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SOVIETS

(San Francisco)

Today's reply to Moscow covers ground that has been repeated in the news -- except for one point. The American diplomatic note presents one contention that is new.

It rejects flatly the Soviet charge, as we knew it would -- the charge that the Navy Privateer opened fire on Red fighter planes. Declares that the Privateer was unarmed, and accuses the Soviets of shooting down a defenceless American patrol plane with a crew of ten aboard.

The new contention in the note is that the Privateer was not over Soviet controlled Latvia at all, as Moscow charges -- but was shot down out over the Baltic Sea. This belief is put in the following words: "Investigation conducted by the United States Government has convinced it that the United States Navy plane in question did not fly over any Soviet occupied

territory or territorial waters." To which the following conclusion is added: "That Soviet military aircraft fired on an unarmed American plane over open sea, following which the American plane was lost."

So, therefore, our government demands amends, apology, and reparation -- the payment of indemnity for what is described as the "unprovoked destruction of American lives and property" And -- the punishment of the Red flyers involved.

But a State Department spokesman, declares that the Moscow government ^{already} has decorated the Red fighter pilots who committed what amounts to an ^{episode of} international wholesale murder. He points out, moreover, that the Russians showed no sign of wanting to help in the search for the missing ten American flyers -- thereby violating all the decencies of international conduct.

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The spokesman accuses Soviet Russia of what he calls -- "astonishing lack of common international courtesy and unusual disregard for human life." But is it at all unusual for the Reds to disregard human life? An ugly reflection in an ugly episode of the cold war.

CHINA

Chinese nationalists insist they won a great victory over communist invasion forces trying to seize the Island of Hainan. Reports tell of the smashing of a huge invasion fleet -- although it is admitted that one force of Red soldiers got ashore, establishing a beach-head. The nationalists ~~have~~ claimed that this party of reds has been surrounded, is being wiped out. On the Red side, the statement is that the communist beach-head is being expanded.

TRUMAN

President Truman makes a striking bid to enlist Republican help -- and strengthen the bi-partisan, ^{foreign} ~~fact~~ policy. Today the President and Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, held a conference with Senator Stiles Bridges of New Hampshire -- the ranking Republican, in the absence of Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, who is ill. After it was over, Senator Bridges declared, that the President and Secretary of State wanted an arrangement whereby Republican leaders would be consulted and informed on important points of United States foreign policy. They want to establish what the Senator called -- "Closer relationships with the Republican minority in the Senate." President Truman describes the conference as: "very satisfactory".

BANK

~~Tonight I am broadcasting in San Francisco,~~
~~where there is especial interest in a bit of news from~~
~~Washington -- banking news. Which tells of~~ ^{JP} ~~arrangements~~
to expand the biggest bank in the world -- and make it
still bigger. We hardly need to be told that it is a
California institution, the Bank of America -- founded
by the legendary A. P. Giannini. A six billion two
hundred and fifty million dollar bank, now increasing
its capital by seventy million more -- ~~(with a new issue~~
~~of stock.)~~ Twenty-two new branch banks being taken on,
to give the Giannini chain a total of five hundred ^{and}
forty-seven banks. Which is the latest in the growth
of a giant financial institution founded early in the
century by a wagon driver, who flourished in the trans-
portation of California vegetables, took over a small
Italian bank, and went on to create the largest ^{at} commercial
banking system in the world -- now to be still larger.

TUG

Out in the Pacific ocean they have found the missing tug - OMAR. "Six crew men aboard, safe and well."

Thus ends a long search for a craft ^{in trouble} ~~missing~~ ^{and missing} for five days, ever since last Thursday when the OMAR sent a radio message that she was ^{in difficulty.} ~~having trouble~~. Then -- silence. The tug put out from Honolulu, bound for San Francisco in spite of warnings that the boat was unseaworthy, not fit to make the voyage. It was feared she had sunk at sea; but now -- they have found the OMAR five-hundred-and-twenty-five miles west of Golden Gate.

COUNTERFEITERS

At Buffalo, New York, secret service men this afternoon arrested two counterfeiters -- and say that this hits right at the center of one of the biggest counterfeiting rings on record. For weeks they have been locking up passers of false currency, who spread around some three hundred thousand new dollars -- in ten and twenty dollar bills. But the arrests did not get to the heart of the matter -- didn't reach to the makers of the phony money, ~~and~~ who were so skilled, turning out such perfect ten and twenty dollar bills -- that they had bankers baffled.

