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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The new explosion has occurred in Iran, the thing that had been expected - a revolt of the

Kurds. For days it had been anticipated that the continued Soviet occupation of northern Persia would be accompanied by the setting up of still another autonomous government - Kurdish.

Today's news is a statement from Teheran that Kurdish tribesmen have revolted and attacked Iranian garrisons - three places under siege, the

soldiers of Iran holding out desperately against the Kurds. And still other reports at the Persian capital state that an autonomous government has been proclaimed - a republic of Kurdistan. This new regime is said to have ^{set up its} ~~established~~ ^{headquarters} ~~itself~~ in the city of Mehabad - which is in the Soviet zone of occupation, as is most of the Kurdish population living in Persia. It would appear, from the Teheran dispatches, that trouble among the Kurds has been brewing for some time - and now has flared into the open, with the proclamation of a Kurdish republic.

London gives us the opinion that this new revolt ^{will} ~~will~~ give Moscow a new excuse for refusing to withdraw the Red Army from northern Persia. Moscow, charged with treaty violation, can now cite the rebellion of the Kurds and say - it's necessary to keep Soviet forces in those parts to preserve order.

But, of course, the Kurdish affair ^{has} ~~is~~ much broader
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possibilities than that. The Kurds occupy border lands, not only of Persia, but also of Iraq and Turkey - and suppose ~~that~~ the Kurds in Iraq and Turkey were to join the revolt of the tribes in Persia. And - proclaim themselves a part of the Kurdish Republic. That sort of thing, under the sponsorship of Moscow and supported by the Red Army, would be a heavy blow to Iraq and to Turkey.

77 And here's a fact most sharply to the point:-The territory occupied by the Kurds in Iraq includes Mosul - ^{and} those great Mesopotamian oilfields, [on which the British fleet depends ~~so greatly~~ for its fuel.

KURDS

This newest development of international crisis throws the beam of ^{the} spotlight on ^a little-known people in a remote part of the world-- the Kurds. Who are they? What are they like? They are Moslem nomads of the hill country -- with a history as long as it has been turbulent.

It features one most familiar name -- Ararat. Yes, Mount Ararat, on top of which Noah and his ark ^{are} said to have ^{grounded} ~~landed~~ after the deluge. The Kurds have their nomad dwellings in the regions that surround Mount Ararat.

How ancient a people they are is shown by the fact that the Kurds, in the dim times of the ancient past, conquered Babylon the Glorious. Babylon, renowned for Sargon and Hammurabi. Later, as archaic records show, the Kurds participated in the alliance that overthrew warlike Nineveh -- Nineveh, over which Nebuchadrezzar had ruled. At a later date they figured in that famous classic of ancient Greece -- Anabasis.

In the Retreat of the Ten Thousand, as related by Xenophon, the Greeks had to fight their way through Kurdish tribes.

And so on down through history -- the Kurds, ~~were~~ a race of nomad warriors. In recent times, their country, divided, fell into the territories of Persia, Mesopotamian-Iraq, and Turkey. They have been frequently in revolt, and harshly suppressed, especially by the Turks. Yet their inclination for insurrection has never been obliterated -- and today the Kurds appear in the news as a convenient means of Soviet advance toward the Dardanelles on the one hand, and the Persian Gulf on the other.

U.N.O.

And here's the latest. Soviet Russia has just asked that the meeting of the Security Council of the U.N.O., scheduled for next Monday, be postponed until April Tenth. Soviet delegate Gromyko explains that Moscow had not expected the action of Iran in lodging a complaint with the U.N.O. - a protest against Soviet actions in Persia. And so - the Russians need more time to prepare their answer, — *and maybe to move on.*

With Moscow asking a delay, the United States *today* ~~has~~ requested that the Iranian-Soviet dispute be put first on the list of things to be considered by the Security Council.

ATOMIC PROPAGANDA

Soviet propaganda takes a new turn today, with the summoning of another scarecrow - atomic dictatorship. This appears in a Moscow publication which declares that the United States is trying to use the terror of the atomic bomb to promote policies of imperialism.

We are told that American imperialists have a plan which the Soviet editor describes as follows: "to utilize the discovery of atomic energy for gambling in foreign affairs"

This accusation is tied to the atomic bomb test at Bikini, in the far Pacific. The Soviet description for the test is "brandishing the atomic weapon for purposes which have little in common with the peace and security of nations." The American idea being, in the words of the Moscow publication: "to take advantage of the present situation to establish a new atomic imperialism, an atomic dictatorship."

PEPPER

★ The demand for another Big Three Conference comes to a climax with proposals made today by Senator Claude Pepper of Florida. In an address to the Senate in Washington, the Florida legislator not only urged that a Stalin-Attlee-Truman meeting be held immediately, but also suggested that the Big Three get-together should be a full dress conference of large scope magnitude.

Senator Pepper thinks that a meeting of Stalin, Attlee and Truman should be only a part of a grandiose diplomatic affair in which the Foreign Offices of the Big Three ^{would} ~~play~~ play their own part, and ~~in~~ which Soviet, British and American military leaders would attend - together with representatives of business, labor, agriculture, women, war veterans and youth. That would indeed be a super-conference, revolving around Stalin, Attlee and Truman. Pepper

thinks that this is necessary in order that the Western democracies and Soviet Russia ~~can~~ come to some understanding and get rid of their war fears - the fear that each side has of the other.

In a long address, the Florida Senator proposed likewise that Soviet Russia should be given the atomic secret - also a big loan, the billion dollars that Moscow wants.

As for the Pepper bomb proposal, the news dispatch from Washington puts it in these words:

"An agreement by the United States, Britain and Canada to destroy their stock piles of atomic bombs, ^d their facilities for making atomic bombs, before sharing the secret with Russia for the peaceful application of atomic energy."

