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SUBSTITUTE LEAD PALESTINE.

In the United Nations tonight, the comment is that the Arab rejection late this afternoon, does not entirely close the door to a possible compromise for a truce in Palestine. (The Arabs turned down the unconditional demand by the U.N. that they stop fighting,) but they say that they are willing to consider ~~further~~ proposals for a conditional truce -- armistice terms that will concede something to them. ~~For~~ For this they set a deadline -- which, in a way, is like putting the shoe on the other foot. The U. N. gave the Arabs a deadline in the first place, ~~the~~ ^a zero hour today which the Moslems did not quite meet. The explanation, ~~was~~ ^{as} given tonight, ^{is} that their answer was delayed by difficulties of communication and decoding -- in the case of messages that came all the way from the gathering of Arab leaders in the city of Amman, Trans-Jordan. In any case, the Arabs now respond ^{with} ~~that~~ a deadline of their own -- a time limit of forty-eight hours. They say the representatives of the Arab states will stay on at Amman in Trans-

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Jordania, will wait there for forty-eight hours -- to give the U.N. time to propose conditions for a truce.

Alongwith this, the Arabs made suggestions of terms that they would accept. (They ^{will} ~~have~~ agreed to quit fighting on three conditions: the new Jewish state of Israel be dissolved; Jewish immigration into Palestine be stopped during the period of the armistice; the importation of weapons ^{to} be halted.

These conditions are ~~refused~~ ^{utterly} unacceptable to the Jewish state,) the representative of Israel at the United Nations making the following statement tonight: "If the Arabs think", said he, "that the State of Israel, not defeated in war, would commit suicide for the sake of peace, they are wrong", said he. However, in U. N. circles there is a disposition to place a degree of hope in the fact that the Arab rejection was accompanied by the statement that the Moslems will wait for further proposals.

^{Some} They think there ^{is a} ~~might be some~~ possibility of a compromise though that might be the old business of hoping against hope. ^{from Cairo} A despatch tonight quotes the Secretary-General of

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of the Arab League as saying the fighting will go on until a unified Arab state has been established in Palestine.

American loan to the state of Israel, together with the lifting of the American arms embargo. We heard about that yesterday, heard how Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, had paid a visit to the President of the United States. Dr. Weizmann asked President Truman to give Israel a loan of something like a hundred million dollars and to raise the embargo, thereby permitting American arms to be shipped to Israel.

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PALESTINE - BRITISH REACTION

In London earlier today, the prediction was made that the chance of a truce in Palestine might have been wrecked by reports that President Truman had given intimations of an American loan to the state of Israel, together with the lifting of the American arms embargo. We heard about that yesterday, heard how Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Provisional President of Israel, had paid a visit to the President of the United States. Dr. Weizmann asked President Truman to give Israel a loan of something like a hundred million dollars, and to raise the embargo, thereby permitting American armament to be shipped to Israel.

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favorable attitude toward an American loan and American armament for the Jewish state.

All this was followed today by declarations from the White House and from Secretary of State Marshall. Both stating that no decision had been made about lifting the arms embargo, nothing definite about American armament for Israel.

went on to say
(Secretary Marshall ~~stated~~ that nothing would be done in the matter until the United Nations has made a decision in the Palestine problem. *For we are* ~~not~~ waiting to see what the U.N. will do.)

Neither the White House nor the Secretary of State would make any comment about the President being in favor of an American loan.

But in Congress there was immediate action by Representative Jacob Javits of New York, who today introduced a bill for an American loan of a hundred million dollars, money to be advanced to the Jewish state, together with military supplies and technical help. The measure presented by Congressman Javits would amount to American Lend-Lease sent to Israel in American ships.

JERUSALEM

(The battle for Jerusalem shifted westward today. The focus of savage fighting was on the highway to the coast, a Jewish life-line. There the troops of Haganah are making a desperate attempt to break through an Arab road-block and open the way to the Holy City -- where defenders of Israel have been battling so stubbornly.)

The critical point on the highway is a place called Latrun, which is at the edge of the Valley of Ajalon -- and that valley is the place where Joshua, in battle long centuries ago, called upon the sun to stand still.-- ~~which is~~ ^{one} of the most famous passages in the Bible, a focus of long controversy. In times gone by ~~it~~ it was argued that the Copernican Theory contradicted the Bible because of that passage -- since how could the earth move around the sun when Joshua caused the sun to stand still, indicating that the sun moved around the ~~xxx~~ earth? Joshua's idea was to make the day longer so the Israelites would have more time to beat their foes in battle. ^R Well, all that

Biblical lore comes to mind today as the Israelites strive once again, in these modern days, to defeat their foes in battle. In Joshua's Valley of Ajalon, they assailed the Arabs with such violence today that Moslem ~~g~~ troops were called ^{from} ~~to~~ the city of Jerusalem to reinforce the defense of the road-block. Units of the Arab Legion broke off the battle with the Jewish defenders of Jerusalem, and hurried to the Valley of Ajalon.

