

PALESTINE L.J. - Sunoco and P+G. Wednesday, August 13, 1947.

Fighting has flared ^{again} between the Jews and Arabs in Palestine, and the British are afraid the trouble may develop into disorders like the Jewish-Arab battles of eight to ten years ago. The fighting today was in the area between the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv and the ancient Arab port of Jaffa ^{- the Joppa of King Solomon}. There is a sort of no-Man's land between the two places, and there ~~sporadic~~ rioting went on all day.

Tonight's dispatch from Palestine says the violence began when Jews from Tel Aviv tried to enforce a boycott against Arab shops and beat up Jewish women who were buying vegetables from Arabs. The Arabs retaliated, and the trouble was on - ~~violence~~ violence of a kind peculiar to cities out there in the Near East.

The border between Tel Aviv and Jaffa, the sort of no-mans land, is described as a slum area of dark crooked narrow streets and alleys - as in many an oriental town. Fighting is said to have been mostly between riff-raff of the ~~the~~ slums, the rioters sallying forth to make an attack, and then fading away into the

dim recesses. The casualties total six Jews and three Arabs killed, thirty-five Jews ^{to} ~~and~~ nine Arabs injured - in ferocious clashes with primitive weapons, knives, stones and pieces of jagged glass.

The British have clapped on a curfew from sunset to sunrise, to keep the rioters from violence at night. Responsible leaders, both Jewish and Arab, are doing all they can to stop the trouble, but tension is ^{reported} ~~said~~ to be mounting in the ugly, sinister area between Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

UNITED NATIONS

Egypt has put a time limit on its demand to the United Nations. Today the Egyptian Prime Minister ~~MEGHE~~ urged the Security Council of the U.N. to order British Troops out of the Nile Valley in eighteen days - or there would be riots and bloodshed. Egypt has been making demands like this for quite a while, but today was the first mention of a deadline.

NEW LEAD INDIA

Tonight in India, a celebration of regal splendor at Karachi, the first official function of the new dominion of Pakistan. The guest of honor Admiral, Viscount Mountbatten, tonight retiring Viceroy of India -- tomorrow, Governor General of the Hindu dominion of Hindustan. Host of tonight's party, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Governor General designate of Pakistan.

The celebration opened with a state dinner at government house, followed by the colorful party in the grounds, a party of regal splendor that would shame anything of which Hollywood might even conceive. Evening gowns of gold; millions upon millions of dollars of diamonds and rubies and ~~xxxxxx~~ sapphires and other gems -- the wealth of India, shimmering and gleaming under the lights. Indians with gems in their noses, costly diadems, rich ropes of pearls. Turbans of red, ~~xx~~ white and baby blue. A prince wearing golden ear rings, with a plaid sports coat and a silk shirt the tails of which hung outside his pants. Evening dress and formal dress, medals glinting like the

ornaments on hundreds of Christmas trees.

East and West meeting to welcome the dominion of Pakistan, a new regime for ancient India -- really a new and powerful nation. And how they must have perspired this hot Indian night. Rajahs and Colonels ~~xx~~ sweating it out together waiting in an hour-long reception line to be presented to Lord and Lady Mountbatten.

But we hear it was the women who ~~xxx~~ created the sensation. The British Memsahibs were out in force, stately and proud; but, to the women of India went the distinction of providing the color and glamor of the evening. They wore gowns of silk, interwoven with pure gold thread, gowns of all colors, violet, red, blue and green, and lustrous snow white. The only thing missing, from the western point of view, was the drinks. Mohammedianism harshly disapproves of intoxicants. So those who wanted to quench their thirst at this Karachi garden party to celebrate the inauguration of Pakistan did so on the juice of the gentle tomato, grapefruit and the orange.

Meanwhile, ~~xx~~ (sixty persons were killed and a hundred wounded as mobs of Hindus and Moslems fought a bitter battle in the streets of Lahore, capital city of the Punjab. Religious warfare on the eve of Indian independence.) Tonight fires ~~and~~ are burning unchecked in the old walled city of Lahore, with police and troops firing repeatedly to check the maddening rioters. Three places of worship set on fire by the mobs during the day, hundreds of people injured, as the hour approaches for India's independence -- midnight Thursday -- the intensity of the struggle increases.

More troops are being moved into Lahore, and there's trouble in nearby ~~Amritsar~~ Amritsar, city of the Sikhs.

Today's clash between the Moslems and the Hindus was caused so it's said, because the special boundary commission has delayed settling the frontier between the new Moslem and Hindu states. Enraged by this delay, the fierce, and bearded Sikhs joined with the Hindus in the ~~fight~~ ^{fight} against the Moslems.

