

Two of America's top Admirals are headed for Europe tonight. They've been dispatched by Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz to inspect American naval occupation forces there. The Navy Department ^{revealed} ~~xxxxxx~~ today that Admiral Mark Mitscher, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet, and Vice Admiral Forrest Sherman, both veterans of the Pacific war, left Washington for overseas yesterday by plane. The Navy, however, describes their new assignments as routine.

None the less, their European tour emphasizes reports that American naval forces in the Mediterranean may participate in joint maneuvers with the British fleet later this month. Only last week it was disclosed that the forty-five thousand ton aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt, now on a European good will tour, will take part in fleet exercises in the Mediterranean soon. The big carrier is at present docked at Lisbon, Portugal, and has been joined there by five destroyers of the Atlantic Fleet.

JUGOSLAVIA

Today's announcement of an American note of protest to Jugoslavia is accompanied by a statement of dramatic and perhaps even ominous import. Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson made public the latest protest we have made against the Jugoslav shooting down of American planes -- and he added something else.

The diplomatic note sent by Washington denounces what Acheson called "An outrageous performance. By that he meant the shooting down on August Ninth of an American Army transport plane. Also the Jugoslav Government is called upon to give an answer about that other C-47 transport which was shot down yesterday -- shot down in circumstances that would indicate a crash in flames.

But what about that other thing, that additional statement? The Assistant Secretary declared that American Military Commanders in Europe have been instructed that it is up to them to decide whether or not to use fighter planes. They're to decide the question of protecting American Air Transports flying between

Austria and Northern Italy -- the line along which they are in danger of Yugoslav attack. Are the planes to be escorted by American fighters? That decision ^{now} is left to American Commanders.

It's easy to see possible ^{am} implications.

Suppose Yugoslav fighters were to attack an army airliner under escort of American fighters. And suppose an air battle were to develop. Wars in the past have often been brought about ^{just such} by incidents on the ground; but, this is the age of the air -- and it is reasonable to be apprehensive of incidents in the sky.

The protest against the shooting down of American planes is drastic in tone. Washington states that Yugoslavia will be held accountable and be called upon to make good the damage and loss of life.

~~(Meanwhile, the fate of five American Army Airmen, who were in the latest plane to be attacked, remains uncertain. The Yugoslavs give no information.~~

~~The Government of Communist Marshal Tito holds the shooting down of the planes was justified --~~

~~that they were violating Yugoslav Territory. The fact is, of course, that they were off their course in bad weather. The pilot of the plane shot down on August Ninth states that he thought he was over Italian Territory. The crew of the transport and their passengers are being held by the Yugoslav Government.)~~

In Congress today, there were indignant protests with demands that something be done about what Secretary Acheson called -- "An outrageous performance." Congressman Sol Bloom of New York, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, gave the opinion that there was no question of war involved. He said the Yugoslav shooting down of American planes was what he called -- "Foolishness." This foolishness, he added had to be stopped.

Congressman Bloom went on to note that the shooting up of our planes was painfully reminiscent of something in the past -- provocations that Japan made against us during the years before the global war.

Congressman Bloom pointed to the Panay.

Remember how that American gunboat was shot up and sunk by Jap warplanes in Nineteen Thirty Seven? The incident was a forerunner of the Pacific War that broke out a few years later. The Japs pushing us around then -- which turned out eventually to be most unhealthy for them. The Soviet satellite, Jugoslavia, would seem to be pushing us around now.

A dispatch from Washington today states that we are not likely to take drastic action, and diplomatic relations with Jugoslavia will not be broken. "But," says the dispatch, "Jugoslavia will be made to understand that the United States will not be pushed around."

~~(There are still other developments to increase the tension between Soviet Russia and the Western Democracies. The United States has informed Moscow that our government rejects the Soviets demands made on Turkey.) The Russians want the Turks to give them what they call -- a share in the defense of the Dardanelles. This really means Red Army Bases along~~

CONFERENCE

The United States has offered a plan for a settlement of the problem of Trieste. This, as reported from the Peace Conference in Paris, follows the line previously agreed upon by the conference of Foreign Ministers of the Big Four. The American proposal provides for the creation of a free territory of Trieste, this to be guaranteed ^{by} the Security Council of the United Nations. Italy would be called upon to give up all claim to the zone and a provisional government would be set up. The agreement by the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four called for the internationalization of the great seaport on the Adriatic, and today's American proposal would amount to just that.

However, nearly anything can be interpreted in various ways, especially when there is a Soviet Russia to do the interpreting. Great Britain and France are scheduled to support the American suggestions, while Moscow is expected to enter a scheme of a very different sort. The Moscow mode of internationalization would call for a set-up that would give virtual control of the

Trieste Area to the Soviet Puppet, Jugoslavia.

