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The Senate today acted fast, with a keynote of speed. (The Legislators had before them President Truman's nomination of General Marshall as Secretary of State - and the custom is for such a nomination to be held over for a day. But Senate waived that ~~fm~~ custom, ~~and acted right away~~. It took just one hour to confirm the appointment, unanimously.) And it would have taken less ~~than that~~ if it hadn't been for the high praise heaped on retiring Secretary of State Byrnes and upon his newly named successor, General George Marshall, who was our ~~second~~ world war Chief of Staff. ~~There was~~ **No** debate - just eulogy.

The worldwide question is - what change, if any, will there be in American foreign policy, with Marshall instead of Byrnes directing it? The emphatic word of the Senate today was - none. Senator Vandenberg, ~~so prominently associated with retiring Secretary Byrnes in foreign policy,~~ pledged the Republican Party to support the new Secretary of State in that same foreign policy which has been a joint, two-party affair

all along. And the same thing was echoed in the House.
~~of Representatives.~~

Of course, in such a situation, there is no keeping politics entirely out - ~~and mention was promptly made of Presidential possibilities~~ ^{and} Democratic Senator Johnson of ~~Utah~~ Colorado told the Senate that if President Truman should decide not to run for reelection, General Marshall would be, what the ^{Colorado} Senator called - "A natural."

The same word comes from England, where the London Evening Standard ~~stated that~~ ^{said} there are reports in Washington that President Truman wants to build up General Marshall for the Democratic Presidential nomination. The writer in the London ~~newspaper~~ states: "I am told the job was originally offered to General Eisenhower for the same reason, but Eisenhower turned it down."

~~One might ask, of course - why all that London interest in American political matters? The answer~~

~~is that~~ London today was as excited about the Marshall appointment as if it had been some big time political change in the British Government. Informed circles in London had expected the ^{Byrnes} resignation, ~~of Secretary of State Byrnes~~. They had heard that Byrnes was in ill health and had been ordered by his doctors to take a rest. What surprises them is ~~the matter of a successor~~ - the appointment of General Marshall as American Secretary of State.

~~The British are keenly concerned about American Foreign Policy, and~~ The London papers today spread themselves with guesses and interpretations of the shift from Byrnes to Marshall. ^{The widespread} ~~the general~~ British interpretation ^{being} ~~is~~ that the Marshall appointment means - a further swing to the right. Britain, having tossed out Winston Churchill for a labor government and socialism, is keenly aware of the Republican victory in the November elections - the British swing to the left followed by an American swing to the right. And London

today tended to view the appointment of General Marshall as ^{one} a result of the November elections, President Truman acting in conformity with that swing to the right.

This was evident in ^{London} Left Wing Labor talk ~~at London~~ today. The Left Wing Laborites have been attacking British Foreign Secretary Bevin for joining our own ~~SECRET~~ Secretary Byrnes in the policy of get-tough with the Soviets, and today they were saying that Marshall is not likely to be any less tough - he being an Army man, a ~~General~~ General. British Left Wing Laborites have been criticizing General Marshall's policy in China, and they weren't any too happy today.

There's much London speculation about the way Soviet Russia will take the Marshall appointment. ~~more~~ matter of keenest interest to the British, who are highly sensitive of their position in the middle - between the United States and the Soviets.

The comment from Moscow? Nothing.

MONTY (follow Marshall early show)

This spring or summer Soviet Marshal Alexander Vassilevsky, Chief of Staff of the Russian combined forces, will visit Great Britain; as the guest of Field Marshal Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff - who is now a guest of the Russians in Moscow, and who issued the invitation.

The invitation to the Russian, and his acceptance just about set a new speed record -- all in one day.

Monty also extended a blanket invitation to all other high Soviet officers who presumably would enjoy a tour of England.

Field Marshall Montgomery says he has invited Vassilevsky, his Russian opposite Number to visit Great Britain in the spring or summer instead of now because he wants Vassilevsky to enjoy lovely weather. He also left the implication that when Vassilevsky does visit Britain, he should visit the United States. No comment from the Red Marshal on that!

Montgomery, expanding his views in Moscow said that in as much as all politicians were friendly now, Army men

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ought to be also Vassilevsky of Russia, Montgomery of
Britain, and Generals Marshall and Eisenhower.