Well, I suppose that giving the atomic secret to the Soviets might diminish the fears of Moscow, but what would it do to ours? *— our own fears? And what about their army of 12,000,000 men?*

ITALY

The election results in Italy are something of a surprise. They don't show anything like the Left-Wing trend that had been expected.

The elections are for local offices and have been held on consecutive Sundays -- returns from one section and then another coming in week after week. The early count showed the Right-Wing Christian Democrats in the lead, but that was discounted -- because those first returns were from agricultural southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. It was believed that the big industrial centers of the north, which are supposed to be red radicals, would reverse the trend into a Left-Wing sweep.

Today, however, returns reporting from all parts of Italy reveal no such thing. The combined parties of the Left have a slight majority over the Conservative Groups.

The strongest of all the parties, by far, continues to be the Christian Democrats. In more than nine thousand local elections, the Christian Democrats stood alone against the combined forces of the Leftists, Socialists and Communists acting together. In these cases the Christian Democrats elected four thousand four hundred and seventy officials. While the combined Socialists, Communists and other Left-Wingers, backing single candidates, elected four thousand three hundred and seventy-three. In other words, the Christian Democrats, all by themselves, are nearly as strong as the Socialists, Communists and other Left-Wingers put together.

NUREMBERG

At the Nuremberg trial, the court today upheld Goering against Chief American Prosecutor, Supreme Court Justice Jackson. Goering, a witness in his own defense, has been making speeches and harangues. *And*, Jackson demanded that the court make the one-time Nazi Number Two man shut up, arguing that Goering was using the court witness box as a sounding board for speling off Nazi propaganda. Jackson requested that Goering be made answer questions with "Yes" or "No" instead of going into orations.

The judge is British, Lord Chief Justice Lawrence, and he rejected Jackson's demand. He said that the American prosecutor was - "making too much of a small point." Lord Chief Justice Lawrence instructed Goering to answer "Yes" or "No" whenever possible. *But* he said he could make further explanations, whenever these were necessary.

Goering took advantage of that to make some

explanations about evidence of anti-Semitism brought up against him. Official Nazi documents quoted him in a brutish anti-Semitic role. Goering admitted having said the things of which he was accused, but tried to minimize them. He declaimed in grandiose fashion: "These utterances have no world historical significance."

I suppose he meant that he wants to be hanged only for things that have a world historical significance!

GERMAN FOOD RIOTS

Hamburg having food riots - led by women largely. During the past thirty-six hours, food shops and railroad cars have been looted - stormed by rioters, quantities of food taken away. The outbreaks began yesterday when a hundred and fifty housewives, carrying market baskets, tried to force their way into a bakery shop. The British authorities stopped that, but it was only a beginner. Last night two hundred women went rampaging to the railroad yards, and plundered box cars containing food.

The rioting continued today, with large numbers of women attacking bakeries - breaking in and carrying off sacks of flour and loaves of bread.

All of which is not surprising - for the great port of Hamburg is in the clutch of famine. The British have had to cut rations down to such a point that each day many cases are reported of

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Germans collapsing in the streets because of insufficient food. And similar ration cuts are expected soon in the American zone of occupation - with the same sort of famine and disturbances anticipated - desperate mobs of women storming food supplies.

BLUEBEARD

In Paris, the French Bluebeard had the court in an uproar today - arousing both the prosecutor and the judge to gesticulations of anger and horror.

Dr. Marcel Petiot, the murderous physician on trial, has been sending chills up and down the Parisian spine with his cold-blooded stories of gruesome assassination, details of ~~horror~~^{atrocities} related with perfect nonchalance - the Bluebeard claiming that his many victims were pro-Nazi collaborators. He - a patriot of murder.

Today the fact was brought up that in addition to killing what he called "collaborators", he also murdered their girl friends.

The prosecutor demanded sternly: "Why did you kill also the sweethearts of these people?"

"Well," responded Bluebeard, "what the devil could I do with them?"

That set the prosecutor off into a spasm of shouts and waving of arms.

"Mon dieu, do you hear that?" he shouted.

The outbreak of the judge came when His Honor instructed the Bluebeard physician to describe the killing of an underworld character called - "Francois the Corsican."

The doctor turned to the judge with a sneer. "So you want to know the details?" he remarked. "I must say you have sadistic tastes."

That made the judge roar - while the spectators laughed.

"This is not a theatrical performance," shouted the French magistrate.

BANK

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~~A~~ The town of Carbon, Indiana, will soon be without a bank. Its lone financial institution is closing shop -- for a mournful reason, stated by its President today. "Let somebody else's bank be the most frequently robbed financial institution in Indiana," said he.

However, it cannot be said that the bank is closing its doors. These have been closed for some time now. The Carbon, Indiana, financial institution was the victim of a five thousand dollar holdup and three other robberies. As a result, the bank president resolved to keep the doors locked all the time -- even while transacting business. A depositor had to bang on the door, whereupon Banker Marshall would unlock, and let him in. He refused to admit anybody he didn't recognize.

That seemed a robbery-proof way of stopping holdups, but alas and alack! The most recent episode came when Banker Marshall thought he recognized two

men who were knocking at the door -- and let them
in. Whereupon they stuck a gun in his ribs and took
five ~~xxx~~ hundred ^{more.} dollars.

^{500 was the last straw -}
That ~~was the finish~~ -- and Banker Marshall is
closing, not only the doors, but also the books, the
business and everything. Which leaves Carbon, Indiana,
without a financial ~~ixx~~ institution, and constitutes
a severe blow for the robbery and holdup industry
out there.

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And now Hugh, am I holding
up you?