

PALESTINE

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Washington has pessimistic reports - on the danger of war between the State of Israel and the Arab countries. There are two angles - each increasingly ominous.

One - in the north of Palestine. The project - for irrigation development along the Jordan. The United States has been pressing this irrigation program - as a way to bring the Israeli and the Arabs together. Since the project would be - of mutual benefit to both.

Presidential Representative Eric Johnstone has been out there, negotiating with both sides. Due home tomorrow - with his latest reports. The signs - not hopeful. The Arabs - demanding more time. And the belief is - they hope to kill the irrigation plan - by delay.

The Israeli, on their side, are threatening to go ahead on their own - if the Arabs obstruct. They say - they'll divert water from the Jordan for irrigation. This they could do by building a canal. Which could be done - in a couple of weeks.

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The Jordan is the dividing line between Israel and the Arabs. The old story - of two parties being entitled to water from a river. So, if the Israeli should start diverting water from the Jordan - the Arabs in those parts might ~~xxx~~ respond with a shooting war.

The other angle - Egypt. With Egyptian purchase of armament - from Red Czechoslovakia. There had been hope - that the United States could talk the Egyptians out of this. But now we hear - that the Cairo government has already made a down payment. Depositing two million, eight hundred and seventy thousand dollars in a Czechoslovak bank - as the first money for Communist weapons.

Tonight's Washington dispatch says there's fear that Israel might begin hostilities against Egypt - to get the jump on the Egyptians, before the Red armament is delivered.

(Still another focus of trouble - the Gulf of Aqaba. Which is an arm of the Red Sea - leading to the Israeli port of Aqaba. ~~W~~ Egyptians hold two small islands in the straits -

and have armed these with artillery. Blocking the waterway - to Israeli vessels.

The government at Tel Aviv has threatened - to open the straits by force. Possibly - by commando raids or by bombing. Which, of course, could start a shooting war with Egypt.

A whole force of American diplomacy is being exerted - to prevent an outbreak of war in the Middle East. But it looks as if those plans might collapse - if the situation grows worse.)

U.N.

The news from the U.N., tonight, sounds like a report from a national convention - picking a presidential candidate.

In the General Assembly, six ballots were taken today - and no decision was reached. The Philippines running against Poland - then against Yugoslavia. No contender - able to get a two-thirds majority. Which is necessary - for election to a Council seat.

There's a vacancy on the Security Council - left by Turkey. East and West - at odds about filling it. Soviet Russia - proposing Communist Poland. Our side - backing the Philippine republic.

The first ballot showed Poland - seventy-four. The Philippines - thirty-three. But, in subsequent ballots, the Philippines forged ahead - and looked like the winner.

Whereupon the Russians went into a strategic maneuver - dropping Poland. Switching - to Yugoslavia. Time was, when the Soviets and the Jugoslavs were bitter enemies - but that's different now.

On the next ballot, the Philippine total declined.

And the day ended - with the two contenders almost equal.

Whereupon there was an adjournment - for ~~the~~ purposes of "horse-trading", we are told.

MOROCCO

In French Morocco, French troops are now trying to seal the border - of Spanish Morocco. Three columns, driving to cut in behind tribes in rebellion - and keep them from reaching the frontier.

The French have been charging that the Berber insurgents of the Riff have been getting aid - from Spanish Morocco. So they^are trying to stop that. And also - encircle forces of rebels.

ROCKET

In Tokyo, today, crowds of Japanese took a look at - "Honest John." So who is he? Well, he stands twenty-five feet high, and is thirty inches in diameter. "Honest John" - being the name the G.I's give the new artillery rocket. A giant missile - capable of carrying an atomic warhead.

Today, however, "Honest John" had a cement head. The Army - assuring the Japanese that they^{re} are in no danger of atomic explosions. The rockets - charged with a harmless weight of cement.

Military maneuvers planned - in which rockets will be used. The Japanese - apprehensive. Thinking:- rocket fire with atomic explosions. The Army, striving to assure them - nothing like that will happen.