Now they have been arrested, the secret- service men locking them up today -- two experts who, during the war cleaned up with counterfeit~~ing~~ rationing stamps. They were mighty slick ^{at} manufacturing money, but were a bit stupid otherwise -- when they sold

FORGER

Here is a sad story about one of those miracles in modern medicine -- it didn't work. Operation -- a failure. This -- in the case of a crook, who submitted to surgery, so that his dishonest impulses might be cured.

He is Thomas Hinkley, bad sheep of a good family, who ran a fantastic career, of passing bad checks. (He left a string of phoney paper across Eastern states, cashing worthless checks at such a rate that he was able to charter a yacht for a voyage to Bermuda, as a climax of a splurge of high living. In time,) he was arrested -- and, in jail at Miami, read of a new brain operation to destroy criminal tendencies. So he begged for a chance -- to go on the operating table and have the surgeons do a job of disconnecting crooked impulses.

~~It was~~ ^{Surgery} performed in Florida last October, and today Hinkley was under arrest in Massachusetts.

SUBSTITUTE - PLANE-BOMB

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apart for a smaller space of time than Elizabeth and Philip in the mere two and a half years.

One explanation is that Philip dislikes the royal routine of presiding at local functions, opening bazaars and laying corner stones -- and much prefers the life of the Navy. After his marriage to Elizabeth in the fall of 1947, he worked at the Admiralty in London for three months -- and was home every night. Then, after three months of this, he went on a job of naval history-research at Greenwich -- returning home to the Princess for weekends only. Last October Philip went off to Malta, stationed there -- and since then Elizabeth has seen him only a couple of times, traveling to Malta.

Gossip has it that all is not too happy in the household of the heiress to the crown. But this is denied -- and all we have is the contrast between

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the married life, so much apart, of Elizabeth and Philip, and the life, nearly always-together, of Victoria and Albert.

EGYPT

In Paris a swanky dressmaking firm says that Egypt will have a royal wedding in May. The Paris fashion experts know, because they have been providing the bride with her trousseau -- a fabulous array of the most expensive dresses, gowns and hats, lingerie and negligee.

All of which applies to a sad story of broken romance -- that we had some months ago. That was when the news told of Zaki Hashem, an economist attached to the Egyptian delegation to the U.N. -- who was engaged to be married to the beautiful Narriman, daughter of an officer in Cairo. But King Farok, sovereign of the land of the Nile, happened to set eyes on the lovely Narriman. Whereupon he gave a royal order that the engagement must be broken. -- And so it was.

At the time we heard how Narriman's heart was broken -- she telling the King she loved her fiancée. As for

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Zakî, his heart was broken too -- and he went his mournful way, deferring to the royal command.

Well, it would be in the tradition of old romance to say that Narriman is still grieved and sad, but her heart seems to have mended rather quickly -- because she has gone on a royal splurge, preparing for her wedding to a king. Last week she moved into one of the royal palaces at Cairo. After going to Paris and ordering as expensive a trousseau as Paris can provide. Which sure can be expensive.

That ~~gentle~~^{sibilant} sound you hear is a sigh of sentimental dissolution.

PRINCESS FATIMA

Paris will soon witness a marriage ceremony, most magnificent and stately -- not to say exotic. A Moslem wedding -- in traditional style of the royalty of Islam. All part of the news today, stating that kingly consent ^{now} has been given to the romance of Princess Fatima of Iran and her American bridegroom, Vincent Hillyer of Los Banos, California.

The stories were that her brother, the Shah of Persia, was angrily opposed -- his Majesty Mohammed Reza Pahlevi, who occupies the modern version of the throne of Cyrus and Darius. Word from Teheran was that the Princess would be deprived of her royal titles and privileges including -- her royal income. But today in Rome, she announced that her brother, the Shah, has changed his mind, and is prepared to give his blessing -- on one condition:—

Last week Fatima, [^] named after the daughter of Mohammed, [^] was married to the young Californian --

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in a civil ceremony, according to Italian law. But now they must have another wedding -- according to the law of the Prophet and the Koran. Which will be staged in Paris.

