

FOREIGN MINISTERS

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The United States and Great Britain have turned down a Soviet demand for ^a six hundred million dollars ^{indemnity} from Italy. Moscow wants ^{that} that much for reparations. The American British opinion is that Italy ~~cannot~~ afford to pay, the country now being broke and ruined.

American Secretary of State Byrnes pointed out to Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov that Italy is so badly off that ~~xxx~~ great amounts of relief are being poured into the country, and of this relief about five-sixths is being provided by the United States. If Italy had to pay Soviet Russia six hundred million dollars, the money would have to come out of relief, and the net result would be that Uncle Sam would be paying off the Soviets. In this Secretary Byrnes has the support of British Foreign Secretary Bevin.

There seems to be some doubt about the decision concerning Trieste. We had heard that the big Italian Port would be internationalized, but now the rumor from London is that Trieste will be

internationalized under the administration of Yugoslavia. Soviet Russia is backing the Yugoslav claim for the possession of Trieste, and internationalization under Yugoslav administration would amount to Yugoslav control -- if not outright Soviet control.

From Trieste ~~itself~~ come charges made by American and British Military authorities. They declare that in the country surrounding the city, the Yugoslavs are conducting a reign of terror against the Italian inhabitants - deporting large numbers of these.

It is of course, common practice in certain parts of the world nowadays, to establish the character or the politics of the inhabitants of a section by the simple process of clearing out and eliminating those that do not agree. And Communist Marshal Tito appears to be bolstering up Yugoslav claims to territory by the simple process of deporting the Italians.

The London Council of Foreign Ministers is still debating the matter of peace treaties with the Balkan Countries.

We hear of a ~~re~~ report made by observers sent by Secretary of State Byrnes into the Balkans. These observers are said to have informed Byrnes that the Soviet sponsored regimes in the Balkans represent only a ~~fraction~~ fraction of the people, and depend on the presence of Russian Troops and a policy of terrorism. The Soviets claim that these governments are democratic - ^a_A word that the Communists interpret in a fashion that would make Thomas Jefferson squirm.

From Moscow we hear that the Soviet Press ~~is giving a great play to the statement ~~made~~ made by Foreign Commissar Molotov that the Soviets are interested in acquiring control over some Italian Colonial Territory in North Africa. Today's dispatch states that Moscow regards the demand as, in the words of the dispatch - "A turning point in the~~

~~history of the Soviet Unions".~~

~~And it~~ goes on to say that an expansion of Soviet power into Africa would be a fulfillment of Russia's age ^{old} ambition of pushing out of the Black Sea into the Mediterranean. This was the goal of the Czars for centuries - though ~~they~~ their ideas did not go much further than getting possession of the Dardanelles.

If the Soviets should acquire Colonial Territory in North Africa, they would be leap-frogging right over the Dardanelles, moving into the Mediterranean in one large jump -- a thing beyond the dreams of the Czars of old,

The British are disturbed by all this. They don't want the Soviets along their imperial lifeline through the Mediterranean. And the result of the whole thing seems to threaten a British Soviet split. ~~Tonight~~ Tonight's dispatch from London states: "Great Britain and Russia, who entered the conference full of mutual cordiality, have clashed so frequently, that the

Council Meeting now seems to have launched an era of ill-feeling between them."

NAZI ATROCITIES

In a court room in the German city of Nuremberg, a woman today identified twenty-five defendants, calling fifteen of them out by name. She was a Jewish woman doctor, who had gone through the infamous horror of a Nazi atrocity camp, and the defendants whom she identified were guards and officials of the place of mass murder. One of them is Joseph Kramer called the Beast of Belsen. They are being tried on charges connected with the murder of four million prisoners. And today dramatic identifications were made by the Jewish woman doctor, who stated that her father, Mother, brother, sister, and six year old son had perished in the atrocities.

JAP GENERAL

General MacArthur today ordered the arrest of one of the most notorious of Japanese commanders, Doihara, who at one time was called the "Lawrence of Manchuria".

