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(Jacksonville)

In London the Security Council of the
U N O has voted its choice for a Secretary General.
He is Trygve Lie of Norway. This was a compromise --
the United States and Great Britain having wanted
a Canadian, while Soviet[†] Russia had demanded an
East European. The compromise was voted unanimously
by the Council. The matter now goes to the Assembly
of the U N O -- which undoubtedly will ratify the
choice of ~~Trygve~~^{Mr.} Lie of Norway for the exceedingly
important post of Secretary General of the U N O.

PALESTINE

The land that three great religions consider holy is tonight under a regulation -- severe beyond

precedent. The British authorities in Jerusalem have issued a decree that would seem to be more drastic than anything the British have ever promulgated in the past. Let's see what has incited the British,

with their habit of legalism, to go so far:- They were afraid of an outbreak of Zionist insurrection

and terrorism that ^{might} ~~may~~ turn out to be the most ferocious violence in ^{the} recent history of ^{the embattled Holy Land} ~~Palestine~~.

~~Indications are that Zionist extremists are planning to bring a campaign of terrorism to a climax of shooting and bombing and bloodshed.~~

The immediate event that brought about today's British action was a bold raid made by a Zionist band against a station of the Royal Air Force in southern Palestine. This was a thing ~~to~~ to fill the British authorities with anger and alarm. Fifteen Zionist plotters disguised themselves in R A F uniforms, and went brazenly to the air station. There

they slugged four British airmen and a Jewish civilian who were on guard at the arsenal of the camp. The Zionists looted the arsenal, loaded a cargo of machine guns and ammunition into an R A F truck and jeep - and got away.

It was a scheme systematically plotted and carried out, apparently for the purpose of procuring weapons to use in the Zionist outbreak that is said to ~~have been~~ ^{be} planned. The British say they have recovered the machine guns and are in pursuit of the band of Jewish outlaws.

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Such is the background for the decess issued today - by Sir Alan Cunningham, British High Commissioner, in Palestine. ^{Sir Alan} ~~He~~ ordered thousands of troops to be deployed for a round-up of members of the bands of Zionist Extremists. The death ~~pen~~ penalty is to be imposed on every member of the outlawed Jewish Army. Every one the British catches ^{is} to be shot -- every one belonging to a terrorist band. ~~Hitherto, the death penalty is~~

~~to be~~ ^{only} ~~applied~~ applied to Jewish terrorists committing acts

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of violence or caught with weapons in their possession. ^{Now} The penalty ^{of} shooting is to be applied to what the decree calls: "persons who are members of any group or body committing offenses against these regulations".

Sir Alan Cunningham gives British military courts the authority to establish prisons at all places considered necessary. Presumably this is in preparation for wholesale arrests that would fill the regular prisons to overflowing. British military commanders are given the power to try and execute outlaws ^{at} ~~in~~ places where they are caught.

And here's the climax:- In today's decree Sir Alan Cunningham abolished the number one legal safeguard of Anglo-Saxon law-- the safe guard that puts the burden of proof on the prosecution in criminal cases. You are considered innocent until proven guilty -- that's a cardinal maxim of Anglo-Saxon law. But not in Palestine - not under the regulation issued today. The British High

Commissioner expressly decreed that all terrorists under suspicion, will be required to prove their innocence -- in other words guilty until proven innocent. This will apply even where the death penalty is concerned.

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This reversal of ^{so} a fundamental ^a tenet of Anglo-Saxon justice, is a dramatic illustration of how tense and dangerous the crisis has become, in the land called Holy.

MCNARNEY

From General McNarney, Commander of the American occupation forces in Germany, we have a statement about the exodus of the Jews from Poland. And General McNarney in his monthly report, confirms some of the assertions made by British Lt. General Sir Frederick Morgan, administrator for U N R A in Europe -- assertions that brought a storm of Jewish indignations on General Morgan's head.

TP The McNarney statement does not refer specifically to the Morgan declarations, but the American General says the migration of Jews from Poland ^{to} the American zone of occupation in Germany ~~is increasing~~ ^{is growing.} ~~increasing~~. As a result, the number of displaced persons in the American zone has increased by seventy-one thousand, during the space of a month. General McNarney states that the Jews entering are in his words, "in better physical condition than the earlier refugees". He adds that the exodus from Poland appears to be incited by a fear of persecution. ^{*TP* All of which} ~~is~~ coincides with part of the charge

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made by Sir Frederick Morgan, though not with his contention that the Jewish migration appeared to be organized as a move toward Palestine, or that there was no evidence of programs in Poland. ^{(British} General

~~Morgan,~~
~~McNarney,~~ by the way, is now in the United States, conferring with former Governor Lehmann of New York who is now the Director of U. N. R. A.)