We hear that tonight the modern Israelites are handicapped by something to remind us of Joshua.

Their tactics feature commando raids at night, parties

of Haganah shock troops ^{infiltrating Arab} ~~infiltrating Arab~~ positions

in the darkness. ^{Well it's} ~~When it is~~ full moon in Palestine --

and the gleaming satellite can be brilliant indeed ~~in~~

~~there near the~~ ^{edge} ~~edge~~ of the Arabian ~~desert~~ desert,

full moon can turn night almost into day, and that's

impeding commando tactics, which rely on darkness.

Joshua and his ancient Israelites had ^{to} ~~a~~ deal with the sun.

While for the modern Israelites, it's the full moon causing trouble.

FINLAND

The political crisis in Finland is over, brought to an end by a compromise which sounds like something of a masterpiece in the diplomatic art. Some days ago, the Finns tossed out their Communist Minister of the Interior, because of improper dealings he had with the Soviets. Whereupon the Reds in Finland staged a general strike to enforce a demand that, when they appointed a new Minister of the Interior, he'd better be a Communist - according to the Soviet-propounded-theory of controlling the Ministry of the Interior, which in turn controls the police, who in turn are all-important for the establishment of a Red police state.

The strike has been only a sort of halfway success, so today came the compromise. President Paasikivi appointed a Minister of the Interior, and he's not a Communist - he's sort of ambiguous. But another Minister was appointed, assuming office as Minister Without Portfolio, a woman - and she is the wife of the Communist Minister of the Interior who was ousted. In other words, a sort of family solution.

The lady is described as the brains in the Finnish Communist Party, which would certainly seem to make her the better half of the ousted Communist Minister of the Interior.

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MARSHALL

Secretary of State Marshall gave the facts today about himself and the annual award bestowed by The Churchman, a magazine which has the appearance of some sort of unofficial connection with the Episcopal Church. This magazine is edited by the Reverend Guy Emery Shipler, who has been charged repeatedly with being pro-Communist and pro-Soviet. ~~The~~

~~Reverend Shipler was a member of the group which, sponsored by the Council of Soviet-American Friendship, went to Red Jugoslavia last year and returned with a report favorable to the puppet Dictator, Tito. He is assistant to his father, who is Minister of an Episcopalian Church in Brooklyn, the congregation of which has voted its disapproval of the son's political activities. One of his latest, for example, has been to lead an attack against the anti-Communist motion picture, "The Iron Curtain."~~

The Churchman, edited by the Reverend Shipler, makes an award each year to some distinguished person, and this year the selection was - Secretary of State Marshall.

In the New York World-Telegram today, Staff Writer Frederick Woltman tells how prominent personalities were circularized, invited to attend a banquet given by The Churchman, twenty-five dollars a plate, at which the award would be presented to the Secretary of State. The form letter intimated that Secretary Marshall would be there, although a later form letter said that the Secretary, in the words of the letter - "now finds it impossible." Impossible to attend.

All of which created some little stir, and today Secretary ~~of~~ Marshall, at a news conference, was asked about it all. He said - yes, he had at one time agreed to accept the annual award of The Churchman. But since then - he has changed his mind. At the time of his acceptance, a few months ago, he thought the publication was an official, or at least semi-official, magazine of the Episcopal Church. Later on he found that this was not true, and learned that The Churchman goes in for discussions of international politics. Here we may note that the political line put

forward in the magazine, is not at all unfavorable to the Soviets. In view of ^{all of} this, the Secretary said today, he thought it would be improper for him to accept the award. So he declined.

TRADE

The Lower House of Congress passed the Reciprocal Trade Bill this afternoon - and thereby defied the White House. The Congressmen voted to extend the present reciprocal trade policy for one year - the President ^{had} asked for an extension of three years. The President advised against any change in the present trade treaty law, while the bill ~~was~~ passed ^{this} afternoon would restrict the President's authority to fix tariff ^{rates} ~~rights~~ ^{under} ~~treaties~~ - would give Congress the right to veto any White House decision in the matter of tariff ^{rates} ~~rights~~ under trade treaties.

The President may veto that - if the Senate goes ahead and okays the bill passed by the Lower House this afternoon.

GUITRY

In France, the actor and playwright, Sacha Guitry, has long been renowned for his mastery of the dramatic effect, his art in producing a theatrical scene. ^{Also,} ~~and~~ Sacha Guitry is ~~also~~ in some disfavor right now, because of charges that he collaborated with the Nazis during the war. So today there was a bit of dramatic action that would have excited the admiration of the famous wizard of the stage - except that he played the principal role. He was the star.

