do I see again -

but a typical group of Arctic terns. That's one of the

many <sup>bits</sup> ~~bits~~ of magic at the American Museum of Natural

History.

COAL

In the coal strike the Federal conciliator today walked out. Paul Fuller resigned, saying he did not approve of the way the Government was handling things <sup>in the</sup> ~~for~~ negotiations between the companies and the Union. He didn't explain just what displeased him, but his walkout occurred shortly after Union leader John L. Lewis had caused new difficulty by presenting another ultimatum. Lewis turned down a company offer concerning vacation pay for the miners -- an offer which previously appeared to be acceptable to the Union. And still later -- Lewis <sup>threatened to</sup> ~~threatened to~~ extend the strike. The present walkout is one of soft coal miners -- and anthracite comes next -- with John L. Lewis stating that the anthracite miners will join the strike on May Thirty-first, unless their demands are met.



## EXPLOSION

Today's explosion at Leonardo, New Jersey, produced one of the weirdest of miracles. Ammunition was being unloaded from the U.S.S. SOLAR, a destroyer escort. The sailors were carrying shells. One of these, while being passed along, exploded. The miracle, utter and ~~incomprehensible~~ incomprehensible, is that the sailor, who was passing the shell along, was not injured. Praise the Lord - and pass the ammunition. But others were injured, and some were killed, in what then happened.

The blast of the shell was followed by a tremendous detonation. ~~The explosion of the shell touched off the~~ <sup>The powder</sup> ~~magazine of the destroyer escort.~~ <sup>exploding, and</sup>

The ship blew up and sank. Seven sailors are missing, believed to have perished - and scores were injured.

~~It was~~ A disaster so violent that it was felt twenty-two miles away. But the sailor in whose hands the shell exploded, saved by a miracle.

## BASEBALL

In baseball the pitching seems to be mighty good this first post-war season of the national game. Bob Feller pitched a no-hitter today. This was the second of the young season, a hurler of the Brooklyn Dodgers having previously accomplished the feat. Bob Feller today, with his blinding speed, pitched a game of no hits and no runs -- and struck out eleven. And a nothing-to-nothing tie until the ninth inning, when a Cleve-Indian hit a homer.

And now, Hugh -- nothing less than a home run from you.