Might seem odd to see an American, ^{this bridegroom} from the West Coast, ~~as the bridegroom in~~ an affair so reminiscent of Bagdad of the Arabian Nights. But Vincent Hillyer says he has been studying Moslem theology. So, no doubt, he will know the answers -- the Mohammedan version of the wedding ring and the syllable "Yes," *don't you think, Wilson?*

BOY

News from San Diego -- traffic patrolman dismissed from his job, fired ignominiously. An officer -- ten years old, on junior traffic patrol at a school.

He saw three little girls crossing the street, and it was part of his job to help them across -- as an officer and a gentleman. They were dawdling, not going fast enough. So he speeded them up with shots from an air rifle, peppering the seat of their skirts with B.B.s. The three little girls fled in dismay -- and the ten year old traffic patrolman was immediately fired. No officer, no gentleman.

JET LINER

The first flight of a jet airliner from Canada to United States is just another sign of the constant advance of jet. Toronto to New York in less than an hour -- whereas the ordinary fast airliners take an hour and three-quarters. Average speed -- four hundred miles an hour. Canada shares in the British development of jet of commercial airplanes -- the British being ahead of everybody else along that line. But we are not likely to have jet airliners right away -- the pilot of today's plane stating that it will be two to five years before they are placed in passenger service.

PLANE - BOMB

I doubt if there has ever been a story as wretched and shabby as the one that develops - in the case of the aviation engineer who schemed to kill his wife and children by placing a time bomb in an airliner.

Three years ago, in New York, John H. Grant with a wife and two children - became involved in a lawsuit. The woman in the case took him to court, charging that he was the father of her child, and ~~she~~ won a paternity suit. Grant had to pay up - and this, he says, burdened him in debt, which haunted and harrassed him. Hounded -- by debt.

Then his job, as technician working for an airline, took him and his family to the Pacific Coast, Los Angeles. There he met an airline stewardess, a good-looking blonde, and got into a ~~love~~ affair with her. He told her he was married, but said he was separated ~~from his wife, from whom~~ ~~he was~~ about to be divorced. On that basis of

falsehood he asked the airline stewardess to marry him, when his divorce came through -- and she agreed.

Then, recently, Grant concocted the revolting scheme of ~~his~~ killing his wife and two children in an airplane crash.

He called the airline stewardess in the morning, and told her that he was on his way for the final arrangements on his divorce - the legal formalities that would enable him to marry her.

Then drove his wife and two small children to the airport, together with a suitcase containing an incendiary time bomb. The car belonged to the airline stewardess. At the airport he watched as his family boarded the plane. (~~watched also, as the baggage men were putting aboard the luggage of the passengers - his eye on that suitcase full of murder~~)

But
~~Then, - so~~ he claims - he lost heart -- and couldn't go through with the hideous crime. He

shouted to a baggage man, who was stowing away that suitcase. Yelled ~~to him to take it out.~~ there was a bomb in it. The baggage man dropped the suitcase -- which thereupon erupted smoke. Grant dashed out, seized the burning piece of baggage, tried to run away -- ~~but~~ was quickly caught.

All the while, the airplane stewardess in the case was not far away - working on ~~in~~ her job at the airport. ~~(She heard the alarm about the bomb -- but never dreamed it concerned the man she expected to marry. However,~~ The police found out quickly that the car in which Grant had driven his family belonged to ^{her.} ~~the stewardess.)~~ They questioned her and she told the story of her romance - a story which, today she repeated to newsmen, weeping all the while.

Grant's first explanation was that he had schemed the murder ^{to} ~~of his wife and two children to~~ collect insurance - the wife having taken out twenty-

five thousand dollars worth of airline insurance on herself and two youngsters. ~~He said he was driven to it by a hounding of those debts which he had incurred by reason of the illicit romance in New York.~~

But the disclosure of his engagement to marry the airplane stewardess -- made the whole thing look like the headline horror in Canada, in which a husband, wanting to marry another woman, placed a time bomb on an airliner, and killed his wife and a score of other passengers.

Today ~~Grant denied this.~~ Talking to the police in his jail cell, he said -- ~~no,~~ it was the insurance money, the pressure of those debts. He admitted his affair with the stewardess - how he had lied to her by saying he was getting a divorce from his wife, how he had promised to marry her. But, he explained that he was playing her false, (had no intention of marrying her.) Just - stringing her along.