For Moslem India, this week has a double significance. It marks the beginning of the Moslem sovereignty of Pakistan, and the end of ~~Ram~~ Ramadan, the holy month of the Moslems! Ramadan, the time when every pious Mohammedan fasts. And after the fast, a celebration, rejoicing and revelry -- a feast of ~~rich~~ roistrous crowds and celebrations -- a wild carnival.



combined with the end of Ramadan. Already the Pakistan festivities have begun, in private ^{with the} public hurrah to be staged this weekend, when ~~the~~ the new moon comes, the slim crescent moon that ~~is~~ the ~~symbol~~ symbol of Islam.

~~all of which would seem to signify a double Muslim carnival in India, political as well as religious, but,~~

~~but~~ there's more to it than that. Ramadan, both the fasting and then the feasting ~~and~~ is a time of fanaticism for the followers of the prophet. ^{TP} Anybody who

has been in the lands of Islam is vividly aware of that.

~~unusually~~ Some years ago, I was in Kabul, ^{capital of} remote, and ^{then} forbidden, Afghanistan, in the month of Ramadan. Later I wrote an account in a book called "Beyond ~~the~~ Khyber Pass." So today I refreshed my memory by taking a look at a chapter called, "The Moon of Deliverance." Noting what I wrote at the time.

"Through the long days of Ramadan," reads the description, "the devout Niam Shah, our Afridi ~~bodyguard~~ bodyguard - he was from ^{the wild mts. between India and Afghanistan,} ~~is~~ - underwent a penance hardly realizable by inhabitants of a more temperate

clime. Every cell in his body must have cried out for water during our blazing excursions, when the mercury stood ^{well above} a hundred degrees. "Thirst is more than thirst," ~~my~~ description goes on. "It is a passionate, elemental demand transcending every other instinct."

"Yet Niam Shah and the millions of his ~~coreligionists~~ coreligionists deny this imperious need during their sacred month. Even a soldier on parade, a traveler walking thirty miles, or a day laborer sweating under the cruel sun, will not allow a drop of moisture, or indeed any nourishment, to pass his lips, from sunrise to sunset. Not unaturally", I noted, "this regime exacerbates the Moslem temper to the point of hysteria. ~~My~~ During my stay in Kabul, street quarrels were frequent, murder was rife in the city, and the fanaticism of the ~~inhabitants~~ inhabitants was at fever pitch. How eagerly they ~~xxx~~ await the moon of the festival of fast-breaking."

My recollection of the feast was one of milling crowds, fantastic dances of tribesmen to barbaric music,

frantic rejoicing. A weird carnival of religious madness. With such recollections, it is easy to understand that out in India, ^{tonight} there ^{is} fear of Moslem outbreaks. ^{And -} trouble ^{trouble} has already begun.

Religious riots are reported between Mohammedans and Hindus in the city of Lahore, ^{the} great Moslem ^{capital} ~~of the Punjab~~ - ^{of the Punjab} - - savage violence, fifty-seven persons killed, and great fires burning in Lahore tonight.

So what will happen - as the end of Ramadan coincides with the beginning of Moslem Pakistan? The feast ~~is~~ as fanatical as the fast. ~~So~~ There's fear of greater disturbances than ever when the new moon is seen this weekend, the crescent moon of Islam, which is also a symbol of the new flag of the newly created Pakistan.

FOLLOW INDIA

There is one Indian leader who is not celebrating the new independence - Mahatma Gandhi. Today he ~~refused~~ refused even to issue an independence message.

Gandhi made the refusal at a time tragic for himself - his headquarters had been stoned and invaded by an angry mob. Were these ~~Ms~~ Moslems enraged against the Hindu Saint? Not at all. They were Hindus.

(Gandhi, on his mission of going around in disturbed areas and pleading for peace between the rival sects, has established himself in a Hindu town, where Hindus had assailed Moslems and driven them out. The fact that he took his peace mission there, instead of to a place where Hindus ~~wxx~~ were the sufferers, angered his coreligionists. So they attacked the house where he was, though they didn't ~~dxxx~~ dare ~~to~~ invade the room in which Gandhi was sitting, while the violence was going on.) That much reverence they retained for the Mahatma, the holy man. - But it was startling enough that they did invade the house at all, ~~and~~ bombard~~ing~~ it with stones.

(One of Gandhi's followers states tonight that he

is, in the words of the follower, "The most despondent man in India," so despondent that he is issuing no message to acclaim the independence for which he toiled, *he Gandhi,* the very soul and symbol of India.

