

IRAN

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(There is political crisis and confusion in the ancient ~~xxxxx~~ land of Persia - the Iranian Cabinet resigning today. Premier Hussein Ala and his fellow ministers ^(stepped out) ~~xxxxxxx~~ as the Persian Parliament took final measures to expropriate the properties of the great anglo-Iranian oil company.) All this - in the face of grave warning from the British, who developed the Iranian oil fields. Today British Ambassador Sir Francis Shepherd ~~xx~~ warned that the seizure might have what he called, "most serious and far reaching consequences."

Hussein Ala succeeded Premier Ali Razmara, who was murdered by a fanatical Moslem sect ~~xx~~ demanding the nationalization of anglo-Iranian oil. The fanatics have repeatedly threatened Hussein Ala Himself, and now he steps out of office - as the oil question comes to a dangerous crisis.

GREENLAND

(Denmark agrees to let the United States maintain bases in Greenland - that vast island northeast of Canada, so strategic with reference to America in the Arctic. The agreement was signed in ^{Copenhagen} ~~Copenhagen~~ today) a triumph for Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, our first woman ambassador. Our famous Mrs. Mesta is - a minister.

(Greenland has been the subject of a long dispute between Denmark and the United States. During the Second World War, the Scandinavian Kingdom granted us the right to have weather and air stations in Greenland - then wanted us to pull out when the war was over. Actually, we have been moving out - although the atomic bomb makes Greenland more important than ever.)

The sky above the island would be a route for atomic bombers to strike across the Arctic against the United States. So Greenland is of number one importance for a radar screen, along polar shores - to detect the approach of hostile planes. Not much

progress has been made in throwing a network of radar across the northern shores of Alaska and Canada. But Greenland would be a vital link in any such protection. So now we have the right to maintain bases for airplanes weather observatories, and radar screens on Greenland.

(In return, Denmark gets concessions - the United States handing over the American built bases, including the naval station at Gronnodel, which the Danes have long wanted.)

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill has cancelled his visit to the United States. He was to have made an address at the University of Pennsylvania, on May Eleventh, but has informed the ^{head of that institution} ~~College President~~, Harold Stassen, that he can't make it. The reason - political developments in Britain, a split in the Labor government.

The indications have been that Churchill's Conservatives would make an all-out attempt to overthrow the Attlee Cabinet, and bring on a general election. Which would be no time for Churchill to be away. So he cancels his appearance at the Bi-Centennial celebration at the University of Pennsylvania -- promising to go later.

Simultaneously, Churchill today made his most vitriolic attack on the Labor government. He used pungent words, blazing away at a policy that he called "drift and bump and flop." He described the Labor Ministers as - a "cluster of lion-hearted limpets." A limpet being something like a snail. He blasted them for assailing General Douglas MacArthur,

calling MacArthur - "that great soldier and great statesman."

EXPLOSION

Gibraltar was shaken today by a tremendous explosion -- a munitions ship blowing up in the harbor. A naval vessel was unloading live ammunition into a barge, when the barge caught fire, and the whole cargo went up in a giant blast of flame and smoke. Fire shot hundreds of feet into the air, and an enormous mushroom shaped cloud hung over Gibraltar.

Six lives lost, and the death - list would have been much greater - if so many sailors had not been ashore. Hundreds of persons were injured - most of them by flying glass, as windows were shattered far and wide. People ~~thought~~ thought Gibraltar was being bombed, as the rock trembled under the violence of the blast.

The city of Seoul is described as - an allied artillery emplacement. Today's dispatch states that a mighty concentration of cannon has been stationed in and around the city - for a thundering bombardment of the advancing Reds. The inhabitants of Seoul ~~are~~ tonight are mostly American soldiers -- masses of Koreans having steamed out once again, as refugees.

It seems obvious that the capital will not be given up without ~~fight~~ a fight, though there's no sign of any plan to hold the city in possible street fighting. The emphasis is on -- cannon.

The communists are being shelled with a murderous fire, as they approach. - ~~at~~ last reports they were ~~the~~ ^{six} miles from Seoul.

Elsewhere along the eighty-five mile front, there was ~~little~~ little close-up fighting today. The U N forces were withdrawing, and were often out of touch with enemy ~~forces~~ forces -- these being kept under artillery fire and air assault. All accounts today agree

that the Red spring offensive is being met with flexible maneuver -- intended to inflict a maximum loss upon the Reds, while we incur a minimum.

JAPAN

In Tokyo - the first public act by the new Supreme Commander, ~~having~~ succeeded General Douglas MacArthur ~~the~~ week before last, General Matthew Ridgway issues his first order as virtual ruler of Japan. Today he forbade Japanese labor unions to hold a May Day rally in the Plaza of the Imperial Palace.

The demonstration was scheduled by the "Council of Japanese Labor Unions." A powerful group regarded as right-wing, not at all Communist. But last May Day there were disorders, when a rally was held in front of the Imperial Palace. Rioting Reds attacked American soldiers - (a number of whom were mauled and stoned.)

After that, the Japanese government forbade any kind of political gathering to be held on the grounds in front of the palace. This rule will be observed - says General Ridgway to the Council of Japanese Labor Unions. He ^{points} ~~XXXXXXXX~~ out that other suitable places have been made available for May Day parades.

The Labor Council responds with defiance -- declaring today that the demonstration will be held in front of the Imperial Palace, no matter what. So it looks like a showdown with trouble - as the new Supreme Commander performs his first official act.

