

PALESTINE

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with the truce for Palestine an accomplished fact, the problem is -- what next? what can be done to turn the four-week Armistice into permanent peace for the Holy Land? The United Nations took that up immediately today, and the word was -- let Bernadotte do it.

In U.N. circles at Lake Success, New York, there was ~~an~~ jubilant elation, when the Swedish Count made the announcement that both the Arabs and Israel ~~had~~ had accepted his proposal for a truce. For a while this morning there was tension and suspense. ~~The~~ (The deadline was eight A.M., Eastern Daylight Time. The Arab reply was received well before that zero hour, a short message informing Count Bernadotte that the Arab ~~answer~~ answer was -- yes, the truce accepted.) The zero hour came -- but no reply from Israel. Apparently, there ~~were~~ were delays in communications -- (Israel's answer coming in shortly after the zero hour. Israel, too accepting) - unconditionally, though with some few observations concerning the Bernadotte terms regarding

immigration and supplies for the ~~main~~ Jewish garrison in Jerusalem. So that was that -- the fighting to end in formal fashion Friday Morning, two A.M., Eastern Daylight Time. The deadline set by the Bernadotte cease-fire.

The jubilation at the United Nations gives the cue for what now follows. American and British officials disclosed this afternoon that the two western ~~powers~~ powers will move to give the Swedish Count a new job -- full power and a free hand to negotiate a permanent settlement. The reasoning is simple -- he did such a fine job, let him go ahead with the bigger job.

It is pointed out that (the truce agreed upon today was, ~~in~~ in surprisingly large part, the personal doing of the nephew of the King of Sweden.) The original truce-proposal emanating from the U.N. was so vague that both Israel and the Arabs immediately interpreted the verbiage in their own fashion -- a conflict in interpretations. This led to a new deadlock, in which there were two critical issues -- Jerusalem and Jewish immigration.

In a stalemate of diametrically opposite views, Count Bernadotte prepared his own interpretation of what was meant in the U.N. truce proposal. Conferring with both sides, he formulated a series of compromise terms -- whereby the questions of Jerusalem and immigration were answered with no advantage to either side, neutral, impartial, in the middle. It is pointed out that he did this without dictation from the U.N. -- given a free hand.

Moreover, he presented his ~~xxxx~~ terms to both Israel and the Arabs in downright fashion, on a take - it or leave -it basis, setting that zero hour this morning. If both sides didn't accept by then, he would simply turn the whole thing back to the United Nations, and go home -- no fooling around.

The result -- the headlines today, the truce. So no wonder the Americans and British at the U.N. are saying -- why not let him see if he can complete the job and arrange a permanent settlement.

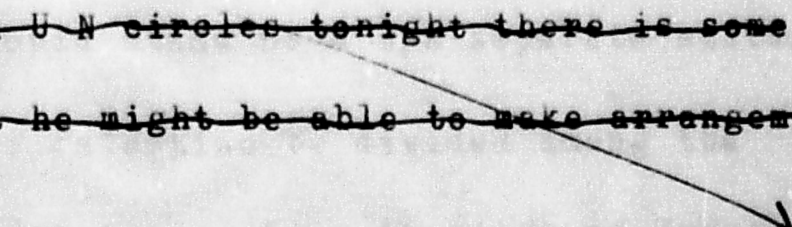
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The latest is from General Secretary of the U N Trygve Lie, who states ^{that} Count Bernadotte requires sixty-eight military observers, in addition to which he has just asked for ships, [^]patrol vessels. He needs them to keep a watch along the Palestine coastline, an inspection job to make sure ~~that~~ the terms of the truce are not violated by any smuggling of armament or military manpower.

The U N will send the patrol vessels. **They** will be American, French and Belgian -- just as the military officers acting as observers are American, French and Belgian. This is in accordance with the original U N arrangement, which appointed a truce commission of these three nationalities. However, there is likely to be a new complaint from Soviet Russia, demands that Soviet ships be ~~xxxx~~ included in the patrol forces -- just as the Soviets are insisting that the military observers on the truce ~~insp~~pection job should include Russians. The Soviet attitude is expected to bring about a hot argument in the Security Council tomorrow.

While that argument goes on, however, Count Bernadotte will be using his international inspection force to keep a sharp watch to enforce the truce terms -- while he goes ahead with ~~his~~ further negotiations.

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~~international staff of observers, American, French, and Belgian to see that the terms of the truce are carried out. They are now available to help in further negotiations.~~ ^R In U.N. circles ^{tonight} there is some supposition that Count Bernadotte might be able to make an arrangement whereby Israel would stand as a ~~new~~ separate state, and the Arab parts of Palestine be divided among the neighboring Arab states.-- King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan would be first in line for anything like this. ~~Of course,~~

^R The Arabs have announced that, truce or no truce, they will never concede the existence of the independent state of Israel -- rather than do so, they will resume fighting when the four ~~xxxxxxx~~ weeks of armistice ends. ^{Which} ~~should~~ ^{sounds} like a formidable stumbling block. But the U.N. is faced with the task of turning the truce into permanent peace, and the slogan is -- let Bernadotte do it.

