

IRAN

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(Negotiations broke down in Teheran today; negotiations between Britain and Iran - over the nationalization of Anglo-Iranian oil.) This followed an eighty minute meeting between the delegates from the Company and the Iranian government. The Chief Iranian negotiator, announced: "There is no way out, no peaceful solution in sight." Basil Jackson, Deputy Chairman of the oil company, said he was going to wire London for instructions. "But there is no doubt what these will be. They will be to come home," said he.

(So the stage seems to be set for Iran to seize the oil installations at dawn tomorrow.) That was what they threatened in their ultimatum last week. Earlier today, U.S. Ambassador Grady had urged Prime Minister Mossadegh not to act hastily. Mossadegh replied:- "my people feel so strongly, they would sooner see the wells run dry than see any concessions."

Meanwhile in London it was learned that Britain

is ready to withdraw her tanker fleet. Word is that U.S. companies will follow suit. In the House of Commons, Britain's Foreign Secretary, Herbert Morrison, said today: "We must take steps to protect British lives."

THE LATEST: FROM IRAN. IN LONDON TONIGHT THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SAID THAT A FINAL DECISION ON THE IRANIAN OIL QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE BY THE CABINET DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. THE THREE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES MENTIONED BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE ARE - FIRSTLY, A FINAL APPEAL TO IRAN IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS TO CONSIDER FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS, THEN, A REQUEST TO THE UNITED STATES FOR A SIMILAR APPEAL. FINALLY, IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL BRITISH CITIZENS. IT IS DISCLOSED IN LONDON THAT EVACUATION PLANS HAVE BEEN SET TO THE MINUTEST DETAIL AND CAN BE SET IN MOTION AT ANY TIME. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN, SIR FRANCIS SHEPHERDSON,

FRANCE

In France tonight, speculation is - 'who will be the new prime minister? Dispatches from Paris mention three likely candidates, former Premier ~~Rene~~ Plevin; ~~Maurice Ponsche~~ ^{the} present Minister of Finance; and Rene Mayer, Justice Minister. All three are members of the third force coalition, which has ruled France since Nineteen Forty-Seven -- and has now been returned to power.

With the general election Count nearing completion, the new National Assembly seems to be shaping up into six parties, ~~of roughly equal strength.~~ Remember how ~~which reminds me of Julius Caesar,~~ ^{2000 years ago} ~~to famous account~~ of the first Gallic war. His description, in Latin, of the first campaign against France two thousand years ago, which began with ^{used his} the classic phrase, "all Gaul is divided into three parts"? Today, the figure seems to be double, following Sunday's elections. "All Gaul is divided into six parts."

There's another strange twister ^{to this} ~~in these~~ French elections. ~~It's an old custom in American~~

~~politics for both sides to claim victory.~~ However,

~~in France there now seem six sides~~ *all six parties* claiming ~~it~~ victory.

DeGaulle's party, who won most seats. The Communists,

who won the greatest popular vote. ~~And~~ *And* the middle-of-

the-road parties *that was final* ~~who won~~ control of the National

Assembly.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

William N. Oatis, Associated Press

Correspondent to Czechoslovakia, who was arrested two months ago on charges of espionage, is to stand trial "within a few days". This information was given to the American Ambassador in Prague by the ~~XXXXXX~~ Czechoslovak government last Friday, and was released for publication today.

Since his arrest, Oatis has been held incommunicado. Even cigarettes sent to him by the American Embassy have been returned. And there's still no word of three Czechoslovak members of the Associated Press staff in Prague arrested at the same time as Oatis. It's not revealed if they will stand trial at the same time.

