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Here's something intended to shake us out of our lethargy! This country must have a complete mobilization program. So warns elder statesman, Ber. Baruch. He says we must be ready! For we simply don't know what the "ussians will do.

The Baruch plan includes such things as the freezing of prices and wages, and consumer rationing. He wants these steps taken now, instead of waiting for the outbreak of an emergency.

Baruch states his reasons very plainly. "The next war--and all of us pray it will be averted--is likely to explode all in a big smash!" Then he goes on: "If this stand-by legislation is not enacted, and the day of the big smash does come, there will not be a person alive who will not bitterly rue this tragic, needless neglect."

Baruch notes that everything depends on how the Soviets act. So we must be prepared for any developments that come out of the change in Soviet leadership, following on the death of Stalin.

GENERAL CLARK

General Mark Clark wants us to help Indo-China fight the Reds. Our commander in Tokyo gave this out after an inspection tour of the Indo-China front.

General Clark told a press conference in Hanoi that Indo-China and Korea both belong to a single conflict with Communism. "Here and in Korea," he said, "we fight the same contemptible enemy. The technical aspects of the two conflicts are different, although we much consider both wars as part of one struggle."

So Mark Clark thinks we should help in the fight against the common enemy wherever he is and says he will recommend that we help equip fifty battalions of Indo-Chinese loyalists to fight the Reds. He adds that he is "highly impressed" with these native soldiers. Among the arms, he recommends are helicopters and small vessels.

At the same time, he refused to state what we would do if the Chinese send a big army into Indo-China. His answer to that is that it would be helping the enemy to disclose whether or not we would send an American to help our Asiatic Allies.

KOREA

The war in Korea goes on inspite of foul weather. A dispatch from Tokyo states that pouring rain is falling over the battlefield, and that thick clouds are hiding the sky. So the infantrymen have been sticking to their bunkers, with the Allied air force grounded. Trenches and roads right across Korea, are deep with mud.

Before they were grounded, our bombers struck at a rail bridge in North Korea; flying on instruments dropping their bombs by means of electronic sights.

Another dispatch says that Red artillery fire has been increasing. The Reds hurling some eleven thousand rounds into Allied positions, within a space of twenty-four hours. Because of the bombardment, our troops were braced for an attack and tonight the battle is on.

YACHT

Those three missing Americans are prisoners of the Chinese Reds. The three were sailing in a yacht off Hong Kong, when they were intercepted and carried off. The owner, Richard Applegate, was warned in advance that he might run into trouble. According to a member of the Hong Kong Yacht Club, "when he seemed determined to go anyway, I advised him the safest route to take. And then he was picked up in just about the safest place he could have been."

Now the State Department asks the British Government to intervene. We can't take direct action, because we don't recognize the regime of Mao Tse Tung. However, a Washington press officer states that the Yacht was apparently in international waters. And therefore its seizure was illegal. As though that would mean anything to the Reds!

MALENKOV

We all know that Malenkov is still a riddle to us. Ever since he stepped into Stalin's shoes, the new Soviet leader has been the subject of much speculation. We just don't know what to expect from him.

Business Week magazine says this new Red leader has always been a cautious fellow. "Never one to make a move until sure he was on the winning side.

For example, when the Bolshevik revolution broke out in nineteen seventeen, Malenkov did not join the party of Lenin, at once. He stood aside, while many others of his generation sided with the revolutionaries. Malenkov joined up in Nineteen Twenty--when the Bolsheviks under Lenin had won!

Then another example of Malenkov's caution: - After Lenin's death, Stalin and Trotsky struggled for power. Again Malenkov waited, not siding with either. But when Trotsky was finally beaten, and Stalin became dictator, then Malenkov joined the winner.

Since then always the faithful henchman of Stalin, never getting himself in trouble; always sure he was on the right side; staying out of the limelight, quietly making himself a niche in the Soviet organization. As the writer puts it:- "Probably no man has ever accumulated so much power, merely by sitting in an armchair and using the telephone."

So the picture we get is of a shrewd, cautious politician. So from this the guess is that Malenkov will not start any dangerous adventures, will not jeopardize his own position.

But, maybe a struggle for power within the Kremlin will develop! If so will Malenkov then be less cautious?

LODGE

Lodge answers the charges made by the Czech foreign minister; that America is setting up "fifth columns" in Communist countries.

