

The United Nations is hearing the Zionist argument in the Palestine ~~is~~ dispute. Today, (Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver appeared as a spokesman for the Jewish agency.) He began by presenting the Zionist case in its international legal aspect. <sup>(He accused</sup> ~~he~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>)</sup> Great Britain of violating the mandate <sup>under</sup> ~~of~~ which the British were granted control of Palestine. The old League of Nations issued that Mandate with a proviso that a Jewish national home should be established in the Holy Land -- according to the Balfour declaration. Thus argued the distinguished Jewish ~~XXXXXX~~ leader with emphasis on the contention that the pledge meant that Jewish Zionists were to be enabled to immigrate to Palestine. <sup>Y</sup> Therefore, he called upon the United Nations to decree the establishment of a Jewish state and the removal of all restrictions on Jewish immigration into the Holy Land. This, he said, would result in what he called -- "a great stimulus to the rebirth and progress of the entire

Near East, with which the destinies of the Jewish National Home are naturally bound up".

FOREIGN POLICY

The Truman policy to ~~xxxx~~ check Communism in the Near East is going through the lower house of Congress with a hail and hoorah. Today opponents of the bill to halt Soviet aggression hurled a series of amendments to wreck the program, but all these accomplished was to give ~~the~~ the ~~opponents~~ <sup>supporters</sup> of the Truman policy a chance to show their strength -- amendments shouted down with a roar. The final touch came when our delegate to the United Nations, Warren Austin, sent a message to Congress urging the Four Hundred million dollar plan to aid Greece and Turkey against the Reds. The Warren Austin plea brought a climax of support. ~~for the measure~~ .



CHINA

News from China tells of food riots, these following a dizzy increase of the price of rice. This morning, Chinese housewives found that a bag of rice had gone up thirty ~~x~~ thousand <sup>"C N"</sup> Chinese Dollars. The Chinese staff of life had risen from two hundred thousand dollars a bag to two hundred and thirty thousand. An hour later, there was a further rise of ~~x~~ seventy thousand dollars -- bringing up the price of rice to three hundred thousand <sup>Chinese</sup> dollars a bag. ~~Chinese dollars, of course, the actual price in American money being eleven cents a pound.~~

~~All of which is a weird sign of the fantastic and disastrous inflation of currency in China. Or do you want another sign, something still more weird?~~ Today the Chinese Minister of Finance presented the official budget to the Council of State, a budget amounting to twenty trillion Chinese dollars) -- that much for Government expenditures in the coming year. The budget figures



show that the amount already spent this year comes  
to five trillions -- revenue two trillions --  
deficit, three trillions. <sup>TP</sup> ~~We Americans are rather~~  
~~staggered by having our own government finance~~  
~~run into the billions.~~ Well, a trillion is a  
thousand billion, and (Chinese inflated finance is  
running into trillions.) The <sup>is</sup> budget of twenty  
trillions comes to about one billion and six hundred  
millions in American money. Meaning -- about  
thirteen thousand <sup>en-</sup> Chinese dollars, for one American  
dollar.

MACARTHUR

General MacArthur denies he promised that America would guarantee the defense of Japan -- denies that he made any such pledge to the Emperor Hirohito. The story has been wide-spread, ever since the Mikado made a recent visit to the Supreme Commander. <sup>TP</sup> In Tokyo the rumor circulates insistently that MacArthur said to Hirohito that ~~Japan~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ while <sup>Japan</sup> remains ~~unarmed~~ <sup>unarmed</sup> under a Constitution forbidding war, the task of defending Japan, if need be, is assumed by the United States. <sup>TP</sup> The MacArthur reply is: ~~to that is~~ -- "absurdity so evident as to warrant no serious comment". <sup>TP</sup> MacArthur points out that the security of Japan is the task of the allied victor<sup>s</sup> in the war until a peace treaty is signed. After a peace treaty, the security of the disarmed country will rest with the United Nations. <sup>TP</sup> However,

the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan does take note of the following: "The United States" says he, "might well have a special interest in the matter, because of the strategic, geographic location of Japan, in relation to American Pacific defense".

TRUMAN

President Truman celebrated his birthday today by recalling the same day -- two years ago. The Presidential birthday coincides with the anniversary of the surrender of Nazi Germany -- and so two years ago Harry Truman, who had recently become President, celebrated ~~his birthday~~ by announcing the final victory in Europe.

Today he recalled that jubilant proclamation which he <sup>had</sup> made to a news conference <sup>at the time.</sup> ~~He~~ remembering how one of the top-flight news men -- Merriman Smith, <sup>had</sup> broke<sup>n</sup> his shoulder in the wild rush of the reporters to telephones, to flash the headline: <sup>"Germany surrenders!"</sup> Today the President, again in a press conference, remarked that nobody would break a shoulder this time, because he hadn't any such headline to announce. What he had to say ~~is~~ was that <sup>on this</sup> ~~is~~ his sixty-third birthday he believed that international difficulties would be worked out, that the world would enjoy an enduring peace.



