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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY

There's an unsubstantiated report from Paris tonight that Jewish terrorists have written to British Foreign Secretary Bevin threatening to assassinate him.

The French Security Police are the source of the story, but the British delegation at the Peace Conference denies all knowledge of any assassination plot. Nevertheless, word from London is that Scotland Yard and the French Police are searching all of France, trying to apprehend fourteen alleged Jewish terrorists supposedly in France "to get Bevin."

PEACE CONFERENCE

The ^{latest} peace conference, ~~went on as usual~~
~~today. The~~ dispatch ~~from Paris~~ describes ^{today's Paris}
committee meetings in these words: "a succession
of name-calling brawls".

Tomorrow the Foreign Ministers of the Big
Four are scheduled to meet in an effort of desperation -
^{to try and}
~~trying to~~ find some way to bring some order into the
chaos of name-calling and brawling.

Here are some samples of today's events of
statecraft:- At a meeting of the committee considering
the peace treaty with Bulgaria, the brawl was featured
by an address ^{from} ~~of~~ the delegate from Jugoslavia, that
famous Soviet puppet. An Australian delegate did the
name-calling. "He shouted at the Yugoslav: "Who wrote
your speech," which was an unkind thing to say to a
puppet. The Answer ~~xx~~ the Yugoslav made was just some
more name-calling: "You don't represent the Australian
people", he yelled at the delegation from Down Under.
"You are merely agents of British imperialism".

In the brawl at the Balkan economic committee,

^{again}
Molotov got into a row with the Australians. He

reared at them with the following figure of speech:

"You offer a friend a chair, and then, as he starts to sit down, you pull it out from under him," shouted

Molotov. Well, that's a beguiling figure of speech -


pulling a chair from out under Molotov. — almost

as beguiling as that ^{unsubstantiated} story we had several years ago ^{about} Stalin bopping Timoshenko over the head with a champagne bottle.

SUBSTITUTE LEAD U.N.

~~Here's the latest~~ At the Security Council of the United Nations -- ^{another} ~~^~~ threat of ^a veto.

No, it wasn't Soviet Russia, it wasn't Gromyko, saying "We'll veto." It was ~~the United States, your~~ ^{this time.} Uncle Sam. It must have surprised the Soviets and Gromyko, when the old gentleman with the whiskers ~~and the Red, White and Blue suspenders~~ suddenly remembered that, if others could veto -- so could he.

This American threat was provoked by a question of admitting new members to the United Nations. The Security Council is in session at its new temporary headquarters, Lake Success, Long Island. And today they took up eight applications, eight nations asking to join. ~~They are, in~~  ~~alphabetical order, etc, etc,~~ The Soviets are opposed

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The American delegate made a suggestion - that all ~~right~~ ^{of them} be admitted in one blanket vote. He argued that the United Nations was founded on the principle of "Universality of membership" so let all right in, right away.

This met with immediate objection. Soviet Russia said - no. Gromyko argued against the principle of "universality of membership". The Soviets are opposed to letting in Ireland, Trans-Jordania and Portugal. The last two countries are disliked by Moscow ~~href~~ because of their ties with Britain. Portugal an ancient ally - trans-Jordania recently made independent,

after being a British mandate.

As for Ireland, the Soviets know they have mighty few friends in the country of the Shamrock. The Emerald Isle has no love for Stalin and communism. Britain is backing the admission of Ireland, and so the Irish find themselves on the side of the British. It would take Soviet Russia to accomplish that miracle.

The British themselves, together with other nations in the line-up of western democracies, oppose letting Albania and Outer Mongolia into the United Nations. Those two countries are Soviet puppets - and China is particularly opposed to the admission of Outer Mongolia, because that vast territory ~~is~~ in Central Asia used to belong to China and only recently severed connections to become part of the Soviet sphere.

Of the eight countries seeking membership,, three are unopposed - ~~is~~ Afghanistan, Iceland and Sweden.

If the blanket proposal made by the United States were accepted, and ~~is~~ all eight were admitted, it would mean that the western democracies would gain

new votes in the array of Ireland, Iceland, Sweden, Portugal, Trans-Jordania, Afghanistan. The Soviets would have securely on their side only the two puppets Albania and Outer Mongolia. So no wonder Gromyko today opposed "universality of membership".

The opposition to the American proposal was so strong that our delegate withdrew it. So now each membership will be considered separately -- new food for argument.

There was dispute today on the subject of Greece. ~~Ukrainia~~, a Soviet satellite, has entered a complaint against the ancient land of the ~~the~~ Hellenes charging that Greece is stirring up trouble with Albania and is menacing the peace of the world. The Ukrainian demand for an investigation is of course, backed by Moscow. Opposition was led today by the delegate from the Netherlands, Dr. Van Kleffens, who defended Greece and stated that the Ukrainian puppet complaint was, in his words - "solely and chiefly for the purpose of annoying another state."

