

EGYPT L.T.-P.G. Fri. Oct. 12-51.

(The news from Cairo becomes more and more menacing - with new incitements of Moslem fanaticism. Today, Friday, was the Mohammedan Sabbath - and, in the Mosques of Cairo, the Immans urged a "holy war".)

Incendiary appeals to millions of Egyptian Moslems, with a demand for an immediate proclamation of a "Jihad" -- holy war.

This is accompanied by word that the Egyptians are ~~ready~~ prepared to stop supplies to British troops at the Suez Canal. Ten thousand are stationed there, and they'd be put in a difficult position -if the Egyptians were to cut off food, electrical power, communications.

(In London, Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison had an emergency conference today with British Chiefs of Staff.

We hear they discussed plans for holding out at Suez - even if the Egyptians go to extreme limits.) There might be an airlift, flying in supplies to the garrison.

IRAN

(The United States, today, threw all support behind the British resolution at the U N - calling for new negotiations to settle the anglo-Iranian oil dispute.) This, in spite of the fact that Iranian Premier Mossadegh has declared that his government will have nothing to do with any negotiations demanded by U N resolution. The Iranians make it clear, however, that they will welcome new talks - but only outside the U N.

Seventy-two year old Premier Mossadegh, in a New York hospital, has been in consultation with Assistant Secretary of State George McGhee, ^{who} ~~he~~ is trying to bring the Iranian Premier around to the notion of resuming oil negotiations, on terms acceptable to the British.

ITALIAN PEACE TREATY

The United States rejects the Moscow note - on the subject of a revision of the Italian peace treaty. The conditions the Soviets lay down are unacceptable.

They demand a similar revision of peace treaties with Red ~~ex~~ satellites, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Romania. Also - the withdrawal of Italy from the western defense alliance.

Our State Department points out that the Communist puppets have already violated those peace treaties, by rearming, building Red war machines. And supposes - that Moscow would like to keep Italy out of the defense alliance, so as to make that country another satellite.

(This latest Moscow note is in response to a communication from the western powers - asking the Soviets to join in revising the Italian peace treaty. A rejection had been expected, and the ~~xxxx~~ reply received is taken as a blast of propaganda) directed at the Italian people. The Communist party in Italy

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is in an awkward position, because nearly all Italians favor - treaty revision.

Well, we will go ahead and revise. The State Department repeats the intention of the western powers to cancel many of the conditions imposed on Italy. Especially - by way of armament and ~~is~~ defense. The peace treaty limits the Italian army to three hundred thousand, and forbids the Italians to fortifying their northern frontier - the line of the Alps. General Eisenhower's west European army would ~~xxxx~~ like to use Italian ~~ps~~ manpower, so abundant in the over-populated peninsula. Also - it doesn't seem so wise to keep the Alpine frontier undefended. Things have changed a lot since the treaty was imposed on Italy.

KOREA-TRUCE

(The truce talks take a sudden turn for the worse - with Red charges of two new violations of the neutral zone.) The liaison officers had just held another meeting, this one the most favorable of all. Only one small ~~difference~~ difference remained - when, suddenly, a message came from the Communists. (They charged that, a few hours after the liaison officers had ended their session, three Americans flew over the neutralized Kaesong area, and made two strafing attacks, swooping down and blazing away with machine guns. Two children hit, one killed - said the Reds.)

This brought about instant activity - U.N. Liaison officers hurrying to Kaesong to make an investigation. The American Air Force command - trying to find out if any of our planes had flown over the Kaesong area at the time the Reds alleged. At last reports, this was uncertain.

Today's accusations are additions to a long list - some of which have been denounced by the U N command as fakes. It remains to be seen what the

effect will be on the truce talks, which seemed about to be resumed.

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SUB WAR

(The latest from the battlefield pictures a military reversal - a ferocious counter-attack forcing American troops to give up the hill they had recently captured -- on Heartbreak Ridge.) It was the final summit needed to complete the conquest of Red strongpoints, and it was thought to be held securely. But the Red counter-thrust was so violent, the G I's had to give ground. On the western front, however, they stormed six hills near Yanggu - in spite of fierce enemy attacks.