All of which is likely to produce the usual peace conference rumpus, with ~~arguments and debates and threats of a deadlock.~~

ITALY

The new republic of Italy asks the peace conference to give the Italian people credit for the overthrow of Mussolini and fascism, and for having been on the Allied side, in the war for eighteen months, ~~with the status of~~ ^{asa} co-belligerent. The argument is that the government of premier Di Gaspari should not be saddled with the burden of the disastrous Fascist mistake of joining Nazi Germany in the war. Rome does not want its peace treaty to state that Italy surrendered unconditionally. Instead, Rome would like to have the treaty say that Italy drew out of its alliance with Hitler, and accepted the terms of an armistice.

~~This goes back to the old formula of unconditional surrender which as was noted at the time, could mean surrender with plenty of conditions. And the whole thing reverts to a peculiar status that Italy had toward the end of the war - changing sides. This now is brought formally into the peace conference negotiations.~~

ADD ITALY

~~The Italian demand for a better status~~
before ~~the peace conference~~ ^{This} provoked an immediate
outburst from members of the Soviet group of nations.
They demanded that Italy should get, not better
treatment - but worse.

LEAD PRICE CONTROL

Price control on ~~of~~ meat is back. Government price controls on a large variety of major food products went back into effect tonight. By a ruling of the President's threeman price decontrol board, ceilings have been restored on all sales of livestock and meat, as well as soy beans and cottonseed products.

The Board's ruling, just announced, followed nine days of intensive deliberation.

According to the Board's statement, control of meat, soy beans, and cottonseed, has again become necessary because of unreasonable price increase^S and shortages in those ~~the~~ products since the OPA holiday of June ^Thirtieth.

At the same time the Board has directed the Government to resume its livestock subsidy program. Since June ^Thirtieth consumers have been absorbing increased-~~meat-production-costs~~ formerly held down by subsidies.

On the other hand, there will not be, at least for the present, any resumption of price control

on dairy products and most grains. The decision to exempt grains and dairy products is based on the board's finding that supplies of those commodities are still adequate, and that there ^{has} been no unreasonable increase on their price. The Board emphasizes, however, that ceilings can and will be restored later on if any of the products now exempt should suffer an undue price rise.

Tonight's decision to restore ceilings on livestock products flies in the face of warnings from cattlemen that such ~~ceilings~~ ceilings would once more drive the nation's meat supply back into the black market. Packing industry representatives threaten a quick return of meatless days. There ^{TP} ^{has} been no statement yet from O P A officials as to what the new ceilings on meat will be, whether they will be rolled back to their June ^{Thirtieth} levels. But meat represents about nineteen per cent of the average family ~~budget~~ budget, and the government aims to hold ~~down~~ down that part of the budget ~~is~~ as best it can.

Tonight's decision is by all odds the most significant economic ruling to come out of Washington since the end of the war. The Decontrol Board was established by Congress in its diluted O P A bill of June Thirtieth. The Board has been empowered to reestablish ceilings on most basic commodities, but only if it ascertains these facts; -- that prices have risen unreasonably, that supplies are short, and that regulation is ~~practicable~~ practicable and in the public interest. Now the three-man agency will turn its attention to eggs and poultry, tobacco and petroleum products. Price controls will remain off this second group, however, until the Board has made its decision.

SUBSTITUTE PRESIDENT

We've only vague explanations of why President Truman has abruptly changed his vacation schedule -- ~~changed the course of the Presidential yacht, the Williamsburg.~~ It has ^d been supposed ^{the President} ~~to go~~ ^{would go} cruising all the way up the New England coast. But today, having gone as far as Quonset Point, Rhode Island ^{his yacht,} ~~the Williamsburg,~~ instead of continuing north, turned around and started south. And now we hear ~~the Williamsburg~~ is headed for Bermuda. ~~The President and his party expect to arrive~~ ^{there} ~~at the British Island~~ on Thursday.

We had ^a ~~some slight~~ hint of a change in plans from Presidential secretary Ross, who told reporters ~~earlier~~ today: "The President has a right to change his mind ^{- hasn't he.} He wants to go into warm waters -- he likes warmth".

So it would seem to be a matter of weather. He isn't talking about it too explicitly -- he doesn't want to offend New England, where there are a lot of votes. Nor do I want to offend New England either,

where there is a lot of radio audience. But the fact ~~is~~ would seem to ~~be~~ be that the good old summertime up along the New England coast, steering toward the northern tip of Maine, is not always such a paradise of warmth and sunshine. In fact, the Presidential cruise ran into chilly, ~~is~~ foggy weather with clouds, a rough sea ^{and} ~~and~~ a raw gale blowing.

~~Perhaps~~ Perhaps the President thought yearningly of his own home state - Missouri, where the summers are famous for just about broiling you alive under a scorching ~~XXXXXX~~ sun. At any rate, the late word is that the Presidential yacht ^{is headed} ~~has changed its course, and~~ ~~is steering~~ for the gulf stream and Bermuda.

