

IRAN

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Good Evening, Everybody, (Written by L.T.Jr.)

An astonishing news conference was held in Teheran

today, when the religious-political chieftain, Kashani, summoned a gathering of foreign correspondents. He gave them as unusual a story as a reporter ever got. Telling them - that he intended to overthrow the government in the next three days, with a revolution against Premier Zahedi.

Kashani is a white-bearded mullah, the chief mullah of millions of Moslems. Several days ago, his son was arrested on charges of ~~suspected~~ anti-government activity. - *later released*
~~but was released later~~ Kashani is anti-British, and told the newsmen he was planning the violent overthrow of Premier Zahedi - because the Premier was turning Iran into a ~~an~~ "British colony." The real grievance is that the Teheran government is now negotiating with Great Britain for a settlement of that famous oil dispute.

The
~~The~~ dramatic news conference took the government - completely by surprise. According to all appearance, the regime of Premier Zahedi is in firm control, and officials

believe that Kashani gave out his proclamation of a revolution - to influence elections. The Iranians ^{are} about to go to the polls to elect a new Senate.

(We don't know how serious all this may be, but it is a strange affair - when the chief mullah calls in the foreign press. And informs them - that he will overthrow the government within three days.)

BERLIN

At the Berlin Conference, today, Secretary Dulles displayed - a ballot. A piece of paper - which he flourished in the direction of Molotov. A totalitarian ballot, such as was used in East Germany during the last election.

Our Secretary of State was ridiculing the Moscow demand - that Germany should be unified under one government, and then hold an election. Unification - meaning that the Red regime of East Germany would be admitted into the unified government. What kind of election would you expect Communist officials to support?!

~~Secretary Dulles.~~

~~Our Secretary of State~~ illustrated - by flourishing that ballot, which had one slate of candidates, according to the Communist one-party system. No other candidates for East Germans to vote for. The voters given - no choice.

went on to tell
~~(Secretary Dulles told Molotov - the Soviets might be making a mistake now, just as they did in Nineteen Thirty-Nine, ~~the~~ When - Stalin signed his famous agreement with Hitler, the Nazi-Soviet Pact. At that time, the Kremlin~~

mistrust the West - just as the Kremlin does now. Molotov telling the Berlin Conference - that the Western ~~power~~ powers plan aggression against Russia. But, when Stalin signed with Hitler in Nineteen Thirty-Nine - it was Hitler who, later, attacked the Soviets.)

~~That was the line of argument, as the American~~

The American went on to Secretary of State, ^Achallenged the Moscow Foreign Minister to make some reasonable proposition - for the unification of Germany.

After Dulles got through, Bidault started in - the French Foreign Minister taking a firm stand, along with the United States, against the Soviet idea of a German settlement. Which is all the more important, because Molotov has been making a play for French support - trying to draw France away from the Western alliance.

Secretary Dulles was the Chairman today, and the next move is up to Molotov. Or - the next speech.

JAPAN

There's an uproar in Japan, over the case of the missing Russian diplomat, Rastovorov. The Japanese are excited about it, and some say - they're inclined to accept the Soviet accusation. That - Rastovorov was kidnapped by U.S. Intelligence Agents. That opinion was expressed in Tokyo today, by Japan's largest newspaper.

American officials in Japan are silent - no comment on the disappearance of the Second Secretary of a Russian diplomatic mission. But the word is that, when summoned home, he refused to go. And - surrendered himself to the U.S. Intelligence. They say Rastovorov was an agent of Soviet espionage in Japan, and that he is now telling American officials - interesting things about the Red spy system.

One report is that he has been taken to Okinawa - for safety and questioning. And that brings a protest from opposition political parties - on the ground that it would be a violation of the sovereignty of Japan, if the ~~missing~~ missing diplomat has been taken to Okinawa. So the whole thing threatens to break out in the Japanese Parliament.

Follow JAPAN

Newsman in Washington say that they have seldom run into such a wall of silence - as at the State Department today, when they tried to find out about the missing diplomat.

RENEGADES

Today, the Reds in Korea began making use of the twenty-one American soldiers who went over to Communism.