The final peak of Heartbreak Ridge has been captured - but that has not ended the fighting on the summit. There are two pockets of diehard Reds, who are still holding out. Dug in at rugged places on the mountain-top, they are making a suicidal fight of it - although they are surrounded, cut off. They still have to be dug out - but that final peak is firmly under the control of the U N forces.

Another big jet battle, our planes outnumbered nearly three to one. One hundred M I G's came over, and thirty-two U.S. jets gave battle. One Communist plane shot down, six damaged - in a twenty minute fight at sonic speeds.

MILITARY BUDGET

Congress has completed the military spending bill -- fifty-seven billion dollars. The Senate passed the measure today - the House having voted its ~~on~~ okay last week. So now the giant appropriation goes to the White House for the presidential signature. The largest peacetime budget in the history of this country.

CONTROLS

There'll be new restrictions in the production of ~~xxx~~ civilian goods - so stated in Washington today. There'll be another ten percent cut in the production of household appliances, like washing machines, refrigerators and stoves. However, there shouldn't be a shortage, because the retail dealers are well stocked. The automobile output will ~~be~~ be slashed - even more than ten percent. The same goes for less essential items, like jewelry, ashtrays, *and* nick nacks. These are the "hard facts" for Nineteen Fifty-two.

~~Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson states that the nation's armament program will reach a peak early in Nineteen Fifty-Three. By that time, the shortages of materials will have eased off - the shortages that now cause a curtailment of ~~xxx~~ civilian goods.~~

STASSEN

The wrangle between Harold Stassen and the State Department takes the form of - "look, it says no". And - "look, it says yes". Contemplating the same thing, they arrive at opposite conclusions.

The object at which they are looking is a transcript of a round table discussion at the State Department in October, Nineteen Forty-Nine. At that seance a group of experts, more or less, gave their opinion on far eastern problems.

The State Department says the transcript shows that Stassen was "factually incorrect" when he testified that the "prevailing opinion" was that this country should recognize Red China, and - that these views were supported by Ambassador-at-large Philip Jessup.

Stassen testified again today, and says the transcript shows that he was - right.

Fourteen of the twenty-five experts favored the recognition of Red China as an eventual necessity, which he says, amounts to "prevailing opinion."

Jessup, who was the presiding officer, did not give an opinion during the discussion. But Stassen says that, during a recess, Jessup told him that "logic" was ~~not~~ on the side of recognition.

So there are the contrary statements - looking at the same thing. What is it - yes or no? Rather like modern art - you can't tell whether the animal in the picture is a horse or a cow.

All the confusion adds up to a belief that the Truman administration may sidestep a showdown in the Senate. A Democratic leader is quoted as saying that the Senate, taking a vote, would reject the nomination of Ambassador Philip Jessup as American delegate to the United Nations. So, it would be better if there were no senate action at all. (~~Then the President could wait until Congress adjourns, and give Jessup a "recess appointment". Which he can do without a Senate in okay - for a period when Congress is not in session.~~)

PRINCESS

(Canada's greeting came to a climax, when the royal couple arrived in Toronto today.) A million people were out to see them, and the crush was so great that three hundred had to be given first aid treatment.

On the way to the Municipal building the procession of automobiles had to stop twice -- when throngs of spectators broke through police lines, and blocked the street. (There were wild scenes of cheering and singing -- acclaim for Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.)

TAILOR

From Germany, a tale of romance that might well be called - love on a bicycle. A tailor named Felix Heinke - arrested by the police for having proposed marriage to more than a hundred and ~~fff~~ fifty women. He got money from each one - saying he needed the cash for payments on his bike. Which was a persuasive plea, considering the way Heinke the tailor conducted his love-lorn career.