BERNADOTTE

The truce in Palestine puts attention on another of those historical twisters which appear so often in the news from the Holy Land. This time, by a curious turn, we encounter that always fabulous name -- Napoleon.

The successful author of the truce is Count Bernadotte, nephew of the King of Sweden. But Bernadotte, the family name of Swedish royalty, is not Swedish at all; it's French. Which reminds us that the original Bernadotte was a Marshal of Napoleon. He was, in fact, Napoleon's ~~brother-in-law~~ brother-in-law -- having married a sister of the wife of one of the brothers of the great Emperor. Napoleon's Marshall Bernadotte, son of a French lawyer, became King of Sweden -- and the story is one of the curiosities of history.

Bernadotte commanded French Troops in war with Sweden, *— against the Swedes —* and Napoleon assigned him to lead an invasion of Sweden -- which, however, never happened. Shortly afterward, the Crown Prince of Sweden died, leaving an aged King with no heir to succeed him. So the Swedes invited Bernadotte to become their Crown Prince and

heir to the throne.

That was because the Swedish Army felt their country needed a soldier-king -- like a Marshal of Napoleon. But more than that, enemy Commander Bernadotte had become popular in Sweden -- because of ^{the} kindness he had displayed toward Swedish prisoners of war. That was one case where humanity in war certainly paid off - it won a throne. ^{So} Marshal Bernadotte became Crown Prince, and then King of Sweden -- his family holding the throne until this present-day.

Count Bernadotte, as truce-maker, personifies still another angle -- the consistent and long continued ability of the members of the Royal Family descended from Napoleon's Marshal. All along the line they've taken a leading part in matters of culture and progress. An uncle of Count Bernadotte, Prince Carl, was head of the International Red Cross. Another uncle, Prince William, had worldwide interests of a ~~different~~ different sort. I knew him ^{well some} ~~quite well~~ ^{in this country} ~~some~~ years ago when he visited me. I was interested in the romance of travel and exploration,

and Prince William of Sweden was of note as an explorer. He was a poet, too. But what beguiled me most was his accounts of adventure in distant lands and among strange people.

One thing you can't help noting when you meet men of the House of Bernadotte is -- their stature. They are extremely tall, running six feet and a half and up. I've often wondered about that, because you don't usually associate lofty stature with French ancestry. But six foot six and up does seem to be a family characteristic in the dynasty founded by the Marshal of Napoleon. ~~It~~ Quite a contrast from Napoleon himself, who was famous for being a sawed off shorty.

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~~on this does seem to be~~ wandering a ~~ix~~
long way from the truce between Israel and the Arabs --
just brought about by Count Bernadotte.

DRAFT

The Senate right now - a late hour in Washington - is busy with the draft bill -- the third straight day of debate. They hope to put it through tonight, no matter how late the lawmakers have to stay on the job. At last reports, amendments were being voted down, one after another. Republican Leader Senator Taft, is driving his fellow legislators as hard as he can, warning them that they will have to hurry -- if they hope to adjourn on the nineteenth.

There has been talk that Congress might have to return on the job between the two national ~~conventions~~ conventions to complete necessary business -- a thought which does not ^{please} ~~please~~ the gentlemen on capitol Hill. So tonight, Senator Taft is warning them that, if they want to take convention and campaign time off, they had better hurry up with various important bills -- of which the draft bill is one of the most important.

VANDENBERG

Senator Vandenberg arose in wrath today, and uttered words of thunder -- denouncing the slash of money which the House of Representatives voted for the European Recovery Program. As number one Republican on foreign policy in the Senate, he appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee to urge that the upper House reverse the decision of the Lower House.

He pointed out that, if Congress does not live up to the obligations it assumed when it voted the Marshall Plan into existence, this country will be put in the position of going back on its pledged word. He argued that right now the Marshall Plan is a basis of our foreign policy, and is achieving great results for the reconstruction of the free nations of western Europe in the face of Soviet Communism. He declared that the cut ~~mix~~ amounts to a -- "veto" of the Marshall Plan. I suppose he meant that we have enough already -- with the Soviet veto.

At the same time, the Lower House economy

champions are still insisting that the Marshall Plan slash will stand.-- That's their retort to Vandenberg.

All of which may ~~and~~ produce wide political reverberations. Senator Vandenberg is the top ranking G.O.P. advocate of the bi-partisan foreign policy, on which the Marshall Plan was founded. The economy-slashers are Republicans, too,-- which would indicate a cleavage within the party. Washington thinks that the whole business may wind up in the Republican National Convention -- with a battle over a plank in the platform. Senator Vandenberg would, of course, lead the fight for the bi-partisan policy, which, thinks Washington, may have its effect on the Vandenberg-for-President boom -- which is not booming so much, because of the Senator's reluctance to get into the Presidential hurly-burley.