KAISER

The government has turned down the Henry Kaiser proposal to cancel eighty-five x million dollars of the money Kaiser owes the United States Treasury. During the war, the West Coast shipbuilder was backed heavily by funds of the reconstruction finance corporation. And right now he owes a-hundred-and-five million dollars to Uncle Sam. It must be great to owe that much; - almost as wonderful as having it.

The debt is on the Kaiser Steel Plant at Fontana, California; and he thinks most of it should be written off. ~~So~~ he suggested, ^{that} eighty-five million dollars of the loan ~~should be~~ be cancelled. Kaiser said the reduction would be in line with the loss of a-hundred-and-sixty-two-million that the government took on ~~the~~ sale of a giant wartime steel plant at Geneva, Utah.

^{TP} But, this reasoning is rejected, the R.F.C. refusing to cancel the eighty-five million dollars - saying that this cannot be done without the authority of Congress.

OIL

America has plenty of oil. That the news given out tonight at Great Falls, Montana, by R.A. Cattell of the Federal Bureau of Mines. There may be an immediate shortage, says Cattell -- short termed deficiencies in the oil and gasoline situation, but in the long run this continent of North America has a pretty good picture of fuel reserves. If our present national gas supplies give out today, says the chief of the Petroleum and National Gas Division of the Bureau of Mines, it would be fifty years before our automobiles had to stop for lack of fuel and lubrication.

There's plenty of oil in the American ground, with Colorado, Utah and Wyoming having the highest prospective economic value of any nonshale deposits in the world." But that oil is still in the ground and it has to be gotten out. Cattell made his statement to give proper perspective to oil men's warning that the mid-west states will run short of oil next winter unless stocks are built up. There's no shortage of oil -- just a dislocation of distribution, says he. That means we

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need more tank cars and barge movements into the midwest area to avoid those threatened winter shortages.

Reassuring news for automobiles - gasoline for fifty years without increasing our present supply and if you want to look ahead, why according to Cattell, the U.S., could run for another thousand years on oil and gasoline extracted from coal.

ANTISEPTIC

In Boston, tonight, an announcement of a new antiseptic that kills more than forty types of bacteria. The Asthma Research Foundation, Incorporated, which has perfected the new antiseptic, terms it as important as the sulfa drugs and penicillin. Glycerite of Hydrogen Peroxide, they call it, this new germ killing solution discovered by Dr. Allan Brown of Boston, Regent of the American College of Alergies. Dr. Brown announces that more than five thousand patients afflicted with various infections have been cured by the new antiseptic. Physicians and bacteriologists have used glycerite of hydrogen peroxide with uniform success over a period of six years. Particularly effective in curing infections of the nose, mouth, throat and skin rashes, xx the antiseptic is also successful in the treatment of tubercular glands. It is non-poisonous and can be used by persons sensitive to iodine and to other antiseptics that might cause alergic reactions. Another step forward by science in the march against disease. Glycerite of hydrogen peroxide -- that's what it is called.

POLL

I'm getting a stream of letters about a bit of news we had on this program a couple of weeks ago. It was about a Gallup Poll Survey, which showed that fifty-one per cent of the people had never heard of the Marshall Plan. Among college graduates, nearly a third blissfully unaware of that most important of recent international developments -- the program of American economic help to supplement European self-help.

The comment in the letters is varied. The opinion is expressed that we Americans are much too concerned about petty, local neighborhood affairs--blindly ignoring world events that concern us so much. Others argue that we have enough troubles of our own right here at home, without all that grand idealistic talk about saving other nations. And some say there have been so many plans that -- who can keep track of them? Which has a point -- the past few years having got us dizzy with mazes of planning. Remember Professor Warren's gold plan? I do - with a faint and feeble recollection. It was one of those nation saving plans early in the New Deal.

One letter that I have here is from a retired Army Officer - Major General Tollett Bradley, who says that we news men are doing all right on the job of informing the public, but there could be more effective ways of enlightening mankind. The General suggests the following: "The only way to reach people who think more of their comics, sports news and ~~soap operas~~ ^{so on,} than they do of important events, " he writes, "is to meet them on their own ground. Differing from the lead-to-the-water but non-drinking horse, " argues the General, "you can't make a person tune in to a rx program that doesn't appeal to him, but, once he has tuned in, you can make him listen, for a few seconds anyway. By that I mean," the General goes on, "that comic strip writers might be induced to put in a plug now and then for an important item of information."

Get the idea? * - You lead the horse to the water with a radio comic ^{or some other show} ~~or a soap opera~~, and then make him drink up a little serious news, before he knows what has happened.

