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The Big Four conference ended in Paris tonight with a new note of acrimony and ill-feeling -- ~~with~~ Soviet foreign minister Molotov accusing the Western democracies of giving shelter to four hundred and thirty-seven thousand dangerous enemies of Soviet Russia.

He said that in Austria ~~xx~~ the British and Americans are harboring that many anti-Soviet Jugoslavs, Greeks, Polish exile troops, and deserters from the Red army.

And Molotov issued the following preemptory demand:

"Immediate evacuation of these foreigners is essential, obligatory, and urgent."

To what parts the four-hundred-and-thirty-seven thousand anti-Soviet people are to be evacuated, according to the ~~Foreign~~ Foreign Minister, is not made clear. It is merely -- "essential, obligatory, and urgent."  
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(That followed the blocking of two proposals by American Secretary of State Byrnes, who wanted to get an agreement on occupation zones in Germany and on matters connected with an Austrian peace treaty.

{ ~~Molotov said no -- interposing the usual objections.~~ }

TP Previously Byrnes had made a declaration on reparations that Soviet Russia has received from conquered Germany. He said the Soviets have already taken fourteen billion dollars worth. In spite of which, Molotov is demanding ten billion more. The Secretary of State pointed out that the Soviets had acquired, for themselves or their satellites, a large section of eastern Germany with a taxable value of fourteen billion dollars.

As for the ten billion, which the Soviets now want, Byrnes denied the Molotov contention that this was agreed upon at Yalta -- at that last Roosevelt conference of the Big Three, when the late President made headlines in his meeting with Stalin and Churchill. Byrnes himself was there, and he stated <sup>today</sup> that there had been a Soviet suggestion that Germany should be made to pay twenty billion dollars, one-half to go to Russia, but Byrnes ~~mx~~ added that President Roosevelt only agreed

that this ten billions to the Soviets should be taken as a basis for discussion. Then at the later Potsdam conference, Stalin agreed to a reparations program that did not include the ten billions for the Soviets.

It remains to be seen what reply Molotov will ~~make~~ to the Byrnes declaration of what happened at Yalta ~~now~~ when <sup>so</sup> many concessions were made to Stalin.

Well, anyway, the conference of Foreign Ministers has ended -- ~~concluding~~ concluding its ~~own~~ proceedings tonight on a new note of discord. Nothing of which promises a completely smooth and harmonious ~~series~~ series of proceedings for the peace conference of United Nations, when it meets.

SYMINGTON

Q Far East news Bulletin

~~one bit of news~~ tells of a sort of pilgrimage <sup>today</sup>

~~was made today a visit~~ to the grave of Ernie Pyle, war correspondent of the G.I.'s, who was killed on a bit of far Pacific land called Ie Jima. The pilgrimage was made by the young Assistant Secretary of War for Air, Stuart Symington - who is on a flying trip around the world to get a global picture of air power. Assistant Secretary Symington has been to the islands in the Pacific, <sup>has</sup> conferred with General MacArthur in Japan, and General Marshall in China.

And the fact that he flew to Ie Jima to the grave of Ernie Pyle is a reflection on the new status of war correspondents in the recent world conflict. Ernie Pyle was an example of how ~~they took~~ their places <sup>were</sup> at the front, in the peril of battle. <sup>It was announced during</sup> ~~It is believed that of all~~ the war, that of all the groups in the war, the newsmen sustained the heaviest <sup>number of</sup> casualties - the largest proportional <sup>^</sup> killed, wounded and

captured. <sup>Well,</sup> ~~by~~ by radio, <sup>lets</sup> ~~switch~~ switch <sup>1/2 way round the world</sup> to the Assistant Secretary <sup>of War.</sup> At Ie Jima today! ~~switch~~ In the Philippines tonight! And now, let's go to Manila, and hear from Assistant Secretary of War Symington.

## WAR PROFITS

Two star witnesses appeared today before the Senate inquiry ~~in the~~ <sup>on</sup> war profiteering; ~~they~~ appeared, but ~~they~~ did not testify. They refused to talk; ~~they~~ invoked their constitutional right not to answer questions that might incriminate them, not ~~to~~ give replies that might cause them to be prosecuted.

