

TRUMAN

C. J. - Sunoco and P. G. Thursday, August 31, 1947.

President Truman today paid a visit to Uncle Sam's naval medical center at Bethesda, Maryland, a social visit, ~~to see the doctor~~. He went to see former Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Admiral of the Fleet Ernest J. King, and took them flowers ^{to both,} from the gardens of the White House. Mr. Hull, suffering from a heart ailment, has been at Bethesda almost a year, and the famous war admiral, who endured a mild stroke last week, still is in a serious condition.

JEWS

The British government today issued an ultimatum to the four thousand, four-hundred-and-sixty Jewish refugees aboard three British transports off the South Coast of France. They have until six o'clock tomorrow evening to accept the French offer of asylum there -- for them to disembark.

Their alternative? To be taken to Hamburg, Germany, there to be housed in camps outside the city. A spokesman of the London Foreign Office explained that none of the Jewish refugees is obliged to go to Germany, unless of his own choice he rejects the French offer.

It was explained that they would have to go to Hamburg because that is the only territory under British jurisdiction, with the exception of Cyprus, where there are facilities for housing and feeding such a large number of persons at present.

There were four thousand, five-hundred-and-fifty-four refugees when the transports first arrived off the French coast. A hundred-and-thirty so far have

accepted French hospitality. And there have been thirty-six births -- children born on the ships.

The British spokesman added that the Jews would not be interned in Hamburg, as they would be if taken to Cyprus. They merely would be treated as displaced persons.

There are several thousand Jews in Germany today, the British spokesman went on to say, who would by now have been legally admitted to Palestine, if they had not been pushed aside by the stream of illegal immigrants.

The British have not been keeping Jewish immigrants out of Palestine altogether. They have a quota of fifteen hundred a month. The Jews, as the news has been telling us, have been trying to exceed this quota. Such is the British explanation.

RUSSIA

The latest move by Soviet Russia is to protest against the efforts of the United States to make Western Germany self-supporting. Our State Department has been trying to induce the British and the French to back us up in an effort to put German heavy industry on its feet in the Western occupation zones.

Under existing conditions, we have been supporting the Germans, we, and to a considerable extent, the British. Which state of affairs is, of course, most satisfactory to Soviet Russia, since it weakens our ~~own~~ resources.

So the State Department today received a formal diplomatic protest against our plan to bolster German heavy industry, on the pretense that it is a violation of the Potsdam Agreement. The Russian protest, we hear from Washington, will be flatly rejected. *And the British are all set to back us up.*

And the conference on German industry, between the British, French and American representatives will begin in London tomorrow, whether the Russians like it or not.

In making this public, the State Department also lets it be known that Uncle Sam has protested

CONFERENCE

The chief spotlight at Petropolis, Brazil, was focused today on the important Steering Committee of the Inter-American Defense Conference. Senator Vandenberg opened the proceedings by urging the members to stick to the military necessities involved in defense, to give the world concrete proof of the unity of the Western Hemisphere against aggression.

Sen. Vandenberg emphasized this point in answer to the strenuous ~~strenuous~~ motion of the Cuban delegation, which has been doing its utmost to begin proceedings by drafting a clause in the treaty against economic aggression. Said the Michigan Senator:

"The major object of this conference is to create the swiftest demonstration of our solidarity." *And he added:-*

If they "he added, ~~and~~ he went on to say that it would never do to get bogged down in definitions of what aggression is. That point should be ~~xx~~ settled by a simple broad definition which will permit any offensive act to be judged on its merits, *and* not leave the road open for hair-splitting.

INDIA

The city of Jullundar, in the heart of the Punjab,
— in No-West India,
eighty miles east of Lahore, The place, once a city
of seventy-five thousand people, tonight is a shambles.
There is no counting the dead, because the ashes of the
destroyed buildings are still too hot to be searched.

Of the thirty thousand Moslems who used to inhabit
Jullundar, just one hundred are left, protected from the
fury of the Sikhs by a small though determined guard
of the Northwest Frontier Police.

This doesn't mean that all the thirty thousand
Moslem inhabitants of Jullundar have been slaughtered.
Many - the more fortunate -- escaped two nights ago,
when the frenzied Sikhs started out to eliminate their
Moslem neighbors.

Whatever we may say against British rule in India,
no such horror as this ever occurred while they
administered the country. As it is, it will be impossible
for any Moslem ever to return to Jullundar. That is what

Robert Miller, the United Press correspondent, reports from the scene of the tragedy. He arrived there on the third day of the slaughter, in time to see bands of Sikhs, anywhere from six to twenty strong, armed with huge ceremonial swords, chasing hapless Mussulmen through the streets, looting their houses, setting fire to their homes and business building.

Miller describes the devastation as complete. A pall of smoke hangs over the city -- a smoke-cloud so thick that it obscures the rays of the sun. The only vestige of law and order is the small band of frontier guardsmen - perhaps including some Moslem troops - protecting those hundred Mohammedan survivors.