(~~after words - reaching in
his pocket for a veto~~)

Of course all this argument went on in the highest diplomatic tradition - everything was very polite and very ambiguous. The American delegate emphasized that he would be "extremely reluctant to invoke a veto against Albania and Mongolia". But he did say that he might feel himself faced with the painful necessity ~~of casting a negative vote if the question came up right now.~~

~~To us the phrase negative vote sounds suspiciously like veto.~~

JUGOSLAVIA

At a quarter past four this afternoon, a party of American officers and G I's ~~was~~ ^{ed} waiting in an Alpine valley ⁱⁿ northeast Italy. ~~This is~~ ^{by} a mountain area ^{they are calling:} ~~now given the ominous name of~~ "no man's land". On one side are the forces of Jugoslavia. On the other, troops of Great Britain and the United States - the American eighty-eighth division. The party that waited in the Alpine Valley was headed by Major General Bryant Moore, commander of the eighty-eighth.

A procession came winding down a narrow mountain road on the Yugoslav side. In the lead, ~~was~~ an ambulance. Next were Yugoslav jeeps - lend-lease, ^{— because all jeeps are American made.} no doubt. Finally, several military staff cars ~~there~~ arrived at the place where General Moore and his officers and soldiers were standing. Yugoslav officers came forward and exchanged rigid salutes with the Americans. Accompanying the Yugoslavs was American Ambassador to Belgrade, Richard Patterson. The dramatic point of the ceremony came, the point of ~~■■■■~~ sombre meaning, when from the ambulance five white coffins were

taken out, and placed on the ground - coffins which the American G I's immediately covered with the colors of their country, American flags. ~~Yes, there were~~ Five coffins - signifying five American victims of Jugo-slav attack.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Yet that number was merely symbolical - five.

Marshal Tito, yielding to the American ultimatum, was sending the bodies of the Americans who perished when shot down by Jugo-slav fighter planes -- ~~to a flaming crash~~ mere pitiful fragments of bodies. Last night Yugoslav surgeons worked feverishly, trying to determine whether these were four bodies or five. But they couldn't be sure. So the best the Jugoslavs could do was to send five coffins - one empty, a mere symbol. ~~It amounted to~~ ^{meaning} a Yugoslav expression of opinion that all five in the plane lost their lives.

The ranking officer among the Jugoslavs was a Major, selected as being most appropriate to the ceremony. This Major was the commander of the fighter planes that shot down the American transport. He made

a statement - a statement to Major General Bryant Moore. The Yugoslav said: "I am very sorry and I assure you it will never happen again".

This was echoed by Ambassador Patterson, who declared: "Marshal Tito has assured me both officially and personally, that there will be no repetition of this unfortunate incident".

Thus was enacted another episode in the international crisis caused by the shooting down of American planes, another performance by Tito in yielding to the American ultimatum.

DAILY WORKER

Communists around the world, who see nothing incongruous about the million or more Soviet Troops garrisoned in Eastern Europe, are loudly protesting the current goodwill visit of a U.S. Naval Task Force to the Mediterranean.

The Daily Worker of London, England's Communist Journal, calls the visit of the U.S. Fleet "A blatant example of gangster diplomacy."

The Daily Worker goes on to ~~say~~ say, and again we quote, "That a power-drunk State Department is engaged in a furious crusade to restore ~~the~~ capitalism in Europe."

Well, the Communists may rave, and they may rant about our Navy policies, but so far they haven't changed those policies. And today in Washington bluff spoken Fleet Admiral William Halsey, nicknamed the Bull by his Pacific Veterans, told foreign critics of the Navy's current Mediterranean cruise that American warships intend to go wherever they very well please, and whenever they please.

"When we say it's a good will visit,"

Halsey added, "It's a good will visit. I don't care how other people interpret it."

SUBSTITUTE FOR EARLY O P A

Late news on the meat situation, ~~comes from~~
~~Washington~~, Secretary of Agriculture ~~Clinton~~ Anderson,
squashing an O P A protest, has announced new rises in
livestock price ceilings which will up retail beef
prices more than five cents a pound, ^{and} pork prices more
than two cents a pound over June thirtieth levels.

The O P A doesn't like the ruling, but ~~says~~
^{that} under the price control law it cannot ~~do~~ do anything
about it. So the new ceilings for livestock, on the
hoof, will go into effect September First. O P A will
reimpose retail price ~~max~~ levels on meat on September
ninth as originally scheduled.

~~Sec. Anderson's ruling came over the vehement
protest of Price Administrator Paul Porter, who
wants to roll back the prices to the June thirtieth
level. But the Secretary of Agriculture says -- no
can do. Prices will have to be higher all around.~~

Meanwhile in Chicago, the hub of the country's
meat industry, packers and livestock producers have a
protest of their own. For them the proposed price

increase isn't enough. A spokesman for the industry says that shipments of animals from farm to market will drop off to a trickle in the next sixty days.

And the American meat institute warns that price ceilings as now set up will bring a return of the black market.