PRESIDENTIAL TERM

(The Republicans are starting amove to limit the Presidency to two terms. The new speaker of the House, Joe Martin of Massachusetts, today predicted that Congress will pass a measure for a constitutional amendment -- an amandment decreeing that no President shall serve more than two terms.) "I am confident," said the Speaker, "That we will be able to get this measure through quickly and with little opposition and then he added: "We have the votes!" The legislation will be ready for action in the House by February First, and Joe Martin went on to say that the two-term bill will be the first important measure to be put through the new Congress.

What will the Democrats do about it? Well, (it was made clear today that the two-term idea will get strong support from the Democrats of the South. Congressman Cox of Georgia ~~xxxx~~ predicted today that ninety per cent of the Southern Democrats will back the Republican drive for a Constitutional Amendment to would forbid any future third term, not to mention fourth

term or fifth. Which means that F.D.R. place in history as the only President to serve more than two terms will be secure.

On the northern Democratic Side, Congressman Arthur Klein, an ardent New Dealer, charged that the two term proposal is, what he called --"A Republican attempt to slap President Roosevelt in the face after he is dead, -- with a second slap from those Democrats who vote for the bill.

TRUMAN

The President's economic report to Congress is about what one would expect. The White House calls for measures to keep up the present high rate of employment, increase production, reduce prices, and avoid excessive wage demands.

(On the controversial tax issue, the President states: "In the present economic situation, it is clear that it would be unsound fiscal policy to reduce taxes." This, of course, is in direct opposition to Republican plans to reduce income taxes)- like the G.O.P. bill for a twenty per cent slash, ~~that has introduced in Congress.~~ The White House presses the argument that the first thing should be a cut to trim down our enormous public debt.

The White House economic report is cheerful in tone, saying that this nation, in the words of the report - "Has never been so strong or so prosperous."

PALESTINE

There's a confused situation in Palestine tonight, with the Extremists of the Jewish Underground denying persistent reports of a - truce. The Holy Land today was full of rumors of an Armistice whereby Irgun Zvai Leumi would halt its campaign of terrorism while negotiations were going on. ~~was to~~^{To} give the Zionist moderates a chance to try for a settlement with the British and Arabs along the line much talked of. A division of the Holy Land.

But, this afternoon the Underground radio of Irgun Zvai Leumi ~~has announced~~^{announced: - "The British}

~~"The British," said the clandestine broadcast, "try~~

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^ threats on one side and promises on the other. ~~The~~
~~British~~^{They} try to frighten the masses of our people, and throw them against the underground." ~~They intend to induce the Jewish Agency, which wants partition, to take part in the London conference.~~ To which the secret radio added that Irgun Zvai Leumi ~~is~~^{is} against any compromise - and there is no truce.

Nevertheless, late word from Jewish leaders

is that the Jewish Agency is trying to negotiate an Armistice, and the main underground army, Haganah, is threatening to take direct action against the Terrorists of Irgun Zvai Leumi.

(A series of arrests were made today, arrests regarded as important. The British police, in sudden raids on Zionist villages, took into custody thirty-two suspected members of Irgun Zvai Leumi -) members, it is believed, of the black squads. The most daring deeds of ~~xxx~~ violence are carried out by those black squads of Irgun Zvai Leumi. The prisoners were taken to a concentration camp, and the British police say they believe they have caught at least three important leaders of the Terrorists. And one of the prisoners is regarded as - a top leader.

~~These Palestinian matters had echoes in London today - with Scotland Yard investigating threats against prominent British Jews. There is in Britain an increase of anti-Semitism. Four London ~~xxx~~ synagogues~~

FILM

The perils of combining fact and fiction, history and romance, are illustrated today by a two hundred thousand dollar suit filed against the Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation. The reason for the suit is a thing put on the screen in the film feature - "Anna and the King of Siam."

That motion picture, was of course, based on a true story - the story of an English Governess who lived at the fabulous court of *the King of* Siam back in the last century. ^{TP} When there are real characters, there may also be living descendants - which happens to be the fact apparently in the case of Anna. The suit today was entered by a Canadian couple, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Monahan, living at the moment in Ireland ^{— in} Tipperary. Mrs. Monahan identifies herself as a granddaughter of Anna.