VATICAN

In Nineteen ~~xxx~~ thirty ~~xxx~~ seven, in Catholic churches throughout Germany, a papal encyclical was read - ~~and~~ an encyclical denouncing Nazism. The Hitler people were enraged, by this church attack. ^{It} How had the encyclical got ^{ten} into Germany? The document had been smuggled in, ^{By} whom? The answer comes today. The ~~xxxx~~ papal encyclical was taken secretly into Germany by ^{the present} Cardinal Designate, ^{Cardinal} Spellman ^{of N.Y.}, who was then an official in the ~~xxxx~~ office of the ~~xxxx~~ papal Secretary of State. ~~And~~ the Papal Secretary was then ~~Cardinal Pacelli~~, now Pope Pius the ~~Twelfth~~.

The story ~~that we have~~ comes from Neurenberg, the war crimes trials, where it was ~~ix~~ disclosed today ^{the then} how ^{Mo}ssignor Spellman was given the Papal encyclical denouncing the Nazis. He flew to France, on some pretext or other, and made his way to Germany, ~~and~~ there he went to Fulda, where the German Bishops were in conference and presented to them the document from Rome.

The German Bishops proceeded to have the encyclical distributed secretly - ~~it~~ often by boys on bicycles riding to Parish churches. And on a designated Sunday the Vatican attack on Nazism was read in churches throughout Germany.

(Spellman got back to Rome, but the Nazis persuaded the ~~Hitler~~ Italian Fascists to bring pressure on the Vatican, and the Pope sent ^{the American} ~~Spellman~~ ^{monsignor} back to the United States -- as Bishop of Boston; Later to become Archbishop of New York; and now ~~designated~~ to become a Cardinal. ^P This word from Neurenberg is accompanied by statements that at one ~~an~~ time Hitler wanted to break into the Vatican and seize papal documents. This was after the overthrow of Mussolini, and ~~The~~ Nazi Feurher wanted to learn ~~secrets~~ about moves made against his Fascist pal. There is even a report that Hitler ~~is~~ at one stage planned to have the Pope assassinated. But this story is being denied.

HOPKINS

The death of Harry Hopkins ends a career as singular as it was eminent, a career connected from beginning to end with that man of destiny Franklin Delano Roosevelt. ^{TP} Son of a harness maker, in Iowa, ^{Hopkins} ~~he~~ had only recently graduated from college when he met F. D. R. ^{He} ~~Hopkins~~ went into social work, and later Governor Roosevelt of New York appointed him to a state job of relief administration. That was followed by President Roosevelt taking him in ~~to~~ ~~the~~ federal relief. This phase culminated when Harry Hopkins, heading ~~at~~ agencies like the W P A, presided over the spending of Nine Billion Dollars. That alone would have made Hopkins a figure for American history. ^{TP} ~~And~~ Then, from depression spending he went on to the highest affairs of state in a global war -- counselor to President Roosevelt in the great international conferences, where Hopkins became the co-worker of such statesmen as Winston Churchill and Generalissimo Stalin.

As for the cause of his death, the doctors

~~don't know.~~ They say he suffered from an obscure illness, the nature of which cannot be determined until further examination.

ATOMIC BOMB

~~One question is being debated in the inner circles these days is this: shall observers representing foreign nations be allowed to witness the atomic bomb experiments -- the atom blasting warships? Today Secretary of State Byrnes declared~~
today that both he and President Truman believe that the *bomb* atomic tests should be witnessed by the atomic energy commission of the United Nations -- the body that's making studies of how to control the power of the atom. Secretary Byrnes stated that no final decision has been made, and there has been no discussion of whether the atom commission of the U N O should be permitted to send technical staffs -- in addition to its own members.

~~In Washington, the naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives counters with the declaration that the significant results of the atom tests should be kept a secret from the rest of the world. According to this, the U N O commission might attend, but the technical secrets would be~~

NAVY

The future Navy that we are to have is to be decided in a highly scientific way. In Washington it was announced today that a multi-million dollar research program is to be launched. The scientific resources of at least forty-five colleges and industrial laboratories are to be mobilized -- all for the purpose of deciding the future form of the United States Navy. The researchers ~~xxx~~ will go into atomic energy, jet propulsion, electronics, radar, rockets, and similar ultra modern wonders. "We hope to be able to intelligently draft blue prints for our future "navy", says Admiral Bowen, chief of the Navy's office~~x~~ of research and inventions.

RADAR

The Army is talking about airships that will navigate through interplanetary space. General Campbell, ~~xxx~~ retiring chief of Army ordnance, discloses right now our military forces have a radio controlled rocket that can ~~xxxx~~ reach any point on the surface of the earth. At the moment, the radio controlled rocket is -- "earth bound." That is, it can't be sent travelling out into interplanetary space, under radio control. It can't go higher than fifty miles above the ~~xxxx~~ surface of the earth.

