

PALESTINE

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Today brings the most important news in the Palestine question - since war ended between Israel and the Arabs.

The United States, Great Britain and France announce an agreement on the subject of shipping armament to the Jewish state and the Arab countries, and pledge themselves to see that peace is maintained in Palestine.

This follows angry controversy over the fact that the British have been sending military supplies to the Arabs, while the United States has restricted the shipment of arms to Israel.) ~~This is in accordance with international agreements~~

Each side in Palestine has been charging that the other is preparing for war and aggression - the whole thing amounting to an increasingly dangerous crisis in the Near East. The settlement announced today was drafted at the recent London meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Three. Deciding to send armament to all parties in the controversy, they ~~announced~~ exacted pledges from Israel and the Arab states - pledges not to ~~commit~~ ^{commit} any sort of aggression, ~~and~~ ^{or} seek to seize territory.

On top of which, the United States, Great Britain and France give their own guarantee - promising to make sure that the peace pledges are faithfully observed. They say they'll do so both through the United Nations, and by joint action on their own - if there is any threat of aggression.

Actually, the agreement to send military supplies is not expected to bring about any rush of weapons. On the contrary, the hope is expressed that the settlement may have the opposite effect - by quieting fears and eliminating the motives that cause an armament race.

There's one immediate interpretation - that this new move by the Western Powers is designed to check Soviet Russia in the Near East. But that is denied ^{there is} no intention of arming Israel and the Arab states against Russia. However, a settlement of discord out there would have the effect of quieting troubled waters - in which the Reds like to fish.

KOREA

In Korea, the American zone, a round-up of Communists.

More than a hundred agents of the Red underground have been arrested; and, a score of candidates for ~~the~~ the South Korean Parliament may be involved - part of the Red plot being to manipulate elections, scheduled for May Thirtieth.

One of those under arrest is a Korean, who was a trusted employee of the American mission at Seoul. His name is Kim Woo Shik - his post, that of translator. American officials declare that Kim Woo Shik has been reporting secret information to the Reds of North Korea, the Soviet zone. Also - they think their trusted translator has been tampering with documents that he turned from Korean into English, or vice versa. They suspect his translations may have been so colored as to give a Communist version of matters. That point is now being investigated.

BERLIN

Here's the latest American outrage against those poor, innocent Communists. Last night American warplanes bombed areas of the Soviet Zone in Germany. Bombed - with potato bugs. Such is the statement made today by Gerhardt Eisler, the bail jumper from the United States who is now the propaganda chief of the puppet government. Today he stated that the ~~many~~ ~~many~~ American planes dropped, what he called - "large amounts of potato bugs." To which he added - "strong indignation is mounting among the people over this terrible criminal attack."

Sounds like something for the bug-house - but that's part of the agitation, as the Reds mobilize that rally of Communist youth for this weekend. Today brought new word of new precautions to safeguard the Western sector of Berlin against ~~fanatics~~ a possible fanatical invasion. Reds, enraged by - those potato bugs.

ATOMIC

In Washington - a recommendation for the creation of a new authority to guard against atomic espionage. The suggestion is that this country have a top level official, to direct the defense of atomic secrets, and check the plots of spies.

This emanates from a panel set up by the Atomic Energy Commission several months ago - a group headed by John Bugas, formerly of the F.B.I., who is now a Vice-President of the Ford Motor Company. They made a study of the whole problem of espionage, and today reported to the Atomic Energy Committee of the House of Representatives. The hearing was behind closed doors, ^{but} ~~and~~ we are told of one proposal - that of creating a sort of commander-in-chief in the battle against atomic spying.

Meanwhile, in London, agents of the F.B.I. have been showing photographs - showing them to Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the British atomic scientist convicted of Red espionage. They are photographs of suspects in this country - to see if he can

identify any of them as Soviet agents he contacted in the United States. It was Fuchs, of course, who gave information that led to the arrest of Harry Gold ^{of} Philadelphia - to whom the British scientist gave secrets of the American atomic bomb. We've been hearing how Klaus Fuchs, bitter and disillusioned about his own ~~gr~~ treason, has been cooperating willingly with the American agents - and now he has been looking at photographs of suspects to see if he recognizes the faces.

OAK RIDGE

At Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the construction of two most important plants came to a halt today - plants for the separation of uranium, the material of the atomic bomb. A strike is on - three thousand union workers failing to show up at their jobs today.

This follows a walkout yesterday when seven hundred quit work ~~at the strike~~. It's a wildcat affair, in defiance of a federal arbitration board named to settle a labor dispute. In defiance, also, of the union. Today union officials were trying to get the strikers back on the job.

CRASH

In Chicago -- a ghastly accident. Tonight, during the rush hour, a crowded street car crashed into a gasoline truck -- which burst into flames. Everything in the neighborhood was engulfed by fire -- five nearby houses set ablaze. More than thirty lives lost -- a hundred injured.

CIRCUS

There was a wild panic of children at Niles, Michigan, this afternoon - when, at the circus, a section of the tent collapsed in a ^{violent thunderstorm} rainstorm. The circus was packed with youngsters - ^{three} four thousand of them, as guests of the Service Club of the town. When the tempest of ^{rain and lightning} wind and ~~rain~~ hit, a support pole broke, and part of the canvas came down - though most of the tent remained intact. The collapse sent the children into a panic, and there was a mad stampede, in which a number were hurt, none seriously.

