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SUBSTITUTE LEAD PALESTINE

The latest from Palestine is a Jewish charge that Arab warplanes today bombed residential sections of Jerusalem -- hurling high explosives and incendiary missiles on parts of the Holy City that are of ~~great~~ no military importance. This coincides with late reports of heavy fighting, of pitched battles in Jerusalem -- the Arab Legion making a violent effort to break down Jewish resistance, in a hurry. The reason for the haste is, that ~~the~~ the Arabs would like ~~to~~ to seize Jerusalem before tomorrow afternoon -- ~~because that is~~ the deadline when the Moslems are required to give their final answer to the orders issued by the United Nations, "Stop fighting! cease fire". The Arabs would like to have the Holy City, the big prize, before they give a reply.

Just what they will say when the deadline comes around is a matter ~~that is~~ being debated in the city of Amman, capital of Trans-Jordan, where representatives of the Arab states gathered today. (Israel agreed

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to the U N demand right away, and ordered Jewish forces to stay quiet, unless attacked. They are being attacked, and are fighting. However, the Israeli have formally accepted, leaving it up to the Arabs -- the gathering of Moslem delegates at Amman.

The outlook is pessimistic. The United Press despatch from the capital of Trans-Jordan informs us that there is discord among the Arabs, but they are agreed *on one point. They want* ~~is believing that they cannot~~ have a truce with Israel, if Jewish immigration into Palestine continues during the period of the truce. Because that would mean constantly increasing manpower for the Jewish state -- growing strength while the fighting was in abeyance. ~~So~~ The news despatch from Amman says ^{the} prospects are that the Arabs will reply -- yes, they will cease fire if they get guarantees that Israel ~~will not take advantage of an armistice to build up Jewish forces in Palestine. That is, they will if they~~ will stop Jewish immigration. But that, of course, would go contrary to the essential Jewish idea of bringing Zionist immigrants into Palestine.)

WEIZMANN

The President of Israel had a talk with the President of the United States today -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann a guest at the White House. He spoke to President Truman about two matters in particular -- an American loan for the new Jewish State, and a lifting of the American Arms Embargo. Dr. Weizmann says the President appeared to be sympathetic on both questions.

The loan he suggested was a matter of something between ninety million and a hundred million. And he quotes President Truman as saying: "There will be no trouble about that, because the Jews pay their debts."

On the subject of lifting the Arms Embargo, Dr. Weizmann presents the President's attitude in the following words: "I told him this was urgent, and he agreed," ^{so} says the provisional President of ~~the State~~ ^{Israel} ~~of Israel~~.

LEBANON

The State Department in Washington has received an answer from the Lebanon, on the subject of the forty-one American citizens who were taken from an American ship. The Government of the Lebanon now agrees to release them with a big - if. They were seized on the ground that they were American Zionists on their way to Palestine to fight in the army of Israel. So now the Lebanese authorities agree to turn them loose - if they will return directly to the United States.

Will Washington accept any such condition? Today the State Department refused to answer the question, and we merely hear that the forty-one, themselves, are being asked. The American Minister at Beirut has gone to put the question to them - do they want to go back to the United States?

They are being held in the military barracks at Baalbek, about forty miles from Beirut. They are being well treated, their only complaint that they haven't enough bed sheets or towels or soap - a frequent complaint

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in the lands of the East. Their place of internment, Baalbek, is famous in history for having some of the most colossal pillars in the world, and I hope the interned American citizens there may be getting a glimpse of those immense columns and sculptured architecture, which date back to the imperial time of the Roman Caesars - Baalbek's Temple of the Sun.

AUTO WORKERS

It is believed that the settlement made today between General Motors and the Auto Workers Union may set a pattern for other agreements in the world of automobiles. The Chrysler strike, for example, might be ended on the same basis. General Motors gives its workers a wage boost of a flexible kind - based on the cost of living. The men get an increase of eleven cents an hour, with more to come if the ^{prices} ~~costs~~ of things continue to rise.