~~Other spokesmen for the packers echo the thought. They say that the new ceilings, raised through they have been, will undoubtedly stimulate production, but ^{that} much depends on the future price of feed, not yet under price control.~~

It seems like a distant anachronism to tell of another G.A.R. Convention and parade, but one was held today -- at Indianapolis. A dozen union veterans of the Civil War attended, just twelve -- determined to continue the tradition of annual conventions of the G.A.R., as long as possible -- as long as any of the remaining twelve survive.

They rode in triumph through the streets of Indianapolis -- where the first G.A.R. Convention was held. ^{TP} Eighty-one years ago Robert E. Lee presented his sword in surrender to General Grant, and a year later four hundred thousand of the boys in blue thronged ^{into} ~~upon~~ Indianapolis to begin the long series of G.A.R. encampments.

Today the twelve survivors elected a new commander -- John Grate of Atwater, Ohio -- he's a hundred and one years old. And they voted to hold another G.A.R. Convention next year.

END OF WORLD

I don't like to have to recite ominous news all the time, tidings of darkness and menace. ~~I like~~ *I was looking for* ~~to have~~ something light and cheerful, *in the n w this* ~~during this program~~ *afternoon when* ~~tonight~~ but along comes a dispatch, terrifying and horrendous.

We are approaching the Giacobini-Zinner comet; and within the next month we'll be a mere twentyfour million miles away from that Giacobini-Zinner comet. Which is mighty close, *according to* ~~says~~ Dr. Gordon Atwater, curator of the New York Planetarium. *Says the astronomer!* "That's just like coming up and ringing your doorbell", ~~declares the professor.~~ *so* How would you like to hear that bell ring, go to the door, and see the Giacobini-Zinner comet?

Astronomers are always taking into account ~~gh~~ the possibility of a head-~~on~~ collision between the earth and a comet - which would be the end of the world.

The professor tells us, however, that we would have warning - in advance. Suppose, for example, the Giacobini-Zinner comet should happen to run off

its celestial track at this particular time, and start straight for the earth - instead of staying twenty-four million miles away and just ringing the doorbell.

The professor says the approach of the comet would throw the earth off its axis. The comet off its track! and the earth off its axis! - that would be some thing! "Temperatures all over the world", declares the professor would change" naturally, because the shift of the earth's axis might cause the Panama Canal to become the North Pole. ^{with} ~~you'd find~~ polar bears and Eskimo ^{migrating to} ~~wandering around along~~ the equator, and the Gulf of Mexico ~~would be~~ full of icebergs.

So there ^{we} ~~you~~ have something ^{more} to worry about - in addition to the atomic bomb and Molotov. - I suppose we ought to have the peace conference at Paris take up the question of the Giacobini-Zinner comet - only they'd still be talking when the comet hit.

And now ^{release} ~~through~~ - it's time for you to be talking.

The opposition was so strong that the American Delegate responded by withdrawing his proposal. He said he wouldn't press the matter of admitting all the eight nations right away. Then it was that he raised the threat of an American veto. He said that, if the Soviets insisted on making a fight on the membership question, the United States would cast its veto against the two Soviet puppets, Albania and outer Mongolia. Uncle Sam reaching into his pocket for a veto.



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A late bulletin from Washington -- says *there* delay in the imposition of price ceilings on cattle and hogs. They were to have gone into effect tomorrow, but now are put off until September First. The retail price ceilings on meat begin on September Ninth, as scheduled.

New live stock price ceilings ordered by the O P A will result in a retail price increase of five-and-a-half cents a pound for beef, two-and-a-half cents a pound for pork. A spokesman for the Department of Agriculture says that O P A has no choice but to put those ceilings into effect within ten days.

FLYING BOMB

The bombardment of Sweden still continues, rocket-like missiles coming across the waters of the Baltic. The Swedes are calling them - ghost bombs. Previously, a Swedish military airplane had collided with ~~a kind of rocket~~ ^{one} in the air, and was destroyed. Now, it's a case of a ghost bomb striking and exploding near a Swedish town.

The Missile was seen, apparently, as it crossed the Baltic, and is described as a species of buzz bomb. A Swedish eye-witness tells what happened. "I was standing in a dark garden at nine-thirty P M and saw a yellow light, like a ball, flying from east to west. Suddenly," he relates, "there was an enormous flash, and then the most terrible sound of explosion." Fortunately, the ghost bomb blasted in an uninhabited section, and there were no casualties.

POLAND

Washington stands firm in its attitude toward Poland. Today a spokesman of the State Department declared that this country expects the Communist Regime at Warsaw to live up to the pledges made at the big three conferences, Yalta and Potsdam. In these, Soviet Russia guaranteed free and democratic elections in Poland -- and, of course, the Communists of Warsaw are mere satellites of the Communists of Moscow. So they are expected to give the Polish people a chance to cast their ballots and decide what kind of government they ~~want~~ want. The answer would hardly favor the Communists.

The statement made today in Washington is in answer to a blast issued by the Communists of Warsaw. They say that the American insistence of a free Polish election is an interference in the affairs of Poland -- an infringement of sovereignty. Nevertheless, we call for the free election.

And there is also the matter of an American woman translator arrested in Warsaw. She