

IRAN

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Mr. Trumbull

It looks as if the cabinet of Iran would fall - as a result of that murderous outrage. The killing of two American aid officials - and the wife of one. Mrs. Anita Carroll - the finding of whose body shows that the bandits killed her ~~shortly~~ shortly after the murder of the others. Premier Hussein Alla - expected to hand in his resignation to Shah Mohammed Pahlevi, ~~the~~ day after tomorrow.

The political crisis, made all the more acute by the cancellation of American point-four aid in Eastern Iran, where the murders occurred. American aid officials judging - that the wild country of desert and mountain is too dangerous - with its bands of murderous brigands. ~~the~~ ^{All} operations ^{there} cancelled - until Eastern Iran is made more safe.

The Shah ^{is said to be} ~~described as being~~ much interested in the development of that forbidding-desolate part-of his kingdom. ^{Also that he regards} ~~and regarding~~ the aged Premier Hussein Alla - as not strong enough to direct an anti-bandit campaign.

His probable successor, Court Minister Eghbal pro-American and anti-Communist. Forty-eight years old and vigorous.

Meanwhile, Iranian forces are pursuing the bandit leader, - Dad Shah and his gang. Who, apparently, are trying to make their way across the border into Pakistan. Mountain tribes reporting - that they saw Dad Shah. An old outlaw chief - tall and thin, with white handle-bar mustache. Spotting him and his band - only twenty miles from the Pakistan border. Where the Pakistan authorities have ordered - a sharp lookout.

They say - no mercy will be shown, if Dad Shah is caught. No doubt, a quick firing squad - in a wilderness where sudden death is commonplace.

ISRAEL

A dispatch from Jerusalem, Israel, makes the statement - that if Egypt prevents an Israeli vessel from passing through the Suez Canal, Israel will regard it as an "act of war."

This is based on a conversation between Israeli spokesmen at a party of Dutch officials, visiting Jerusalem. The Israeli view put in the following words: "A ship flying the Israeli flag will soon join a convoy through the Suez Canal. We know what will happen. Our ship and cargo will be seized, and our crew arrested. What will happen then - will be of considerable significance."

The spokesman adding that the significance will be - that Israel will regard the interference as an act of war. Which he said, would also apply, if Israeli ships were prevented from navigating through the Gulf of Aqaba.

We don't know how seriously to take this but we can combine it with intimations given by Egyptian premier Nasser over the weekend. Nasser - indicating


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that Egypt won't allow Israeli ships to pass through
the Suez Canal or the Gulf of Aqaba. Not, that is -
unless Israel makes a settlement in the matter of the
Arab refugees. Nasser tying the navigation question
to the refugees.



ADD ISRAEL

By way of still another twister - here's late news from Cairo - stating that Premier Nasser will not permit UN patrols on the Gaza Strip to fire at Arab infiltrators. Not to shoot at - raiders who might sneak over into Israeli territory. Not - that is, until Israel will allow the UN Emergency Police Force to patrol inside Israeli territory.



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But on the other hand, here's a statement from U N Secretary General Hammarskjold who, tonight, stated -- that Premier Nasser has outlawed raids into Israel from the Gaza Strip and agrees -- that the U N emergency force will assist in preventing such raids.

JORDAN

A political crisis - in Jordan. Reports that Premier Suliman Al Nabulsi and his cabinet - will resign. The trouble - proposals, which King Hussein sent to Egypt. To ask, we hear, for another Summit Conference between the Arab chiefs of state. King Hussein - doing this without consulting Premier or Cabinet. Which made them - angry.

Suliman Al Nabulsi - an anti-Western Premier. Who played a leading part - in getting the British out of Jordan.

MOSCOW

In London, Soviet manoeuvres for another big-four Summit Conference. Word passed around - that Moscow thinks the time is ripe for a meeting of the heads of state. Soviet Premier Bulganin reported as saying - he'd go "anywhere, anytime" to discuss East-West problems with President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister McMillan and French Premier Mollet.

The Russian reasoning in London goes this way:- At the Bermuda Conference of President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister McMillan, British-American differences were settled, in large part. Which has brought harmony amongst the Western Powers - making the time ripe for top-level talks with Soviet Russia.

London regards this - as a new Moscow diplomatic offensive.

LYSENKO

Those peculiar reversals continue in Soviet Russia, Reversals - in the degradation of Stalin. A Moscow dispatch, today, quoting Khrushchev in praise of Lysenko. The Russian biologist - Stalin's favorite scientist.

A few years ago, we had frequent accounts of international controversy - because of the way Lysenko, backed by Stalin, dominated Soviet science. Putting forth his theories of heredity - which western scientists called absurd. Russian biologists - having to toe the line, or ~~they~~ be in trouble.

Then, when Stalin was disgraced last year, Lysenko fell from power. Denounced - and fired as president of the Soviet Academy of Agriculture.

So what do we hear now? Khrushchev - addressing a conference of Agricultural Scientists in Moscow, ~~and~~ praising - Lysenko. "There are scientists," boomed Khrushchev "who dispute Lysenko's methods. But, if anyone asked me what scientists I'd vote for, I would unhesitatingly say 'Lysenko'."

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Which certainly sounds like a

A comeback, at least in part - for Stalin's

pet scientist.

DISABILITY

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Attorney general Brownell gave his views, today, at a Congressional Hearing - on the question of Presidential Disability. What if a president should become disabled and be incapable of carrying out the duties of his office?

