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At The U.N. ^{they spent the day} ~~had a dismal day today~~ trying to solve the problem of ^{the hour - how to} ~~avoiding~~ a full scale war in Palestine and, getting nowhere.

The French delegate to the Trusteeship Council proposed sending a thousand volunteers to protect Jerusalem and other sacred places, in case of ^{heavy} ~~full scale~~ fighting ~~between the Arabs and the Jews~~. ^{But} "That's not enough", ^{said the} ~~spokesman~~, spokesman for the Jewish Agency. "Several thousand armed police will be needed, ~~he said,~~ if Jerusalem is to be ~~efficiently~~ protected. And, the sooner they arrive the better". To which the Arab ^{representative answered:} ~~spokesman objected:~~ "We won't cooperate, ~~he said,~~ ^{however} "because we know this ~~force~~ will be the beginning of Palestine partition". ~~But~~ ^{he} added that the Arabs would not fire on the volunteers if they came only to protect the Holy City.

The Arabs say they want the U.N. volunteers to be recruited in Jerusalem itself -- local men to do the job. But that apparently is not possible. There is no time to

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train raw Palestinian recruits, especially as there are so many races in Jerusalem, ~~Everyone speaking~~ ^{so many} different languages. And ~~there are~~ no British police left ~~in the~~ ~~Holy City who might help to train the raw recruits.~~

Even ~~the~~ news that the Arabs and the Jews had agreed to a truce in Jerusalem ~~itself~~ failed to cheer up the delegates at Lake Success. Russia tried to liven up matters by calling for a vote on trusteeship. The motion was defeated. According to the French delegate none of the nations want to vote on this ^{yet,} because they do not know exactly what trusteeship will involve. ~~the~~ ^{the} Trusteeship Council adjourned in a state of gloom. And shortly afterwards Pablo Azcarate who lead the advance party which the U.N. Palestine Commission sent to Jerusalem made a statement ~~which~~ ^{that} added to the general depression. Azcarate ~~he~~ back from Palestine today, said: "The Jews and the Arabs have already divided the country into separate zones", ~~he said~~ ^{is} "Partition ^{is} an actuality," ^{were} ~~These are~~ his words. And, he ^{added} ~~says~~ "it will be more

difficult to try and stop partition than to carry it out".
Which makes all this talk of trusteeship at Lake Success
seen like a waste of time.

PALESTINE (Substitute).

There was a truce in Palestine today. The battle for Jaffa coming to an end with the British acting as mediators. ~~The men of Haganah taking the ancient port of King David,~~ agreed to a cease fire order -- a seventeen hour truce. But word is that the irregulars of the Irgun ~~Svai Leumi~~ are opposed to the ~~cease fire order~~. They started the offensive against the ^{ancient sea} port, ~~and~~ apparently they could not carry ^{thru} ~~on~~ without the ~~support~~ of Haganah.

Tonight's news is that the Arabs are pouring out of the city, where the British ~~are~~ ^{are in} installed in strong positions with tanks and mobile artillery, their spit-fires keeping constant patrol overhead, ^{— waiting,} Shortly after the truce was announced, the British brought two destroyers into Jaffa harbor -- to strengthen their position and protect the evacuation of their nationals.

CAIRO

A news despatch from Cairo announces that an Arab army of twenty thousand men is ready to invade the Holy Land. Further, that nearly thirteen thousand Arab troops are already fighting the Jews.

This news was followed by the announcement that the United Nations Truce Commission has warned King Abdullah of Transjordan not to invade Palestine.

British sources in Jerusalem say they haven't the slightest doubt that Abdullah will invade Palestine on May fifteenth, but that he will make it a bloodless conquest, just march in. To which the Jewish Agency adds that they believe King Abdullah to be "the wisest of all Arab monarchs and they hope to be able to reach a bargain with him."

NIGHT SHOW
April 29th, 1948.

STEAMBOAT (substitute for Berlin Subway).

Here's a saga of an American soldier, afloat, a man who wouldn't give up the ship -- Sergeant Druschel of Aurora, Illinois, was taking a trip up the Blue Danube, on an Austrian pleasure steamer leased by the U.S. Army, flying the American flag. Aboard were a few civilians and fifteen American soldiers. Two miles out of Linz the steamer, the STADTPASSAU, ran aground on the Russian side of the romantic Danube.

Sounds romantic -- a pleasure steamer aground on a Danube shore -- in the moonlight. Dreams of gay Vienna. But it wasn't so romantic.

When one of the steamer's crew went ashore for help, the Russians grabbed him and held him prisoner. Then a crowd of Reds all heavily armed, approached. One who spoke English told the Americans to haul down the Stars and Stripes, or they would shoot it down. And, the Russians said they'd blow the ship out of the water if

the Americans tried to move it. At this point, Sergeant Druschel, from Aurora, Illinois, took over. He ordered the other passengers into the saloon -- and then went alone to talk to the Muscovites. He told them in good American that he would not give up the ship. Further, said he, he would fight if any of them tried to board his craft. And no monkey business with his passengers either.

