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A dispatch from Palestine says - that Egypt has "virtually" accepted an eight point program, To relieve - the tension. The plan - presented by U N Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, To - Egyptian Prime Minister Nasser. This Egyptian acceptance - subject, only, to minor qualifications

So now, after a final meeting with Nasser tomorrow - Hammarskjold will fly to Tel Aviv. To consult with leaders of Israel - and seek their acceptance of the formula.

Details of the plan have not yet been made public.

Meanwhile, the U N Secretary General has rejected an Israeli ~~protest~~ protest - that the latest Fedayeen raids in Palestine were in violation of the Egyptian pledge to keep the peace. Both sides having stated - they'll make no hostile move, while the Hammarskjold peace mission is on. Egypt announcing - a withdrawal of the commandos raiding into Israeli territory.

Dag Hammarskjold - informs Prime Minister Ben Gurion

of Israel - that he doubts that Egypt has violated the no violence pledge. Which might imply a suspicion - that the Fedayeen raiders, who struck near Tel Aviv, were not from Egypt. The scene of the killings<sup>s</sup> - far from the Egyptian border. So perhaps the terrorists were from another <sup>adjacent</sup> ~~near~~ country.

This reasoning is not in any way stated, in the dispatch. But something of the sort might be implied in Hammarskjold's declaration - that he doubts Egypt has violated its pledge.

As for the clash in the air, yesterday, <sup>Dag</sup> Hammarskjold communicating with Ben Gurion - states -- that the battle in the sky took place over the "demilitarized zone" along the Gaza Strip. So that both sides were violating the Armistice agreement.

The Secretary General ~~is~~ also protests - a breach

of diplomatic protocol. Premier Ben Gurion <sup>in</sup> making complaints  
to Hammarskjold - released the letter to the press. Before -  
it was received by the Secretary General in Cairo. Which is  
not ~~serious~~ considered - according to ~~the~~ diplomatic <sup>book</sup> ~~book~~ <sup>Hoyle.</sup>  
~~of etiquette.~~

Today, all ~~was~~ quiet along the Gaza Strip - no  
new ~~in~~ fighting. But, Israel claims - there were violations,  
today, on the side of Jordan. Soldiers of the Arab Legion -  
firing at Israelis across the border. No casualties.

PALESTINE - NEW YORK

In New York today, members of a Zionist Youth Organization - invaded the Egyptian Consulate. In a demonstration of protest - against the killing of three boy students and their teacher in a synagogue near Tel Aviv. Victims - of Fedayeen terrorists.

The group of twenty-two who entered the Egyptian Consulate - harmed nobody, and did no damage. They merely sang, and prayed. Completing the prayer - which the pupils and teacher were uttering in the synagogue near Tel Aviv, when felled - by gunfire.

## ALGERIA

Land ~~and~~ and sea operations- against Algerian rebels. The French announcing a concerted attack, which began last night. French warships appearing - along a rebel-infested coast. Seaborne commandos - put ashore during the night. Attacking - and routing a unit of insurgents.

Then, at daybreak, a French destroyer bombarded a stronghold on the coast. To which - the insurgents had retreated - after having been driven back by the commandos. The stronghold - smashed.

A sharp victory for the French - in that battle against revolt in Algeria.

## IRELAND

From Ireland - a demand that London hand over thirty-eight masterpieces of painting. Following - the "liberation" of one. Swiped from the Tate gallery - by Nationalist Irish students.

London - startled by the disappearance of a canvas by a French impressionist. Called - "Summer Day." Valued - at twenty-eight thousand dollars. Students in Dublin say - they organized the "liberation" of "Summer Day." So now they've sent letters to Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister Anthony Eden - demanding a whole string of other paintings.

The argument goes back to the will of an Irish art connoisseur, Sir Hugh Lane. A codicil to the will - leaving his collection to an Irish art gallery. But, the codicil had no witnesses. Therefore, the London authorities decided - it was illegal. And they kept the paintings - which were in the Tate Gallery.

In Dublin, the Irish government supports the students part of the way. Saying - Ireland has "an irrefutable moral

claim" to the masterpieces. But - disapproving of the way the students "liberated" "Summer Day".

(All this is accompanied by another dispatch - and I don't know if there's any connection between the two bits of news. But, in Northern Ireland, a monument - was blown up today. You might think - Nationalist extremists, the Irish Republican Army. But, it's the other way around.

The monument - honoring Irish nationalists who lost their lives in the war of independence between the Sine Fein and the Black and Tans. The funds for constructing it - coming from ~~the~~ the United States. Money raised - by the "Tyrone Men's Association of New York."

This morning - a violent blast. The monument shattered. The North Irish Police refuse to say whom they suspect. But you can bet, the Nationalist Irishmen are saying - it was the Orangemen.)

## SOVIET MARSHAL

Moscow announces - the rehabilitation of Red Marshal Bluecher. And seven other high Soviet officers - executed by Stalin. The latest - in the degradation of the memory of the one time Lord of Communism.

Marshal Bluecher had an astonishing career. Rising to prominence - as Bolshevik agent in China during the days of Sun Yat Sen. Founder of the Wham Poa Military Academy - where Chiang Kai Shek studied. Later, he organized and commanded - the Far Eastern Army of the Soviets. Notorious as the sinister Bolshevik of Asia.

In Nineteen Thirty Seven, when Stalin was exterminating his enemies - the great blood purge of the Red Army began. Thousands of Red Army officers - executed. Chief of them - Marshal Tukhachevsky, Russia's number one soldier. Marshal Bluecher sat on the court-martial which convicted Tukhachevsky of treason - and sent him to his doom.