No, that bit of news didn't cause any rush of reporters to telephones and no shoulders were broken. The boys just sauntered out.

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill to give up the leadership of the Conservative party -- that's the word from London tonight. The dispatch states that Britain's war-time Prime Minister is determined to step out as leader of His Majesty's opposition.

Today Churchill resigned from a committee of the House of Commons, the Committee on Privileges. This is interpreted as a possible step toward giving up other responsibilities -- as soon as the present crisis in Britain is over.

There is lively London discussion of a possible Churchill successor. And in the foreground stands the name of -- Anthony Eden. The general supposition is that Eden, Churchill's war-time Foreign Secretary will take the place of his old chief, *as leader of the Conservative opposition.* However, there is contrary opinion, based on reports that Eden's health is not too good. Also, on the opinion that he lacks force and fighting spirit. Not enough of a battler to succeed

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such a champion parliamentary battler as Winston  
Churchill.



Shortly before noon today the London House of Commons adjourned a session that set a record for many years. The House of Commons had ~~■~~ sat constantly ever since yesterday afternoon — the session twenty-one hours and seventeen minutes long. -- Some two hundred M P's stuck it out through the night, many of them preserving British traditions of formal dress, white ties and tails.

<sup>TP</sup> They were debating a conscription bill, and the proceedings were not only long, but also stormy. What ~~these~~ <sup>they</sup> succeeded in doing <sup>in</sup> all that time was ~~to~~ cut the term of proposed military service from eighteen months to twelve months: ~~And that~~ <sup>an</sup> amendment was bitterly attacked by the Conservatives, ~~headed~~ by Winston Churchill.

Shortly before noon today they took a recess before going into the final process of enacting conscription, and <sup>today</sup> there were a lot of tired M P's. ~~after the twenty-one-hour and seventeen-minute session~~ <sup>TP</sup> The all-time record for the House

of Commons is forty-one-hours and -thirty- minutes.  
That seance of continuous deliberation for nearly  
two days at a stretch occurred back in Eighteen  
Eighty-One -- back in the heroic Parliamentary  
days of Queen Victoria.

## BAPTISTS AND METHODISTS

An accusation was made today by two great religious groups against another -- the Methodists and the Baptists charging the Roman Catholic church with denying religious freedom to Protestants -- in lands under Catholic control. This resolution was adopted by the Methodist National Council of Bishops in session at Riverdale, California.

The Methodist Bishops declare that in Argentina the law, in their words: "now requires the teaching of the Roman Catholic religion even in schools of protestant churches."

"And," the Methodists continue, "the situation in Italy and Spain denies to Protestants the religious freedom which Protestants in the United States desire Roman Catholics to enjoy."

At the same time, the Council of Methodist Bishops repeated the demand that President Truman withdraw the personal White House representative now assigned to the Vatican.

The Southern Baptists, meeting in St. Louis, adopted similar resolutions today.



## LABOR

The Senate voted this afternoon to put restrictions on labor union welfare funds. The law makers voted an amendment of the labor bill that is being enacted, an amendment providing that no union collecting a welfare fund from employers shall be permitted to use that fund for political purposes -- not as a political war chest.

This referred pointedly to John L. Lewis and the miners union, Lewis having demanded a levy of ten cents a ton on coal for the mine union welfare fund.

TELEPHONE STRIKE

The telephone strike is virtually over -- after the settlement between the ~~XXXXXX~~ companies and the long distance union today. That was the one important problem that remained. However, there still remained minor groups out on strike in various parts of the contry with picket lines that hindered employees who wanted to go back to work. All of which comes under the heading of a final mopping up -- after the settlement ~~with~~ with the long distance workers.

## ECLIPSE

Deep in the interior of South America, far inland Brazil, a whole town with elaborate and expensive equipment has been set up to wait for just four minutes. It is "Astronomer Town" rendez-vous of star gazers. ~~Our~~ Army Air Forces, the <sup>U.S.</sup> Government Bureau of Standards, and the National Geographical Society have collaborated in sending scientists and scientific equipment, ~~Army planes commanded by General Curtis LeMay, veteran of World War air campaigns, have flown fifty tons to that remote point in the South American wilderness~~ including ten tons of telescopes, cameras and other scientific gadgets. *The purpose,*

~~The purpose is to observe an eclipse of the sun, with the most up to date kind of study. The total eclipse will be visible only in that region of the tropics, and will occur, twelve~~

*to observe an eclipse)*  
~~days from now -- beginning at eight thirty-four~~  
~~PM~~ *with that* May Twenty ~~th~~ will last exactly four minutes, and for which brief space of time, so much



complicated preparation has been made. (~~It will be just too bad if the sky should be cloudy when these precious four minutes roll around -- if it should rain or hail -- or maybe cloud up.~~)

The place the scientists have selected is a dry high plateau -- but even so, <sup>Brazil</sup> ~~the~~ weather has a way of being uncertain.

