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The news today brings a scene as riotous, melodramatic, terrifying -- as any in recent years. The pages of history present many a mob scene - as in the French Revolution, the howling mobs. But it would be hard to beat the weird affair in Teheran today.

(In the Iranian Parliament, an oil debate was on -- Premier Mossadegh trying to defend the seizure of Anglo-Iranian oil.) You might think there would be little opposition -- considering the anti-foreign terrorism. But (there are opposition deputies and they have their courage. They <sup>are</sup> ~~re~~ living <sup>right</sup> in the Parliament Building, which is guarded by soldiers. They don't dare to venture out -- for fear of the mob.

Today, a huge crowd was gathered in front of the <sup>Teheran</sup> Parliament ~~Building~~. Yelling and chanting -- "Long Live Mossadegh, Death to the Traitors."

Inside, the aged Premier took the rostrum, feeble, frail and ill -- the same weeping, fainting

Mossadegh. Deputies of the Opposition shouted him down, crying out that he and his oil policy were ruining the nation.

The howls of the mob outside could be heard only too plainly. There was a loud-speaker, and this was turned into the Chamber of Parliament, amplifying the ferocious chant of the crowd <sup>out there</sup> in front of the building: "Long Live Mossadegh; Death to the Traitors." *Over and over.*

But still -- the Opposition was not intimidated. Deputies shouted at the Premier: "Get out!"

Mossadegh screamed: "Allright, I'll go outside and address the true nation -- if you don't let me talk here."

The Opposition Leader called back: "Go outside and address your 'true nation' <sup>-- that</sup> mob <sub>λ λ</sub> parading before the gates and ready to stab us, when we come out."

Mossadegh had to give up, and fights broke out in Parliament -- deputies punching each other. Shouts of the brawling legislators were combined with

the howls of the mob) from the loud-speaker.

When the fracas in Parliament was broken up, the Opposition Leader took the rostrum. He taunted Mossadegh with the loss of millions in royalties the British Company had paid. He said conditions in Iran are what he called -- "worse than when the Mongol hordes overran the country centuries ago." Worse, that is -- than in the days of Ghenghis Khan. All that -- to the accompaniment of the loud-speaker-sound-effects from the mob.

When the stormy Session ended, Mossadegh left the building -- and, outside, the crowd carried him to his automobile. The <sup>one</sup> Opposition Deputies remained inside the Parliament Building, <sup>still</sup> their residence for the time being. <sup>For</sup> Not one <sup>of them</sup> ventures out into the mob, <sup>that</sup> still howling, <sup>s and</sup> still chanting <sup>s - -</sup> -- "Death to the Traitors!"

## EGYPT

Today was the anniversary of the Prophet Mohammed's birthday throughout the Moslem world. And in Cairo, the Egyptian government held that meeting to consider whether or not to break off diplomatic relations with Great Britain. There's no word so far on what decisions, if any, were taken.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian Foreign Minister formally complained to the United Nations today that Britain was guilty of aggression. The Egyptian accused the British of violating the sovereignty of Egypt by demolishing seventy-five village houses in the Suez Canal zone.

BIG FOUR

( In Paris, ~~today~~, the Big Four announced <sup>today</sup> that they have  
come to an agreement - to disagree! ~~Today~~ The Big Four  
presented their report on the secret talks <sup>they</sup> ~~that~~ have just <sup>held</sup> ~~been~~  
<sup>on the subject of</sup> ~~going on with~~ disarmament.) The only agreement that has been  
reached is that a committee <sup>shall</sup> be set up under the name of  
"The Atomic Energy and Conventional Armaments Commission."

(The report then goes on to outline <sup>what it terms:-</sup> "the serious and  
fundamental disagreements" between East and West.)

The British Minister, Selwyn Lloyd, summed it up  
like this: "We say that we have no aggressive intentions  
against the Soviet Union.- Mr. Vishinsky says he does not  
believe it. Mr. Vishinsky says that the Soviet Union has no  
aggressive intentions against the rest of the world. But,"  
as Lloyd put it, "we unfortunately are unable at the present  
time to accept such an assertion." Hence the agreement - to  
disagree.

At Panmunjom today, two tents were pitched, side by side. Each for a separate sub-committee of the armistice teams. In one tent the subject was - ~~the~~ exchange of war prisoners. In the other - ~~the~~ supervision of the armistice terms.

*So far*  
~~However~~ there's little progress to report following the two meetings. *R* In a surprise move late last night, the Reds *did* agree~~d~~ to discuss the exchange of war prisoners. But the hopes raised by this move were soon shattered this morning *←* when the Reds demanded a flat over-all exchange of all prisoners as soon as the armistice is signed. This idea was refused, point blank, by the U.N. Committee, which countered with the suggestion that the exchange be "man for man." At this point, the talks broke up, until tonight - with neither tent reporting any headway.

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Those talks have just begun, but so far there is no word on any progress.

In the skies of North Korea today, U.S. flyers caught sight of a new type "mystery jet fighter." Our pilots report that they were unable to catch up with two of the new machines, which they describe as a straight wing jet. However, they could not identify the Russian machine. The appearance of this new mystery plane has Allied officers in Japan worried. Recently, a new type M.I.G. was thrown into the battle, and now today comes word of this still later "mystery" model - too fast for our jets to overtake.

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Over Mig Alley today, a hundred and fifteen Migs swooped down on a force of sixty-two American sabre jets. In dogfights near Sinuiju, two of the Red planes are listed as "probably shot down" - two more damaged. All our flyers got <sup>back</sup> ~~home~~ safely, <sup>their</sup> to base.

