

JORDAN

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The new Premier of Jordan is Hussein Khalidi - a moderate supporter of pro-Western King Hussein. The surprise is that the Khalidi Cabinet includes - Left Wing former Premier Nabulsi, who was ousted by King Hussein - because of his pro-Soviet, pro-Egyptian policies. ~~It isn't clear what~~
~~minister~~ ^{becomes Foreign Minister} Nabulsi/~~will hold~~ in the new government.

His appointment indicates - a compromise regime. Which opinion is further supported by an announcement - that there will be no change in Jordanian foreign policy. King Hussein - promising that. Jordan - to remain lined up with Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia.

Such is today's quieting news from a kingdom - which seemed as if it might go to pieces over the weekend. The young King, himself, ^{said} ~~told a crowd in Amman that~~ he would abdicate, if necessary, to preserve Arab solidarity. ~~Such is the report in~~
~~Syria~~ while London says that Hussein had already made plans to ^{That is,} flee. Get out of the country - if the Left Wingers got control. However, after five days of near chaos - there's a

compromise. Ousted Premier Nabulsi - accepting a place in a moderate ministry.

(Still, the situation in Jordan is described as - tense. One point of uncertainty - the army. Over the weekend, the word was that King ~~NUM~~ Hussein had blocked an attempt by Left Wingers to get control of the military forces. The Chief-of-Staff - ousted. Or - arrested. All of which, however, is doubtful - and it is ^{not} clear, tonight, who is running the Jordanian army.)

PASSOVER

Today was a day of rejoicing in Israel - ~~Not~~ particularly because of the international situation, ~~But~~ because - of triumphant events of long ago. The Passover - celebrating the exodus of the ancient Hebrews from bondage in Egypt. When Moses - led the children of Israel toward the Promised Land.

Tonight, during the Seder services at supper - Israel families will also recall the recent military victory scored by Israel against Egypt, a few weeks ago. That, along with memories of Moses.

CHINA

Big celebrations - in Red China. Welcoming Soviet President Voroshilov, on a visit to Communist Peking. Voroshilov welcomed by top officials of the Red regime - including Mao Tse-tung, who is not seen in public often, nowadays.

A million people lined the five mile route from the airport into the city - cheering Voroshilov, as he passed. Peking - bedecked with Chinese Communist and Soviet Russian flags.

SWEDEN

Sweden - having a big spy trial. The two defendants being - a former Assistant Secretary of the Swedish Atomic Energy Commission, And - a former civilian employee of the Swedish Navy.

The espionage - not atomic, we hear. Although involving - a high atomic official. The secrets involved - concerning submarines.

They say the two defendants offered for sale to Soviet Russia - blueprints of Sweden's newest undersea craft. So secret - that at the launching ceremonies, parts of the submarines were covered by tarpaulins, To hide - new devices.

ATOMIC CONFERENCE

At Rochester, New York - the Russians are not there.

A top level conference of ~~some~~ atomic scientists - going into session today. But - no Soviet scientists. A seven-man delegation had been expected. Their attendance - cancelled at the last minute. A message from Moscow stating: "Regret Russian delegation cannot attend Rochester conference. Technical reasons prevent."

We are not informed what the technical reasons may be - but those atomic discussions will have to get along without anybody from behind the Iron Curtain.

REFUGEE

At Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, they^are investigating a story - told by a Hungarian refugee. U.S. Immigration Officer John Ownes declaring - he's a bit skeptical about it. The tale - so melodramatic.

Yesterday, a big transport plane arrived - with seventy-eight Hungarian refugees. One of them - telling of a poisonous white powder, sprinkled on his food - while the plane was flying from Linz, Austria, to the United States. The attempted poisoning - the doing of three Communist agents aboard. The Hungarian stating - that he recognized three members of the ~~Soviet Secret~~ Soviet Secret Police among the refugees.

He told this to the pilot - who radioed the word on to McGuire Air Force base. An investigation - now being held.

EDEN

The medical report on Sir Anthony Eden - good.

On Saturday, at the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, the former Prime Minister underwent a bile-duct operation.

The fourth operation he has had - in four years. The hospital report uses the words, "reasonable prospects", in describing the chances of a complete recovery for Sir Anthony Eden.

POST OFFICE

It looks as if ^{we might} ~~we will~~ have our full postal service back - by Saturday. The House, today - voting forty-one million dollars as an emergency fund for the Post Office. Postmaster General Summerfield, insisting on - forty-seven million. But the belief is - that he can get by with forty-one.

The measure passed by the House goes to the Senate, where quick action is expected - so that the cut-backs in mail service ^{may} ~~will~~ end this week. Saturday - seeing normal service again.

(Today's proceedings in the House featured plenty of argument. The Democrats - having a fling at the Postmaster General. Accusing him of a " contemptuous attitude". Because he wouldn't call off the postal curtailment - after a Congressional Committee voted the forty-one million, last Friday. Summerfield - not content with a mere Committee ~~approval~~ approval. Demanding - full Congressional action, which he now gets.)

The Republicans retorting - that Congress was to blame for the mail cut. "We had a month to pass the money bill in the House - and failed to do so", said G.O.P. Leader Joe Martin of Massachusetts.)

