

IRAN

LT-RG. Tues. Oct. 2 - '51.

The British oil technicians at Abadan - today put in a complaint. It isn't ^[that they're against being] ~~about being~~ evacuated - they are all for that. But they don't like the way it's being done. The program is to take them out by warship, tomorrow. But the Iranian Government refuses permission for British warships to enter the harbor at Abadan. So the oil employees, more than three hundred of them, will be taken in launches from the dock to naval vessels lying off shore. That's what they protest against.

Today, at Abadan, a senior official of Anglo-Iranian said: "We regard marching up a gangplank, with the Persians laughing and jeering, as unnecessarily degrading. So they want to be taken out by plane - as, indeed, had been the original plan. Boarding planes at a flying field would not, it appears, be as degrading as boarding launches, marching along gangplanks, with the Persians laughing and jeering.

Something of the same thing is felt in London, with newspapers describing the Abadan evacuation as a "shameful Dunkirk." All of which is accompanied by expressions of

indignation against the United States. In London diplomatic quarters, American policy is blamed for "coolness." The U.S. Government discouraged the use of British force in the dispute, and the British say we were "cool" in supporting them. Which goes also for our present attitude in the United Nations - not being "warm" enough in backing the British there. So today's dispatch from London pictures official circles as expressing "keen disappointment."

The Abadan business got into the British political campaign today - in a big way. Conservative Leader Winston Churchill led off with an electioneering speech at Liverpool, and assailed the Labor Government bitterly - for the decision to evacuate the Persian oil port. He said the Labor Ministers - "fled the field."

(On the Labor Party's side, an answer was made by Aneurin Bevan, the Left Wing Laborite. He called Churchill "senseless", and shouted that the wartime Prime Minister wouldn't know how to avoid a war, even if he doesn't want one.)

IRAN - SOVIET

(The Soviets appear, once again, in the Iranian oil news. Today, the Moscow Ambassador to Teheran had a long conference with Premier Mohamed Mossadegh. The Red Ambassador is reported to have renewed a promise of Soviet economic assistance, under a trade agreement - Russian goods for Iranian oil. (Also, the Ambassador suggested that Teheran might let up on the Iranian Communist Party - which, right now, is undercover. Moscow would like restrictions on Iranian Reds to be made less rigorous.)

Today, military statements on the Korean War are interpreted as a final notice to the Reds - as the armistice question still is delayed. General Omar Bradley, Chief of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, has returned to Tokyo after a visit to the battlefield. So here's his verdict. He states that, if the truce talks are finally broken off, our forces will be able to go right ahead and drive the Reds out. (He says his battlefield inspection convinced him that we can bring the war to a successful conclusion - if the Communists want to fight it out.)

This, it is thought, was aimed straight at ^{the rumored} a divided ~~series~~ Reds; ^{the} Chinese and ^{the} ~~Korean~~ Korean Communists in an argument. For six days our side has been awaiting a reply to the latest message handed out by Supreme Commander General Ridgway - who insisted that any future armistice negotiations be moved away from Kaesong, that hornet's nest of charge and countercharge. The Red commanders, apparently, have not been able to make up their minds, and this is interpreted in the

light of persistent reports that they~~are~~ quarreling among themselves. U.S. Intelligence repeats those intimations - that the Chinese do not want another bitter winter campaign, while the North Koreans are afraid of losing face by an acceptance of American armistice conditions.

ADD_KOREA_TRUCE

Tokyo is taking note of everything that Red propaganda has to say, and the latest is a blast on the Peking Radio -- quoting a Red negotiator as declaring that peace in Korea will be established by Communist military force.

KOREA - WAR

(The war news is dominated by jet planes; ~~in the sky~~
two big battles fought today. American jets outnumbered
two to one, scored what seems like their biggest victory -
wh^en they shot down six M.I.G.'s and probably destroyed another.)

It was the usual wild swirl of super-speed, from
stratosphere to treetops; and here's an example of a report
made by a pilot. Captain Lloyd Thompson of Dover, Delaware,
relates: "We were ^{at} twenty-five thousand feet, when we spotted
four of the Migs underneath us. We sneaked down behind the
one on the far right. I gave him a long burst, and caught
him in his tail. He immediately tried ~~a~~ evasive action, but
my hits slowed him down. I closed in again and let go with
some ~~very~~ long bursts that hit all over his plane. Pieces
came out of the tail, and he started smoking. He slipped over
a couple of times and started down. He blew up at about
five thousand feet."

That's an example of the kind of report by a pilot,
on which are based the claims of enemy planes destroyed.

TRIESTE

In Rome, a magazine stated today that Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia has agreed to the return of the city of Trieste to Italy. That is, a settlement which would give to Yugoslavia part of the disputed territory in the sector of Trieste, while handing other parts back to Italy. Including - the great seaport. This, says the Rome publication, will be worked out through direct negotiations - in talks between Tito and Italian Premier de Gasperi. They are to meet within the next few weeks, we are told. This report goes into precise details, with technicalities concerning the transfer of territory.

FOREIGN AID

Today the Senate okayed the Foreign Aid Bill, which comes to seven and a half billion dollars. Some Republicans tried to sidetrack the measure, but the final vote was fifty-six to twenty-one - sending the bill to the House for final congressional action.

DEFENSE

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have agreed on an increase of American sky power that would raise the Air Force to one-hundred-and-forty groups by Nineteen Fifty-four. So stated by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts. This would mean something like seventy-five hundred planes, with a million eight hundred thousand officers and men. Cost - about ninety-six billion dollars.

