

WAR DEAD

P.T. - P.S. Thursday, Oct. 9, 1947.

There's a big gray army transport off the California coast gm tonight -- the U.S. A. T. Hondaknot, bringing home the first of the "boys who didn't come back." Three thousand American servicemen -- many of them who fell at Pearl Harbor on ~~September~~ ^{December} Seventh, Nineteen Forty-one -- now coming home. A grim epilogue to the drama of war.

The advance guard of a long silent parade which may go on for nearly two years, for there are a quarter of a million to be brought from the Far Pacific and from Europe.

The arrival of the U.S. A. T. Hondaknot ^{throughout the nation} will be honored by a day of mourning. All flags in the United States to be flown at half mast, by proclamation of the President.

In San Francisco, there will be special military and religious rites, attended by General Mark Clark, Secretary of ^{the} Navy ~~Frank~~ Sullivan, and civic and religious leaders.

Of the first twenty brought ashore, six

will be taken to the San Francisco City Hall to lie in state through Saturday -- six unknown soldiers to represent the three thousand making this last sad journey.

After all ~~the~~ three thousand have been landed, ~~they~~ ^{each} will be sent ~~to~~ home, accompanied by a special guard of honor of the same rank and service.

^{And} In each case, the honor guard will remain to attend the ^{service at home} ~~funeral~~ as a representative of the United States government -- a final military honor for those who paid the supreme sacrifice for their country -- for us.

BALKANS

Soviet Russia has declared a boycott on ~~the~~ ^{the U. N.} commission ~~which the~~ General Assembly of ~~the~~ ^{has} United Nations, voted to send to the Balkans. Vishinsky made the announcement today repeating part of the hysterical harangue in which he described that measure as insulting, ^{He said} as a horse trade inspired by the United States. [^] Russia will not even take any part in choosing the members of ~~the~~ ^e Commission.

Whereupon the rest of the Soviet Bloc promptly came to heel, both Poland and Jugoslavia echoing Vishinsky's announcement.

^{TP} ~~Incidentally,~~ The Soviet received another set-back in the General Assembly today; ~~It was~~ over the question of the election of a successor to Poland on the Security Council. The race, ~~you may remember~~ has been between India and the ~~■~~ Ukraine. All the Soviet nations had brought tremendous pressure on India to withdraw. A cable from New Delhi today conveyed instructions to the Indian Delegation to stand fast.

TRUMAN

For the first time since Vishinsky erupted at Lake Success with accusations about war mongering, President Truman today made an indirect reply. He did not mention either Russia or Vishinsky by name, but he ~~reaffirms~~ reaffirmed that the purpose of the United States is to seek neither territory nor economic control. Nothing but peace throughout the world.

That all Uncle Sam wants is a just and lasting peace, and prosperity for all the world. Robert Lovett, acting Secretary of State, points out that the emergence of the Comintern into ~~the open~~ the open once more, shows clearly that the Soviets intend to do anything they can to prevent the economic recovery of Europe.

EGGLESS THURSDAY

(In San Francisco, the Golden Gate restaurant Association rejects President Truman's plan for meatless Tuesday and Eggless Thursday.)
The Association, which represents most of the city's eating places, offers an alternative economy program:
^{re} Reduced menus wherever possible; and the banning of [^] bread and butter ~~me~~ except when the customers ask^s for it.

The San Francisco Restaurant Association suggests a fifteen-point economy program, ~~which~~ includes^{ing} [^], among other things, the elimination of ~~three~~-layer cakes, one ~~me~~ piece of butter a meal, cookies instead of cereal products, and boiled dressing instead of oil.

Says the Association - these restaurant proprietors who don't approve of President Truman's meatless Tuesdays and eggless Thursdays: [^] "patriotic American citizens are the best judges of what they shall eat." And they add; "restaurants cannot be compelled to dictate to their patrons what foods they shall eat and when those foods shall be served."

COMMUNISTS

An Italian is to be the leader of the new Comintern, the spearhead of Communist aggression in Europe. - His name, Palmiro Tolyatti, the head of the Communist Party in Italy.

This news comes from Paris, from the Paris correspondent of an Italian newspaper. When the story was printed it brought forth violent denials, both in Italy and France. Both French and Italian Communists said, absolutely false, a dirty Fascist trick to embarrass the Italian Communists in advance of the municipal elections in Rome next Sunday.

What makes it doubly ~~xxx~~ awkward for the Communists in Italy is that Tolyatti has been repeating over and over that he and his fellow Reds in Italy are entirely independent of the Kremlin. But lying is not lying if it's for the good of the Communist Party. That's the Red philosophy.

Tolyatti is a thoroughly indoctrinated Bolshevik, who for nineteen years lived in Moscow, in fact in the Kremlin, learning the technique of revolution.

