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PALESTINE (NEW LEAD)

In Tel Aviv, Israel, tonight, David Ben Gurion Prime Minister of the provisional government, told Count Bernadotte that Israel can accept no solution of the Palestine problem which bars a Jewish state, and unrestricted immigration. ^{IP} "We do not want peace at any price", said Ben Gurion. "Our basic condition is the recognition of the State of Israel. If Count Bernadotte proposes to open talks on any other basis, his time and energy will be wasted".

Addressing
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the Israel Parliament, Premier
said
Ben Gurion ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ that the United Nations
truce called for Israel to prepare for war as well as
for peace. He warned that the British army was leaving
Haifa this month, which might mean a large-scale attack
on Israel by land, sea and air, if that strategic port
falls into Arab hands.

Count Bernadotte says he may need more time than ^{the} ~~a~~ twenty-eight day truce to arrange a permanent peace. ~~in Palestine.~~ Today, in Tel Aviv, the U.N. mediator spoke of a month or two, in order to deal with the Arabs and Jews. The suggestion being that with only twenty-two days of the truce remaining, and so far no progress towards a permanent peace, Bernadotte will apply to the Security Council for an extension.

When the Count arrived at Tel Aviv this morning, three Arab planes flew over the city. Whereupon the mediator and his aides spent half an hour in an air raid shelter, waiting for the all-clear.

POLICE

The United Nations is sending fifty uniformed men, from the guard force at Lake Success, to help keep the truce in Palestine. Most of them are Americans. The ^{se} men are being dispatched on instructions ^{from} of Secretary General Trygve Lie. We are told that his first idea was to ask New York's Mayor O'Dwyer for the loan of one hundred New York City policemen to do the job. But apparently Mayor O'Dwyer couldn't spare so many of New York's finest. So ~~X~~ Trygve Lie is sending the U.N. Guards who, we learn are unarmed.

MASARYK

Former Czech Ambassador Juraj Slavik said today in Washington that he has definite evidence that Jan Masaryk, the late Czech Foreign Minister, was murdered on orders from Moscow. That he did not commit suicide as announced by the Czech Government. Slavik says the information was given him by Czechs who have just escaped from their enslaved country. And he says he has had similar reports from Prague.

Slavik maintains that Masaryk was killed in a fight with Communist Secret Police who were trying to arrest him. Why? Because he was planning to leave Prague to fight for a free Czechoslovakia. Masaryk, say the reports, was wounded in the room from where he was supposed to have jumped.

Further, according to the information sent to the ex-Ambassador, from Prague, Masaryk put up a fight, shooting two of the Communist agents. Witnesses have testified that they saw the Czech police take two bodies from the foreign office building early on March eleventh,

the day the announcement of Masaryk's suicide was made.

~~Slavik adds ^{the} personal opinion: That Masaryk would never have committed suicide in his pajamas. He was a fastidious person, and "aesthetic", ^{that's} the word Slavik uses to describe the Czech foreign Minister. If Jan Masaryk had intended to make the dramatic gesture of taking his own life says the ex-Ambassador, he would have chosen a formal costume.~~

DRAFT

The House today voted to postpone the drafting of men for the armed forces, until next January. This after a bitter debate, and a warning from Secretary of State Marshall. Marshall's message was brought to the floor by Chairman Eaton of the Foreign Affairs Committee who reported Secretary Marshall as saying that any retreat from our present firm foreign policy might lead to war.

General Marshall, we hear, made this statement on learning that the opponents of the draft had quoted him as saying there was no danger of war.

The draft bill now goes to the Senate, where Senator Glen Taylor, the Vice Presidential candidate on the Wallace ticket, threatens to filibuster; supported by Republican Senator Langer of North Dakota.

To which Senator Taft replied tonight by saying, after discussion with Speaker Martin, that if a filibuster develops ^{the} ~~that~~ G.O.P. leadership will keep Congress in session until it can be broken. If need be, says

Taft, the Senate is prepared to hold token meetings every third day during the Republican Convention in Philadelphia; and when the Convention ends, the supporters of the bill will try to end the filibuster by the cloture rule, which calls for a two-thirds majority.

