

INDONESIA

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(In Indonesia, the war is over, for the time being at least. The Dutch High Command flashed a "cease fire" order by radio to all its units,) even outposts in Java and Sumatra, shortly before Midnight last night. ↑ At the same time, President Soekarno of the ~~Indonesian~~ Indonesian Republic broadcast a message to his people to stand fast in their places and stop all fighting. However, the ~~Dutch~~ Dutch Army has wrecked the Republican communications to such an extent that it will be difficult to convey the "cease fire" order to some Republican units, especially mountain patrol.

The Indonesian Premier announced that his people stipulated that the issues be arbitrated before an international commission, that all captured Indonesians be returned from the Dutch prison camps, all captured officers returned, also that the (Dutch forces be withdrawn behind the lines established by the agreement of last October.) The Indonesian Prime Minister interpreted the decision of the Security Council of the United Nations to mean that it considered the Indonesians had been right all along.

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill spoke his mind ~~today~~ at length ^{today} for the first time since the British dollar crisis became paramount in the news. He accused the Labor Government of having frittered away the money borrowed from Uncle Sam on indulgences, ^{- wasting it} spent ^{it} for picture-shows and tobacco, ^{as he put it,} instead of for solid materials necessary for post war restoration. In a round Churchillian verbiage, he declaimed: "when you borrow money from another country for ^{the} sacred purpose of rehabilitation, it is wrong to squander it upon indulgences."

He could not have believed, said he on the morrow of the German and Japanese surrender, that so short a period of triumph could bring the ~~people~~ people of Britain so low. He was ashamed of their having to live on foreign help, meanwhile subject to privations worse than those of the war.

He said he had heard that next Wednesday, the Prime Minister will unfold another "catalogue of pains

and penalties, which everyone must endure. This, Churchill declared should have been done before., and he was sure that Attlee's measures will not be adequate and will be merely another installment on the downward path. Churchill's party, the Conservatives, will accept support and endure, ^{said he,} any and all sensible proposals, however severe, that are truly made in the national interest. They will oppose any whose purpose will be pondering to class jealousy and party spite.

Churchill joined the other critics of the Attlee Government in proclaiming that the American loan has been ineffective owing to the follies and indecisions of the Socialist Government. Its object was to enable the British to get their industry and agriculture on their feet and bring in the necessary food. This object has not been fulfilled.

ADD CHURCHILL

The great war prime minister made this speech, not in the Commons, but on the huge lawn in front of Blenheim Palace, the historic estate which the nation presented to Churchill's ancestor, the First Duke of Marlborough. The occasion ~~was~~ a national holiday in England, the August Bank Holiday. It ~~was~~ no holiday for Prime Minister Clement Attlee and his Cabinet, who had to pass the day preparing his announcement to the Commons on Wednesday.

Sixty thousand people went to Blenheim to hear Churchill deliver a blistering indictment of the government. He accused the Attlee Cabinet of wild financial extravagance, of having fumbled its management of the coal mines, exhausted whatever ~~any~~ energies they ~~had~~ had in carrying out their party fads. He charged them with wasting time in Partisan Legislation, ~~discouraging~~ discouraging business enterprise, with schemes of no productive ~~of~~ value.

U N

(The United States will oppose the admission of Romania and Hungary to the United Nations. So announces Washington today. The government of Romania had wantonly suppressed human rights and freedoms, while there are grave doubts whether the present government of Hungary can abide by the terms of the United Nations charter. So said our delegate to the U N membership committee.

(The U S A will, however, strive hard to get Italy and Austria admitted, also Eire, Portugal, Transjordan and even the Imam Yaua's little Yemen.)

Ireland, Portugal and Amir Abdullah's Transjordan would have been admitted last year, but for the veto of Russia.

KIDNAPPING

Melodrama in Budapest. Cloak and dagger stuff. Members of the American legation snatched an American citizen from the Hungarian Secret Police today -- right in the heart of the Hungarian capital, just as the police were bringing ~~that~~ their victim to their dread headquarters at number Sixty Andrassy Street.