They may have a truce in Palestine, but we have just the opposite over here. -- In the hostilities between President and Congress this now climaxes in what looks like a battle to the bitter end, the last ditch, war to the last epithet. Such is the melancholy inference to be drawn from the latest exchange of compliments.

(Today President Truman, in the Pacific Northwest, continued his verbal bombardment against the Republican Congress. Throughout his cross-country trip he has been assailing the G.O.P. lawmakers on one point after another, and today he summarized in thirteen words: "This, said he, "is the worst Congress we have had since the first one met!") Those were thirteen hard words.

They drew prompt retort of words equally hard -- nineteen of them uttered in Washington by Republican floor leader Congressman Halleck of Indiana.

"There are, said he, "a lot of people who think Mr. Truman is the worst President since George Washington was elected."

^{Now} ~~Next~~ Now, Gentlemen, If you keep that up, we'll have to call the cops!

It all seems like

~~It~~ a sad state of affairs, after such bright hopes. Harry Truman sat so long in the Senate, a Senator at ^aheart; -- and, when he went to the white House, fair words were spoken of how well he'd get along with his former ~~brothers~~ brother lawmakers, his buddies on Capitol Hill. Of course, Congress did proceed to fall under Republican control - which was something like your Buddy putting on the uniform of the enemy. But, still there was hope that the former Senator in the White House would continue to be kind to Senators. But alas and alack, the worst has come to pass, nothing but rage and a gnashing of teeth. The President saying -- "The worst Congress!" The Republican Congress retorting -- "The worst President!"

Meanwhile the Presidential trip to the west was disturbed by another western wail of anguish ~~today~~ today -- Oregon anguish this time. ~~In Iowa and Nebraska,~~ during the cross-country tour, there were expressions of chagrin from big-time politicians of the Democratic Party -- because they were not invited to

travel aboard the Presidential train, the rolling white house, during its progress across their states. But how could they be invited? The trip is non-political and non-partisan -- the only visible sign of which is the fact that the President is not accompanied by any top flight leaders, who usually go along when a ~~xx~~ tour is political. However, some of the Democratic chieftains out west don't seem to ^{be} understand.

~~Wallace, the Democratic nominee for the Governor of Oregon, Candidate Lew Wallace, added his voice to the complaints. He said he was, in his words -- "sick and ~~xxx~~ tired." He's annoyed by the way the Presidential visit to Oregon is being handled.~~

~~President~~ ^{Mr.} Truman is scheduled to inspect the flood area along the Columbia river; and ~~to~~ confer with flood relief officials. Well, there's one thing -- the Columbia River, surging with the deluge, will not expect to be invited aboard the rolling white House.

FLOOD

In the Pacific northwest the Snake River is falling, which is good news -- because the Snake River feeds into the Columbia and has been one of the ~~main~~ ^{main} ~~original~~ villains in the Columbia ^{River} floods. Weather observers say that the fall is sure to continue, because most of the snow has melted on the mountains in the Idaho area, where the Snake ~~River~~ gets most of its water. All of which will relieve the flood pressure along the upper Columbia as that great river rises to a third crest, at Portland.

There were two breaks in the dykes ~~along~~ on the lower Columbia today, one ~~is~~ causing the inundation of part of Puget Island.

FIRE

In Los Angeles today, a small boy ran into a fire station, and yelled to the fireman -- "Hey, your fire station is on fire!" which might have sounded something like a joke, an innocent prank of childhood. But the firemen went outside to take a look, and they saw smoke pouring out of the roof of their fire station. Whereupon they hauled out the equipment, and battled the blaze -- to the sound and jeering and heckling from the assembled neighbors. They made many a remark about firemen supposed to protect the community from flame^s, and ~~they didn't know~~ *not even knowing* their own fire station was on fire!

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...you may speak freely!

GARLIC

Now hold your breath, folks -- because
this one has to do with perfume and fragrance. ^{— some call it that,} It's about
garlic. The Federal Trade Commission today passed a
ruling against a commercial product called - garlic
tablets.

Well, you might think you could get enough
on your breath by having it in the salad ^{or on your meat balls} or spaghetti,
without taking it in the form of tablets. But the idea,
as advertised by the commercial concern, was medicinal.
To which the Trade Commission says -- no. Today's ruling
was that garlic does not cure high blood pressure, as
the commercial firm advertised. According to the experts,
there is some scientific opinion that garlic may have a
medicinal value -- but not for that particular malady.
Moreover, the Commission stated that the tablets, which
were being sold, did not have enough garlic in them to
right to include the use of the
deserve the name of the ~~garlic~~ odoriferous condiment.

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