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It began to look today as though the <sup>U.N.O.</sup> Security Council problem <sup>— all the excitement over</sup> of Russian troops in Iran — may be quietly dropped. A dispatch from London indicates that the British may accept the contention of the Russians, that since they are evacuating Iran, why the whole business is a dead issue, or at best a technicality.

✓ And, there are definite signs that the Soviet troops are really pulling out. One report comes from an official American source in Teheran, meaning, I suppose, a spokesman at <sup>the</sup> American Embassy. The same spokesman said that the Soviet preparations to quit Tabriz, capital of Azerbaijan, were ostentatious. This was emphasized because, usually, the Russians do their packing up quietly and get out suddenly, almost overnight. This time they are doing everything in the open, making a great show of it.

✓ Tabriz is not only the capital of the disputed Persian province, but it also has been the headquarters

of Soviet forces in Iran. If they leave that city, then presumably they are getting out.

If this is so, then it may not be out of order at all for the Security Council to drop the whole matter. *stick to page 4 ✓*

[The story from London attributes the British change of heart partly to their concern over Gromyko's walkout last week. The Russians all along have been saying that entirely too much was being made of that. All of which was emphasized by the news that the Soviet government is the first of the great powers to pay in full, in one lump sum, all ~~of~~ its dues to the U.N.O.

The attitude of Gromyko and other Russian delegates has given the impression that they were chuckling up their sleeves about the fuss American newspapers were making about the walkout. And the British seem to be agreeing with them on that, with the British unwilling to run the risk of causing any

further dissension in the Security Council over what may by now have become a purely legal question -- that is, why the Soviets didn't pull out of Iran on March 2nd as they had agreed.

The British attach two strings to their willingness to drop the discussion. They want to be assured that the Soviets, in withdrawing their troops, are also withdrawing their military equipment, not leaving it with the Communist rebels in Azerbaijan. They also want to be sure that the Russians have withdrawn unconditionally.

Gromyko seems to be enjoying to the full his role of man of mystery. A reporter caught him near the door of the Russian Consulate, where he had to make his way through a line of people waiting four abreast to buy nylons. The Soviet Ambassador was quite chatty -- but not communicative. Would he be attending Wednesday's meeting of the Security Council? Nothing to say.

Would he be working in the Russian Consulate all day? To that he replied: "I'm going to be working

upstairs and downstairs, inside and outside; is that all right?"

Inside the Consulate, a press attache came to the door and told newspapermen that Soviet delegates would attend the meeting of the U.N.O. Committee on Rules of Procedure.

So, tonight it looks ~~as~~ as though the Soviet ~~walk~~ walkout will soon be forgotten.

✓ What about Iran? Well, that country doesn't intend to let the matter drop if it can help it. Premier Ghavam of Persia today kept the case alive with a cablegram to Secretary General Trygve Lie. In his message he referred to the idea advanced by some that Ambassador Hussein Ala had <sup>exceeded</sup> ~~exceeded~~ his powers by pressing the matter. The cablegram read: "Hussein Ala has been and continues to be fully accredited and qualified to represent Iran in the matter now before the Security Council, and, any other matter concerning Iran." - add p. 6.

Secretary Byrnes had an hour's conversation with President Truman at the White House today, chiefly about <sup>Iran.</sup>

If the Iran problem is solved, then what? Will the U.N.O. settle down to a session of harmony? Well, Downing Street today announced that London will not recognize the new government of the Bulgars. To the British, that new Bulgar Cabinet has only Left Wing members. The British Foreign Office considers that the Russians brought that about by intervening at the last minute, preventing the formation of a Bulgarian coalition government.

Nor are the Russians going to be happy about the result in Greece, where the returns indicate a clear majority for the Royalists, with the Sophoulis government resigning, and the Regent calling upon the Royalist Popular Party to form a new Cabinet.

The latest from Greek Royalist supporters in London is word that Venizelos may be called to ~~be~~ head the new government. Meaning Sophocles Venizelos, son of the famous Greek elder statesman who died in Nineteen thirty-six.