The man -- whose life was probably ~~na~~ saved by this extra-curricular action on the part of legation officials -- is Stephan Thuranszky, a naturalized American who formerly was a farmer near Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife and their two daughters are safe now at the American legation, and the American Minister is seeking an emergency export permit for the family, from the Allied control council.

What was Thuranszky's crime? Why were the cops in communist Budapest taking him away? He was arrested for allegedly ~~slandering~~ slandering the Communist-dominated government of Hungary.

For two days, Thuranszky was questioned by the Hungarian police. Questioned in that peculiar way the Communists have. He says a rubber hose and an occasional sand bag was applied to loosen his tongue.

Fortunately, today, an American legation official was allowed inside the jail in which Thuranszky was being held. And as he entered the prison, Thuranszky was led out, handcuffed and ~~was~~ semi-conscious. His wife was waiting for him in a car outside. "My God" she ~~screamed~~ screamed. "Steve they're taking you away."

Came then the exciting moments of rescue, and accounts ~~differe~~ differ materially as to what happened.

According to the United Press, Mrs. Thuranszky said she screamed when she saw three men dragging her husband away. She rushed at one guard while her husband kicked the second guard and clubbed the third over the head with his handcuffs.

The Hungarian government tells a different

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story, saying that a single detective was conducting Thuranszky from the prison when two men -- American legation officials -- rushed him from behind and Mrs. Thuranszky charged him from the front.

Thuranszky is the first American citizen to be arrested in Communist Hungary under the new law, "for the protection of democracy" they call the law. It's a criminal offense in Hungary now for ~~an~~ persons in the presence of two or ~~more~~ more witnesses, to criticize the Hungarian republic.

But Thuranszky, as an American citizen, is not liable to arrest by agents of the defeated Hungarian government or any other government for that matter.

Nor are his lips apt to be sealed by threats of arrest, Thuranszky, the naturalized American, having obviously developed ~~in~~ an independent point of view.

A legation spokesman is quoted as saying that "his opinion of communism ~~is~~ in general and

Hungarians in particular is too vivid to print."

NEW LEAD FORD

That strike of a hundred and eight thousand production workers against the Ford Company -- scheduled for noon tomorrow - it may not be called after all. The latest word from Richard Leonard, Chief negotiator for the auto workers union, is that there's more than a fair chance it will be postponed.

He doesn't say "called off" just postponed. However, the company announces that it ^{is} now ~~is~~ in virtual agreement with the union on a contract clause granting that union some ~~immunt~~ immunity from the penalty provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor act.

There's only one other point in dispute: the company's pension plan. And Ford and union officials have agreed to thrash that one out at another conference tomorrow morning -- and do it in advance of the noon strike ~~in~~ deadline.

Right now it's all in the hands of Dick Leonard, the union bigwig, who ~~says~~ says: "As far as the strike is concerned, that's ~~up~~ up to me. I have not as yet called off the strike, nor do I intend to do so, but it may be postponed."

HUGHES

The lead comic in the Howard Hughes investigation show at Washington today again was rotund, jovial Johnny Meyer. For the first time in the performance, astonishment showed today on the face of that rubicund ultra-hospitable publicity man. ~~That was~~ When Senator Homer Ferguson lit upon a couple of occasions when somebody had split the bill with the Howard Hughes publicity man. "Unbelievable!" explained Johnny.

~~"Maybe so" replied Senator Ferguson, "but here it is. The only man who ever split a check with Johnny Meyer."~~

~~Said Johnny: "that man deserves to have his picture in the paper, who was it?"~~

~~And the answer? Al Bloomingdale.~~

~~It happens that none of the Senators on the Committee is from New York, so Meyer had to explain that Bloomingdale owns one of the largest department stores in the big city and could well afford to split or even pick up a check.~~

The august presence of the Senatorial solons didn't seem to overwhelm or awe the gregarious Hughes "contact man". In fact much of the time he appeared bored, except now and then when a question would provoke him to sarcasm. As he identified one juicy expense voucher after another he explained that he was entertaining everybody with whom he came in contact --- just all in the line of business, all in a day's work for a public relations Johnny!