In the old City of Lyon, in the south of France, they celebrated the premier of the latest Sacha Guitry motion picture, called - "The Comedian." That aroused manifestations, with the circulation of pamphlets denouncing the actor and playwright for his alleged collaboration with the Nazis. However, the premier of the film, "The Comedian", went off according to schedule. Sacha Guitry himself was there, and gracefully took the plaudits. Thereupon, he started for his hotel, driving in his automobile with an actress - when things proceeded to happen. The events that followed the

premier of "The Comedian" did not seem like comedy at all - not to the author of "The Comedian."

He was driving along an avenue and approaching a railroad crossing - when down came the barrier, the gate that is lowered when a train is coming. Sacha Guitry stopped his car. What he didn't know was that the railroad crossing barrier had been lowered by partisans of the Anti-Guitry faction. They stopped his car that way, and then - up they stalked. They made Guitry and the actress get out of the car, put them in a truck, and drove off. ^P You can imagine the agitated thoughts in the mind of the famous actor and playwright. He could recall how during the war and immediately thereafter, members of the anti-Nazi resistance had seized collaborationists and taken them away - to execution. Sacha Guitry must have had visions of a firing squad, with himself in the leading role, the star. Which is no part that any actor wants to play. The aftermath of "The Comedian" was beginning to look more like tragedy.

The abductors drove to a place where preparations had been made. It was a site where a sanctuary in memory of the Anti-Nazi Resistance ^{is} ~~was~~ being built. There they took Guityry out of the truck. The plot was thickening. The comedy was being most unfunny. The tragedy was deepening.

The big scene came, when the abductors told Guityry to fall on his knees before the sanctuary of the Resistance, kneel down and pray. It was often thus in old romances, the victim given a chance to say his prayers, before he was murdered. So the famous actor and playwright was kneeling there, in an attitude of prayer - when he was shot. He was ~~not~~ shot by a battery of cameras, with flashlights and everything - which must have been the next thing to being shot, just about as terrifying, only it lasted longer. The object of it all was to get pictures to be circulated - the great Sacha Guityry kneeling in front of the shrine of the Resistance.

Then ~~and~~ they let him go - after Sacha Guityry had

played the star part in the most dramatic scene of his long career on the stage.

BLONDE

There's ^a ~~the~~ moral to be drawn from today's favorite news story in New York:- ~~when~~ a beautiful blonde offers ^{ing} herself for sale in marriage, ^{and getting} ~~she gets~~ a lot of publicity.

Today, Mrs. Dorothy Lawlor was dickering for appearances in newsreel, television and other forms of show business - in addition to considering the offers made by fourteen ~~teen~~ suitors, who were willing to put up ten thousand dollars for the privilege of leading the lady to the altar.

The lady herself is a twenty-eight year old divorcee with two children, who works as a night club hat check girl - and is tired of working. She wants somebody to support herself and her two ~~n~~ children, and needs some cash on the line, — — on the barrelhead, as they say in the elegant phraseology of business. She needs exactly ten thousand bucks, in addition to which ~~she~~ the husband she marries will have to have considerably more to take care of the future. In pursuit of ten thousand dollars, plus a husband with additional resources, Mrs. Dorothy Lawlor put an advertisement in a Hempstead,

Long Island, newspaper yesterday, and today she got sixteen replies, two of which she ruled out right away, ~~and was~~ ^{leaving her} considering fourteen. She expects more offers to be forthcoming, and expresses herself frankly: "I'm not marrying for love - I don't believe in love," says she. "I'm looking," said she, "for just one thing - money, money, money."

Well, she's not the only beautiful blonde that's ^{around in that way -} looking, but, she's about the only one who says it out loud - "money, money, money."

A late bulletin: - she is at the night club, tonight - - waiting for suitors to turn up. So far no one has put in an appearance. No one with 10,000. No one with money, money, money.

And now our expert on matters that concern the ladies - - Nelson Case.

LEAD PALESTINE.

The delegate from Egypt has just informed the United Nations that Egypt rejects the U.N. appeal for an unconditional truce in Palestine. Egypt is being followed by the other Arab states, whose delegates are now telling the Security Council the same thing, ^{--- a} _λ rejection of the U.N. order to stop fighting.

This was pretty well understood all day long, as something that would happen before the day was over. The word was that the Arabs would present a modified rejection, saying they would stop fighting - IF.

The terms, as outlined, were these: That the new State of Israel must be dissolved. That the Army of Haganah ^{being reenforced.} must stop. And a limitation must be placed on Jewish immigration. These terms would, of course, be completely unacceptable for the Jewish state. ~~So the whole thing amounts to an Arab rejection.~~