

VENEZUELA

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Venezuela has had another revolution. With the overthrow of the nine-month old government of President Gallegos, who is said to be a prisoner tonight. Late news from Caracas reports the Army in control, everywhere. Also of American tanks rolling about the streets with soldiers all over them, singing and shouting. Another Latin-American Revolution.

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Secretary of State Marshall ^{had} his first news conference, ^{This} following two days ^{to talk things over} ~~of conferences~~ with the President. ^{He admutes} ~~says~~ that the United States is worried over ^{recent} ~~the~~ Communist gains in China. ~~In fact he~~ describes the situation as critical. He added that it's no simple matter to decide how we can, what he termed, properly be of real assistance. He reminded newsmen that the United States is already "involved" in many other parts of the world.

Some interpret this to mean that our Secretary of State believes that if we undertake any large scale intervention in the Chinese Civil War, Russia may go all out in support of the Communists. Which would mean another World War.

The problem is, how great a burden can the United States undertake in China? What can we do? Difficulties of getting aid to the right spot in this vast land are enormous. The Secretary says our State Department is well aware of this.

When asked whether our Government has yet

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determined on a policy for China, he made no
comment -- letting the question pass. Neither would
he say whether the Government's attitude would
be clarified -- within the next few days.

CHINA

Chinese Ambassador Wellington Koo called on President Truman today, ^{one more} ~~to further that~~ appeal ^{in behalf} ~~from~~ of the ~~Nanking~~ ^{Nanking} Government for ~~more and quicker~~ American military and economic aid. As the news from Nanking becomes steadily more grim, high lighted ^{comes} by an announcement that (four-fifths of one of Chiang's ^{armies has} ~~Nationalist Army have~~ been put out of action in savage fighting, east of Suchow.)

FLYING TIGERS

In Pittsburgh the Fourteenth Air Force Association announces that it is reorganizing the Flying Tigers. To fight once more under Chenault. William C. Arthur, Executive Vice-President, says that many Air Force veterans are volunteering, and that he will soon have an outfit made up of two hundred pilots, and eighteen hundred ground men. The new Flying Tigers, he says, will fly mustangs this time -- P-51's, and A-26's attack-bombers. They'll train on the island of Formosa.

But, they cannot go, we are told, unless the United States agrees to give military aid to China; unless Washington okays the whole business.

JAPAN

What are the Japanese saying about those sentences imposed on Japan's war leaders by the international tribunal; and MacArthur's statement?

A Tokyo dispatch says the Japanese man-in-the-street is completely unmoved. When asked to discuss the results, some shrugged their shoulders and asked -- "what do you expect?" One or two intellectuals even ventured an opinion that the sentences on Tojo and his aides would teach the nation an important lesson. That lesson to never lose a war! And they added, That ~~is~~ if Tojo is remembered at all, it will be as a man who started something ~~in~~ which he couldn't finish.

However, we do hear that what no Japanese seems able to understand is why the Allies wasted so much time and money on the lengthy trials. They think a court martial, and a firing squad have been wiser. Then the news dispatch goes on to say, That few Japanese expected Tojo to be acquitted -- and could ~~be~~ see no reason for his trial.

General MacArthur has ruled that the executions
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will be kept secret; no date/not to be announced

in advance. The Japanese press questions the Wisdom of this. The press thinks the public should know, when the men, who got them into such a disastrous war, when they are to pay the supreme penalty.

One paper reports that some Japanese are convinced that many of their military men, including Tojo have been sent to China, to help Generalissimo Chiang fight the Communists. They point out that these Generals know China. Fought there themselves. So what could be more logical than that Uncle Sam should use them in China!

The Japanese press, uses this as an argument to induce MacArthur to announce the date of the executions: and allow witnesses to be present. Otherwise, says the Tokio press, how will the Japanese people know that justice has been done?

CRISIS

In Paris tonight there seems little chance of getting the western allies to agree on the Berlin currency situation. While all three are apparently receptive to the idea that the Soviet mark become the sole currency in Berlin, Britain and France, so far have been unable to agree with the United States on how the new currency should be handled.

What's the difficulty? One Paris source says that America is insisting on not giving away too much. That is although the three Western Allies recently accused Sokolovsky of making additional demands, now the British and French want to be conciliatory, and America ~~will~~ won't go along with them.

And there's a further complication. Herbert Evatt, The Australian President of the General Assembly, says he has received some replies to the secret cablegrams he sent to the Chiefs of State of the Big Four Powers. His own private effort to mediate the Berlin crisis.

Evatt is thought to have suggested a personal meeting of Truman, Stalin and ~~xxx~~ representatives of France and Britain. The word is that Stalin may have replied favorably; also that Evatt is expecting President Truman to make some dramatic gesture after his election victory - perhaps agree to an informal conference with Stalin.

One suggestion made in the Halls of the Palais de Chailot is that the Big Four might meet on an American battleship somewhere in the Atlantic.

Would Stalin be likely to attend a conference on an American Man-o-War? Only the man in the Kremlin can answer that.

At any rate reports from Paris tonight say that Evatt is encouraged by the replies he has received, and is weighing the possibility of further moves - how best to get the representatives of the Four Powers together.