Then Senator Ferguson showed him a hotel bill which included long distance telephone charges twenty dollars for Colonel Elliot Roosevelt; forty-three dollars and twenty-two cents for Colonel David Brooks; twenty-two dollars and seventy-seven cents for Miss Lorraine Wallace of Richmond, Virginia. Said Senator Ferguson: "What did those telephone calls have to do with the production of Howard Hughes' planes?"

Said Johnny Meyer: "I don't know, it must have been "Be Nice To Soldiers Week."

~~"Oh" said the Senator, "was Miss Wallace in the Army?" Replied Meyer: "I have no idea, I hardly~~

~~remember the young lady.~~

The Social Johnny

~~Meyer~~ said quite frankly that when Elliott Roosevelt visited Beverly Hills, California, late in November, he Meyer paid his hotel and liquor bill, all in the line of business. Likewise, ~~xxxxxx~~ when Elliott and Miss ^{Faye} Emerson ^{spent} ~~took~~ a weekend with a party of friends at Palm Springs, California, all in the line of business.

And the Hughes Aircraft Company paid the pilot of one of the planes employed for the wedding of Elliott Roosevelt and Faye Emerson on the rim ~~xxxxxx~~ of the Grand Canyon in December, Nineteen-Forty-Four, -paid him a-hundred-and-fifty-nine-dollars-and-forty-one cents, all in the line of business.

On November Fifteenth, Nineteen Forty Four, Meyer was a guest of F.D.R. ~~and his family~~ at Hyde Park. The Senator ~~xxxxxx~~ wanted to know why he charged seven round trip tickets from New York to Hyde Park including tips to the butler, maid and chauffeur, charged ^{ing} them up to aircraft production.

Meyer added that he thought it a great privlidge to be invited to Hyde Park, a great honor. "That," said the Senator, "is why you charged it up to aircraft production?"

The publicity man replied that he worked twenty-four hours a day. And there is no denying that public relations men do have long and irregular hours!

One item really astounded him. It was a dinner bill for ten people, thirty dollars. "That's very cheap," said Meyer, "dinner at the El Morrocco for ten at only thirty dollars!" Then he added, shaking his head: "something wong there."

Then the Senator explained: "What's wrong is that you are reading only the tip! The tip was thirty dollars!"

ADD_HUGHES

After Johnny Meyer, another headliner on the bill today was Elliott Roosevelt. The ex-brigadier general talked back to his questioners aggressively, and said his principal object in testifying was to let the public know that he has done nothing that in any way endangered the lives of men who served under him. Indirectly, he said he knew he was much too small fry to be involved so prominently in the investigation on his own account and that he was a son of the man who was Chief Executive, the man ultimately responsible for carrying out the war effort. In other words, he hinted that the Committee was trying through him to smear the name of his father, the late F.D.R.

His testimony was not as interesting as Meyer's because it was largely technical. Roosevelt admitted that he knew quite well that superior officers at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio did not care for the Howard Hughes plan because it was made of plywood. Roosevelt replied that as for himself he did not care whether it was made of paper, so long, as it would do the job. And he denied having

done anything improper or infurious to the conduct of the war.

He told how on one occasion Robert Lovett, now under-Secretary of State, then Assistant Secretary of War, had offered him a quite a job: command of all Air Force photographic reconnaissance with headquarters in the Pentagon. Elliott Roosevelt said he declined, in these words: "I am the son of the President of the United States and it will create grave criticism if you bring me back to sit out the war in the Pentagon." And he added: "It will give the members of Congress who do not like Franklin D. Roosevelt a wonderful opportunity to smear him."