The government's first attempt to mediate in the soft coal dispute came to nought in Washington today. After a two-hour meeting, with John L. Lewis and the ~~in~~ mine owners, Federal Mediator Ching ~~to Bill~~ announced that both sides are standing pat. Lewis told the meeting he'll not negotiate the wage question until the mine owners start paying pensions. The operators say they can't because the pension fund is tied up by a ~~in~~ federal lawsuit.

The miners' present contract expires June Thirtieth. If an agreement is not reached by tomorrow, the federal mediator will have to report to the President that a national emergency threatens.

POLITICS

Congress today chalked up what we are told is a record in American political history; overriding a Presidential veto for the third time in four days. This time it was the Reed-Bullwinkle Bill, to exempt freight-fixing by the railway companies from anti-trust laws. The President vetoed the bill. Now Congress overrides his veto; Democrats joining the Republicans in this.

Candidate Truman in a rear-platform talk at Sedalia, Missouri today told an audience that Congress has done what he considers, "a grand job to the people, certainly not for them."

Later, when the rolling White House stopped at East St. Louis, Illinois, Mr. Truman told local union leaders he was sorry he couldn't spend more time with them. He said he was in a hurry to get back to Washington to veto some more bills.

~~So, the new record of three vetoes ~~XXXXX~~ over-ridden in four days may be exceeded -- maybe!~~

~~In Congress today, Democratic leader~~

PHILADELPHIA

The Republicans already are gathering in Philadelphia.

Alf Landon, the number one forgotten man forecasts a battle royal. The former Kansas Governor and Presidential nominee is a delegate at large. What does Alf ~~xxx~~ predict? That it will take a long time ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ to pick the man to carry the G O P standard. Says Alf Landon: "I never knew a time when so many were so indefinite about who they want to see nominated." Who is the forgotten Kansan for? Why, Speaker Joe Martin of Massachusetts.

Among others who have arrived in Philadelphia are Dewey and Stassen. The former Governor of Minnesota told the press men how he expects to be nominated on the ninth ballot. Also, he sang the praises of Vandenberg, which might seem to be some sort of political wooing.

~~The New York Times today again pictures Senator Vandenberg telling friends in Washington that his attack on the Republicans in the House, over the~~

CANCER

Today is the time to tell one of the remarkable stories of this early atomic era - a story which, at the same time, brings a vivid reminiscence to this program.

Three years ago/ this coming July, when the bomb burst on Hiroshima, I put in a telephone call to the University of California with a request for some enlightenment, from Dr. Ernest Lawrence, builder of the cyclotron. Ernest Lawrence had figured prominently in the research on the bomb, and working with him was an old associate of mine, one Rex Barton.

I talked to Rex Barton on the long distance. He told me nothing that might violate wartime secrecy. But he did give me the human angle of how Atomic Scientist Ernest Lawrence had started out by working on the medical aspects of nuclear physics with his brother, John Lawrence, a specialist in radioactive medicine. Then the war and Ernest Lawrence turned from the humanitarian phase to the destructive -- to the bomb.

... year later, about the time the Bikini Bomb tests were held, a dispatch from the University of California announced the successful use of radioactive isotopes in the cure of cancer-- skin cancer, the superficial kind only. Again I put in a call to the coast, and talked to Rex Barton, on the Administrative side, who said-- yes, the war being over, Ernest Lawrence and his brother had returned to the medical aspects of atomic research-- from the havoc of the bomb back to the cause of humanity.

Then Tuesday of this week we had a story about a member of the Atomic Energy Commission, testifying before a Congressional Committee, making a ^{cautious} ~~cautious~~ declaration about new results achieved in the radioactive treatment of cancer. He said that these results ranged from "impressive to astonishing."

All of which brings us down to right now, today-- to an article appearing in Colliers tomorrow. The doctors, with all their scientific caution, now reveal the latest marvel in the radioactive treatment

of cancer. One of those results so "impressive and astonishing." It has to do with one particular patient, whose story I can relate with some personal experience -- one of the most ^{re}suprising stories I ever encountered.