Forty-eight years old, ~~xxx~~ he courted susceptible women all over the city of Hanover, and ~~xxx~~ in towns nearby. Going to call on them, he rode his bicycle, and each one understood - no bicycle, no romance. So they were glad to chip in, and help to pay for that ~~xx~~ vehicle of sentiment and heart throbs. Today the police quoted Heinke as confessing - that he got enough money to pay for the bike thirty times over.

His downfall came about, because he pedalled his passionate way too often and too far. He made so many dates, at such distances, he couldn't keep them all -- there being only twenty-four hours in a day.

So a number of ladies found themselves waiting in vain - and, after having kicked in with payments on cupid's own bicycle, they complained to the police.

The next thing you know, the tailor ~~ship~~ casanova was confessing to the cops ~~in~~ about those hundred and fifty women. Telling the tale of - love on a bicycle.

COLUMBUS DAY

Columbus Day is being celebrated, of course, all over the New World - which the great navigator discovered. Also - in the two countries of Europe with which Columbus was most concerned: -

Spain, from which he sailed - the Spanish celebration today featuring a Madrid ceremony at the monument of Ferdinand and Isabella. (Our school books tell us how Queen Isabella backed and financed that famous voyage in fourteen ninety-two, when Columbo sailed the ~~at~~ ocean blue.)

At Genoa, where he was born, (the commemoration includes a feature most appropriate - an exhibition of Marine art, paintings and sculptures relating to the sailor and the sea.) The celebration, this year ~~xxxxx~~ is more to the point, because it's the five hundredth anniversary of the birth of Columbus. There's a good deal of uncertainty, but he appears to have been born in Fourteen Fifty-One. Which would make him forty-one at the time he set sail - "to prove the world was round, yo ho."

There's one place, however, where they are celebrating, not Columbus Day, but Discoverer's Day. North Dakota, with a prevalence of names like Hansen, Magnusen, Olsen and ~~Johnson~~ ^{Svenson}. The Scandinavians out there acclaim Leif Erickson as the real discoverer of America. The Viking who, nearly five hundred years before Columbus, sailed to Vineland - believed to have been some point on the North American continent. The old dispute -- who really discovered America.

Recently we've had still another ~~of~~ opinion - this one from a mighty Scandinavian, Vilhjalmur Stefansson. In addition to being a famous ~~xxx~~ Arctic Explorer, Stef is also a scholar of exploration. He holds ^{that} America was discovered by Pytheas, a Greek navigator who sailed northern waters, to the U₁tima Thule (the last syllable of Thule is pronounced), about a thousand years before Leif Erickson, two thousand years before Columbus. Stefansson argues, from the record, that Pythias reached Iceland -

and thereby discovered America. ^{TR What about the ancestors of the Amer. Indian who came here 10,000 or more yrs. ago?}

SPACE SHIP

Here's one that would startle Columbus! Today's news brings a set of navigating instructions - for pilots of space ships. They are given some safety rules for travel along the interplanetary highways.

That space ship fantasy has gone so far as to bring about a conference of scientists on the subject - the first "symposium on interplanetary space travel" held at the Hayden Planetarium, American Museum of ~~xxxxxxx~~ Natural History, New York.

The safety rules are given by Dr. Fred Whipple, the Harvard astronomer who says: "Avoid concentrated meteor streams." The star gazers tell us that meteors, which we see as shooting stars, abound in certain sections of air space. Stay out of there, space ship! - if you don't want to get hit by a meteor!

The pilot is also advised to keep away from the orbits of comets. Because - who wants to get hit by a comet?

Further, be careful about the celestial highway ~~xxxx~~ between Mars and Jupiter - where there's

a belt of asteroids. That is, a lot of tiny planets - big enough, however, to knock a space ship right out of the solar system.

The final safety rule for interplanetary travel is given by the Harvard astronomer, as follows: "For a long life" he says, "keep one foot on the ground." ~~So long as you've got only one foot in your space ship, you're okay~~

But if you do go flying in a Space Ship, Nelson, look out for asteroids - and don't get slapped by the tail of a comet.