It was hardly a compliment to Lawrence of Arabia to transfer his name to the Japanese officer who compiled a long record of espionage and plotting in northern China. ~~We used to hear of Doihara in the early days of the China war - stories about him as Japan's mystery man, who entered into complicated intrigues with Chinese war lords. He schemed to get the Chinese fighting among themselves, and then he took a prominent part in instigating Japan's war against China.~~

~~One story is that it was he who abdicated Henry Pu-yi once boy Emperor of China and connived in setting him up as the puppet Emperor of Manchukuo.~~

Two days ago, Doihara was appointed Commander of the First Japanese Army succeeding Marshal Sugayama, who killed himself shortly after the surrender. When he received the appointment two days ago, Doihara

called on General Eichelberger, our Eighth Army Commander, and promised to cooperate with the occupation. Now so soon afterward, he is ordered arrested as a war criminal - on the basis of his record in China.

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kid gloves with the Japs -- not sufficiently harsh. In his interview with Hugh Baillie, MacArthur said: "Japan, industrially, commercially, militarily and every other way -- is in a state of complete collapse. Her food supplies are scarce, and she faces conditions in this emergency that may well become catastrophic. Her punishment for her sins, which is just beginning", he says "will be long and bitter." And the General adds that Japan will never again become a world power.

He says the Japs are not being treated brutally, but the surrender terms, no matter how harsh, are being rigidly enforced. Furthermore, Japan can expect ^{no} ~~to~~ relief, no food and clothing from the Allied Powers this winter.

MacArthur denies reports that the Japs don't ~~xxxx~~ realize that they were beaten, that they are hoarding weapons, that they have not turned over their arms and munitions. He states that the disarmament of the Japanese Military Forces is going

on rapidly, and will soon be complete.

The latest figures show seventy three percent demobilized.

~~It seems strange that General Douglas MacArthur should have to defend himself and the policy that he has been following -- after the brilliant success of the occupation of Japan. Maybe some people are disappointed that it has been so successful -- people who predicted all sorts of dark and bloodthirsty things to be expected of Jap Terrorists and fanatics.~~

~~However,~~ MacArthur ~~does~~ defend^s himself, by repeating what he has stated before and what the news has been telling us in most eloquent fashion every day. He reminded Hugh Baillie how a hundred-and-fifty thousand American Troops had gon^d ashore in Japan without the loss of a single life. And he added that the ~~f~~ bloodless occupation would have been impossible without keeping the Japanese Emperor on his Throne -- for purpose of surrender. He declared that the retention of the Emperor had resulted in what he called - "An untold saving of

American lives, ~~xxx~~ money and time."

In the attacks on MacArthur, there have been insinuations that there's a political slant in his small estimate of the number of Troops that will be necessary for the occupation of Japan. The MacArthur's estimate means, of course, getting the boys home. Today he answered that undercover suggestion: "I have never entered politics", he told Hugh Baillie, "And I never intend to do so. I have said before and reiterate now that I started as a soldier and shall finish as one. I am" he added, "On my last public assignment -- which, when concluded, will mark the definite end of my service."

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A new detail in the story of the Japanese surrender is reported from Tokyo today. We are told that Hirohito, while reading his radio proclamation of submission, broke into sobs -- and thereby spoiled two versions. ~~Another~~ ^{None} of the Imperial weepings of course, was noted by listeners; -- but that was because what they heard was a record, *made and remade.*

Most of the Japanese who heard the Mikado's broadcast thought it was what radio people call -- "live", a voice speaking at the microphone. It was, however, the recorded voice of the Mikado -- and he spoiled two records, by breaking into sobs, as he read his Imperial Rescript of Surrender. After ruining two with weeping, he made the third record okay -- and that is what was heard on the air.

HIROHITO

Rumors of the impending resignation of Hirohito are denied by Japanese officials -- yet the reports persist. And today we are given a series of facts that tend to support the idea.

The story comes from United Press Correspondent Frank Bartholomew, who points out the form that the denial takes. It was given by the Imperial Household Minister ^{who} responded in these words: "Such a thing as the abdication of Emperor Hirohito absolutely could not be."

That sounds definite and positive -- without qualification. However, the following is noted: There's a law of the Japanese Imperial family, which prohibits the abdication of an Emperor for any reason except illness. Hirohito is in good health and that would seem to be that. However, the law of the Imperial family can be changed. This could be done by the Emperor with the approval of Counsel of the Royal Family. In other words, according to Imperial family law, Hirohito cannot abdicate now, -- but he

could, after having the law changed.