PERFUME

Now hold your noses, fellows, because this next bit of news is dangerous to smell. It's about perfume - and the gist of it is that men can be lured to their death - or into matrimony - by the beguiling fragrance the ladies like to spray on themselves. Just to make matters worse, an expert comes forward with new secrets for increasing the devastating seductions of perfume. She is Rita Terrell who in Chicago today addressed the Associated Toiletries Convention - and began by giving terrifying evidence of the effects of sweet smelling enchantment. She says that even animals can be thrown into ^{perfumed} ~~perplexed~~ ecstasies.

"You can," says she, "throw lions and tigers into a joyous haze with perfume - and you can snare bears with a mixture of musk and oil of rhodium". So girls, if you know some growling, ~~grumpy~~ grumpy guy, who is really a bear, you can fix him up with musk and oil of rhodium.

Or perhaps you may know some fellow of whom they say - he's a bird? What about him? Well, they

used to talk about putting salt on a bird's tail. But that's not the right way. Here's what the perfume expert says: "Even the wildest bird is reduced to submission by rubbing oil of Bergamot on its beak". ~~You can~~^{So} just walk over to that tough old bird, take some oil of Bergamot and smear it on his beak.

The perils of perfume ~~may~~ have been well understood in the past. This is pointed out by the fragrant expert who quotes an old British law, enacted by Parliament in Seventeen Seventy Four. Here's the way it reads: "All women - of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, virgins, maids or widows - that shall seduce and betray into matrimony any of His Majesty's subjects by the use of scents, paints, cosmetics, perfumed washes or bolstered hips shall incur the penalty of the law".

So with all this testimony on the perils of perfume - the girls are now instructed how to make them still more deadly. However, ladies, you can't get

a man by merely squirting on a suffocating asphixia all over yourself.

"Be delusive," says the expert, and she proceeds to explain how. "One of the most delusive ways to use perfume," says she "is to soak a little piece of flannel in your favorite scent and tuck it into the upper seam of your stocking. So that's delusive. Or, in case you don't want to be delusive you can be confusing. Here's how you do that: - "to be confusingly scented", says the expert, "take your atomizer, spray a mist of perfume, and walk through it."

Well, it's all too confusing.

Now Nelson, for the ladies, how about something a little less confusing from you?

UNRRA

This may sound like a repetition, but British Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Morgan has been ousted -- again. (Last spring Sir Frederick made headlines when as European Director of UNRRA he stated that there appeared to be a mass exodus of Jewish Refugees an organized attempt to get to Palestine. The Jewish groups protested vigorously against the notion that there was any kind of prearranged plan for a mass flight to Palestine. But the British Government arranged supported the Morgan contention and Sir Frederick was reinstated after a consultation with former New York Governor Lehman who was then the head of UNRRA.)

The difficulty he has got into now is the result of another statement he has made. Sir Frederick is a forthright Britisher -- and likes to make statements. This time he has something to say about Soviet Secret Agents. He charged that the Russian Secret Police was making use of UNRRA arm bands as a sort of disguise to enable them to do a spy job in Western Germany -- the British and American Zones.

He told a story of how UNRRA Director LaGuardia had visited a rehabilitation camp and there found a child sobbing. The child told the former New York Mayor that his parents had been taken away by what the child called -- "The American Gestapo." An investigation showed that the parents who had been taken away had been found to be -- Soviet Secret Agents.

Sir Frederick furthermore charged that displaced persons were smuggling narcotics and gold, were looting and bootlegging and dealing in the black market.

Morgan made these charges a few days ago to newspapermen. His name was not used in the stories which were attributed to some anonymous official. Now it becomes known that he did the talking -- and UNRRA Director LaGuardia is wrathful about it. When LaGuardia becomes wrathful, which is often, there is likely to be an explosion. He made such representations to the British Government that the London dispatch this afternoon announces: Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Morgan is out -- recalled to England.

those all-important straits. Great Britain is against that -- and so is the United States.)

(Here's a late ~~story~~ story of menacing doings along the frontier of Soviet Russia and Turkey.

A dispatch from Ankara states that Red Army Troops are ~~shooting~~ *firing off* a huge cannonade. They are trying to start what the Turks call "A war of nerves for political purposes." The disptach tells of the massing of Russian soldiers and equipment, guns, tanks, flame throwers -- which hurl a booming cannonade to impress the Turks.)

London is complaining about British soldiers who have disappeared in the Jugoslav Zone in Northern Italy, Italian Territory held by the Jugoslavs. Eight British soldiers, together with seven German prisoners of war, have vanished -- prisoners of the Jugoslavs, if it is believed.

In that area, a hint was given today to the Communist Regime of Tito -- an American military show of strength. The Eighty-Eighth Division of the United States Army, facing Jugoslav Troops across the troubled

frontier, turned out with a display of marching troops and parading equipment -- in plain view of the Yugoslavs on the other side of the border.