~~(Some while ago, President Truman gave the Defense Department a deadline for producing an expanded air power program. So now the military chiefs have agreed on one. Secretary of Defense Lovett had a secret conference with the President at the White House today.)~~

Senator Lodge declares that the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, had less of an argument than might have been expected - considering the way they've battled in the past on the subject of air power.

The Army was assured that plenty of planes would be

assigned to close support for ground troops - that being a point of controversy between Army and Air Force. The Navy was mollified by a promise of two more of those giant super-carriers. In that way, everybody put an okay on the huge program of Air Force expansion.

COMMUNISTS

From London ^{came} ~~we have~~ a survey of ^{the} troubles ~~that~~ of Communist Parties ~~has been going on~~ in ~~the~~ puppet nations,

behind the Iron Curtain. ~~From our investigations, especially~~

Ever

since the revolt of Tito in Yugoslavia, we've heard of purges in the Red satellites - Communist leaders overthrown, spectacular trials, hangings. So now, in London, the Royal Institute for International Affairs has made a study of what had been going on.

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~~The consequences that the~~ Red purges have extended from top to bottom. Since Nineteen Forty-nine, in six puppet states, one hundred and fifty thousand Communist leaders and Party members have been arrested and thrown into prison.

These include four vice-premiers, about a hundred Red generals, one marshal, and more than a thousand top ranking officials.

Numbers of these have been condemned in public trials and hanged. Others have been liquidated in secret.

More than one-fourth of the total membership has been

expelled from the ^{puppet parties} ~~the~~ Czechoslovakia heads the list, with

about a million members tossed out. All tying in closely with - the Tito heresy.

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take Jassup. In the sub-committee today, Senator Fulbright of Arkansas demanded that McCarthy actually "convict" Jassup with this program.

The President's Loyalty Board informs the Senate:

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FOLLOW JESSUP

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Tonight the State Department issues a denial of one thing in the testimony of Stassen. He quoted the late Senator Vandenburg as telling him that both Dean Acheson and Phillip Jessup at a White House Conference, proposed that American aid to Nationalist China be stopped -- discontinue all help to Chiang Kai Shek. The State Department claims that Stassen's memory must be "playing him tricks". Because there is no evidence of any such Conference at the White House.

The latest -- a flat denial from Lattimore, who insists that the entire Stassen version is incorrect, all wrong.

BASEBALL

It was the Giants turn to collapse today. They went all to pieces; didn't look a bit like the hottest of hot baseball teams that had burned up the league right into the present play-off. The game was won, actually, in the first inning - when Jackie Robinson hit a two-run homer. That was that, since Rookie Pitcher Clem Labine went on to pitch a shut-out.

The much beaten and abused Dodgers finally aroused, then proceeded to wreck the Giants. They battered three New York pitchers for thirteen hits, and blaster out four home-runs. The Giants collaborated by making five errors, and playing sloppy baseball up and down the line.

The game was held up by rain for forty minutes - after which the Dodgers went on hammering the ball to the far corners, winning ten to nothing.

ODDITIES - TRAFFIC

The news today brought a selection of oddities - curious tricks of the human race living its daily life.

At Courtland, Minnesota, there's an argument about a new traffic policeman - he's too good. They say that, in the last couple of weeks, Officer Walter Hessing made three hundred arrests for speeding. The town of Courtland has a population of three hundred. Sounds as if everybody got a ticket.

The champion traffic cop is paid so much per arrest. Which raises a suspicion of the profit motive. Storekeepers complain - its' bad for business. With tickets handed out so free and easy, automobile drivers avoid Main Street. As well they might - with three hundred arrests for speeding in a town of three hundred people.

~~In Detroit, taxi driver Abraham Sanon was in court today, charged with tying up traffic when he~~

Over in England they gave a performance of that classic of jealousy - Shakespeare's "Othello." Star, American Actor Orson Welles. In the murder scene, he banged the head of the actress, Gundrun Muir, so violently against the bed - that members of the audience protested. Looked as if they might rush on stage to defend the lady.

Orson Welles apologized, saying he'd had a bit too much - Shakespeare.

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At Manila, a young laundress was jealous of the boy friend, a Philippine veteran of Bataan. Today she told the police she wanted Jose ~ "all to herself." So, when she found he was going out with other girls, she decided to take away as much of Jose as possible. *How?* She swiped his wooden leg, and carried it home with her. Today the police made her hand back the wooden leg. - So now Jose is able to stroll around again, gazing at the girls.

So goes the human race, with its endless round of oddities.

BOY

Just a moment - here is quite a story! In France, in a mountain village, they are hailing a hero - a half grown boy. In resounding French they cry - "he conquered the eagle!"

Actually, it was a case of uncle and niece. The way family marriages worked out, eleven year old Armand is the uncle of little Pierrette, who is four. The two children were out in an orchard, picking fruit - when, out of the sky, swooped a huge eagle. With beak and claw, the great bird of prey seized the little girl.

But eleven year old Armand knew that an uncle should protect his niece. He grabbed the eagle, wrestled and fought with it. The boy had an arm-lock on the bird, and was able to pick up a stone - with which he pounded the eagle's head, and killed the bird of prey.

Both children were cut and bruised, their clothes torn. The villagers declare the eagle had a wing spread of more than five feet. So tonight, they are hailing - eleven year old Uncle Armand, conqueror of the eagle. And now Uncle Nelson,