Three of the renegades - talking on the Communist Radio—

~~They~~ reeled off a line of Red propaganda. One saying -

"I was duped into coming to Korea to fight for the greedy American billionaires." Another declaring - "I was used to carry out aggressive actions of the U.S. Army, to plunder, rape, burn and kill Korean men, women and children."

Presumably, all twenty-one will go through a similar act.

ATOMIC BASES

A Congressional Committee gave its approval today -
to a top secret project for the Air Force. ^a ~~The~~ program for
building atomic storage spaces, overseas. Thirty-two million
dollars to construct centers ~~where~~ where atom bombs and
hydrogen bombs ^{may} ~~will~~ be kept - in countries abroad.

Just where - we are not told. That's part of the -
hush hush-hush. It's merely stated that the plan for atomic
storage bases is - worldwide.

Committee Member, Senator Case of South Dakota
says - it doesn't mean that the Air Force is going to store
nuclear weapons abroad right now. They want the foreign bases
as a place to send the bombs - in case of necessity.

BRICKER AMENDMENT

In Washington today, the efforts to find a substitute for the Bricker Amendment - collapsed. It was a bi-partisan attempt, and Democratic Senator George of Georgia declares - there is "no hope" for a compromise. So now Republican leaders are proceeding, on their own - to find something which will meet with the approval of the White House.

NEW YORK

In Albany, a proposal to split New York City into five separate cities. The bill was introduced in the State Legislature today. However, nobody takes the proposal too seriously. - ~~the proposal being~~ ^{it} regarded as a Republican way of needling Mayor Wagner. But it would be a sensation - if they were to divide the East Coast metropolis into five separate cities.

COFFEE

~~At a Committee hearing in Washington today, a~~
At a Committee hearing in Washington today, a New York coffee broker said that Brazilian producers "fix" prices - by holding back supplies of coffee for a more favorable market. Chandler Mackey was a somewhat reluctant witness, and got into arguments with Senators on the Committee. He decried any move to establish government control of trading in coffee, and argued - ^{that} federal control would drive prices to still greater heights.

In this he was backed by Gustavo Lobo, President of the New York Coffee Exchange, where the speculating is done.

He admitted that foreign interests trade on the coffee ~~exchange~~ and exchange, under assumed names, ^{and} through concealed agents.

Senator Gillette of Iowa quoted a New York coffee broker as declaring that the rise in prices was caused by Brazilian growers going into the New York coffee market - buying futures. The present price - ridiculous.

FOOTBALL

Years ago, Notre Dame had a boy wonder for a coach - Knute Rockne. That Swedish palladin was only thirty, when he took charge of the Irish. In big time football, a coach was supposed to be mature, seasoned, with plenty of experience. So Rockne, at thirty, was considered - a flaming youth movement.

Today, Notre Dame has a coach - of twenty-five, the youngest ever to take charge of a major football team. Terry Brennan, who was in college, a Notre Dame star - ~~sprightly~~ ^{four or five} ~~few~~ years ago.

Last year, football had a "boy wonder" in Jack (Moose) Myers of the College of the Pacific. He was ~~twenty-eight~~ ^{is} twenty-eight. Brennan - ^{is} ~~^~~ three years younger. With only four years of high school coaching and one season - running a college freshman team.

He succeeds Frank Leahy, who wore himself out at Notre Dame football - retiring at forty-five because of ill health. Leahy - who usually had a champion team, or a

runner-up for top honors.

Well, if you put a "boy" into Frank Leahy's shoes,
he'd better be a "wonder!"

Substitute SEIGE

In New York, the seige of Dick Haymes and Rita Hayworth was called off tonight when Haymes reached an agreement with one of his ex-wives. She was claiming thirty-three thousand dollars, and the Sheriff's deputies were waiting to arrest Haymes - while he and his wife, Rita Hayworth, were barricaded in a hotel apartment. But the matter has been settled - the seige raised.

KIDNAP

In Milwaukee, Donald Kazuk is in a hospital - badly bruised and battered - after a severe beating. Kazuk figures in a kidnap case, and you might feel indignant about a victim treated so savagely - by an abductor. But it's the other way around - Kazuk was the kidnapper.