He was, in fact, one of the Directors of the old Comintern, and one of the signers of the document by which the Kremlin went through the motions of dissolving the Comintern in Nineteen Forty Three.

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From London we hear that Downing Street is much concerned over this rewelding of the Communist Parties now going on in nine European Countries. A spokesman for the London Foreign Office describes it as tantamount to a declaration of political warfare.

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~~Over here in the Western Hemisphere, the government of Chile has found it advisable to oust two officials of the Yugoslav Legation at Santiago. On the grounds that masquerading as diplomats, they really were acting as Communist Agents engaged in a program of sabotage aimed at the United States. The two were not small fry in that Yugoslav legation, either. One was the acting head, the Charge D'Affaires, and the other the secretary of the Yugoslav Legation in Argentina,~~

PALESTINE

Delegates to the General Assembly of the United Nations are becoming irritated over the silence of both Soviet Russia and Uncle Sam on the subject of partitioning Palestine. Three weeks have ~~xxxxxx~~ elapsed since the United Nations Commission submitted its recommendations, and in that time neither we nor the Russians have spoken out.

The Chairman of the United Nations Palestine Committee, Herbert Evatt of Australia, in expressing his impatience today warned both the Russian and American delegates that unless they ask to be recognized by Saturday, they will not be allowed to speak at all. ~~Which~~ Which would mean, no decision on the Holy Land.

~~Two other delegates spoke up today -- Sweden, and Syria. The Swede warned that although his country would support ~~the~~ the partitioning of Palestine, Sweden is realist enough to know that it only can be done by force of arms. And "Where, he asked, "will the military force come from?"~~

~~There was a conference today between~~

~~Secretary of State Marshall and the rest of the American Delegation, but no news leaked out as to what we are likely to do.~~

One explanation offered is that Uncle Sam and Russia are trying to outsit each other -- neither wanting to take the major blame for whatever happens to Palestine.

Meanwhile, Elia Simon, a United Press Correspondent today had an interview in Palestine, with Menahem Beigin, Commander of Irgun Zvai Leumi, a former lawyer of Warsaw.

Simon asked Beigin what he expected the Arabs to do if the British evacuate Palestine ^{and if he} ~~to which~~
~~Beigin replied that he could not say what others would do. He suggested that the U.P. man should put his question to the Grand Mufti, Jamal El Husseini, or to British Brigadier General Clayton. He also was asked if he considered the Jews strong enough to cope with the Arabs if the latter launch a combined attack. Beigin replied that he and his associates do not believe the~~

Arab states either want to or could actually carry out a military attack against the Jews. But if they do, he said that strong Hebrew forces will be ready for them. And ~~then~~ he added: - "Modern war is not a matter of numbers, but of brains."

Another question was whether Irgun would act under command of Haganah, the moderate Jewish Organisation. To this Beigin replied that there are just four things that could happen between Haganah and Irgun: - neutrality, conflict, agreement on a united front, or complete unity. And that the answer depends principally upon Haganah -- its leaders.

And then he continued:- "We shall accept the authority in the fight for liberation of our country." From which we can infer that Irgun wants to run the war, if it comes to that.

He went on to accuse Haganah of cooperating with the British in issuing false reports about Irgun.

→ The Irgun leader's replies breathed

defiance alike to the British, to the Arabs, and to Haganah, the more moderate Jewish armed force.

Beigin also spoke with scorn of the United Nations which, he said, are not capable of solving the Palestine question. Trygve Lie, he pointed out, is not yet Commander-in-Chief of any international army and it is doubtful whether he ever will be. That the United Nations can set up a special committee to deal with Palestine, but it cannot create a special army.

~~Beigin concluded with the words: "We see in partition of our tiny country a national historic catastrophe. In consent to this plan we see the denial and betrayal of our people."~~

~~and~~ He added: "We ~~therefore~~ are resolved to ~~wixix~~ resist any plan to dissect our home."

In short, the Irgun will ~~continexix~~ continue its extremist course no matter what is decided at Lake Success, or at Washington, or London. The only solution ~~x~~ to which Irgun will consent is Palestine for the Jews -- a completely Jewish State. No compromise.

Meanwhile what of the Arabs? It was announced at Beirut tonight that the governments of Lebanon and Syria have mobilized parts of their armies and already have them marching toward the borders of Palestine. And the Secretary ~~xxxx~~ General of the Arab League Council told American newspapermen that the Egyptian Government has sent strong forces across Sinai towards the Southern Frontier of Palestine. This is in line with the recommendation of the Arab League that the seven Arab states take military measures in view of the British Government's determination to evacuate the Holy Land.