TEAMSTERS

(The Teamsters Union - all set for the big show at Galveston, Texas. The Executive Board of the giant labor organization - meeting to decide the future of Union President Dave Beck. Who, charged with financial irregularities - took the Fifth Amendment before a Congressional Committee.)

Beck, himself, arrived in Galveston today - ready for the decision, tomorrow. Predictions are - that he'll stay on as Union President.)

SHIP

In the harbor of the island of Kodiak, Alaska, there's an American freighter called - "one of the roughest, toughest, ships on the high seas." Two sailors - to go on trial for murder. Climaxing - one of the rowdiest of slam-bang voyages.

The vessel, Mission Solodad, steamed from Japan - around through the Indian Ocean, ^{and on up the Red Sea} ~~to~~ to Cairo. Then - across the Atlantic, through the Panama Canal, and up to Alaskan waters. Quite a voyage - and quite a record was made for ~~such~~ ornery, cussed behavior. They say - it was just one long stretch of brawling and fighting, aboard Mission Solodad. Everybody ^{on} ~~aboard~~ the ship in the hostilities, except two. We're not informed ~~of~~ who those two peaceable characters were. But they were not the captain and the first mate, who participated in the fighting.

When the Mission Solodad ~~reached~~ reached Kodiak Island, several members of the crew were in the brig, and then the fatal fracas occurred. Three sailors - ~~in~~ a wild mix-up.

During which - one was hit on the head with a wooden slat, with fatal results.

All of which is being brought out in legal proceedings on Kodiak Island. Which ^{large} ~~is a~~ northern land is a good place for a murder trial.

ROBBERS

Over the weekend, Steven Thomas was at a bar in Indianapolis - and the television was on. Steve gazed, and saw a news picture of a bank robbery. Saw himself - holding up the Sinclair Savings and Loan Company, at Cleveland, Ohio. Which happened - on Friday.

That was too much for Steve. Who, in one tavern after another, during a flight across country - had been seeing that same film put on television. Calling for the arrest of the robber - and he, himself, was the robber. It was too much for his nerves, and he boarded a bus for Cleveland - where he gave himself up, confessing.

The bank - equipped with a hidden camera, ~~was~~ an anti-robbery device. The camera - making a movie of every detail. As the robber held up the bank employees and customers - with a gun. An eighteen year old girl confederate - scooping up some twenty-five hundred dollars from the cash drawer.

They made a clean get-away, but the film was put on television everywhere. The hold-up man -- pursued by motion pictures *from which he couldnt escape.*

BASEBALL

The baseball season began impressively, today - but only in one respect. President Eisenhower threw out the first ball in Washington.

Only one game today - between the Washington Senators and the Baltimore Orioles. ~~XX~~ The other teams - beginning their seasons, tomorrow.

The Senators and the Orioles - hardly sound glorious. Both teams - headed, almost surely, for the tail end of the League. ~~Either a possibility for last place.~~ The Senators - a favorite for last place.

Nor was the result of today's game a joy for President Eisenhower - who roots for the Washington team. The Senators losing - seven-to-~~one~~ ^{- six in eleven innings,} ~~in a ragged game.~~

The experts are almost unanimous in picking the New York Yankees to win the American League pennant. In the National League - ~~the~~ predictions favor Brooklyn. ^{- or Cincinnati!} ~~Although~~
~~Not so unanimously.~~ Or - you pick the winner.

ARROW

This next bit of news calls for a couple of lines of poetry. Remember that lyric by Longfellow?

"I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where."

At Oklahoma City, a small boy shot an arrow into the air - and it came down on the head of nine year old Jimmy Rains. The arrow had a sharp nail for a point - and stuck in Jimmy's skull.

The doctor took it out, and Jimmy is okay - but it did produce a variation of those lines of Longfellow.

JOKES

A New York psychiatrist informs us - that the jokes we laugh at are like serious thinking among people in a lunatic asylum. Dr. Max Levin points out that schizophrenia - often produces a line of conversation resembling the usual run of comedy.

Here's one type of schizophrenic thinking. Embodied - in a funny story, as follows: The patient asks:

"When this finger heals, doctor, will I be able to play the piano?"

The doctor says "yes", and the patient exclaims:

"That's wonderful - and I never had a piano lesson in my life!"

Then the following - which is an ancient pattern in a whole family of jokes.

The customer says to the waitress: "May I have a cup of coffee without cream?"

"I'm sorry, sir, but we have no cream."

"Okay, then give me a cup of coffee without milk."

That's exceedingly schizophrenic.

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END

Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: April Fifteenth, last year, was a Sunday. The sports pages of the newspapers - carrying predictions for the forthcoming baseball season.

The Associated Press forecast, for the American League, was: New York, Boston, Cleveland, Chicago - in the first division. Actually, it came out - New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Boston.

In the National League they picked: Brooklyn, Milwaukee, St. Louis, New York. When the season was over the order was: Brooklyn, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, St. Louis. The disappointment - the New York Giants. Finishing sixth - instead of fourth.

Predictions - not so bad last year. *How do you think they'll* ~~How will they~~

come out this year? And So Long Until Tomorrow.