The victim of abduction was Larry Knuth, who runs a filling station. Larry was a Marine in the Second World War, fighting in leatherneck battles against the Japanese. Marines are known to be tough - and ~~so is Larry~~ *in no exception.*

The kidnapper put a knife against his neck, saying: "I want money." Then - forced Larry into an automobile, and tied his hands. Always - with the knife at his throat.

Then he drove off on a wild ride - with his captive. But the former Marine was able to get loose - and he went at the kidnapper with both fists. That's why Kazuk is in a hospital, with aches and pains - and a broken nose.

Hard to tell which was the victim - the kidnapper or the kidnapped.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Did you know this is
This is ^{well} - Chinese New Year. Always an oddity because

of the interesting names of the Chinese years. The twelve months just ending ^{were} was - the Year of the Snake. The period that now begins is - the Year of the Horse.

In Hong Kong, the celebration was as loud as ever - with exploding firecrackers and feasting Chinese.

Greeting - the Horse Year. Goodbye - to the Snake Year.

Across in Red China, the Communists always frowned on the old celebration, with its traditional significance - going back into the Confucian past. But, even in Red China, the New Year was observed in old-fashioned ways.

Ring out the old, ring in the new. Ring out the Snake, ring in the Horse.

VOLCANO

Thunder in the Mediterranean - Stromboli in eruption. Fire, smoke and ashes - bursting from the summit. Three rivers of red hot lava, and each one a mile long - pouring down ^{to} ~~into~~ the sea.

The island, only three miles long, is virtually - all volcano. Eight hundred inhabitants, fishermen mostly, living in villages. No casualties, but Italian warships are standing by to evacuate the entire population of Stromboli - if the eruption becomes more violent, [and rivers of lava move down toward the villages.]

WEATHER PRECEDE BADGER

Freaks of weather - in the news. Snow in North Africa - and balmy temperatures, like summer, in Iceland. Today, Algiers had the first snow in more than twenty years, while at a town in Iceland, near the Arctic Circle, the thermometer rose to forty-eight today, like the mildness of Spring - up there near the Arctic.

BADGER

This was Ground Hog Day - but that's an old, familiar story. So let's take a look at a similar occasion over in Europe. *In* Germany, they have a relative of the ground hog - the "dachs." Which means - "badger." You might think the dachs could hardly survive, with all those sausage dogs around, The dachshund, the badger hound. Nevertheless, the dachs remains a - traditional weather prophet. So, did the dachs come out of his hole today - and see his shadow?

The answer is - "nein", a thousand times "nein."

Germany is having the coldest winter in a dozen years, and the official weatherman joins the dachs in saying - it will stay cold for some time to come.

Chilly, and frosty - for the dachs and the dachshund.

Mike, any signs of the "dachs", or the Ground Hog where you've been today?

VETERAN

Extra

At Rome, New York, Robert Donald can go back to Scotland - after fifty years. For half a century, he wouldn't have dared to put a foot on his native heather, but now - all is changed. So what does he say - about going back?

He was on the roll of the British Army - a deserter. During the Boer War, he was a soldier in the Scots Guard, ~~and~~ was wounded three times. Then, returning to Britain, he couldn't stand the monotony, ~~So~~ In Nineteen Two he deserted, and came to the United States - becoming a carpenter over here.

He told his story to a local newspaperman, Malcolm Alama - who, several weeks ago, wrote a letter to Queen Elizabeth, in behalf of Robert Donald, Asking - for a pardon. That got results - the British War Office issuing a "protective certificate." Which - guarantees the deserter of half a century ago against prosecution.

"That's the nicest news I've ever heard," the seventy-two year old man said today. But, he added: "I never would go back to Scotland. I love American too much ever to ~~xxx~~ leave it."

SIEGE

A siege is on in New York. Dick Haymes and Rita Hayworth -- barricaded in a hotel apartment. Downstairs the sheriff's deputies -- waiting to arrest Haymes.

That singer has been in trouble with the law, on and off. "His time, a former wife of his demands thirty-three thousand dollars. Which, she says, he owes her.

Movie Actress Rita Hayworth married Dick Haymes in a much publicized romance, not long ago. Rita -- now standing siege with him.