A lone American sergeant on a grounded ship defying the Red army. The Russians were nonplussed. They flourished their guns and shouted threats, but the sergeant refused to budge. He told them to stand off and no more of that talk about shooting down Uncle Sam's flag.

Some of the Russians went for re-inforcements. Sergeant Druschel had already thought of that. He had sent two of his buddies over the far side of the ship in a lifeboat to get help -- while he kept the Reds busy telling them just what they could not do to an American ship.

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At two o'clock in the morning -- sixteen hours after Sergeant Druschel began his argument with the Russians, American boats arrived to take off the passengers and crew. But, Sergeant Druschel stayed aboard. He wasn't going to give up that ship until it was safe in American hands. So he waited until the tugs came to reflect the STADTPASSAU, the Danube River steamer flying the American flag. An army sergeant following the old navy tradition.

PARIS

DeGaulle wants to do away with salaries for French workers. Salaries are out of date, says the war-time leader of the Free French.

Is the proposal greeted with howls of derision, from French workers? Most of them are Leftists, some Communists. All hate the name of DeGaulle, whom they consider a Fascist.

But no, word from Paris today is that the French workers are interested in the startling DeGaulle idea. They like the idea of doing away with salaries.

How's that? Because DeGaulle proposes to replace salaries with a share in the profits. Workers to be shareholders.

Which raises the question, is DeGaulle turning to the Left? DeGaulle, as we know, is a passionate patriot, considers himself a modern Joan of Arc.

The man who led the French Resistance Movement apparently is courageous enough to change any political program -- if he thought it might benefit the French people.

Today we are told that he is in favor of increasing the nationalization of French industry. So, that's his no-salary, share-the-profits plan.

Since the Libération, France has nationalized coal, gas, electricity, and, some of her banks. DeGaulle wants to go further. He advocates national cooperatives. What he terms an association of capital, management and workers. All three in business together on a share basis. He sees that as a way of eliminating "class struggle," the popular slogan of the French Reds.

A manifesto issued by DeGaulle's party, "The Union of the French People," says the Government will continue to run the industries already nationalized, on a share-the-profits basis.

And, no political appointments in nationalized industry if the DeGaulle party gets back into power. All administrative jobs to go only to skilled technicians -- men who know their business. No more patronage appointments. In saying this, General DeGaulle strikes at an old French custom, politicians giving civil

service jobs to relatives and friends.

The Center group in French politics won't like this, for most of them are higher bracket government workers, jobs handed down from father to son.

Word from Paris is that DeGaulle's plan is causing the wildest excitement on the boulevards, and getting a lot of support. Even the Reds going for it. The French working man keen about that idea of getting a share of the profits! More pay for more work: DeGaulle calls it: "a new angle" to capitalism. Cooperation as opposed to Socialism.

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DEFENSE. We are going to have that seventy group air force after all. Even if Defense Secretary Forrestal says we can get by for the present with ~~the~~ sixty-six combat groups. Today the Senate Appropriations Committee voted sixteen to one in favor of a seventy group air force. The cost will be three billion one hundred and ninety-eight million dollars. The measure ~~is~~ expected to reach the floor of the House by the middle of next week.

that the five nations can get up a fight if they are attacked. Also to impress the Soviets that we backing up our friends with guns as well as money.

But there is likely to be strong opposition to the measure when it reaches the floor of the House. Some of the lawmakers insist that this new land lease should not be limited to arms alone. They want it to establish a European general staff -- military men from all the nations, including the United States, and this would involve the appointment of a Supreme ~~and~~ Military Commander for western Europe.

LEND LEASE (to follow DEFENSE).

Other defense news. On Monday President Truman will ask Congress for a limited lend lease program.

Mr Truman wants a congressional okay on sending American tanks, guns and planes to the five nations which have signed the European Defense Pact. This new lend lease project is backed by Secretary of State Marshall.

Marshall wants it to be put through without delay. So that the five nations can put up a fight if they are attacked. Also to impress the Soviets that we backing up our friends with guns as well as money.

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RAIL STRIKE - FOLLOW STOCK EXCHANGE

In Chicago, Government mediators are making a final attempt to stave off a national rail strike -- the strike slated for May eleventh. After today's conference with the representatives of the Railroad Brotherhoods, Frank Douglas of the Mediation Board, says he's going to stay on the job until the strike is settled -- or until he's convinced it can't be.

In Washington, President Truman, at his news conference, said he thinks the mediation in Chicago will be successful -- no nationwide rail strike.

REUTHER

Police Chief Harry Toy of Detroit says he has
picked up a man for questioning in connection with
the shooting of Walter Reuther.

On a "hot tip" by another suspect -- the best
lead so far out of thousands of false clues.

The suspect, we hear, is alleged to have
threatened to "wipe out" the red-haired Union chief;
said it before witnesses.

Reuther, we learn, is recovering -- out of
danger.

ANTI-COMMUNIST

In Washington today, the House voted Nine hundred and sixty-nine million dollars for the Federal Security Agency for Nineteen Forty-Nine. But there's a rider attached - no employee to be paid if he's a member of a union whose officers haven't signed those anti-Communist affidavits.