So there you are, my fellow colleagues in the N.B.C. program department. In between gags, tear jerkers and thrills, just insert, all of a sudden, the latest statistics about the British economic situation. And do it fast, fellows, before the victims can leap to the dial and tune in something else.

The General's idea is so good, we might even reverse the process and apply it to a news program -- like this one. Fill it up with jokes about ninety per cent, and in between the side-splitting puns, sneak in an occasional mention of the Soviets, Molotov, Gromyko or some other equally hilarious topic. In between the story of the drummer and the farmer's daughter, and one about the newlyweds on the train -- make a fast mention of the latest debate before the Security Council of the United Nations. It seems like a good idea, maybe I ought to try it -- only I don't know any jokes.

I have still another letter here, which reveals an even more deplorable situation. Its from a lady who is a Gallup Poll interviewer. She says she's not surprised that fifty-one per

of the people never heard about the Marshall Plan, because in the locality where she works the surveys show that - nobody ever hears of the Gallup Poll.

She tells of a survey made of high school pupils. Not one of them knew what the Gallup Poll was, except a sixteen year old boy, who said - "Sure, its part of a western saddle." Well, that's not so bad. The tall pommel of a western saddle might well be called a gallop pole.

And this brings us galloping along to you Nelson.

BRITISH LOAN

Taken from early Aug. 13th bc.

Washington announces the beginning of talks on the British loan - to start Monday. A twelve man British Mission will try to get some concession in the matter of the three billion, seven hundred and fifty million dollars that John Bull borrowed from Uncle Sam.

The news dispatch from Washington states that the British will not ask for any more cash, nor will they request any change in the rate of interest, or the arrangements for repaying the money. What they are interested in is a modification of technical clauses relating to what is called "convertibility" and "import discrimination." (If these technical clauses are altered according to British ideas, London will have more dollars of the loan available for the purchase of American imports. And Britain sure does need to have more dollars available.) London was forced today to withdraw another hundred and fifty million ~~five~~ dollars of the loan, which leaves only eight hundred and fifty million of the original three and three quarters billion. It is believed

that the British Government will have to use up the rest of it by October.

In our financial dealings with still another country we ^{are} ~~we~~ cancelling a debt. The country is Italy.

77 A dispatch from Washington states that there will be an announcement tomorrow of the writing off of five ~~hnd~~ hundred and forty million dollars owed by the Italian Government. This includes four hundred million dollars for food which the United States Army supplied to the Italian people and also a hundred and forty million dollars for lend-lease. The cancellation of this debt is in line with the ~~amx~~ American policy of supporting the non-Communist government of Italy.

INDIA

Out in India, in the broiling summer weather, --
hotter even than here in N.Y., if that's possible --
1 Lord Louis Mountbatten arrived today, at Karachi, one of
the hottest ~~xx~~ places on earth, *— on the edge of the Sindh Desert.* He is there for the
official ceremony of turning over British rule to the *new*
— British Dominion —
Mohammedan Dominion of Pakistan. Simultaneously,
sovereignty is being transferred to the Hindu Division *of*
that vast country,
~~on the~~ the Dominion called Hindustan.

of course
All this ^{is} a festive matter out there in India; *by*
the more so because of coincidence. As it happens, the
establishment of ~~the~~ Moslem ~~dominion~~ of Pakistan occurs
as the holy Mohammedan month of Ramadan comes to a close.
Ramadan is the time when every pious Mohammedan fasts
every day, from the new moon that begins holy month ~~xx~~
to the new moon that ends it. Then, when Ramadan is over,
all changes into rejoicing and revelry. The faithful,
obedient to the Koran, break their prolonged fast, and
Ramadan turns into a feast of roistering crowds, banquets
and celebrations, a wild carnival.

So now in India, this year, there'll be a double
~~xxxx~~ celebration - the beginning of Moslem Pakistan

MARSHALL

Secretary of State Marshall is rolling down to Rio tonight - flying down, that is. He took off from Washington today to ~~attend~~ attend the inter-American Conference, the first Pan-American get-together of the post-war period. ^{TP} Secretary Marshall is accompanied by Warren Austin, American Delegate to the United Nations, and Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. ^{TP} Vandenberg teamed up with Marshall, is calculated to give our good neighbors to the south another graphic illustration of the fact that American foreign policy is a bi-Partisan affair - the number one Republican leader in international matters sitting alongside the Secretary of State of the Democratic Administration.

President Truman was at the airport to see the party off - and he'll go flying down to Rio before long, together with Mrs. Truman and daughter Margaret. When? Whenever he is told to - the President today putting ~~himself~~ himself at the disposal of Secretary Marshall's American delegation. As they boarded the plane, the President said: I'll come whenever you tell me it's time."