One was Dr. Henry Garsson, the ~~partner~~ <sup>elder</sup> of the Garsson brothers, whose mid-western munitions combine is being investigated. He was called to give information concerning charges that the Garsson empire-of-war-contract was guilty of profiteering to the tune of many millions, and enjoyed the benefits of official favoritism and influence. The witness stood on his constitutional rights, and refused to answer. He said that this was on advice from his lawyer.

The other witness who similarly wouldn't talk was Benjamin F. Fields, ~~who was~~ connected with the Garsson

war contract business. ~~He is~~ <sup>He is</sup> accused of having tried to bribe a senator and an agent for the Mead Committee, which is doing the investigating. His appeal to his constitutional rights was accompanied by a flurry of angry talk.

Meanwhile, the Mead Committee was inviting Congressman May to make another appearance and give further information. In his first testimony, at a secret hearing, the Congressman denied that he had exerted undue pressure in getting war contracts for anybody, and said he had never made a penny from any armament business that he may have recommended as war-time Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. <sup>R</sup> Today Senator Mead told Congressman May that he did not, in the words of the Senator's letter, "furnish full, complete and accurate facts." So will he please come back and testify again.

## CONSTELLATIONS

Planes are down in a lot of places - big

Constellation passenger planes of the type ~~that was~~  
grounded by the Civil ~~Aviation~~ Aeronautics Authority today.

This follows crashes <sup>of</sup> Constellations, and the grounding  
is ~~giving~~ <sup>to give</sup> an opportunity to correct mechanical faults <sup>in</sup>  
~~the~~ <sup>these great new</sup> liners of the sky.

One Constellation, with thirty-seven passengers,  
was grounded tonight at Newfoundland. Another in African  
Liberia. Still another over in Ireland.

The ~~airlines~~ <sup>airlines</sup> are doing their best to maintain  
passenger traffic with other types of planes - as the  
Constellations ~~are~~ <sup>20</sup> out of service temporarily. <sup>TP</sup> They're  
the type of which Howard Hughes was a co-designer, the  
famous airman who lies desperately hurt out in  
California, after an accident in still another type of  
plane that he helped ~~to~~ originate - something new and  
revolutionary. ~~in aviation~~



## HOWARD HUGHES

Few scenes could have been more dramatic than that at the bedside of Howard Hughes, the <sup>multi-</sup>millionaire famous as a pioneering dare-devil in aviation. Howard Hughes had a turn for the worse today - after being so fearfully injured in <sup>that</sup> a crash. ~~in the new type plane that he was flying, a revolutionary type.~~

In a hospital at Los Angeles, he whispered to the doctor, ~~saying~~, "Am I going to live?"

The physician replied: "I don't know."

Then Howard Hughes showed the true mettle of a flying man. Struggling for words, he said: "Doctor, I want you to give this message to the army. The accident was caused by the rear half of the right propeller." And he went on to give the explanation of the crash, which only he knew. <sup>T</sup>In the strange new type of plane that he was flying, each propeller consisted of two halves - a highly technical arrangement. The intrepid

flyer went on to say that the rear four blades of the right propeller suddenly changed into a reverse pitch position. That is, by changing pitch, they started pushing instead of pulling. The four front blades remained normal. <sup>T</sup> Summoning all his strength, Howard Hughes put it in these words: "The front four blades of the propeller were trying to pull the airplane ahead, while the rear four blades were trying equally hard to push it backward. It felt as if some giant had the right wing in his hand and was pushing it back and down." And that <sup>he said,</sup> wrecked the plane.

Then Howard Hughes told why he was exerting himself so much to speak while in such desperate condition. "I don't want this to happen to anybody else," said he.

## NUREMBERG

Any lawyer who happens to be listening in will sympathize with an attorney for the defense who today spoke his piece in court. Any lawyer will appreciate the perplexity of trying to make a case for a defendant who is so low, mean and no-good that his very personality makes the judge and jury want to hang him. At the Nuremberg trial of war criminals, the defense today did what was possible for Julius Streicher, the notorious Jew baiter.

The lawyer, Dr. Hans Marx, made a species of insanity plea. He declared that Streicher was little short of a maniac, who couldn't tell the difference between fact and fancy. And this he tried to illustrate by picturing the charms and graces of the personality of the Number One anti-Semite among the Nazis. He said that Streicher was disliked even by Hitler. His character was so sweet and lovely that even the other Nazis wouldn't ~~be~~ have anything to do with him, and

Hitler kept him out of any prominent position - wouldn't let him be given a post of any consequence.