MACARTHUR

There was a triumphal progress on the western shore of Lake Michigan today - General Douglas MacArthur on his way from Chicago to Milwaukee. A ninety mile drive through dozens of cities, suburbs and villages -- *with another million or more seeing the* ~~and eight hundred thousand people saw the~~ popular hero, his wife and son. At Evanston, Illinois, sixty thousand watched while he laid a wreath at a war memorial. At the Great Lakes Naval Training station, the entire base turned out in a formation two miles long, and gave the General a mass salute.

Fort Sheridan - three thousand troops lined up, and a salute of seventeen guns rang out. At the Wisconsin border a huge crowd - Governor Kohler presiding. At Kenosha, throngs of thirty thousand, with showers of confetti. Racine - eighty thousand.

Then Milwaukee, which Douglas MacArthur considered his home town -- although he lived there, actually, for only a few months. *But* it's the old family neighborhood. His grandfather was a Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin. His father, a hero of the Spanish-

American war, lived in Milwaukee after his retirement -- and died there of a heart attack as he rose to make a speech before a reunion of Civil War veterans.

General Douglas MacArthur attended school in Milwaukee briefly as a boy, lived there with his mother in Eighteen Ninety-five, while preparing for West Point examinations, ~~and~~ *Today is* the first time he has been back in thirty-nine years. It takes a lifelong professional soldier to have seen so little of his home town, - ~~But~~ Milwaukee today gave MacArthur another of those enormous ovations.

~~Twelve~~ ^{the} thousand ~~people~~ jammed around Hotel Plankington, where the MacArthurs are stopping. Twenty-five to thirty-five thousand ~~men~~ milled around "MacArthur Square" where he attended a civic celebration. Marquette University presented him with an honorary degree -- and twenty thousand were jammed in the stadium for that event.

The MacArthur story has been one of - crowds upon crowds, throngs of people numbered way up in the millions.

ADD MACARTHUR

Tonight the General is back in New York getting ready for another public appearance. This -- New York's loyalty day parade tomorrow, with more than four million spectators expected ~~to~~ on Fifth Avenue to watch the show. The marching column, five hundred thousand ~~men~~ strong will be headed by General MacArthur and ~~Francis~~ Cardinal Spellman riding together in an open car.

The F B I is ready to arrest fourteen thousand Reds at a moment's notice - if war should come. This was stated by F B I Director J. Edgar Hoover to a congressional sub-committee -- his testimony made public today.

He said the Communist Party ^{in this country} today has forty-three-thousand,-two-hundred-and-seventeen card carrying members. ^{he added} This is a decline of about eleven thousand, compared with a year ago - a lot of its members having dropped out. Some weak-sisters getting scared, as the Reds become increasingly unpopular. Others - expelled in the course of a Communist purge. ("They set up loyalty boards in their own organization" says J. Edgar Hoover," and screen out F B I agents and informants." He says the Communist leadership is trying to get down to what he called "a hard core of ~~xx~~ earnest Communists upon whom they can count.")

~~(Of the forty-three thousand members at present, most of them are in New York state, and most of these are in New York City. Of the total - the RxBB~~

~~F B I regards fourteen thousand as "dangerous" Reds.~~)

J. Edgar Hoover says the party is ready to go underground at a moment's notice, and has formed a secret group of leaders to take charge, if need be, called the "alternate committee"; the identity of its members ~~is~~ kept a deep secret. But, apparently the F B I knows who they are.

(In addition to party members, there are more than four hundred thousand fellow-travellers, Red sympathizers - and the line of propaganda right now is to take advantage of the Korean war, and play the Communist game with casualty lists - working on the feelings of parents and families. These receive propaganda literature - in a Red attempt to exploit anxiety and grief.)

The F B I considered the Communists far more dangerous than the Nazi Fifth ^{ists} columns in the Second World War.

CRASH

There appear to be four survivors of an air crash, in which a B-thirty-six bomber had a collision with an Air Force fighter plane. They were in combat maneuvers in Oklahoma, and the fighter rammed the bomber. Thirteen lives lost, ~~xxxxx~~ while four men of the crew of the B- thirty-six got out by parachute, and came safely to the ground. —————>

ADD CRASH

Five thousand miles away in the Azores another Air Force bomber, a B-29, crashed on landing this evening. As the superfortress struck an electric power pole, eleven crew members were killed, five others aboard are reported seriously injured.

TEARS

The news today pictures an emotional scene at police headquarters in Detroit. Many a time, on this program, we've had stories of pathos, deeply affecting -- heart-breaking even. But this one is the most touching and tearful of all.

The police were holding an auction, selling articles of property to the highest bidder. Then came a child's tricycle, and Police Lieutenant Alex Anderson called for bids. In the crowd was a small boy, and he piped up - bidding fifty cents for the tricycle.

The Lieutenant remembered his own childhood, how he had longed for a tricycle. So he shut off other bids, and accepted the little lad's offer. Technically, it was a violation of auction rules, but Alex Anderson said: "I let the ~~price~~ ^{lad} have it, because I thought he wanted it so badly."

Whereupon, tears began rolling down the Lieutenants grizzled cheeks. The little boy was in tears also - and in a minute all of the seventy-five

people at the auction were weeping too. The whole place -- in tears. *(You see)*

λ In the basement of police headquarters an accident had happened. A pin had dropped out of a tear gas bomb, and that had touched off seventy-five others. Whereupon, the tear gas had filtered through the ventilating system, and into the ~~the~~ auction room. Just at the right time - to improve the scene of the little boy, the tricycle and the big-hearted police lieutenant. Pathetic? It was a ^{real} tear jerker, *Nelson.*