~~(The settlement will still have to be shaped by the workers themselves, ^{by a} taking a vote, but it is taken for granted that they will say okay. All of which will bring to an end the threat of a strike, which had been scheduled for Friday for a hundred General Motors plants across the nation, involving two hundred and twenty-five thousand Union members.)~~

~~This marks a Union success in the demand for a third round of wage increases. There have been two, already, since the end of the war, two pay boosts affecting the major American industries. So now the Union demand for number three~~

~~has won the concession of General Motors - in the form of a pay raise tied in with the cost of living.~~

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...with Mrs. Fort's Governor...
...nevertheless, Governor will continue with...
...his official duties of speech making, clapping the...
...activity in an old-fashioned manner. So he encourages...
...teaching.

...there are no cards or pinches to be won...
...popular support in an effort to establish himself as...
...lot of delegates as accused traitors. Many of the dele-
...ates to the Republican National Convention are counted...
...to candidates heavily in the running, favorite sons and...
...and, in fact they are required to give at least a...
...heartfelt vote, maybe nothing more. In the normal course...
...of events, having done that necessary duty, they will...
...going to somebody else. A lot of them have second...
...choices, but when it comes to the...
...franchise, let me say that it is almost certain that second

POLITICS

In our domestic ~~in the~~ political arena, (Harold Stassen will go right on campaigning -- even if the primaries are over. ~~Of course~~ ^{Oregon} was the last, with New York's Governor Dewey winning.) Nevertheless, Stassen will continue with his whirlwind tactics of speech making, stumping the country in an old-fashioned campaign. So he announces tonight.

No, there are no further primaries to be won or lost. ^{So what's the big idea? Well Stassen's} ~~Stassen's idea being to keep on pulling for~~ ^{out for} popular support in an effort to establish himself with a lot of delegates as "second choice". Many of the delegates to the Republican National Convention are committed to candidates hardly in the running, favorite sons and such, -- to whom they are required to give at least a courtesy vote, maybe nothing more. In the normal course of events, having done that courtesy duty, they will swing to somebody else. A lot of them have second choices, for whom to vote ^{when} ~~at~~ their duty is done -- and Stassen will now campaign to place himself in that second

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CHOICE POSITION WITH AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.

(~~Tonight in Washington, talking to a news conference he predicted that at the Convention no candidate will have enough votes to be nominated on the first ballot -- so the decision will be made by a subsequent switching of votes. ~~and hence his new campaign, "We are now battling it out for second choice", said he.~~~~)

But at the same time, there is one state delegation in which Stassen does not want to be second choice - and he is not first choice either. Oregon! Well, we seem to remember that Dewey carried Oregon, and has the delegation pledged to himself. Yes, but among the twelve Oregon delegates are friends of Stassen, partisans of Stassen -- including, surprisingly, Stassen's own campaign manager in Oregon. It is ^{an} ironical state of affairs to be explained by the fact that Stassen men were elected as delegates in various districts, ^{but} ~~and~~ the entire delegation was pledged by the result of the state vote as a whole. That is the law, ^{and it} ~~that~~ produces the

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strange result of Stassen men, including Stassen's own Oregon campaign manager, on the delegation pledged to

Dewey. ~~Some~~ ^{sure is} might get Stassen as their second choice? -

but he doesn't want them to be influenced by that.

It was disclosed tonight that he is urging his

supporters on the Oregon delegation to ~~vote for~~ ^{stick to} Dewey,

~~and the convention as long as the name of the New York~~

~~Governor is in the running.~~ It is conceivable that the

Stassen men, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ^{after} voting for Dewey on one ballot, might switch to their own personal favorite soon thereafter.

Stassen says he feels morally bound to ask them not to do so. So he has wired his Oregon campaign manager, now on the delegation pledged to Dewey, ~~He~~ has wired him in these terms: "I urge you and all my friends in the delegation to vote for Governor Dewey so long as he is in the race".