COMMUNISTS

The American Communists issued a denial today. The party line has not turned against romance ~~now~~ when boy meets girl!

You know what happens when boy meets girl?-- Boy spends money on girl! And the report got out that the Red party had issued a decree --^{that} when Communist boy meets Communist girl, Communist boy shall spend money on Communist Party. Not the kind of party with dining, the theatre and dancing -- but THE party with the Party Line.

The Reds are raising funds -- and, according to the story, the girl comrades were instructed to discourage the boy comrades from spending money on -- "silly dates". Instead - contribute the cash to the Party.

That was denied today, a Red official saying -- ridiculous! However, he did admit that the proposal had been suggested, ^{to} turn Communist dates into non-spending dates. But it was decided not to make this compulsory. The Red official added that, if a girl

comrade wants to make the sacrifice, it's okay, and the money will be welcome. But the non-spending party is not Party Line.

The Berlin subway has been repaired by construction firms located in the American and British zones. They brought about eight-hundred-and-fifty thousand dollars worth of equipment for subway repair into the zone, and went to work. But because the subway is only a half mile of the subway under the Russian zone, it was also forgotten there. The Russians have a subway in Moscow that is in need of repair.

When the Russians see all that valuable equipment stored in the Berlin subway, what did they do? They brought in the equipment all right, but they didn't use it. They brought in three hundred thousand dollars worth of equipment, they brought in a year's worth of material, but they didn't use it. To fix up the Moscow subway. And now the Berlin subway can't be repaired. In fact, it will have to stay closed, and our people

BERLIN SUBWAY

In Berlin they'll all walk to work tomorrow.

The subway closing down. The Reds to blame.

The Berlin subway was being repaired by construction firms located in the American and British zone. They brought about eight-hundred-and-fifty thousand dollars worth of equipment for subway repair into the tunnels, and went to work. But someone apparently forgot that one-and-a-half miles of the subway ran under the Russian zone. It was also forgotten that the Russians have a subway in Moscow that's badly in need of repair.

When the Russians saw all that valuable equipment stored in the Berlin subway, what did they do? You've guessed it. They grabbed all eight-hundred-and-fifty thousand dollars' worth of our equipment, every electric pump, every foot of steel, spirited it away -- probably to Moscow. To fix up the Moscow subway.

And now the Berlin subway can't be repaired.

In fact, it will have to stay closed, say our officials --

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until the Russians send back the repair equipment they stole.

Looks as if the Berliners will be walking for a long time. The Russians are not so prompt about matters of this sort.

BIRD

And now we have the mystery of - the brewery bird. The report is from St. Louis, which is noted for its breweries, but has never before been known to get a bird mixed in with the beer. Today the official trouble-shooter for the City government was trying to figure out what to do about it. He's good at shooting trouble, and he knows about breweries, but never before has he been called upon to shoot a brewery bird.

There's a scare in Saint Louis, because of reports of a huge flying thing with flapping wings - some kind of monster bird, ~~It has been~~ seen flying over a brewery at night, seen by the light of the moon. Brewery, moonlight, monster - all the elements of some kind of ^{foamy} poetry.

The mysterious bird was first reported at Alton, Illinois, where it was seen by Lieutenant Colonel Walter F. Sigmund - so the Colonel says. But St. Louis, apparently, was the destination of the flying giant, because people of that city started seeing it ^{with} wide wings over the brewery. The City government paid no attention at first -

until complaints began to come in from the voters. Whereupon Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann passed the job along to City Troubleshooter Charles Hertenstein. If he can shoot trouble, why can't he shoot the Saint Louis brewery bird?

Today Hertenstein was studying reports, and was utterly confused. Some eye-witnesses described the bird in these words: "as big as an airplane." But they deny that it was any kind of flying machine. "It moved like a bird," they say. The trouble-shooter has consulted the scientists, the bird experts, and they say it might be an overgrown pelican, only they never heard of a pelican as big as an airplane.

One expert pointed out that the only bird that big was the fabled Roc of the "Arabian Nights", which could carry off an elephant. But the Saint Louis brewery bird could hardly be the Roc of the "Arabian Nights", because the days of Sinbad the Sailor are long past, - and, anyway, they didn't have ~~breweries in Bagdad or Basra where Sinbad lived.~~ *These are the days Nelson - Sindbad -*
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STOCK EXCHANGE

The New York Stock Exchange strike is over. Back to work! Mayor O'Dwyer brought this to pass. When O'Dwyer heard that negotiations were deadlocked after thirty-two days of argument, the Mayor suggested that the men accept the wage hike offered by the management and get back on the job. Then, he said, he would have one of his experts look into the matter of wages; and, try to get better terms. A vote was taken, among the strikers. And back to work they go.

Today everything normal in Wall Street. No more pickets, brokers busy brokering, instead of running elevators; everybody rushing around in a frenzy, as usual. The New York Stock Exchange going full blast again -- after its first strike in a hundred and fifty-six years.