HUNGER

Mr. Truman wants Russia and the United States to get together to fight global starvation. Today in Washington he told the U N Food and Agricultural Organization that he would like to see Russia join with the United States--in a grand alliance against hunger. Hunger, said he, has no nationality.

Mr. Truman promised to do his best to negotiate another international wheat agreement:: to guarantee American farmers a five-year export market for wheat at a fixed price. Early this year such an agreement was killed by the Senate. So now Mr. Truman says he will send another one to Congress to help the American farmer.

And speaking as a farmer, Mr. Truman says he thinks ~~that~~ if we could talk over our mutual agricultural interests with the Russians, we might not find it so difficult to discuss other things--our differences over Berlin and ^{disarmament.} ~~aramament.~~ So he leaned over the fence a bit--to tell everyone who

wants to listen that the United States is willing at all times to help its neighbors improve their agricultural production by letting them in on our latest methods.

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GREECE

The political situation in Greece faces a new crisis. Eighty-eight year old Premier Sophoulis suffered a severe heart attack today, and is not expected to live. He returned to power only four days ~~xxxx~~ ago - after a bitter battle with the opposition. Won out in a close race with his rival, Constantine Tsaldaris. King Paul brought Tsaldaris back from Paris to form a new government, but Sophoulis shouldered him aside. Now that he is so desperately ill the King probably will call on Tsaldaris who in the meantime is once more on his way back to Paris.

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Here's later word. Sophoulis ~~is~~ rallying. When
the doctors came to examine him just before midnight,
tonight, ^{aged premier} ~~the old man~~ sat up in bed. ^{Just} "Let me sleep"
^{and} ~~he said, please,~~ I'll be okay in the morning."

DISCOVERIES

Russian Scientists report from Moscow that the Soviet's dragon-hunting expedition in the Gobi Desert has met with fabulous results. Among its discoveries, a gigantic cemetery of dinosaurs, which dates back to the Mesozoic period -- the age of the Great Land Reptiles - anywhere between fifty-five million and a hundred and sixty million years ago.

The cemetery of the Dinosaurs was uncovered on the site of an ancient river. The Russian Paleontologists report that it contains millions of specimens - giant dinosaurs, mammoth rachyderms, those hairy elephants of yesterday - pre-historic turtles, and fossilized birds. The discoveries were made from fifty to a hundred and thirty feet below the surface of the ground. In some places the Scientists found the imprints of the bodies of the prehistoric animals so clearly defined after the passage of millions of years, that they could easily be measured, photographed and studied, to give us, for the first time, a clear idea of what those mighty beasts of millions of years

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ago really looked like. The Saurischia, the Tyrano^{so}corus and the Triceratops. This last was a huge beast with a head six feet long, with three horns, one over each eye, and one over the end of his nose.

Then the Soviet expedition's dispatch tells of a ~~collection of giant turtles, so extensive that it can be unequalled anywhere else in the world.~~ ~~Also they~~

~~of~~ of the dangers and hardships endured by the Russian Scientists, as they worked in the blistering sun, miles from their base, ~~on~~ Ulan Bator, in outer Mongolia. How they worked for days without water, digging all the while with feverish enthusiasm, as one treasure after another revealed itself. And now they say ~~that~~ their discoveries have left them in a state of astonishment and great joy. (The Russian Scientists themselves overawed by the startling page of the history of evolution revealed to them by the Gobi Desert.)

RUMOR

Here's a story which goes to show you can't be too careful ~~for~~ of your facts- especially if you're in the newspaper game. White House Secretary Charles G. Ross let it be known today that he is much annoyed with George Dixon, the Washington Columnist. And what had Columnist Dixon done to incur the wrath of the White House Secretary? He had reported in his column that Ross had given up his home in Washington before the election because he thought Mr. Truman would be defeated. The columnist saying he obtained his information from a Washington apartment house owner who said he had been asked to hurry up and find an apartment for Charlie Ross, now that Mr. Truman was back in Washington.

White House Secretary Charlie Ross categorically denies Dixon's story. Calls it unadulterated fabrication -- a complete lie. Certainly, he said, he had never planned to leave Washington in anticipation of the defeat of his boss!

So columnist Dixon rechecked his sources. He now

relates that the owner of the apartment house told him that the demand for apartments in Washington was killing him. "Why" said he, "I've just had to get one for Charlie Ross, the President's Secretary." And adding: "They put the heat on me so hard, I couldn't say no."

Dixon says he checked the books and they showed that the apartment was being held for the President's Secretary. The owner of the apartment house told him that the man who made the application - he describes him as a political big-shot -- told him definitely that the apartment was for the President's Secretary. To which he added: "I thought the only Secretary the President had was Charlie Ross."

So, is there another Presidential Secretary in Washington waiting to move into that apartment? Seeing that Charlie Ross denies it all George Dixon says he had the apartment house owner call that certain political big-shot today, and ask him who ~~was~~ the apartment was for. Quick as a flash came back the answer: "Why it was for Paul Lockwood - Governor Dewey's secretary."

Could be! Even the top Democrats thought it was going to turn out that way. Lots and lots of folks were all set to leave Washington. And lots of others were all set to move in!

Nelson how about you moving in -- to the microphone, I mean, not Washington.