The story she tells is this: Her grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Leonowens, who went out to India.

There Mrs. Anna Leonowens was left a widow, and gained employment as a Governess at the court of the

King of Siam - the famous Anna.

All of this follows the account given in the movie, until we come to Anna's young son. In the picture he is represented as dying as a child - in a deeply pathetic scene. This, claims Mrs. Monahan, is false. She says that Anna's boy grew up to be a successful merchant in London, Louis T. G. Leonowens - Mrs. Monahans' father, who lived until Nineteen-Nineteen. So, she argues, the film feature has damaged her reputation - as the granddaughter of Anna. By representing her father as having died as a small boy, - it mixes up her ancestry - as a result of which Mrs. Monahan and her husband are suing for two-hundred-thousand dollars.

TAX

At Moultrie, Georgia, Gilreath xx McAfee says --he's still a dog-lover. Still is -- in spite of what happened. He was driving along today, when his car brushed a pooch. Nothing serious, but dog-lover McAfee jumped out to aid the kioodle. Whereupon the dog bit him, he felt he couldn't blame the hound too much for that, and he was still solicitous, when another dog came along -- and bit him. He says he still loves dogs.

We talk about man's faithful friend, the dog. In this case we might turn around and talk about dog's faithful friend-MAN.

From Tokyo comes a story of a Japanese Officer, guilty of atrocities, who had paid the penalty in his own fashion. In committing the atrocities, he had been extremely systematic - everything in precise order. He had ordered the massacre of Australian soldiers and civilians on the island of New Britain, and ~~had~~ had given detailed instructions for methodical murders. Well, he was equally systematic and methodical in arranging his own end.

Ordered to go on trial before an Australian Military Court, Colonel Masao Kusunose ~~he~~ betook himself to some abandoned barracks at the foot of Fujiyama, Japan's holy mountain. He had been stationed at those barracks when a young soldier. He resolved that he would end his life by hunger and cold in ~~the~~ sight of Fujiyama.

In ~~a~~ building he picked a place where he could see the holy mountain. ~~He~~ ^{Then he} took off his overcoat, folded it carefully, and placed it beside him. He took off his boots, and placed them neatly. Then he sat down

- and, lived for nine days.

He had no food, and the weather was bitterly cold. From time to time, he ~~wrote~~ in a diary. In this he set down his thoughts about his own end. He had not ~~committed~~ committed Hari Kari because he had been deprived of his ceremonial sword - without which the ancient ritual of self immolation could not be carried out properly. He had thought of jumping in front of a railroad train, and also drowning himself - but had decided against these.

He noted in the diary that he wanted to die in what he called - "The real Japanese spirit." ~~It~~
It's a little hard for us
~~to~~ to figure out what goes on in Japanese minds - but, in the end, the weird conscience of the war atrocity criminal told him that his end should be by fasting and freezing - and, ~~he would~~ die gazing at the holy mountain.

So he sat there for nine days - and, when they found him, his frozen body was propped in such fashion that his sightless eyes were still fixed on snow capped Fujiyama.

And now a final message from ~~you~~ Nelson.

FOOTBALL

Taken from Early Broadcast January 1st, '47

(New York's football melodrama came to an abrupt end today.) The show fizzled out suddenly, and the latest is that (the dapper Broadwayite, Alvin Paris, has been found guilty of attempts to fix a championship professional football game by bribing two players, Hapes and Filchock.)

The fizzle-out of the show came at the beginning of the proceedings today. After yesterday's accusing testimony by the two football players, today was the day for the defense. But it wasn't.

The defense was expected to present its case and produce its witnesses. One of these was to have been what Hollywood calls [^]glamor girl - a beauty from movieland. She was scheduled to testify about the hijinks of wine, women and song at the expensive night clubs to which Paris treated the two football players. Another witness was expected to be the ~~defendant~~ defendant Paris himself -- telling his own story.

That promised to be quite a show, and a

fancy crowd was in the courtroom to enjoy it. But suddenly the show went flop -- when the Defense Attorney announced that he would present no case, would call no witnesses.

In other words, (no defense was made, and the result was a foregone conclusion -- the jury returning a verdict of guilty.) So, Paris the Broadway sharpshooter convicted of trying to fix a championship professional football game, faces a maximum penalty of ten years in jail and a big fine.