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However, the contact made by radio²⁷ with the moon promises to change all that. The importance of the signal that bounced back from the moon is that it shows that radar waves can get through the ionosphere, the highest layer of the earth's atmosphere. Hitherto radio waves have been unable to penetrate the ionosphere. But now that has been done -- opening possibilities of sending out waves that will control a rocket projectile in a flight

through interplanetary space.

As a more prosy detail the prediction is added that all modern artillery guns will soon be obsolete - their places to be taken by a gun and rocket combination, the artillery of the future.

KILLING

A drama of Tobacco Road was enacted today in a trial at Vienna, Missouri -- in the Ozarks. Hill-billies trouped to the local court house, and the town declared a school holiday, so that pupils could attend the trial. People brought lunch baskets, ~~with them,~~ and hawkers vended sandwiches and coffee outside of the court room door.

The term "Tobacco Road", ~~having become a~~ symbol of a drab and primitive life of mountain shanties, is the expression to describe the story ~~that was~~ told in ^{the} testimony ^{there} today. It would take a bold ~~as~~ novelist or playwright to have a fifteen year old boy say: "I killed Paw just like I ^{'d kill} ~~would~~ a hog". That would be too extreme for fiction -- but not for life. It was what fifteen year old Gene Westerman told the court today.

In this drab sordid crime, on Tobacco Road, a hill-billy farm woman wanted to marry another man and get rid of her husband. So she told her son to kill his father. The fifteen year old boy was handed

a ^{gun,}~~rifle,~~ and did as he ~~was~~ was told.

The Judge/^{today}said: This is the most difficult task I have ever faced while on the bench. He sentences the boy to twelve years in prison, and pronounced a sentence of life imprisonment against the mother and the other man.

STRIKES

~~Tonight there is more optimism on strikes~~
~~than there has been in a long time.~~ General Motors
and the Union have agreed to meet again and resume
collective bargaining. ~~They will~~ ^{To} confer with the
help of a federal mediator -- in an attempt to
end the seventy-day-old-strike of one-hundred-and-
seventy-five-thousand employees of ^{G. M.} ~~General Motors.~~
^{TR} ~~Also,~~ things look better in the steel strike, as
federal mediators try to bring the companies and
the union together. Both President Fairless of
U S. Steel and ~~President Philip~~ Murray of the C I O
were in Washington today. It is denied that they
were both there for the purpose of having ~~such~~
a meeting. But, ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ Washington word is that things
are going on behind the scenes - with a good prospect
of settling the steel strike.

Here's the latest!:- Fairless of U S steel
denies the rumor that the company has decided to
concede the union demand of an increase of eighteen-
and-a-half ^{cents} ~~cents~~ an hour.

LEWIS

At Miami today John L. Lewis ~~xxx~~ sat beside William F. Green -- and held a news conference. This ~~was~~ visible evidence, a graphic sign of the fact that John L. Lewis and his miners union are back in the American Federation of Labor. Lewis has taken his seat on the executive board of the A F of L, ^{now} ~~which is~~ meeting at Miami. He is the thirteenth vice President but you can bet that the big boss of the miners has an actual status a lot higher than number thirteen in the A F of L.

Sitting beside A F of L President Green, John L. Lewis gave utterances in his usual~~y~~ stately fashion -- majestic prose. "Obviously" said he in his big bass voice "the pooling of the collective strength of the United Mine Workers and the A F of L makes the A F of L beyond cavil and beyond peradventure, the most representative and most dominant labor organization in the ~~xxx~~ country".

It was dramatic to see them together today, Lewis of the beetling brows, and the placid William

F. Green. They had been friends and co workers in the long past and then become bitter rivals when John L. Lewis led the memorable secession from the

A F of L to form the C I O. (~~Green refused to go~~

~~along with Lewis. ^{Green staying} He stayed with the A F of L;~~

~~and vehement ^{enmity was the} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ result. and Now Lewis,~~

~~after breaking with the C I O, is back in the A F of L.~~

~~And today he disclosed an interesting personal~~

~~touch.)~~ William Green, like John L. Lewis, began as a miner -- a member of the United Mine Workers.

After Lewis took the miners out of the A F of L

it was reported that Green had been expelled from

the Miners Union. Today, however, Lewis stated:

"unknown to the public at large, during the period of estrangement President Green continued his mine workers membership unimpaired. He is paid up to February first, Nineteen Forty Six." To which

President Green of the A F of L ~~xxx~~ echoed: "These

boys have been pretty good friends of mine. They

paid my dues for me all these years".

And that had a touch of poetry-- during the long years of the feud, between Lewis and Green, Lewis' own union kept Green paid up, kept his membership dues up to date.

I only hope, to make the poetry complete that John L. Lewis himself paid Green's dues.

And now back to you, Hugh?