~~A significant, and even ominous fact is that the Grand Mufti, Jamal El Husseini, has arrived in the Lebanon. Trouble usually followed the arrival of the Grand Mufti.~~

The Committee of Prime Ministers of the seven Arab states have been debating ~~today~~ today whether they should cancel all oil rights granted in the Middle East ^{oil rights} now held by Western nations, if the

General Assembly of the United Nations votes for the
partition of the Holy Land.

SPAATZ

For the first time the President exhibited annoyance at a press conference today. One of the newsmen tried to find out whether General Touhy Spaatz, now head of the Air Force, will become chief of Staff of the Army when General Eisenhower goes to New York to become President of Columbia University.

The President tried to brush the question aside, said he is not in the habit of commenting on what people he was considering for a job. But the reporter wouldn't be brushed off. "Does that mean, Mr. President," he persisted, "that you are considering him?" Whereupon Mr. Truman declared abruptly that he did not like questions of that kind.

JET

Government experts have apparently licked ~~a~~ ^{the} problem ^{that} ~~which~~ ^{al} has been baffling aeronautic engineers ever since the development of the jet engine: the problem of how to control a plane or projectile flying through the air after it reaches the speed of sound -- when it has pierced what they call the supersonic wall.

Hitherto, whenever a plane, or missile, reached the speed of sound, just over six hundred miles an hour, it would go completely out of control.

Washington now reports that a B-29 Superfortress, off the Virginia Coast, launched a missile powered by a ram jet engine which flew at more than fifteen hundred miles an hour. The experiment conducted by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, a body set up to coordinate research for both military and civilian purposes. The missile kept its course without swerving and finally dropped into the sea.

At Camp Davis, North Carolina, the Navy launched another, off the ground. It started with a rocket engine and when it reached six hundred miles an

hour, a ram jet engine took over and carried the speed up to more than fifteen hundred miles an hour. They tell us this one should not be called a missile - that it's neither ^a missile nor a plane. It's a flying engine with stabilizing fins, but no wings.

The scientists tell us this does not mean we'll soon have passenger planes flying at such speed. What they are ~~xxx~~ aiming for now, the immediate goal, is to develop robot planes flying at supersonic ~~xx~~ speeds; with an automatic pilot mechanism, --- to be controlled either from the ground or from another plane.

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In the California desert, the Army Air Force, we hear, is experimenting with a rocket propelled plane that they hope will fly at around seventeen hundred miles an hour. Final tests on this to be made next summer.

TYPHOON

A radio message from Guam: -- That Pacific island once blasted by American and Japanese shell fire, reports a devastating typhoon. A sudden tropical storm roaring over the island and flattening many buildings. A one-hundred-and-forty-mile-an-hour wind. We hear that hardly a building on Guam escaped; roofs and sides torn away.

This typhoon, nicknamed "Rosalind," is reported to be the worst the Far Pacific has seen so far this typhoon season. "Rosalind" was expected, and Army planes went up to follow the twister. First she headed north, then northeast. Then turned south, and unexpectedly smacked Guam. Like Tens of thousands of other Americans I am wondering about certain buildings that I remember on Guam -- and our air and naval bases.

Latest reports say that the typhoon may zoom over Japan, within a hundred miles or so of Tokyo.

One American vessel is known to be in trouble -- the converted landing craft "Coaster Jim," now drifting at the mercy of the storm with forty-five aboard.

GUNMAN AND RECTOR

At Findlay, Ohio, a couple of suspicious characters were brought to police headquarters. Several citizens had reported them trying to sell an automobile tire of dubious origin. One of them, Leonard Johnson of Detroit, pulled a gun on the desk sergeant, and both men got away down an alley. One of them rushed to the Episcopal Church and grabbed the ~~aged~~ Rector, the Reverend John Knox, and forced him into the church at the point of a gun.

Local police and State Highway patrolmen soon surrounded the church, and called on the gunman to come out, they argued with him, telling him how much better it would be for him in the long run. But he shouted back that if they used tear gas, he would kill the Clergyman, the ~~aged~~ rector he was holding as a hostage. And he added that he would kill him anyway unless the police gave him a car and let him drive off with the rector.

While this parley was going on, one of the State Patrolmen crawled through a side window of

the church without being heard by the bandit. This was made possible because of the commotion in the church, the Rector, for all his years, was putting up a game fight. The State Trooper crept along on his hands and knees between the x pews, until he got where he could draw a bead on the x marauder, and he fired two shots into the bandit's back.

Tonight the gunman is in the hospital and the aged Episcopal Clergyman is unhurt except for a black eye and some bruises.

DISHES

Thrilling news for dish-washers! An eminent English bacteriologist says that dishes should not be dried with a towel. Use plenty of soap, then hot water, and let them dry themselves - to prevent contagion.

Welcome news for all enslaved husbands, who like Nelson and me have to wipe the dishes every night.