Which was a curious kind of defense for a lawyer

to make, his client so base and vile, <sup>that</sup> not even Hitler <sup>the</sup>

<sup>friend,</sup> and the other Nazis would have him <sup>around.</sup>

BRITISH LOAN

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In Congress today, the Democratic leader in the lower House made a powerful argument for the loan to Britain. Congressman McCormack of Massachusetts said:

"Whether we like it or not, the fact remains that practically all of the countries in the world are looking either to Washington or to Moscow." He said that all the world is watching our action on the loan to Britain - and, from the result, will know whether to look to Washington or to Moscow.

ARGENTINA AND CHILE

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It looks as if the United Nations were going to be handed still another international row. <sup>*This one*</sup> Called - the Postage Stamp Dispute. <sup>*It*</sup> ~~was~~ was indicated in London today, after the British government had time to digest two diplomatic protests, one from Argentina, the other from Chile. Both South American countries are making loud complaints because of <sup>*that*</sup> a new postage stamp issued by Great Britain - the Falkland Island<sup>s</sup> stamp.

We've heard before about Argentina's complaint. The new stamp issue at London confirms in a philatelic way the British possession of the Falkland Islands - and, Argentina has been claiming the Falklands for a hundred years.

But what about Chile? How does that other southern republic fit in the protest? Well, the new British postage stamp commemorates Britain's asserted title to - the Falkland Island<sup>s</sup> <sup>*and*</sup> dependencies. And the

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dependencies are where Chile comes in. The Falkland Islands are three hundred miles east of the Straits of Magellan, and Britain ~~claims~~ claims all the islands to the south and southeast - right down to the Antarctic continent. The dependencies of the Falkland Islands include such archipelagoes as the South Shetlands, the South Orkneys, the Sandwich Islands and Graham Land, a large string of islands just off the Antarctic continent. And, Chile has claims in that direction.

- The postage stamp is a symbol for something small, but that area in the southern ocean ~~is~~ is enormous - with a large number of the wildest and bleakest bits of land on this earth. ~~They are~~ lands of important strategy with reference to the Antarctic continent. So a large question may go before the Security Council of the United Nations in the form of the Postage Stamp Dispute.

PRICES

*Extra out ✓*

At LaCrosse, Wisconsin today, a lady launched a drive against the high price of butter - Mrs. Laura Rudolph, who hails from Brooklyn. Out there in Wisconsin, the price she had to pay for butter annoyed her so much that she started a one-woman campaign - by telephone. Her idea was to call every housewife in town and organize a buyer's strike. So she took the local phone book and started in with "A", and then went along to "B". The trouble was that Mrs. Rudolph didn't stop to think that her phone was on a party line - they don't have party lines in Brooklyn. Other people on her line tried to phone, The phone was being used - hour after hour - until the complaints caused the telephone company to intervene, to put an end to the battle of butter.

Nor was the response Mrs. Rudolph got from the other housewives any too satisfactory. Here's the way she explains it: "The people here just don't like outsiders. They told me to quit trying to run the town and go back to Brooklyn."



TREE

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At Greensburg, Indiana, an attempt was made today to save what the Greensburgers call - "the eighth wonder of the world." Among the original seven wonders are the Pyramids of Egypt, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon and the Colossus of Rhodes. To match these, Greensburg, Indiana, has a tree on the top of the courthouse - <sup>where</sup> it has been growing ~~there~~ for fifty years. The marvel occurred, apparently, because a bird dropped a seed on the masonry of the courthouse roof - the seed of an aspen. This took root in the stone and mortar, and the tree grew and flourished - to become a tall green aspen. Which caused no end of wonder among botanists, and the people of Greensburg boasted - they had the eighth wonder of the world.

Recently, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ a steeplejack working on the courthouse tower discovered that the tree was withering, some of its branches already dead. Whereupon

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Greensburg undertook to do what it could to save the eighth wonder - and today a tree surgeon amputated.

More than a thousand people watched the operation. When the surgeon was through, only one small green branch remained - but he brought down good news. He announced that another tree was growing on top of the courthouse, a sapling produced by a seed from the original aspen.

So, if the old tree dies, there'll be a substitute version of the eighth wonder of the world at Greensburg, Indiana.

And now Hugh do we hear about some wonder from you.