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✓ In Russia itself, Soviet newspapers and writers continue to fulminate against the ~~Exxi~~ British and Americans, principally us. The tune? Poor little Russia, with only a hundred and ninety million people, and the most tremendous undeveloped resources in the world today, being bullied by the English-speaking powers! The old bogey of Anglo-Saxon domination waves its ectoplasmic arms in Moscow. Russian scientists, who are among the best, undoubtedly know the truth about the so-called Anglo-Saxon race, that it does not exist and hasn't existed for centuries. But, Russian ~~xxxx~~ anthropologists and ethnologists haven't imparted that secret to Russian newspapermen. ✕

## SERVICEMEN

Both the War and the Navy Departments stepped up today with an earnest plea that Uncle Sam raise the pay of <sup>our</sup> ~~his~~ soldiers and sailors <sup>— raise it by</sup> twenty per cent. War Secretary Patterson and Navy Under-Secretary John Kenney appeared before a Military Affairs Sub-committee in the House, and urged that decent pay would attract a higher type of volunteers to the armed forces. <sup>TP</sup> "In modern mechanized armies, you need men of intelligence, education and adaptability," said Patterson. "They will not join up unless you make Uncle Sam's service as attractive as jobs in business or industry." <sup>TP</sup> He pointed out that the cost of maintaining an enlisted man in the army last year was a hundred and fifty-eight dollars a month. On the other hand, a man's average pay in General Motors would be two hundred and ninety dollars a month.

Kenney and Patterson also pleaded for an

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extension of the draft. Enlistments have been falling off rapidly. In November, they were a hundred and eighty-five thousand; last month only seventy-three thousand. And the Secretary pointed out that there could be no peace unless we <sup>were</sup> ~~xxx~~ able to maintain our forces in Japan and Germany.



C. A. B.

A new head for the Civil Aeronautics Board.

The present Chairman, L. Welch Pogue, is resigning, and to take his place President Truman has nominated Dean James M. Landis of the Harvard Law School.

Landis, who was one of the first chairmen of the Securities and Exchange Commission, during the early part of the war, was also head of the Office of Civilian Defense, and after that, Director of Economic Operations in the Middle East.

As Chairman of ~~Sixth~~ Civil Aeronautics, Dean Landis will have a new sort of job, and one of the most important he has ever held. As head of the S.E.C., he was a sort of over-boss of Wall Street. As Chairman of C. A. B., he will have an endless lot to say about the future of American aviation, a subject of vast interest to most of us.

## STRIKE

*A* The people of Detroit are walking today, walking or hitch-hiking, or riding taxicabs. All public transport in the motor capital is paralyzed. The strike of five thousand, two hundred trolley and bus workers ~~has~~ compelled some one million, eight hundred ~~other~~ people to get to work as best they could <sup>with</sup> Hundreds of thousands ~~were~~ <sup>arriving</sup> late for their jobs.

The transit system of Detroit is owned by the city. The matter of three cents an hour lies between the union and the city administration. The city offers a raise of fifteen cents; the strikers want eighteen cents an hour. And the Mayor declares that he will not arbitrate until the men get back to work. The union leaders decline even to arbitrate.

There is pretty much the same situation in Akron, Ohio. There again, it 'is a strike of C.I.O. transport workers; <sup>and it</sup> ~~which~~ has crippled business in the rubber capital,

## PRICES

President Truman today implored the Retail Merchants of America to cooperate for all they are worth in the Government's drive against inflation. No group, said Mr. Truman, has more to gain from holding prices down than the retailers. The policy of his Government, he added, is for full production, full employment, and the economy of mass market.

All this the President said in a message to the Convention of the American Retail Federation.

G.O.P.

The new Chairman of the Republican National Committee comes from south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Congressman B. Carroll Reese of Tennessee. ~~is it~~ He ~~takes the helm~~ To succeed Herbert Brownell, Jr., the man who managed ~~Thomas E.~~ Dewey's campaign for president. Brownell is resigning, <sup>TP</sup> and the new chairman will have the job on a salary basis, ~~probably twenty-five thousand dollars a year or more.~~

There were two other candidates in the running besides the Tennessee Congressman. Former Senator Danaher of Connecticut and John W. Haynes of New York were also nominated on the first two ballots.

Reese was elected on the third ballot, with fifty-nine votes, six more than a majority.

## QUAKE

\* Somewhere near Alaska the earth trembled, and tidal waves went on a rampage all down our west coast and out as far as Hawaii. Sweeping away sea walls, Army and Navy installations, ship moorings, and seaside homes. Thirty miles south of San Francisco, the tidal wave washed away an abandoned Coast Guard barracks.