~~A ponderous camera has been specially built to photograph the solar-corona during the eclipse, the bright sun-flames that are seen at the time of totality. They'll be photographed in color, and delicate instruments ~~xxx~~ will record the ~~spectra~~~~ New evidence will be sought for the Einstein theory of relativity, evidence consisting of a displacement of stars in the vicinity of the sun in eclipse -- the Einstein theory holding that the rays of light that pass near the sun are bent, curved. <sup>TR</sup> Also signs will be sought bearing on the new theory that the heat and energy of the sun are produced by a stupendous atomic chain-

reaction -- similar to that of the atomic bomb.--  
The sun, in reality, a super giant atomic bomb,  
in constant explosion.

All these profound matters of science  
will depend on those fleeting four minutes when  
there's total eclipse ~~in~~ in the distant interior  
of Brazil.



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And now let's all shed a tear of pity for a rancher at Tulare, California -- Charles ~~St~~ Sturtevant, who raises cattle, <sup>and</sup> turkeys, ~~and cattle~~. Rancher Sturtevant needed more water on his place -- things have a way of being ~~in~~ dry -- out there in the region of Death Valley and the Mojave Desert. So he drilled a well for ~~ix~~ water. But he failed to find any. ~~water~~. Instead, he struck oil. So now instead of a water-well he has an oil well.

TP Which makes Rancher Sturtevant sad and pathetic -- his ranch really does need water. Today he said:- "We'll have to shut the well off, and try another spot. All I want is a water well", he groaned.

TP Poor fellow. Let's hope he succeeds -- and doesn't have to get along with a mere oil well worth maybe a million or so.



CONGRESSMAN

And now fellows how would you like to take ~~a thousand~~ <sup>830</sup> ladies to luncheon? Don't faint -- just give a groan of pity for Congressman Kunkel of Pennsylvania. In Washington today that legislator was host at luncheon to a thousand women.

You know how it is when you entertain the girl friend -- how you smile when you pick up the check. Well, ~~the~~ <sup>Kunkel</sup> Congressman picked up a thousand-fold check today.

It was all the result of ~~an~~ <sup>a reckless</sup> idea that ~~legislator~~ <sup>law maker Kunkel</sup> had a few years ago, when he invited some of his feminine constituents to have luncheon with him in Washington. After which, the idea grew and grew -- the luncheon became a yearly institution with more and more feminine constituents accepting the invitation -- until today the number climbed to ~~one thousand~~ <sup>830</sup>. In addition to which the Congressman called up a number of other legislators to help him -- including Joe Martin of Massachusetts and Sam Rayburn of Texas. That, of course, increased the size of the check -- but then, who wouldn't be chivalrous toward the ladies, when they are voters in your district? ~~-----~~

ADD CONGRESSMAN

The latest from Washington states that the luncheon check stood the Congressman Twenty-five hundred dollars. But on the other hand, the crowd of feminine constituents from back home saluted <sup>Uncle</sup> Kunkel with the sweet strains of "let me call you sweetheart". Which may have a sentimental meaning in the way of election day votes.

## SINGING

A new idea for improving labor relations emanates from Los Angeles. The Boss, we are told, should put his employees in a pleasant frame of mind, by singing to them. When he arrives in the morning, he should walk into the office -- singing. ~~and~~<sup>TP</sup> not only that, he should repeat the tuneful performance during the day -- walking around among the workers ~~and warbling~~<sup>— warbling</sup> like a lark. <sup>TP</sup> Maybe it is a good idea; -- but, what if the Boss should have a raucous voice, ~~and~~<sup>sing off key,</sup> hit sour notes? <sup>TP</sup> However that may be, the theory of the singing Boss was propounded today in an address before a conference of business men, an address by Salvation Army Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Brewer. He seemed entirely serious about it; ~~and it is~~<sup>but it's</sup> often hard to tell when ~~the~~ solemn earnestness ends and ~~the~~ kidding begins. Because, ~~the~~<sup>this Army colonel, I mean</sup> Salvation Army Lieutenant Colonel, went on to answer the inevitable question -- what kind of song should the Boss sing? <sup>TP</sup> You can take your pick among the popular ditties--



but here's the suggestion that he makes: he recommends the song: "I can't give you anything but love."

That from the Boss. And what from you Nelson?

## RUMANIA

In Washington the State Department reveals that Soviet Russia has made a drastic demand on Rumania. That nation with a Communist controlled government, is in desperate straights for food. Yet the Soviets require that the Rumanians deliver four hundred freight - car loads of white flour to be consumed by the Red forces occupying Rumania. At the same time, the State Department takes note of reports that other great quantities of grain are being shipped from the hungry ridden Balkan country to Soviet Russia.

"If that is true" said an American diplomatic spokesman today, "we will have no recourse but to stop the shipment of American grain to Rumania," meaning indirectly, sending stocks of food to the Soviets.