Since the orgy began, there has been little effort to stop the fury of the Sikhs. They are a tall, lusty, bearded lot, carrying apparently no weapons except their huge swords. The Northwest Frontier Police is a well disciplined body, manned by Moslems, and Sikhs and Hindus, and commanded by a British colonel. But there were not enough of them to stop the bloodthirsty

Jullundar fanatics. The local police did nothing, just stood by with the butts of their bayoneted rifles on the ground, watching the killing of the helpless Moslems.

As one instance, Bob Miller saw a young girl run shrieking down an alley, five or six Sikhs after her. They disappeared around the corner, and presently the Sikhs came back. The girl was not seen again.

Many of us, who have spent much time in India, predicted that just this would happen if the British began to pull out.

To most of us the whole business is bewildering. We can't understand what plunges the Sikh into this madness of bloody fanaticism. For its origin, we have to go back through the centuries of Indian history. The Sikhs were dissenters from Brahmanical Hinduism -- much as the Protestants were dissenters from Roman Catholicism. In fact, the founder of Sikhism was contemporary with Martin Luther.

Originally, they were exceedingly devout, exceedingly puritanical. Toward the end of the Seventeenth Century, this pious pacifist group gradually turned into a military theocracy, whose animosity was concentrated chiefly against the Moslem conquerors of Hindustan -- Tamerlane, Baber-the-Great, Akhbar Shah Jehan, and all the rest of the Great Moguls.

So far as we can see, their hatred for the Moslems today is purely atavistic, rooted in the past, since under British rule they suffered no persecution by the Mohammedans. Just one of the endless problems for the new government of Hindustan to solve.

CONFERENCE

Tonight, at Petropolis, Brazil, an additional article to the Inter-American Defense Treaty, was suggested by Secretary of State George Marshall. It's object, to enable Canada to adhere to the Treaty and thus bind together the entire Western hemisphere except for the small Colonial possessions, of Great Britain, France, and the Netherlands. A breath-taking pact of mutual defense -- fifteen million square miles of the Americas bonded in a defense treaty operative over the entire area from the Arctic Ocean in the North to the Southern Ocean between cape Horn at the tip of the South American Continent and the South Pole.

Whether Canada will join this inter-America pact is not known, but she can -- for Canada is an independent segment of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

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The Brazilian delegation started to make the proceedings difficult by insisting that the work of the conference must be completed by September Fifth, because they want the treaty to be signed by their Independence Day, September Seventh. Secretary of State Marshall objected to having a specific date set for the conference. He was quite willing to have September Fifth declared the deadline, but he hoped that the job might be finished before then. President Truman will address the conference on one of its final days. The Brazilians are anxious to have this happen on the Fifth of September.

^H Our State Dept. today protested sharply, for a second time, about the Soviet Union continuing to stall on its obligation to reopen the port of Dairen in northern China. At the same time the State Department spokesman also expressed general disgust at the failure of the Russians to answer the two American notes sent to Moscow last week, notes asking the Russians to take action on the Japanese Peace Treaty and for the unification of Korea.

On August Fourteenth, our Ambassador, General Bedell Smith, informed the Soviet Foreign Office that, Washington saw no reason why ~~the~~ Dairen should not be reopened immediately. Nearly two years have passed since the surrender of Japan, and Dairen still is closed. Representatives of American firms are permitted neither to occupy, nor even visit, the properties they own in Dairen.

The thermometer went down, at least in the eastern states today, but (the string of Soviet vetoes at Lake Success, went up. Yes, sixteen and seventeen. They were for the purpose of keeping Italy and Austria out of the United Nations.) The Western powers retaliated by blackballing Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria, for the reason that they have governments which have no respect for human freedom.

The Soviet bloc gave birth to a brilliant new line today. ^{That} The United States is ~~making~~ to blame for that home-run record of Russian vetoes. It was a characteristic Soviet argument, expressed by one of Gromyko's Charlie McCarthy's, a Polish delegate. After Gromyko had hit his seventeenth veto, the United States retorted with a proposal that the question be thrown into the lap of the General Assembly, in the ~~hope~~ hope that a two-thirds majority of the nations would over-ride the Eastern bloc. It was then that the Polish delegate accused the Americans of trying to provoke another veto and make big headlines in the press.

Our men then suddenly and unexpectedly withdrew their resolution, after Delegate Herschel Johnson declared that Gromyko's action was clearly an abuse of power.

UNIFICATION

Uncle Sam will have a unified military establishment by September Fifteenth, or thereabouts. So much we learn from the President today.) Mr. Truman ~~ya~~ told his news conference how the direction of the various arms of the service will be divided under ^{James} Forrestal as Secretary of Defense. Kenneth E. Royall, now Secretary of War, becomes Secretary of the Army. John L. Sullivan, now Under-Secretary of the Navy, to be Secretary of the Navy. Stuart Symington, at present Assistant Secretary of War for Air, will have the title of Secretary of the Air Forces. Each ~~of them~~ rating a full Cabinet officer's pay, [^] fifteen thousand a year. [^] However, only Secretary Forrestal will sit in the Cabinet. The Senate has already confirmed his appointment, and ~~he~~ will take the oath as head man of all American fighting forces about September Fifteenth.