In Texas, the news is, of course, Democratic -- the South being that way. At the Democratic State Convention, which is being held at Brownwood, a bitter fight was waged all day, -- Truman and anti-Truman, The latest

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is news ^{that} of a switch ~~of~~ delegates ^{has} ~~having~~ broken a dead-
lock and swung the issue against President Truman. The
campaign against the president is ~~being~~ headed by Texas
Governor ^{Beau} Jester -- opposing the Truman program of racial
rights. (Tonight, in tumultuous noisy scenes, The Texas
State Democratic Convention voted one thousand and forty
seven to nine hundred and ninety-three in favor of the
anit-Truman program. ~~pushed by the governor.~~)

LUCIANO

These are election angles in

A sovereign bit of gangster insolence ~~is~~ reported from Palermo, in Sicily. There the Italian police have arrested the one-time New York mobster, Lucky Luciano - who, after serving a term in Sing Sing, was deported. Luciano returned to his native Italy, and from time to time there has been suspicious word about his doings over there. Now the Italian police have grabbed him on a charge of dealings with the Stellar Mafia. That's the old Black Hand, long infamous as a criminal organization on the island of Sicily - with tentacles extending to the United States.

Lucky Luciano has been living in the swankiest hotel at Palermo, and the Italian police have detected him in contact and communication with the Mafia. That outfit is charged with numerous robberies and murders in Sicily since the end of the war - which gives a more sinister appearance to the doings of Lucky Luciano.

Employees at the hotel in Palermo represent the one-time New York Racketeering king as doing a lot of bragging -

saying that he would soon return to the United States, in

some sort of triumph, apparently. They quote him as ^{declaring} ~~saying~~

^{that} he'll return, in the gangster's words - "after the election, when my enemies will no longer have power to harm me!"

^{TP} That would seem to be ^{the height of} fantastic insolence - the status of a deported criminal to be changed with the presidential

election. Lucky Luciano must be extremely sure of how the

election will go. He must be entirely certain that the next

President will not be - Tom Dewey, who as New York District

Attorney ^{Luciano's} ~~has~~ racketeering power and sent him to prison.

^{TP} An interesting presidential angle - in the story of a deported New York gangster who occupies a Sicilian prison cell tonight.

TREASURE

Tonight we have another buried treasure story - always a favorite romantic theme. This one comes from France, from which land of parley vous you can always expect some extra twists of dramatic mystery. A four million dollar treasure has been dug up in a forest near *the ancient walled city of* Avignon and is accompanied by the following remarkable story:-

In the Spring of Nineteen Forty-One, the dark days of Nazi occupation, an Italian laborer without a job spent the night in the woods, sleeping on the ground. He was awakened by the arrival of automobiles, from which several men emerged, carrying two heavy suitcases and shovels for digging. The Italian laborer, lying off in the black night among the trees, was unnoticed. He saw the quick digging of a hole, in which the two suitcases were placed - the earth shoveled back. Dramatic scene of treasure being buried.

The men with the shovels departed in their automobiles - whereupon the Italian laborer dug up the two suitcases. Certain that they were crammed with

valuables, he dragged them to another place in the forest, dug a hole there - and buried them all over again. He intended to come back and get them. But he never had a chance. As it happened, the Italian laborer was picked up by the French police for some offense or other, and sent to prison.

He has been in prison ever since. A month ago, he fell ill, and thought he was dying. Whereupon he told the story of the treasure to a fellow convict. Several days ago, this fellow convict was released, and headed straight for the forest near Avignon. ^{There he} ~~he~~ located the place where the Italian laborer had buried the two suitcases. He dug them up, and found heaps of gold coins, bank notes, jewelry and precious stones. So what did he do? He turned the treasure over to the police, *because he had to enlist the aid of somebody else.*

This leads to the final mysterious twist. When the treasure was retrieved, there were other signs. There were indications that maybe a murder had been committed. So perhaps the story may include something else, an element more sinister - the belief being that a body may

have also been buried in the forest near Avignon. The police think that the gold pieces, bank notes, jewelry and precious stones belonged originally to refugees of the Nazi occupation, who sought to safeguard their treasure by burying it in the Avignon forest.