Then, the next year - Bluecher, himself, was denounced



as an "enemy of the people", and vanished - never ~~seen~~ seen again. His name - erased from the textbooks, written by Stalin's historians.

The seven other high ranking Soviet officers, now exonerated were similar victims of the ~~g~~ great Stalin purges. Sent before firing squads - their names cancelled out of Soviet history.

Today, the Moscow magazine "problems of History", printed an article - listing those names. Chief among them Red Marshal Bluecher. Praising them, hailing them - as heroes.

This dispatch from Moscow is accompanied by word from Washington. Saying - the State Department is making a study of the recent rise of Marshal Zhukov, President Eisenhower's wartime comrade-in-arms.

Our Ambassador to Moscow, Charles E. Bohlen, is in Washington - for consultation. An expert adviser, we hear - in an estimation of Zhukov's new power and eminence. They

say the Soviet Marshall played a large part in the Red Army  
condemnation of the Stalin purges.

## GENERAL

General Alfred Gruenther is retiring - as the Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Defense force in Europe. Successor - General Lauris Norstad. So announced by the White House, today.

General Gruenther, fifty-seven years old, has been ill recently. So now, he steps out. Technically, he resigns from the United States Army. Which automatically, removes him from the Nato command in Europe.

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General Norstad is an Air Force officer - who, for the past ~~XXXXXX~~ three years has been Air Deputy to General Gruenther in Europe. His career - brilliant, meteoric, shooting up to high rank. A Brigadier-General of the Air Force - at thirty-six. A full general - at forty-five.

He was in the North African campaign, when he attracted the attention of the commander over there - General Ike. Who spotted the abilities of the officer - now to be the Commander of Nato in Europe.

follow General

This military news is given, immediately,

a political slant. <sup>A</sup> Congressmen -- proposing ~~that~~ General  
Gruenther for President, on the Democratic ticket.

Congressman Thurmond Chatham of North Carolina says

-- he believes the retiring Nato commander would be available  
for a draft, at the Democratic National Convention.

## RAINIER

Today, Prince Rainier and his fiance, Grace Kelly - were driving along a highway in Monaco. Grace, by the way, was bare headed. Heeding the complaints of the people - because she wore a big hat yesterday. And - they couldn't see her face.

As the automobile rolled along the road it came to a human barricade. Fifty press photographers - barring the way. And insisting - on getting pictures. To be sure the automobile ~~was~~ stopped, some lay down flat, in front of the car.

The result of this exploit came promptly. Prince Rainier's press chief - calling this incident "intolerable" and announcing - that the press photographers would be excluded from the Palace, at the time of the Civil Wedding ceremony and garden party. Pictures to be made - by two official photographers.

So it would seem that, ~~was~~ even at this Monaco wedding carnival, it is possible for the press photographers to go too far.

## PRISON

In the Peoria County jail, Mrs. Anna May Baldwin is back with her two friends - Lewis McGuire and William Fitzpatrick. Fellow prisoners - with whom she had ~~struck~~<sup>struck</sup> up an acquaintance while she was in a prison cell, charged with passing a rubber check.

The three friends made an agreement - a pledge. Something like the three musketeers - "one for all, and all for one." They vowed - that the first one who got out would help the other two to escape.

Mrs. Baldwin was first - released on probation; ~~the~~ day before yesterday. So she went at once to a hardware store. Where she purchased - five hacksaw blades.

Then at night, she went back to the jail, and waited. Until she saw - a lighted match held in a prison window.

That was the signal. She walked across the street and found - a rope lowered from the window. She tied the five hacksaw blades to the rope. Which, then, was pulled up.

All, according to plan. The scheme, agreed on in prison - going without a hitch. "One for all - and all for one."

The only trouble was that the sheriff, Fred Montgomery - paid a visit to the McGuire-Fitzpatrick cell that night. And found - one of the bars, completely sawed through.

Which led to an investigation. So, tonight, Mrs. McGuire is back in her former cell. Reunited with her two pals, who are in their cell nearby. Reunion - in jail.

## RADIO

Today, for the first time, the regions of the North Pole and the South Pole - were linked by radio. Through the medium of a "ham" operator in Rhode Island.

John Murray - at an Arctic Weather station on Ellesmere Island, four hundred and fifty miles from the North Pole, talking to - "Red" Higby, at Little America on the Antarctic continent, six hundred miles from the South Pole.

In between - Newton Kraus, at Warren, Rhode Island. His amateur station - providing the booster power. The conversation from the Arctic was received in his ~~own~~ radio set - ~~which~~ <sup>- and boosted</sup>

~~transmitted it~~ on to the Antarctic.

So what was the radio conversation about - in such extra-ordinary circumstances? Same old topic - the weather. <sup>Said John</sup> Murray: <sup>"Up here at</sup> ~~said they're having spring weather at~~ <sup>we're having</sup> the northernmost weather station in the world. <sup>Twenty hours</sup> of daylight <sup>now - and Spring weather,</sup> ~~per day~~

"Red" Higby, down there <sup>at</sup> ~~in~~ Little America, had a different story to tell. ~~The~~ Antarctic winter - coming on.



"The weather here is terrible," he said, "in a few weeks we'll have nothing but darkness, - no daylight at all".

And then he told of a "quickness blizzard" that hit Little America today. A party of workers - caught on a snowbound airfield. "They had a time struggling against the wind," said "Red". "But they all got back safe."

All this conversation to the accompaniment of a lot of static. But the two could hear each other clearly. While, in the middle, Newton Kraus, in Rhode Island, with his "ham" radio station - fed the words from the Arctic on down to the Antarctic.

And so, Henry, the North Pole talked to the South Pole.