

MOSSADEGH

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Our number one bit of news tonight might be summarized in the old phrase -- it wasn't so much what he said, as the way he said it. (The declarations made this afternoon by Premier Mossadegh of Iran before the Security Council of the United Nations were no more, no less, than expected. But the surroundings were novel and unique.)

That Anglo-Iranian oil controversy is as we now all know of vast importance to all of us. Added (drama has ~~been~~ supplied by the personality of the Teheran Premier. Feeble and fainting - most of the time ill in bed, falling into a swoon on almost any occasion.) A most unusual character for any drama. And today he took the world's stage - before the World Organization, the U.N.

The place was packed for the show, five hundred people jammed in the meeting room of the Security Council - which has a normal seating capacity of two hundred.

Thousands of applications for tickets had to be turned down. The newsmen were

there in force, as were the microphones and cameras - motion picture and television. (The cameras seemed ~~to~~ never to grow tired of pointing at the seventy-two year old Premier from Iran, the most famous invalid in the world.)

That alone, gave Mossadegh the edge. ~~The~~ proceedings were begun by British Chief Delegate, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, leading off for his government - and asking the Security Council to find Iran at fault for cancelling the oil treaty. But Sir ~~the~~ Gladwyn had trouble getting ~~xxxx~~ started. He is a statesman of urbane dignity, but his address <sup>was</sup> thrown out of kilter - by the way cameras kept making pictures of ~~Mohammed~~ Mossadegh, whose feeble weakness <sup>proved today to be</sup> ~~was~~ a tower of strength, <sup>so</sup> far as show business was concerned. Finally Sir Gladwyn had to ask the Security Council President to clear the floor, <sup>and</sup> get the cameras out - after which he was able to make his speech.

(The address by Mossadegh was all the more striking because he gave ~~xxxx~~ only part of it. He

spoke <sup>only 15'</sup> ~~for only five~~ minutes - then <sup>n</sup> ~~^~~ turned his manuscript over to an aide to finish.) That was according to plan, the Iranian Premier having stated that his illhealth would permit him to speak for only a few minutes. So his personal activity ended on that note -- a frail gesture of handing the manuscript over to somebody else to read.

(The contents were according to the schedule-insistence that the oil ~~dis~~ dispute was purely an Iranian internal affair, therefore was out of the jurisdiction of the United Nations. Iran - willing to negotiate, but only outside of the U N.)

## EGYPT

Word from London tonight is that the United States, Britain, France and Turkey will offer "unified resistance" to any move by Egypt which might stir up war in the Middle East. A spokesman in London put it this way: "If the pact proposals are rejected by Egypt, the four ~~big~~ powers are determined that such powers for defense will not be hampered."

It is also learned in London that (British military leaders have assured the government that "all ~~the~~ necessary steps" have been taken to ~~prevent~~ <sup>prevent</sup> ~~the~~ hostilities in the Suez Canal zone or the Sudan.) It seems the western allies will go <sup>right</sup> ahead with their Middle East pact plans whether Egypt joins in ~~it~~ or not.

## EGYPTIAN REPLY

To all of which Egypt gave her answer today <sup>- and that reply is</sup> "no" on all counts. (The Egyptian government announced that it would not join the Middle East Defense Pact proposed by Britain, the United States, France and Turkey. Simultaneously, the Egyptian Parliament voted unanimously to go ahead with plans for throwing the British out of the Suez Canal Zone and taking over the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.) *Just how they are going to do this I don't know! And it's doubtful whether the Egyptians do either.* In cancelling the Sudan treaty, the Cairo Parliament approved a new title for King Farouk: "King of Egypt and the Sudan."

As the Egyptian Parliament voted on the bill to cancel the treaties with Britain, huge crowds swirled around the Parliament Building. At one point we learn more than five hundred cheering demonstrators crashed through a police cordon into the Parliament press gallery.

Meanwhile, in the Suez Canal Zone, British garrisons ~~xxxx~~ are on the alert. Huge signs have been posted throughout the area. Written in Arabic - these warn the Egyptians against using violence.

## JAPAN

From Tokyo; ~~today~~ ~~comes~~ word that Japan will not recognize Communist China.

In a foreign policy debate in the Diet today, Japanese Prime Minister ~~Shigeru~~ Yoshida refused point blank to consider setting up diplomatic ~~xx~~ relations with Peking. "To open relations with a Communist country which has not discarded its communist principles, would only open Japan to ~~an~~ Communist propaganda," was how the Premier put it. The Prime Minister then declared that Japan cannot remain neutral in the world today. "We can survive only if we throw ourselves into the camp of the free world, and against the Communist camp."