All of which is accompanied by the word that Hirohito has summoned his brother, Prince Chichibu, to a conference in Tokyo. This is most exceptional because Chichibu is tubercular and lives in strict country retirement, almost never going to Tokyo. So the Emperor wouldn't call him unless something of the greatest importance required his presence in Tokyo -- something like an Imperial family council in preparation for an ~~abd~~ abdication.

Another report is that two days before the official surrender of Japan, the eleven year old Crown Prince was ordered to prepare himself for the science of rulership, and a retired professor of jurisprudence was named to instruct him in preparation for the accession of the boy Prince to the Throne.

Well -- informed Japanese say the news story explains that Hirohito holds himself responsible for following the militaristic advice given to him by the

AIR ROUTE

The news about the establishment of a round the world air route next week includes details that I find mighty reminiscent -- bringing to memory a ~~xxx~~ series of swift, vivid pictures.

On next Friday a big Army c-54 will take off to start the business of commercial circumnavigation by air. And from then on the Army Air Transport Command expects the globe girdling air route to be a regular thing, with passenger-carrying planes making the round-the-world flight at regular intervals.

It is intended that the first plane shall make a speed record for circumnavigation -- breaking the record established by Howard Hughes before the war. Howard Hughes went around in three days and nineteen hours. ^{And} The route that he took was shorter than the one assigned to the projected earth circulating airlines.

What is the route? What's the itinerary?

That's what brings the flash of memories. The course if from the United States via Bermuda and the Azores.

Then across North Africa, Casablanca, Tripoli, Cairo,
Then stops in Persia and India, Karachi, Calcutta.
Next to an air base in China ^{— Luliang no doubt —} and across the China
Sea to Manila. Then the Marianas, Hawaii and back to
the United States;

~~This is pretty much~~ ^{much} the same route that I
myself took in flying around the world shortly before
the end of the war in the Pacific. ~~And the schedule of~~
~~stops recalls pictures of the globe girdling series~~
~~of great air base established by the army during the~~
~~war: The big Bermuda base on land that wasn't there~~
~~at all before. The story of the building of our air~~
~~field on Bermuda is quite a tale, in itself. Then the~~
~~next one, in the Azores. The British had control of~~
~~the big base there, so it was necessary for us to make~~
~~a deal with the Portuguese, and build our own new base,~~
~~on an island some miles farther off the course.~~
~~Casablanca, when I passed through, the air field there~~
~~was the ^{busiest} ~~biggest~~ in the world. At Tripoli, the next~~
~~North African city ~~mentioned~~ mentioned, we were not made~~

HENRY FORD

Today Henry Ford did a thing that was like a moody drama of repetition. He retired as head of the giant Ford Motor Company, and turned that office over to his grandson Henry Ford, the second.

The eighty two year old motor magnate did that same sort of thing once before. Back in 1916, twenty seven years ago. At that time he transferred the leadership of his automobile empire to his son, Edsel Ford, who was President of Ford from then on until 1943. In that year Edsel Ford died, and Henry Ford, at his great age, resumed control. Now he steps out again, his place taken by the son of Edsel Ford,

Henry Ford 2nd, who is by way of being a fine fellow and apparently well that of around the Ford plants where he has been working these recent years.

END OF THE WORLD

This morning at ten-thirty-three Eastern War Time -- the world ~~did~~ not come to an end. And that was a stunning surprise to Reverend Charles G. Long of Pasadena, California, and his followers. The Reverend Long, relying on his gift of prophecy, had it all figured out -- the exact moment when the world would dissolve into gas.

This morning, as the zero hour approached, newspaper reporters were waiting outside of the home of the apocalyptic prophet, and when nothing happened they went to the door of the house and knocked. The son of the Soothsayer appeared, and announced briefly: "The world hasn't ended." And he slammed the door.

It is always embarrassing to an oracle when his prediction doesn't come ~~in~~ true. The Pasadena prophet, however, leaves himself an out. His version is that his prayers must have persuaded the Lord to put off the end of the world for a few days -- nine days, to be exact. He is quite sure

that the great catastrophe cannot be delayed for more than that length of time.

Well, the Soothsayer may have been all wrong in predicting the end of the world for today, but I can predict the end of this broadcast tonight. About a minute from now when Hugh James has had his say.