And he quite readily admitted that Johnny Meyer had entertained him, ~~xxxxxx~~ that a number of people had entertained him and his wife and his friends. He greeted Meyer with a friendly grin and a "Hello Johnny."

At one point, Roosevelt's testimony didn't exactly agree with that of Johnny Meyer. The ex-Brigadier General said he didn't know the Press Agent was turning in

vouchers to the Hughes Aircraft Company for every meal, every drink, every tip. In fact, Elliott said he himself paid his fair share of the bills.

Senator Ferguson turned to Meyer and said: "Did he ever entertain you, Meyer?"

The pudgy little publicity man replied in a grieved voice: "Of course not!"

The altercation between Roosevelt and Meyer amused the audience hugely, so much so that Chairman Ferguson called the hearing off to be continued tomorrow.

ANTS

Flying the Pacific on its way to San Francisco tonight is a transoceanic airliner. It's pants, I mean it's fuselage, full of ants - three thousand-four-hundred-and-fifty-six ferocious ants from Australia.

American scientists want them for some reason or other. Australian bull ants.

Bull ants that can bite. -- The Australians with their British way of understatement, call them "aggressive". So aggressive that if you touch one with a stick he won't run like the ants we are used to, he'll leap up the stick, bite the hand that holds it, and sting it with his poison fang. Enough of them could ~~kill~~ kill a man if they got him down.

But, these are being carefully watched, in a ~~miniature~~ ^{miniature} laboratory, aboard that Australian airliner, watched by a pretty young naturalist, Miss ~~Eleanor~~ Eleanor Clark, from the Land Down Under.

What will happen if one of her charges

escapes upon landing? What will happen if a male and female set up a colony of their own in the San Francisco Bay area? That probably wouldn't improve relations between our two nations, because we soon might have billions of these Australian ants.

FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schoville of Soldiers Grove Wisconsin, today had their eighteenth child. Mrs. Schoville, we hear, is only thirty-seven years old, looks younger. As for Fred, her husband, no report on how he looks. Providing three meals a day for the little woman and eighteen children. Buying shoes for eighteen and putting eighteen through Yale and Vassar! The Schovilles were married when she was fourteen, and the bridegroom eighteen. Their first child was born the day after their first ~~xxx~~ wedding anniversary. Since then they had seventeen others, and no twins or triplets either. All but one are living today, sixteen of them living at home for Papa to support. Mrs. Schoville has had one baby a year for the last twelve years.

Well, they ought to be a lot of comfort to Fred and his stalwart little woman in years to come! Eighteen children to lean ^{upon} ~~up~~ in your ~~assisting~~ declining years -- how would that be, ~~the~~ Nelson?

PALESTINE

The state of mind in Palestine today is such that if a door slams, everybody nearby jumps in fright, and if a passing truck back fires, bystanders fling ~~themselves~~ themselves to the ground.

Outwardly the Holy Land seems at peace. But nobody knows when he may walk right into a booby trap and be blown all the way from Jerusalem to Kingdom Come -- or at least be blown over Jordan. Not a day passes without it happening. So many we hear that they are rarely even reported, as news.

The ~~extrem~~ Extremists, including previously moderate and law abiding Haganah, have vowed to hang more British soldiers as soon as they can kidnap them.

As for the British, they are only held in check by the strictest military discipline.

But the hanging of the two Sergeants seems to be disapproved by every Jew in Palestine who does not belong to one of the Terrorist organizations. At the same time, no Jews will give either help or information to the British. Every Jew we are told, is in mortal terror of what is called "the Jewish Black Hand".

WEATHER

A heat wave in the Middle West, and on its way East. The price of lemonade going up in every state from the Rocky Mountains to the Appalachians, going up along with the thermometer.

In the wheat belt, temperatures up to a hundred and a hundred-and-five. The hottest spot in the United States today, Phillip, South Dakota a-hundred-and-six. Chciago sweltered at ninety eight; and high humidity.