*HP* Fighting words from the <sup>*able*</sup> Prime Minister of Japan.

## KOREA TRUCE

In Korea today, U N and Communist liaison teams held their sixth meeting in the neutral zone. The session went on for three hours, and afterwards came the word that "little progress" was made. One stumbling block is that the Communists insist on the impossible conditions that the U N command bear responsibility for any attacks on the neutral zones made by Korean partisans.

Meanwhile, (Peking radio has made its first comment on General Ridgways admission that American jets <sup>did</sup> strafe the Pan Mun Jom highway station outside Kaesong. A Communist broadcast takes the usual sarcastic stand, accusing the U N of "lack of good faith".)

## KOREA VIOLATIONS

In Korea today, a spokesman at Fifth Air Force Headquarters had a suggestion, which might prevent future violations of the neutral conference site. He proposed that brightly colored panels, such as used by front line troops, be laid in a giant XXXX circle around the forbidden zone. Such markings could easily be seen by jet fliers, and at night smoke flares, illuminated barrage balloons and searchlights would replace the panels. The Air Force spokesman told how all pilots had been briefed repeatedly and cautioned over and over again, to avoid the Kaesong neutral zone. But, as he put it, "airmen travelling at the tremendous speeds of jet planes are not always able to identify areas and targets, in the time allowed them." Hence this proposal - colored panels to catch our fliers attention and warn them of the neutral zone.



# KOREA

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~~In Korea today~~

bitter fighting flared in the area around Kumsong. After three days of skirmishing, the allied ~~in~~ drive along a twenty-two mile line today ran into fierce ~~xxx~~ resistance - after pushing forward <sup>some</sup> two miles. Word from the front is that the Chinese have thrown all their reserve troops into this battle, <sup>which is</sup> against American, South Korean and Colombian troops. There's little word of fighting from any other part of the <sup>Korean</sup> front.

## KOREA RIOTS

From Korea tonight, comes the first explanation of the rioting reported from Pongyang and other north Korean cities. This is described as -- "a family quarrel." Caused by a belief on the part of the North Koreans that the Chinese are infiltrating their government, and their army. One report states that Kim Il Sung, the North Korean Premier, has virtually lost control of his army to Chinese officers. There is also bitter resentment of the Chinese and Soviet advisers in the country. All of which leads many North Koreans to believe they have been "sold out to foreigners" to the Chinese.

ATOMIC WEAPON

In Miami, Florida, today, Robert A. Lovett made his first public appearance as Secretary of Defense; ~~when he speaks~~ <sup>speaking</sup> at the opening of the Thirty-Third Convention of the American Legion. ~~In his speech,~~ The Defense Secretary had a warning <sup>for any</sup> ~~to those~~ who put their hopes in "new" super weapons of an atomic nature." Lovett said that "very substantial progress had been made, but that these new tools of war are not yet ready." As he put it, "the Army could not hold one mile of front in Korea, with these new inventions, which are still untried at the atomic proving grounds in Nevada."

## LAS VEGAS

Things are booming in Las Vegas these days - and all because of a more spectacular attraction than roulette, craps and blackjack. Tourists are thronging, not only to lose their money in the gambling joints, but also to see the big atomic show - - they hope. <sup>For</sup> ~~the~~ new tests are <sup>due</sup> ~~scheduled~~ to begin any time now, <sup>more</sup> ~~--~~ atomic explosions at Frenchman's Flat, <sup>some</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>is</sup> sixty-five miles away. ~~but~~ When previous ~~expensive~~ experiments were held, <sup>atomic</sup> the fire works could be seen <sup>from</sup> ~~at~~ Las Vegas.

This time there will be new dramatic features -- which the tourists won't be able to see, we suppose. But it adds to the curiosity and the guessing. The test of atomic weapons will be held in conjunction with military maneuvers. Tactical weapons for use in battle, -- ~~and~~ <sup>to</sup> battle conditions ~~will~~ be simulated. Twelve hundred paratroopers have been gathered, <sup>One</sup> ~~we~~ wonders -- will there be paratroop drops, coordinated with atomic explosions?

All that is a secret -- and we are merely told

that the soldiers in the maneuvers will not be exposed to danger from the atomic blasts. They will be safeguarded - though they will go through the maneuvers of an atomic sham battle.

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ladies. "Please wear a small hat." Sweeping brims and feathers take up too much room, and two thousand invitations means H.M. Embassy will be jammed to H.M. Embassy's doors, to meet Her Royal Highness - and the Duke, Nelson.