The hundred and forty-five mile ground front <sup>once more</sup> ~~is~~

<sup>a</sup> in the icy grip of ~~the~~ Korean winter. As fighting dwindled, only a few scattered patrol clashes were reported.

Late word from Tokyo, the mystery fighters may not have been so mysterious at all. An Air Force spokesman has just announced that the planes may well have been American Shooting Star Jets which were working in the area.

## ARMY STOCKPILING

In Detroit today, investigators for the House Executive Expenditures Committee had a ticklish question to put to the Army. The Committee has been investigating the purchasing of spare parts, used for Army vehicles. In their probing, they have discovered that the stockpile for the jeep is in some cases sufficient to last for a hundred and four years. They point, for instance, to the case of front-axle-housing-gaskets *-- enough for* a hundred and four years. Steering column oil hole covers - seventy-five years. Clutch washers - eighty-five years. Valve tappets - eighty years.

It seems the Army must be taking rather a long term view, and the Committee now asks for an explanation of why these items are still being stockpiled. *There must be confusion somewhere -- the same confusion the Hoover Commission told us about, in other departments, months ago.*

INTERNAL REVENUE

*McGrath*  
~~J. Howard McGrath, the~~ Attorney General, told a House Ways and Means sub-committee today that he disclaimed any responsibility for the "indiscretions" of his assistant, T. Lamar Caudle. "As far as I knew or could reasonably be expected to find out," McGrath said, "Caudle was honest. I hold no brief for any indiscretion of which Mr. Caudle may have been guilty, ~~but~~ I had every reason to trust Mr. Caudle; I liked him, and still like him immensely."

~~later,~~ *today* Senator Richard Nixon of California demanded that President Truman fire Attorney General McGrath, because of the tax scandals, ~~and~~ *and* Appoint as his successor "someone like F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover." *Sen.* Nixon also demanded that the President fire Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder, for the same reason, ~~and~~ *The Senators* said that the two Cabinet members are "guilty of gross malfeasance," if they knew about the scandals, and of "gross incompetence" if they did not.

ADMINISTRATION

Late word from Washington. As has been predicted,

*the* President ~~Truman~~ will soon launch a vigorous campaign to house-clean the Administration. This is disclosed by Frank McKinney, National Chairman of the Democratic Party, following a White House conference, ~~with the President,~~

(McKinney told newsmen that Mr. Truman is "highly concerned to the point of being angry, at being sold down the river by disloyal government employees.")

~~So far there's no word from the White House about how such a program would be effected. However, the Democratic Chairman calls for a separate organization, answerable only to the President, which would, as he put it, "purge the government of all scandal and taint of corruption."~~

WHITE HOUSE

The White House answered a question today -- and what do you think the answer was? The query came from the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Temple City, California -- where they want to make a contribution to the "Tournament of Roses" in Pasadena.

They offered the "Tournament of Roses" a float of their own -- a festive scene of President Truman playing the piano, surrounded by a bevy of beauties in mink coats <sup>to</sup>. On the sideline - deep freezers. Pasadena turned that down, saying it would be a "personal insult to the President." ~~The proposed float would depict the President playing the piano, surrounded by a bevy of beauties in mink coats, and a deep freezer on the sideline.~~  
~~not approved~~

But the Junior Chamber of Commerce thought they might get -- approval from the White House. Seems optimistic, but they tried, sent a telegram. Today they received a reply, written by Presidential Secretary Joseph Short. The letter says -- no, the White House does not approve. <sup>HP</sup> I don't suppose the

President minds the piano, but the beauties in mink coats and the deep freezers are something else ~~again~~ again.

The letter says: "Most people viewing a float such as proposed in your wire, would consider it in very bad taste."

Some people might go further, and say -- the mink coats and deep freezers were in bad taste in the first place.

JOE DI MAGGIO

( Joe Di Maggio has announced his decision, and it was a tough one -- a question of renouncing one hundred thousand dollars a year, ) which the New York Yankees, we are told, were ready to pay him for next baseball season. It needed courage to do what Joe has done -- quitting, calling it a career.

( Today, in the office of the Yankees, he said he made up his mind last spring, and never changed it -- he'd retire. ) He told the news men he was sorry for the bad year he had. But, even if he had been in his old great form -- he would still call it quits, Because -- of his physical ailments, aches and pains.

"There were times last year," he told reporters, "When it was difficult for me to get out of bed in the morning."

( So Joe Di Maggio, the Yankee Clipper, is now a baseball memory. ) He may do some television for the Yankees, but that's all. Yes, a baseball memory -- along with Ty Cobb, *Sholess Joe Jackson,* Babe Ruth, and those other giants at the ~~plate~~ plate.

## FRANCHOT TONE

The Franchot Tone case produces a new twister today -- something for the subtle minds of lawyers. We all know the old expression "assault and battery." But which is assault and which is battery?

In Hollywood, actor Franchot Tone was charged with both -- following the affair at Ciro's, when he walked up to woman columnist Florabelle Muir, and said -- "I am going to spit in your eye." And ~~he~~ did. She said he also kicked her in the shins; and *she* charged him with - "assault and battery."

Today Judge Henry Daeger asked: "How do you plead?"

The actor replied: "My counsel has advised me to plead guilty to -- battery." But not -- assault.

Franchot Tone apologized, and explained that he was irked because columnist Florabelle Muir had listened in on conversations of Barbara Payton, whom he married after stormy <sup>un</sup>contship, though the

marriage did not last long. He said he lost his head, and did carry out his threat -- to spit in the lady's eye. But he denied that he had kicked her in the shins. The difference between the two was the difference between "assault" and "battery."

The Judge dismissed the charge of "assault." But ~~the judge~~ fined the actor four hundred dollars and gave him a suspended jail sentence - for "battery."

Nelson - It's much too subtle for me.