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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Vatican newspaper "L'Osservatore Romano" today issued a blast against the new Argentine legislation. The reference being, to the vote in Buenos Aires - that disestablishes the Catholic Church. The Vatican newspaper today calls this "persecution" by the Peron government. The paper adding, that a systematic campaign against the church is in full swing in Argentina.

Well - the Argentine legislature has put its okay on Peron's demand for separating church and state. First the Chamber of Deputies voted overwhelmingly for the bill - the vote, one-hundred-and-twenty-one to twelve. Then the Senate gave its okay, unanimously. And with Peron's signature, the bill becomes a law. A convention will be elected - to consider amending the Constitution, amending it to disestablish the Catholic Church.

This is Peron's latest move - following his declaration that he will not tolerate opposition from the Catholic clergy. He's trying to force them out of politics altogether.

## ALGERIA

The French are pouring reinforcements into Algeria. Ten thousand more infantrymen, flying into that North African extension of France - Algeria being legally a part of the nation; not just a protectorate.

Soon the French Governor-General will have one hundred thousand armed men under him. This number, attempting to destroy only fifteen hundred rebels.

The so-called "Army of Allah" is said to be entrenched in the mountains of Northeastern Algeria. And although their numbers are small, they can hit and run - and keep a much bigger French force off balance. That's why the Commander in the area needs all one hundred thousand - to fight fifteen hundred.

The French fear more violence during the Moslem fast of "Ramadan." Always a time of more tension and religious fervor.

Meanwhile, there is more rioting in Morocco.

Nationalists have been distributing propaganda in Casablanca.

Calling upon the inhabitants to rise against the French.

Last night, buses were stoned, and telephone lines ripped up by demonstrators. Shopkeepers closing their iron shutters - police squads patrolling the streets.

Outside Casablanca, it is becoming more dangerous for Europeans. The Nationalists, ambushing individuals and groups, overturning buses, burning crops, and cutting down telephone wires.

"POCKETBOOK BLOCKADE"

Russia refuses to lift the so-called "pocketbook blockade" of Berlin. This was expected - even though Soviet Ambassador Pushkin did agree to a conference with the Ambassadors of Britain, France and America.

At the meeting today, the western representatives argued that the new tolls violated the right of free access to Berlin. They suggested that the problem be handed over to German experts, who would present the four Ambassadors with a report.

Pushkin refused every compromise. He said that the "pocketbook blockade" has nothing to do with agreements between the four powers. *Then he* *what he said before* ~~He~~ repeated, that it's a matter that falls under the jurisdiction of the East German government.

Therefore he refuses to do anything to help end the ~~stagg~~ stoppage of trucks attempting to enter and leave Berlin.

So the tolls remain what they were. Drivers now pay fifty-five dollars - where formerly they paid only five dollars. It is estimated that the new tolls are costing the West about ten million dollars a year.

## EXPLOSION

A freak accident at Gerolzhofen, Germany. An American tank caught fire from an overheated engine. The crew ~~jumped~~ jumped out and fled to safety. And then the shells inside began to go off - seventy one of them. The explosions burned down a barn, damaged several houses. and held up traffic for some hours. But the tank crew - safe.

When the uproar was over officials of the town of Gerolzhofen discovered that quite an area of their metropolis ~~had~~ had been ~~extensively~~ bombarded by those bursting shells. Gerolzhofen sprayed with shells. Considerable damage - but no fatalities.

NAGY

Is Communist Hungary's former Red Premier about to be purged? That question is being asked in Vienna tonight about Imre Nagy - following an official communique issued in Budapest, saying that Nagy has "resigned" as Vice Chairman of the ~~the~~ "Patriotic front."

Nagy was ousted as Premier in April, <sup>and</sup> ~~he was~~ stripped of his Communist Party titles. <sup>also</sup> ~~he was~~ denounced for putting consumer production above the needs of heavy industry.

Now comes the last step - Nagy losing his last official post. And in Vienna, many experts believe that something worse is <sup>about</sup> ~~going~~ to happen to him. <sup>They believe</sup> Nagy, may be following the path taken by so many Communist officials - running the state, then <sup>ousted</sup> ~~falling by degrees~~, and <sup>and finally</sup> ~~perhaps ending~~ <sup>the firing squad.</sup> ~~on the gallows.~~

## ISRAEL

A dispatch from Jerusalem <sup>tells of</sup> ~~reveals that~~ an Israeli archaeological expedition ~~has~~ discovered <sup>in</sup> the skeletons of people who lived in the Second Century A.D. ~~They were~~ found <sup>— in Palestine —</sup> in a cave - apparently, the last remains of Jewish patriots who were caught in the ~~gk~~ great revolt led by Bar Cocheba.

That was during the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. Bar Cocheba won notable victories, that have never been forgotten by the Jewish people - but eventually he was killed, and his revolt stamped out by the <sup>Roman</sup> legions.

The "Book of Lamentations" tells how refugees hid <sup>in</sup> <sup>remote</sup> caves - and were besieged by the Romans. Many of them died of starvation. Now, Israeli archaeologists believe they have discovered the skeletons of some of these victims.

The cave in which the find was made is eight hundred feet deep. In it, scores of skeletons, mostly of women and children. Also, remains of clothing, shoes even food.

The Israeli experts are making a special study of the skeletons - to see what they can find about Jewish



types in ancient Palestine. This, the latest page in the history of that great Jewish revolt of the Second Century - when Bar Cocheba made his bid for freedom against all the might of Emperor Hadrian's Roman legions.