A year and a half ago, it happened that a heavy job of writing came up, lots of writing that required plenty of liveliness and scholarship. It became necessary to find a first-class writer, not always easy. Somebody suggested-- Henry Noble Hall, a veteran of British, French and American journalism. He had, in times past, been one of Joseph Pulitzer's brilliant young men on the old New York world, had been a star foreign correspondent, had edited publications, had been First Secretary of the British Embassy in Paris during the early part of the Second World War, handling British information in France-- a top-rank writer indeed. Henry Noble Hall was past seventy; - he is seventy-five now. I was told he had been ill, but was better. So I got in touch with him. And here is the story he told me. I could hardly believe my ears.

He said that, a couple of months previously, he had gone to Memorial Hospital in New York, where the doctors had examined him and found he had two massive cancers. Cancer of the thyroid, which had spread to the hip-- he was on crutches when we talked, having broken that weak hip. The doctors told him he had no more than several weeks to live unless he wanted to try a long-shot gamble. So far nobody knew what would happen if radioactive isotopes were used in the case of massive internal cancers. It might help or it might kill. Henry Noble Hall replied: "well, since I'm a goner anyway, why not try? Be a human guinea pig."

What then happened? They gave him a goblet of white liquid that looked like water. It was radioactive iodine from the uranium furnace at Oak Ridge iodine because the thyroid, cancerous and otherwise, had an affinity with that element. They are now calling the glassful of white liquid-- a Hiroshima Cocktail. Henry downed it, and the doctors waited to see what would happen. He told me how, in his hospital bed, he went through a

gruelling ordeal. The radioactive iodine dehydrated him, dried him out, until he was like a living skeleton. After days of this, ~~the~~ the medical men built him back to strength-- nourishing food and so on. Then, when they examined him -- lo and behold -- the cancers were gone. They let him out of the hospital, and he was feeling fine -- though he would have to return from time to time.

This was the man who now proposed to take on a heavy writing job, which would require a huge amount of work and all the resources of mind / for a year or two -- helping on a ten volume series of biographies that I had agreed to tackle. I would have found it hard to believe the story he told, save that it came from a veteran newspaperman of high integrity.

well, we decided to go ahead. ~~and~~ and here is what happened:- Henry Noble Hall, the seventy-five year old human guinea pig for cancer research, tackled a heavy job -- writing day after day, with an abundance and a ~~ix~~ liveliness that would have done credit to a man

of thirty.

From time to time, he told us of his further experiences: ^h Now the doctors gave him new doses of radioactive iodine, more of those Hiroshima Cocktails. In addition to eliminating cancer, they brought about other surprising results. He had long suffered from diabetes, and the radio active isotope helped that, too: The amount of insulin cut to a fraction. Moreover, he had a new growth of body hair. He had turned white years before, but now new body-hair grew, a golden blond, the original color.

In ^{tomorrows'} ~~tomorrows'~~ Colliers article, the doctors declare, with all scientific caution, that the radio-active iodine has checked the malignant growth. But they give a warning that this applies to only one form, that there is no all-around cure for cancer.

The story of the distinguished writer who became a human guinea pig, ~~is~~ marks a long step forward, and ~~the~~ does come under the heading of those two big adjectives we heard the other night from the member of

the Atomic Energy Commission, Admiral Lewis Strauss,

who said: - "Impressive, astonishing."

CRASH

A United Airlines D.C. Six collided with a mountain today near Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania. Forty-one were aboard. According to the Pennsylvania State Police there are no survivors. Among the passengers was Earl Carroll, old time Broadway producer of musical shows.

cuts in our foreign aid program, have definitely ruled him out as a Presidential nominee. If so, then what about those delegates who had Senator Vandenberg in mind as their second choice? Where will their votes go? After the salute to favorite sons.

Rayburn announced that he'll go along with the Republicans in an attempt to clear up all the business and adjourn by Saturday night.

The Republicans applauded vigorously.

And then when the applause died down Sam Rayburn added: "I think it's a good thing for the country to adjourn a Republican Congress at any time."