Meanwhile, in Budapest, Archbishop Josef Groesz, head of the Roman Catholic Church of Hungary, is to go on trial. He was indicted today, together with a Hungarian employee of the United States Information Service. The charges are familiar: "Plotting against the State" "Black market currency dealings," *helping people to escape abroad.*

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Archbishop Groesz is the successor to Cardinal Mintzenty, and now seems about to suffer the same fate as the former Cardinal. He will be prosecuted by the same attorney and tried by the same Judge as the Cardinal. Also on trial will be seven other Hungarians, including three Priests and a member of the pre-war parliament. The Hungarian government announces that all the accused have made "complete confessions."

MARGARET

The Margaret Truman tour ~~is~~ in Europe takes on a military aspect -- war and campaigning. In Paris today she told ~~xxxxxx~~ how she visited the old battlefields on which her father served in World War One. Everybody knows that the President was an artillery Captain in that conflict. He is eternally proud of it, has been talking about it these more than thirty years -- as was indicated by Margaret's own statement today.

Telling how she went rambling amid historic scenes in the neighborhood of Verdun, she said she had been studying her father's "old battery positions." Places -- where Captain Harry Truman once commanded his group of guns. She was asked did she have any trouble finding "these old battery positions". Margaret smiled and said: "I have heard about them all of my life."

So you see the picture, familiar to any family of a veteran of doughboy days in France - telling the folks, especially his children, about his

exploits. The veteran explaining - how he won the war.

I shouldn't want to say that Harry Truman ever claimed personal credit for having ~~he~~ won the First World War. But you know how a veteran is about his experiences, and Margaret says: "I have heard about them all my life."

BRITAIN - EXPORTS

Britain today clamped strict licensing controls on all exports to HongKong and China. This move to keep strategic war materials out of the hands of Red troops in Korea, was ~~xxx~~ announced in the House of Commons by Sir Hartley Shawcross, President of the Board of Trade. All types of exports are affected, but word is that licenses for goods of no military or strategic importance will be freely granted.

Only on the Western front was the Red Army putting up any fight today. There were reports of putting up still resistance for the first time, a valley high in the mountains northwest of Suifu. At that point, the Red forces were reported to ground the head of the Yalu river, and to have some success in the vicinity of Pyongyang.

This afternoon three Red naval submarines set fighters afloat from the coast of Suifu for the third day running. A fleet of thirty of these was

KOREA

Baffling word from Tokyo again tonight. Yesterday all stories from Korea were of the Chinese build-up, preparing for an expected third spring offensive. But tonight the pendulum seems to have swung back again. Dispatches from the front tell of the Chinese Communists falling back along a hundred mile front, fading away from bristling fortifications and allowing U.N. patrols to push forward up to five miles.

Only on the Eastern front were the ~~xx~~ Reds putting up any fight today. There North Koreans are putting up stiff resistance for "the punch bowl", a valley high in the mountains northeast of Kumhwa. ~~At last word, the Red Koreans were still dug in around the head of that "punch bowl", but a U.N. press correspondent described today's battle as~~
~~a minor victory.~~

This afternoon those Red nosed Communist jet fighters swept down out of Manchuria for the Third Day running. A fleet of thirty of them was

waiting for twenty-seven American Sabre jets in *what*
they call "M I G Alley". In dogfights four of the Red
jets are reported damaged.

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INVESTIGATION

The Senate Investigating Committee called one of its last four witnesses today, Vice Admiral Oscar Badger, former Commander of the Far Eastern Fleet under General MacArthur. The Admiral testified that he was opposed to air attacks on Red Manchurian bases "at the present time". "American forces will not derive one-sided benefit from extending the air war into Manchuria," he warned. "We can lick them in Korea, with the strategy now being followed," *That* was how the Commander of our Eastern Sea Frontier summed up his views.

DRAFT

In a special ceremony at the White House President Truman today put his signature to the new draft law. Among those witnessing were Defense Secretary Marshall, Draft Director Louis Hershey, and the National Commander of the American Legion.

This law lowers the induction age to eighteen-and-a-half, and also tightens up deferrals; making another two-and-a-half million men available for service - up to the age of twenty-five.