According to the Czech foreign minister, the mutual security act is being used to help subversive elements behind the Iron Curtain. The basis of the charge -- the fact that some of the funds go to aid people of Iron Curtain countries. The Czech foreign minister also charges that our planes have been violating Czech territory. And that the American plane recently shot down by Migs, was over the border.

Lodge rejects all of these charges and points out that the Reds are the true subversives, and that in Prague a fifth column overthrew the legitimate government. In Lodge's words; "This Czecho-Slovak coup d'etat is certainly one of the most glaring examples of subversion in modern times."

Lodge also points out that our Mutual Security funds have been used to help refugees from Communist tyranny. Or else to help free nations remain free.

Finally, he states that our plane was over German territory when it was shot down by members of the Czech air force. Says he: "The weather was good that day, and the American pilot knew exactly where he was. And he was directly over the American zone of Germany."

IRON CURTAIN

From Berlin comes word that East Germans have broken through the Iron Curtain-- broken through it literally. In one place the Reds have sealed off their zone by means of a high wooden fence. Two East German refugees attacked this fence with an axe. They cut down a section ten feet wide, and through the opening they drove a truck and trailer through to safety in West Berlin.

Another East German used a still simpler method. He roared out of East Berlin in a truck. Smashed full tilt into the fence; tore a gap in it and kept on across the border, where he slammed into a street light, and smashed up the truck.

Red police rushed to the scene in an effort to seize him. But, West Berlin police arrived first and covered the refugee as he fled on to safety.

The refugee told the authorities that he feared the Reds would arrest him, after his father was seized without warning a few days ago.

This month's total of refugees in West Berlin has now risen to around thirty-eight thousand. They keep streaming in, despite Communists attempts to stop them. An endless line of people, driven by fear, frantically seeking safety from the Red tyranny of East Germany.

DETROIT

The top German Diplomatic Representative in this country, that is, representing West Germany, is His Excellency Heinz Kreckeler, who today revealed that a total of 10,000,000 persons to date have fled from behind the Iron Curtain -- into West Germany alone.

10,000,000! He says the average number coming across at the moment runs somewhere between 2,000 and 6,000 every day. Of the 10,000,000 this West German Diplomat states that approximately two thirds have been absorbed by West Germany.

I was at a luncheon today with Dr. Kreckeler, when he and I were guests of honor at the Detroit Economic Club, in some ways the most important Club in the state of Michigan.

Incidentally the German Diplomat told me that for weeks he had been trying in vain to get tickets for Cinerama, in New York. He said he had been hearing so much about it he couldn't wait to go; and at last, as he was leaving for Detroit, he was lucky enough to get one ticket for his wife.

The German Diplomat mentioned this because he knew I was in Detroit for the opening of Cinerama in this city, tonight, at the Detroit Music Hall -- the first opening of Cinerama, anywhere, outside New York City.

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BOHLEN

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HISS

Many have been wondering how did subversives get into the U.N. How did they get jobs with our staff?

State Department security officer William Franklin, testifying before the House Judiciary Sub-committee, states that in Nineteen Forty-Six, Alger Hiss sent an unauthorized list of job seekers to the UN! Hiss then, of course, was an official of the State Department.

Security Officer Franklin adds that Hiss suggested sending a list of applicants, but the idea was rejected by his superior. Then Hiss ignored the advice and sent the list anyway! "Unofficially and without endorsement or recommendation."

From this we can see how it was possible for people to apply for jobs in the UN, with no recommendation, except the ok of Alger Hiss.

SITTING BULL

A dispatch from Pierre, South Dakota, reminds us of Indian fighting on the Great Plains. It reveals that Governor Anderson of South Dakota wants the body of Sitting Bull, the great chief of the Sioux tribe, transferred to South Dakota. Sitting Bull was buried in North Dakota. That was in eighteen ninety, fourteen years after he led the forces that massacred General Custer and his troops in the battle of Little Big Horn. Sitting Bull himself was killed resisting arrest by the Army. Since then his remains have lain in a grave at Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Now the descendants of the great chief say that he really belongs to South Dakota, where he had ridden the prairie so long. And the Governor of South Dakota said to the Governor of North Dakota, say we want Sitting Bull. To this North Dakota officials reply:- Go get yourself a court order first!

So Sitting Bull won't be able to return to South Dakota until the court says take him away. The legendary chief of the Sioux still having trouble with the Govern-

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ment of the White Men.

At this point, we ought to have Ethyl Merman
sing I'm a Sioux! Instead lets see what Nelso and
our Ivory Girl will do.