~~More than a dozen other jobs remain to be filled, important positions. Mr. Truman has not yet made up his mind on those.~~

LABOR

Washington today rang down the final curtain on that fourteen-year-old source of controversy, the Wagner Act, and began to govern its relations with labor under the just as controversial Taft-Hartley Law. The new statute becomes fully effective by midnight tonight.)

What changes does this involve? First, the National Labor Relations Board becomes a labor court with five instead of three members. It no longer has the duty of investigating and prosecuting complaints. A new officer, a general counsel, now has that job. Then, the Federal Conciliation Service is no longer under the control of the Secretary of Labor. It is on its own, and may not intervene in labor disputes confined to any one state, nor any strikes which involve interstate commerce only slightly.

Unions, if they want to avail themselves of the services of the National Labor Court, must file affidavits that none of their officers is a Communist.

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As we learned yesterday, the American Federation of Labor announced that it would comply, The Independent Order of Machinists already has complied, likewise the Communications Workers of America, which is an independent organization of telephone employees. The C.I.O., as you know, has declined.

BILBO

The United States Senate will not have to consider and deliberate whether to allow Senator Theodore ~~W.~~ Bilbo of Mississippi to take his seat. He died in a hospital at New Orleans early this afternoon.

~~That~~^{The} ends^a a stormy and for many years an extremely ~~successful~~ successful career. Had he lived, his political career might have been cut short anyway, because indignation against his inflammatory negrophobe tirades were crystalizing. Moreover, the Republican majority in the Senate was against him almost to a man on the grounds of his relations ~~it~~ with war contractors.

Bilbo was one of three politicians who kept themselves in office by shrieking white supremacy and "keep the negro in his place." Huey Long, killed by an assassin's bullet, was the first to perish. Eugene Talmade^g_h of Georgia died last September, and now Bilbo has gone.

Curiously enough, shortly before he was stricken with his final illness, Bilbo gave an interview to a negro editor, said he held nothing personally against negroes as a

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race, that God made them as they are and they should be as proud of that heritage as he was proud of his. His last public utterance.

He suffered in hospital for two weeks before he died. During those two weeks, the luxurious limousine which a war contractor had given him, was parked outside the hospital.

And now Hugh -- a world or two from you.

CHINESE TYPEWRITER (FOLLOW SHANGHAI MONSTER)

And here's some good news for the Chinese --
~~the~~ in China and America. Especially the Chinese
stenographers.

Today, in New York, Lin Yutang, the Chinese
author, announces ^{that} he has invented a Chinese typewriter
that can type all Chinese words. That may not seem
a great achievement to the average American who doesn't
know Chinese, but to a Chinese, it is little short of a
miracle, [^]the Chinese language being idiographic, and minus
an alphabet.

This typewriter, invented by the Chinese author, --
he calls it the Mingkwai -- that means "clear and quick"
in Chinese -- can print ninety-thousand Chinese characters
and calls for pressing only three keys for each word.
It also types English, Japanese, Russian, ^{AND} ~~the~~ [^] the Chinese
phonetic alphabet.

It took Lin Yutang just about thirty years to
perfect his typewriter. He says that it will "move the
clock of progress in China forward by ten or twenty
years and will revolutionize all Chinese office life."

If you've ever seen a Chinese typist at work with the present Chinese version of a typewriter -- using it entails her memorizing five thousand characters, -- you will appreciate just what this invention will mean to Chinese stenographers. Lin Yutang says it will do in one hour the day's work of an average Chinese typist. All that on a machine that types four languages, and is no bigger than a standard typewriter.

BONNEVILLE

At Bonneville, Utah, today, John Cobb, the London fur merchant, who is the fastest human being on wheels, made a trial run on the Salt Flats. Cobb's first speed run since the war -- a preliminary to his attempt to break his own speed record of three hundred-sixty-nine-point-seven miles an hour. Watching a little nervously as the three-ton Railton Car set out on the test run was Mrs. Cobb, bride of a few months. And she admitted to feeling a bit ill, watching this gigantic apparition roar down the straitaway -- a huge cloud of black smoke pouring from its exhaust stacks.

Cobb changed from third to second gear at a speed of one-hundred-and-fifty-miles an hour. He went from second to top when the speedometer registered two-hundred-and-fifty. And then whizzed along at a ~~tremendous~~ tremendous speed to cross the measured mile.

"Just coasting," Cobb told reporters when he got out. "I had the stuff I needed when I hit the measured mile. That's why I cut my power and coasted."

John Cobb may call that coasting, but the speed

registered on this test run -- just a breeze at the wheel for him -- was three-hundred-thirty-four point twenty-six miles an hour. Just coasting, Nelson.

And now let's hear you do a little coasting -- or coaxing.