STRIKE AIRLINE PILOTS

In Washington tonight a national mediation board accused the striking A F of L airline pilots Association of calling an illegal walk-out against United Airlines. *The Board asked* Demanded that the union go back to work at once. *United* More than six hundred flights ~~by~~ ~~United Airline planes~~ were grounded today - with hundreds of passengers stranded ^{right} across the ~~whole~~ country. This followed *the quick move* ~~lightning action~~ just before dawn this morning when nine hundred United Airlines pilots and co-pilots failed to report for work.

CORRUPTION

A charge was made in Washington today that in one government office, every employee got gifts, television sets, cases of liquor, expensive watches, quantities of hosiery. Gifts - from firms doing business with that government office. The statement was made by Controller General Lindsay Warren, whose Department is called the "watch dog of the Treasury." He was testifying before a congressional committee, investigating morality in government.

The Federal Office in question was identified as the Washington Branch of the Federal Housing Administration. The employees got the gifts at Christmas time - and when this was discovered some time later, they were compelled to give back the presents. Hard to see how they could give back the cases of liquor, or even the hosiery, presumably well worn. Maybe they had to purchase equivalent articles -- and hand them back - which must have been a shock.

SHOOTING

Chicago gives details today about a gangland shooting affray -- in which the King of the policy racket appears ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ as a gunfighter of skill and daring. Theodore Roe, the alleged boss of the million-dollar numbers game in Chicago.

He was driving along in his automobile, when ~~xxx~~ he was stopped by three men in what looked like a police squad car. They told him they were from the State Attorney's office - and that had a sinister sound. Reminiscent of the St. Valentine's Day massacre, back in the prohibition days of scarface ~~xx~~ Al Capone, when ~~xxx~~ mobster killers disguised as policemen raided a garage and wiped out a rival gang with volleys of gunfire.

Something like that was the case in this latest underworld affair. The policy king demanded that the alleged ~~xxxxx~~ detectives show their credentials. Whereupon they dragged him from his car. He wrenched free, fell to the pavement, and came up shooting. They fired at him, but the gunplay of the policy king was

too much. The three fled - but not until he was sure he had shot one in the head. In an alley nearby the police found a fatally wounded man, shot through the head.

The clothes of the police king had powder burns - so close was the shooting in ^{this} Chicago gangland affray reminiscent of the St. Valentine's Day massacre.

FURS

Congress takes action to make a rabbit -- a rabbit. That is, in the realm of furs -- where, it would seem, a rabbit may be almost anything else. The House of Representatives has voted that, hereafter, the fur industry must call its ^{like} products by their right names.

The bill cites the use of what it calls "foreign animal names and ~~gizgiz~~ glamorous fictitious designations of furs". The rabbit alone has thirty aliases, thirty different phony names for rabbit fur.

For example:-

"French Chinchilla"! Sounds most expensive ^{doesn't it?}

~~chinchilla~~ Another -- "electric beaver." Now, where they get the electric I don't understand. A rabbit is not a beaver, and neither one is electric.

Anyway, Congress doesn't want the five hundred million dollar fur business to be a skin game.

CAMELS

The London Times, most ~~not~~ dignified of all newspapers, is famous for its personal advertisements -- called the Agony Column, ~~which~~ ~~appears~~ on the front page of The Times. There you ~~will~~ find many an oddity; ~~and one appeared~~ ^{like} today, An advertisement for "a camel driver". ~~Now what would they do with~~ ^{What for} a camel driver in England?

The ad is in these words: "Camel driver ~~required~~ for one afternoon's work in Surrey". Staid old ~~English countryside~~ -- Surrey.

London newsmen investigated and found ~~it was all the doing of an insecticide company which sounds even stranger~~ they are holding demonstrations of a crop sprayer, and want to show how it would work in places like the Middle East -- drawn by a camel.

Oh Sheikh Nelson, can you drive a camel?