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This really is a continuation of the story of the finding of ancient Hebrew scrolls - by Bedouin - in caves on the west shore of ~~the~~ the Dead Sea. The best account of that thrilling chapter is related this week - in the New Yorker - which is not a magazine in which you would expect to find such a scholarly article. But the New Yorker, ever since Harold Ross founded it, has been full of surprises.

And now as a sequel to the findings of the ancient scrolls, they are finding some ancient Israelites

Prime Minister Anthony Eden has failed in his first big domestic crisis as Prime Minister. The crisis - those two big strikes scheduled for election week.

The walkout threatens to tie up Britain's ports and railways. Naturally, the Prime Minister doesn't want anything like that - just when the voters are going to the polls.

Today he called Union leaders into an emergency session - at Number Ten Downing Street. But when the leaders came out - they announced that strikes on the docks and railroads are still scheduled. One spokesman, however, did offer a <sup>ray</sup> ~~grain~~ of hope - by saying that the door is still open for a last minute settlement.

## STRIKE FOLLOW EDEN

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad is ~~more~~  
~~fortunate than Sir Anthony.~~ ~~It~~ has come to a final agreement  
with twenty five thousand employees - who carried on the second  
longest railroad strike in American history.

The new contract provides for new health and  
welfare measures - which were the primary objectives of the  
strikers.

## SOVIET

The Russians have decided to send that agricultural delegation to this country. The Kremlin has handed a note to this effect to our Embassy in Moscow.

The note suggests that the group be composed of ten or twelve - to visit the United States in July and August. The note adds, that the Russian experts will be particularly in machinery plants, warehouses and other installations. And, of course, they intend to visit farms in Iowa and other parts of the Middle West.

The Soviet note says visas will be given to an American delegation of about the same size. Our group to examine Soviet Agriculture technique - at the same time that the Russians are over here.

An atomic physicist says that one explosion we touched off last ~~xxx~~ month - was a revolutionary hydrogen bomb. Dr. Ralph Lapp testified ~~xxxx~~ before the Senate Armed Services sub-committee; ~~he~~ said he based his opinion on public records, ~~and~~ he listed three things that he believes makes that bomb "revolutionary"; - first, its construction. Secondly, the large area it sprinkled with radio active dust. Finally, the persistence of the fall-out.

According to Dr. Lapp, the bomb produced more radio-activity than the hypothetical "cobalt" bomb -- which is the one that some scientists believe might contaminate the atmosphere of the earth.

However, there is no official statement to support or disprove ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> theory; ~~of this atomic physicist.~~

## TRAITOR

An American soldier, found guilty of treason.

Private William Marchuk, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, convicted by an American Court Martial in Berlin.

Private Marchuk disappeared from his unit in February, Nineteen Forty Nine. He remained in Russian hands, until January of this year. During his trial, he insisted that he had been a prisoner in the Soviet slave labor camp, the notorious Vorkuta. But two other ex-prisoners testified against him. They said he was pro-Communist when they knew him.

Now, the verdict. Private Marchuk, to be given a dishonorable discharge - and then to serve twelve years in jail.

## LIQUOR

Anyone who likes his grog - prepare to shed a tear. The Coast Guard has dumped seventeen thousand fifths of rum and brandy into Long Island Sound.

Liquor confiscated at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Becoming government property when a local firm went bankrupt. For some reason it couldn't be sold for taxes. So the Customs Collector decided there ~~was~~ was only one thing to do - give it to Davey Jones. So she/<sup>the</sup> Customs Collector Mrs. Mitchell - went out aboard a cutter - and watched as her agents smashed the bottles to make sure none floated ashore to you.

## ROBBERY

Now about that Ninety Thousand Dollar bank robbery at Jacksonville, Alabama. One of the most unusual we have heard of in a long time. It's an involved story that begins with four men arriving at the ~~home~~ home of Jesse Wood, Assistant Vice President of the first National Bank. First they tied up the two children, aged three and eight. Then two of them remained to keep an eye on Mrs. Wood - while the others took the banker with them.

The wife was told ~~that~~ no one would be molested as long as her husband did as he was told when they got to his Bank. During this waiting period, a neighbor rapped on the door. The bandits made Mrs. Wood answer - and say that one of her children was sick. This time, when the ~~the~~ friend left, they tied up Mrs. Wood, and- continued to wait for their pals, who in the meantime ~~he~~ had taken the Vice President to his bank. They warned him that at the first sound of a police siren his wife and daughters would be murdered by the two men



they had left on guard. Arriving at the bank they tied up seven employees, one by one - as they arrived. And they forced Wood to give them some ninety thousand dollars. Next they took Wood back to his home. Where they tied him up too. Then the robbers fled - making a clean getaway.

Alabama pllice say it is one of the most daring, and successful bank robberies ever staged in their state.

JOKE

Robert Musel of the United Press, gives us a joke that's going the rounds in London. Telling - how three Admirals, French, Italian and British, were bragging about the courage of their sailors.

"Gaston," called the French Admiral, and a sailor came running. "Gaston, climb up to the top of the mast and leap into the sea."

Gaston immediately did, and landed in the ocean with a splash.

"Now that," said the French Admiral, "that is courage."

The Italian Admiral shouted: "Giuseppi, climb to the top of the mast and jump down onto the deck of a ship."

Giuseppi did, and landed - with a crash.

"Now that," said the Italian Admiral, "that is courage."

Which put it up to the British Admiral. Who called a sailor, and said: "Jones, climb up the mast, leap through the funnel, and land in the engine room."

Jones turned to the Admiral, and said: "Go do it your bloomin' self!"

"Now that," said the British Admiral, "that really is courage." What do you say, Hugh?