✓ At some points the waves rolled inland for hundreds of yards, flooding fields and smashing bridges. On the islands of Hawaii and Oahu, the sea smashed in the fronts of shops and put a gas works out of commission -- the damage running into the millions. ~~✗~~

Five ~~five~~ soldiers were drowned, at one place. And the total death roll up to late this afternoon was sixteen.

The focal point of the earthquake is believed to have been a hundred miles southeast of the Shumagin Islands, which are south of the Alaskan peninsula -- and some fifteen thousand feet below the surface of the sea.

Scientists at the University of Washington say the vibrations from the undersea eruption travelled

through the ocean at a speed of ~~■~~<sup>more</sup> than four hundred miles an hour. Since water is non-compressible, we can imagine the consequences -- imagine it vaguely.

## FIGHT

One hundred <sup>bucks</sup> ~~dollars~~ to see a couple of <sup>chaps</sup> ~~men~~ punch  
each other around a ring! <sup>100 iron men!</sup> That's what it will cost to see  
the fight between Champion Joe Louis and Billy Conn  
this coming June, <sup>^</sup> that is, for the best seats. <sup>And</sup> ~~and that~~  
<sup>that's</sup> ~~created~~ an all-time <sup>high!</sup> ~~record~~

The late Tex Rickard charged sixty dollars for the  
best seats <sup>at</sup> ~~to~~ the fight between Jack Dempsey and Jess  
Willard, in Nineteen Nineteen. But, the customers thought  
that ~~was~~ too much, and as a result the seats were only  
half filled. It'll be interesting to observe what the  
cash customers of Nineteen Forty-Six think of a hundred  
dollars as a price.

The troubles of American Big League baseball owners reached ~~something of a climax~~ <sup>culminated</sup> this afternoon. For months, ~~those tycoons of the diamond have had~~ Mexican trouble. Our neighbors south of the Rio Grande have been growing more and more interested in our national game, ~~So~~ <sup>with one</sup> syndicate, with plenty of money, ~~has been~~ <sup>^</sup> organizing a <sup>Mexican</sup> major league, ~~down~~ <sup>and,</sup> trying to ~~win away several~~ <sup>lure some</sup> of our <sup>top</sup> crack players.

~~with gilt-edged offers.~~ <sup>TH</sup> Baseball fans this morning ~~were~~ <sup>got</sup> up by the news that the New York Giants have lost three of their men to the Mexicans. Considering they are going to get double the pay they were to have had from the Giants, <sup>plus</sup> ~~with~~ a five thousand dollar bonus apiece, and a <sup>extra on</sup> thousand dollars <sup>^</sup> expenses, ~~that hardly sounds like~~ <sup>— well, that's the</sup> way it is. ~~major crime to the ears of the layman.~~

~~But these were not awfully important players.~~

This afternoon, ~~however,~~ <sup>along</sup> comes <sup>more</sup> the news; that the Mexicans have <sup>put me over on</sup> ~~stolen a real ace from~~ Branch Rickey, the sagacious



<sup>President</sup>  
~~old owner~~ of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Mickey Owen, one of the greatest living catchers, maybe ~~was~~ one of the great catchers of all time, <sup>jumped</sup> ~~went~~ to Mexico City on a contract that sounds fabulous, <sup>to baseball players,</sup> In his letter to Rickey, the catcher says the Mexicans are paying him so much for a five-year contract, that at the end of that time he will be able to retire.

<sup>says he's to</sup>  
Mickey Owen gets his first year's salary in cash,

plus a bonus of twelve thousand, five hundred dollars,—

<sup>that is get it all</sup>  
before he even leaves the soil of the United States.

Furthermore, <sup>along with it goes</sup> ~~he gets~~ a job with a firm of wholesalers in

Mexico City, to keep him busy in the winter. Mickey <sup>to</sup> ~~will~~

be not only a catcher, but a manager <sup>in</sup> of the Mexican

league.

What hurts the management of the Brooklyn Club is that it paid a handsome sum to buy Mickey Owen's contract from another club. Mickey's letter to Branch

Rickey is almost tearful in its apologies. But, as he puts it, the little woman just wouldn't hear of his turning down that Mexican offer.

All in all, <sup>it begins to</sup> ~~it does~~ look as though the Mexicans are serious about baseball.— another Mexican raid across the Rio Grande.