WEATHER

Here's news from the Arctic that just been disc. with Benno Rybicki the

From the Arctic north of Canada comes a prediction of something new in weather reports. That is, reports about the temperature. As things go now, we are told merely about the degrees of Farenheit - what the thermometer says about conditions of heat or cold. That's not enough, and there is going to be more - so we hear from Churchill, ~~Manitoba~~ ^{on Hudson's Bay} an outpost far up in the Arctic.

There, the scientists of weather have been making studies of temperature and the wind - how cold you are when there's a frosty breeze blowing. Of course, we all know that a wintry day is chillier when it's ~~windy~~ ^{windy} and the scientists have been reducing this to a system. They have been measuring what they call- "wind chill," and they've discovered some things that sound ~~remarkable~~ remarkable. We think of twenty degrees above zero as not so cold, while forty below is abysmal. But the studies up there in the Arctic show that, so far as the human body is concerned - it's as cold at twenty above ⁴ with a twenty mile an hour wind blowing as it,

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is at forty below with a one mile wind. The blast of *the*
chilly gale makes all that difference. -- *as every veteran*
skier knows.

So, they ^{are} working out a new manner of weather
reporting - one that will give, not only the temperature but
also the "wind chill." That is, a combination of the
thermometer and the wind-measuring gadget. Or, to be
scientific, the anemometer.

3 And to be non-scientific —
to you, Nelson.

early May 25, 1948 bc.

At luncheon I heard a couple of neat anecdotes -
nifties about the Sahara Desert. One was told by Lawrence
Thaw, who has done a lot of adventurous world traveling.

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He ~~told one~~ about that late remarkable French character named
Laboudy, who had a lot of dealings in North Africa and
called himself the King of the Sahara.

monarch of the Sahara
Lawrence Thaw related how the King of ~~Sahara~~
him one time about speculating in the American Stock Market.

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The system ~~used by the monarch of the Sahara~~ was to invest in
top officials
stocks of companies whose ~~heads~~ had whiskers. Instead of
looking up earnings or business prospects, he inquired about
the faces of the heads of big business corporations. This was
a number of years ago, when beards and handle-bar mustaches
were more common than at the present day. The King of the
Sahara bought stocks in all companies headed by officials with
whiskers - and made a couple of million dollars. ~~It was a~~

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curious way to pick winners, but Lawrence Thaw said the King
of the Sahara assured him that he cleaned up in Wall Street

by using the whisker system of financial investment.

That brought forth another tale on the Sahara, ~~desert~~, related by Max Schuster of the publishing firm of Simon and Schuster. Max told about a man who appeared in the middle of the Sahara ~~Desert~~ wearing a bathing suit. Somebody asked him - wasn't that odd, since the nearest ocean was hundreds of miles away? "I know it," said the man in the bathing suit in the middle of the Sahara, "but this is ^{a wonderful} ~~such a fine~~ beach!" Well, ~~there's something in that,~~ The Sahara ~~Desert~~ being all beach and no water.

How is that Nelson?

PALESTINE

Tonight, in the City of Amman, capital of Trans-Jordan, representatives of the Arab states are debating whether or not to yield to the United Nations order to stop fighting in Palestine. Israel agreed to the U.N. demand right away - and ordered the Jewish forces not to engage in any hostilities - unless attacked. The Arabs asked for a forty-eight hour extension, and that was granted, making the deadline one o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Eastern ^{Daylight} Standard Time. So now the Moslem leaders are deliberating at Amman - what to do about it?