Then came a rush of mothers and fathers, running around in the rain - looking for their children - completing the scene of utter confusion.

RESCUE

In Brooklyn today, Joseph Zappulla said: "If there were any heroes in this thing, they were those guys holding back the ship." However, Joe, himself, can qualify for a medal or two.

It happened at a Brooklyn pier, when a little girl named Diana Svet fell off a gangplank, and landed in the water between a Yugoslav freighter and the dock. The tide was swinging the ponderous vessel, which was about to crush the little girl. But the screams of her mother brought a crowd of longshoremen - and they used muscle power to ~~hold~~ hold the ship back, standing at the edge of the pier, pushing with all their might.

That was the situation, as Joe Zappulla was lowered head first, a couple of longshoremen comrades holding him by the feet. With the cargo vessel threatening to smash him, he slipped a rope around Diana, and she was hoisted to safety.

Joe says the heroes were the fellows who held back the ship - with strength of muscle. But he had strength of heart.

Exp. Club - Irving Johnson.

I am broadcasting from the Explorers Club in N.Y. tonight. Around me hang pictures - some slightly faded - of famous members - Adm. Peary, Sen. Greeley, the Duke of the Abruzzi, Sven Hedin and on down to Shackleton, Amundsen, Stefansson, Byrd, Wilkonia, Roy Anderson, and a host of others.

Hanging in front of me is the Exp. Club Flag - which you have all seen in films of various expeditions.

Incidentally Bernt Balchen has just been made a medalist of the Exp. Club. Bernt is an explorer of both Arctic and Antarctic fame, at present he is in command of The Air Force Rescue Squadron in Alaska.

I am here tonight because this
Irving Johnson nite - in honor
of my old friend Capt. Johnson
who sailed round and round the
world in his glorious sailing ship
"The Yankee," the story of which he tells
in his new book Yankee Wander-
world.

Irving Johnson lives the sort of
life almost everyone longs to
live - sailing to remote islands,
always seeing strange strange
sights and strange places - and
having a grand time.

BERGMAN

News from Juarez, Mexico, gives us the details of that Bergman-Rossellini wedding, marriage by Mexican proxy - while the actual bride and groom were in Rome, with the baby. In the ceremony by remote control, the places of the Swedish movie actress and the Italian film director were taken by la Bergman's two Mexican lawyers - one playing the bridegroom, the other the bride. Must be interesting to be a bride; although I've never been one. But, anyway, Mexican Attorney Arturo Gomez-Trevino played the part as well as he could.

He wore dark glasses - to make him look like a Hollywood movie actress, I suppose. And - recited the bride's wedding vows in a bass baritone, as he plighted her troth to the other Mexican lawyer. But it was all correct and legal, they say - except for one detail. The nuptial kiss was omitted. The two Mexican lawyers didn't kiss each other.

WINDSOR

There's a question you'll sometimes hear asked - how did she catch him? Which applies most notably to that most famous romance - which resulted in the abdication of a King. People wondered how did Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson captivate Edward the Eighth so completely that he renounced the throne of Great Britain for her sake? Well, they are now the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, and he is publishing his memoirs in Life Magazine. ^{and} The second installment just out, gives his own answer to the question so often asked - how did she catch him?

The Duke of Windsor refers back to their first meeting - at a weekend in the country, a weekend of fox hunting. "Wallis and Her husband Ernest," writes the Duke of Windsor, "were guests in the same house." The weather, as he describes it, was bad - cold, damp, foggy. And Wallis had a cold - which suggested a topic to talk about. "I was prompted to observe," he writes, "that she must miss central heating, of which there was a lamentable lack in my country and an abundance in hers." That, he thought, was a safe line of conversation - but what

happened? "A verbal chasm opened under my feet," says the Duke. He found she didn't care for the warm American rooms, preferring the cold houses in England. "A mocking look," he relates, "came into her eyes. 'I am sorry, Sir,' she said, 'but you have disappointed me.'

"In what way?" he demanded.

"Every American woman," she replied, "who comes to your country is always asked that same question. I had hoped for something more original from the Prince of Wales."

Which sent His Royal Highness down the line to talk with some other guests. "But," he writes, "the passage lingered."

So that gives the key -- to the fascination she exerted on him in the times that followed. "Her conversation was deft and amusing," he relates. "But most of all, I admired her forthrightness. If she disagreed with some point under discussion, she never failed to advance her own views with vigor and spirit. That side of her enchanted me. "A man in my

position," he explains, "seldom encountered that trait in other people."

All of which gives the answer to the famous question - as propounded by the party of the first part. Of course, there are some of us, more accustomed to getting arguments from ladies -- and we may not be so enchanted when they put up a verbal battle. But, then, not everyone of us is a Prince of Wales.

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And now here comes our Princess of Ivory.

Today General Lucius D. Clay said it was all - "intolerance." In that way he explains the disturbance in New York last night, when he made an address at a rally sponsored by the Anti-Communist organization called - "Common

Cause." General Clay, former American Military Governor of Germany, joined in urging ~~with~~ that the Western powers hold their position in Berlin. He was greeted by shouts of hecklers - while outside a mob staged a riot that lasted for

four hours. The hostile demonstration was launched by the American Jewish Labor Conference, ^{and} the anti-Communist meeting

^{was} denounced as - "Fascist." To which General Clay says:

"I would say that the way these people acted is the way I saw freedom perish in Europe." Because of - intolerance.