~~The subcommittee of the House is considering the plan proposed by President Eisenhower - for a Constitutional Amendment, which would clarify that issue.~~ The Attorney General - testifying in behalf of the White House proposal, (

He) said he believes that, right now, a Vice President has the authority to determine whether or not a president is disabled. ~~That's the Brownell interpretation of the Constitution.~~ To which he added - that so great a decision should not depend on one man.

So he upholds the Eisenhower view - that a President could declare himself disabled. Or, the Cabinet should have the authority to decide.

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However, there's plenty of Congressional opposition. The argument being - that a Cabinet would not be impartial. Appointed by the President, its members would be swayed - by loyalty to him. So, therefore, the authority should be vested in a Committee outside the Presidential circle. A ten-man Commission of citizens - is proposed.

ZWICKER

The Senate has confirmed the promotion of Brigadier General Ralph Zwicker - to Major General. In spite of - loud opposition by Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin. McCarthy - an old antagonist to the General, Repeating his charge - that Zwicker stated falsehoods, in connection with the case of Army Dentist Peress, Who refused to answer questions about Communism - yet got a promotion to Major. But, in spite of all the McCarthy uproar, the Senate okayed the promotion of General Zwicker, today. The vote - seventy-two to two. Only Republican Senator Malone of Nevada - joining McCarthy in opposition.

CHICAGO

In Chicago - a man taken for a ride. The one-way ride - sinister in gangland history. On the body, the police found sixteen hundred dollars in cash, twenty-one hundred in travellers cheques. And a bank cheque - for three-hundred thousand dollars.

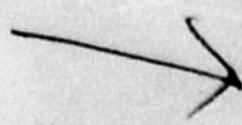
This latest
~~gangland~~ gangland victim, Leon Marcus - a banker whose name figured in the Orville Hodge scandal. When the former Illinois state auditor was sent to prison, convicted of huge embezzlements. *Marcus, the man taken for a ride,* ~~He~~ was a director of the Southmoore Bank and Trust Company - where Hodge cashed most of his phoney cheques. The bank president - convicted along with Hodge. Bank director Leon Marcus - resigning soon after the scandal. Later, indicted in connection with financial irregularities.

Last night, Marcus had dinner at a friend's house - and upon leaving, was seized by a group of men, *forced* into an automobile - and driven off. Taken - for a gangland ride.

Today, acting chief of detectives, William Touhy, said: "The murder may date back to the Hodge case.

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Marcus was due for trial soon and, perhaps, someone
thought there might be some revelations."



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Another supposition is that Marcus may have been involved in large financial dealings with the underworld.

WEATHER

Texas had a stormy weekend - but Texas doesn't mind. Seven tornados, or near-tornados in the lone star state - but that's okay. Because it was a wet weekend - wind accompanied by torrential rains. At Dallas - more than three-and-a-half inches. Today's forecast? more of the same, all across Texas. March - the wettest month in forty-four years. April - starting out the same way.

Which lends a hope that the cycle of drought has ended. The seven years of drought - that ^{brought} ~~have been~~ ^{to Texas} a disaster ~~for~~ crops.

Last week, the Texas Panhandle had a blizzard - piling up huge snow drifts. Today, nearly all the snow had melted - soaking the ground with moisture. Dust storms missing in the Texas Panhandle - for the first time since 1950, seven years ago.

~~Fine for Texas - but there's grumbling in southern states, eastward. The Texas tornados - moving over into Louisiana and Mississippi. Which, today, had rains they don't particularly need - with violent blasts of winds.~~

TED WILLIAMS

That loud explosion you heard down south is Ted Williams. Not hitting a home run - but popping off again. The tempermental baseball player - hurling wrathful epithets at the late Senator Taft and former President Harry Truman.

Williams - remembering the way he was called back into the marine corps for the Korean War! After - he had served three years as a Marine Corps pilot in World War Two. The homerun hitter intimating that he was "picked on" because he was a prominent figure in sports.

The Ted Williams outburst occurred in New Orleans, where he was delayed - on his way to Sarasota, Florida.

Just how the late Senator Taft and former President Truman were involved in the woes of Ted Williams is none too clear - but he included them, emphatically, in a blast against politicians in general.

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To all of which, I suppose, the comment would be

- that the Boston Red Sox outfielder can wield a

— but he has the disability of a two
powerful bat. ~~Also a~~ powerful jawbone.

APRIL FOOL

China, today - has a bit of comment on the ways of the West. Noting our peculiar custom - ^{every}~~our~~ first of April. The way people of the West like to hoax each other and say - "April Fool!" on Formosa the China Post calls it - "this foolish business." Indicating - that it's nothing to be adopted by the Chinese, who are much too wise for any such nonsense. Instead of fooling each other, the Chinese ^{say they} should celebrate April first by uttering wise maxims, according to Confucius.

As a companion piece to this, here's a dispatch from Italy, from Cremona - where the famous violins were made. In Cremona, today, eight students, with a mis-placed sense of humor - sent the undertaker and priest to the home of their teacher.

With sad faces, they informed the local mortician and clergyman - that their dear teacher had died during the night, and, in due time, a hearse drew up at the teacher's home. So did the clergyman - ready for the mournful ceremony. The teacher, alive and in

excellent health, was he indignant!

The undertaker and the priest also indignant.

The echo ringing out - "April Fool!"

So Henry you see what the Chinese editor means when he says - "This foolish business."

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Henry, I have an April Fool for you - I don't recall a thing tonight. I'm far up in the Laurentians, at beautiful - wild Lac Tremblant, where all I can think of is the beauty around me. And s-l-u-t-m.