Most indications are pessimistic. Arab representatives at the United Nations are saying that there's little chance that their governments will agree to stop fighting - except perhaps under conditions that Israel will not accept. From Egypt, — Cairo, ^{we} have similar pessimism. ^a The United Press dispatch ^{says there is disagreement among} from the City of Amman, itself, ^{predicts that} the Arab states ^{most likely they} will reply - Yes, they'll ~~make~~ a cease-fire agreement if they get guarantees that Israel will not, during the period

of the truce, take advantage of the interval to build up Jewish forces in Palestine. ~~Presumably~~ that would mean - stop Jewish immigration during the time of the armistice - stop the entrance of Jewish immigrants who would increase the manpower of Israel. Which, of course, would go contrary to the essential Jewish ^h idea of bringing Zionist immigrants into _^ Palestine.

(There are other suppositions that, during the time before the deadline tomorrow, the Arabs may launch an all-out attack on Jerusalem - trying to get a victory which would give them possession of that most important city. That would be a decided advantage, before going into a truce. ^{TR} Thus far today, there is little indication of a Jerusalem offensive. The word from the Holy City tells of sporadic fighting; the news being the same from other parts of Palestine - the usual run of hostilities at various places.)

In New York, there was a meeting today between Secretary of State Marshall, American U.N. Delegate Warren

Austin, ~~HE~~ ^{Gen.} Secretary Trygve Lie, and French Delegate Parody.

They met at Warren Austin's apartment for a conference, and we hear that plans were discussed for strong action by the United Nations, should the Arab states reject the U.N. order to cease-fire. A negative reply, that is, from the Arab leaders who are meeting at Amman tonight.

FINLAND

In Finland, the Red attempt to paralyze the nation by a general strike was about forty per cent effective today, in most of the industries of the country. Finnish harbors were tied up, but the Communists were unable to stop either the railroads or the buses at Helsinki, the capital city. The Reds are trying to force the appointment of a Communist Minister of the Interior - that post being always their goal. In European countries, the Minister of the Interior controls the police - which means everything to the Communists, with their way of establishing police states.

took out passports for a visit to Palestine. The other thirty-one said they were going to visit either Europe or South America, on business or pleasure - which, as a matter of law, would not prevent them from going to Palestine. If, upon arriving in the Holy Land, they joined the army of Israel, that would have made their passports invalid - American citizens being forbidden to join any foreign army. But they never did get to Israel - and their passports are okay, and they are entitled to all the protection the ~~U.S. Government gives to its citizens. Hence the peremptory American demand that they be released, a demand that is answered now by that Lebanese - if. That is, ~~they'll go~~ if they'll go straight home - and not to Palestine. ^{TP} Will Washington accept any such condition?)~~

Today the State Department refused to answer that question, and we merely hear that the forty-one, themselves, are being asked. The American Minister at Beirut has gone to put the question to them - do they want to go back to the United States?

LEBANON

The State Department in Washington has received an answer from the Lebanon, on the subject of the forty-one American citizens who were taken from an American ship, ~~in addition to which we now have word about what's happened to them, where they are, how they're being kept.~~

The Government of the Lebanon now agrees to release them, with a big - if. They were seized on the ground that they were American Zionists on their way to Palestine to fight in the army of Israel. So now the Lebanese authorities agree to turn them loose - if they will return directly to the United States. ~~(This decision was given to our Minister at Beirut, Lowell Pickersen, who was told that the Lebanese Government is determined not to permit these forty-one American citizens to join the Izzet Sultans, which are making raids in the Lebanese territory, all as part of the Palestine war.~~

~~So what will the State Department do about that now? We are informed that all of the forty-one are American citizens, in good standing - passports okay. Ten of them~~

They ^{are} being held in the military barracks at ~~Bealbek~~ ^{Baalbek}, about forty miles from Beirut. ~~Such is the~~ information we have today, with the added word that they ^{are} being well treated, their only complaint being that they haven't enough bed sheets or towels or soap - a frequent complaint ⁱⁿ ~~from~~ the lands of the East. Their place of internment, Baalbek, is famous in history for having some ^{the most colossal pillars in the world.} of the mightiest of ancient ruins, and I hope the interned American citizens there may be getting a glimpse of these immense ^{columna} ~~pillars~~ and sculptured architecture, which date back to the imperial time of the Roman Caesars. - *Baalbek's Temple of The Sun.*