VOLCANO

Japan reports - a great volcanic eruption. A fire mountain - exploding with flaming lava and red hot stones. People terrorized, and none more so - than a party of university students.

The volcano is on the small island of Sakura, where five students were on a mountain-climbing expedition. Making their way up the slopes of the volcano - which hadn't shown any activity for five years. A sleeping fire mountain - or so they thought.

Some distance up the slope, they halted - for lunch. Sitting around, having a snack &- when the unexpected occurred.

Today one of the students declared: "Hot stones suddenly started falling on our heads." Which began - a fantasy of blazing eruption.

Several students were injured by falling volcanic rocks - and they scrambled on down the mountainside as fast as they could. In a town, ten miles away, volcanic dust came raining down - and, today, people were carrying umbrellas, in a shower of ~~ashes~~ ashes.

BUDGET

Senator Byrd announces - he'll oppose any tax cuts, until the federal budget is balanced. And - until some start is made, in paying off the national debt. The Senator, a Virginia Democrat, is a conservative in government finance. And toay he told the Illinois Chamber of Commerce - that the nation is mortgaged to the hilt". And it might be "unsafe" to embark on a tax reduction.

EISENHOWER

Today an Army project was carried out - commanded by a Major. Operation- Birthday Cake. The officer in charge - Major Helena Quinn, of the WACs. The lady Major - an expert at such matters as flour, eggs, sugar, in the mixing of the dough - and the preparation of the icing. The Birthday Cake - a large two-decker, with artistic decoration.

This happened at the Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, and I don't have to tell you who the patient was - commemorating his sixty-fifth birthday. President Eisenhower was not permitted to eat a great big slab ^{of cake.} He got a thin slice - doctor's orders.

STEVENSON

One political guess has been - that Adlai Stevenson would declare himself, ^{on} November Nineteenth. Stevenson, himself, has declared - he'll make his announcement in November.

Whether or not he'll seek - the Democratic nomination for the presidency. November Nineteenth is the date of a big Democratic shindig in Illinois, Stevenson's home state. One of those hundred-dollars-a-plate dinners - at which he'd give an address. So one assumption has been - that he'd use the occasion to make his announcement.

Well, if he does, he won't be the only presidential prospect at the party. Because here's a statement from Jacob M. Arvey, Democratic National Committeeman in Illinois - who is running the affair. Arvey indicating - that most of the other Democratic possibilities will be there. Harriman, of New York, will make a speech. So will Senator Kefauver, of Tennessee.

A news reporter inquired - would Governor Mennen Williams of Michigan be present?

"Is he a candidate?" asked Arvey.

"He's supposed to be," replied the reporter.

"Then," responded the National Committeeman, "we'll ask him."

So, if Adlai announces or not, it won't be - an all-Stevenson celebration.

SCHINE

At Anchorage, Alaska, an Army Corporal is leaving the Service. On his way - to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he'll be given his discharge. The Corporal's term of service - having expired.

A superior officer declaring - "He has done a good job in Alaska."

So who is the Corporal? G. David Schine - of the team of Cohn and Schine. So prominent in the headlines of the MacCarthy hearing. The television extravaganza a couple of years ago.

In that Congressional circus, the main point was the charge - that Senator McCarthy and Committee Counsellor Roy Cohn had pressured the Army - to get favors for Schine, former Committee investigator. Demanding - an officer's commission for him. Also - that Schine be kept in the New York area.

Well, ~~as we know at the time~~, he was drafted - Private Schine. The nearest thing to an officer's commission - promotion to the rank of Corporal.

As for being kept in the New York area, Schine was

transferred up to Alaska. About as different from ~~Bma~~ Broadway -
as you could imagine.

~~Now Corporal G. David Schine has done his hitch -
and, will have a part in the huge hotel interests established
by his father.~~

MUSIC

In the realm of church music, a stern decree has been issued. Banning - a number of pieces, commonly played or sung at church services.

The news comes from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Chicago. The order issued - by Cardinal Stritch. The forbidden list includes - the two most popular wedding marches. The one by Wagner - "Here Comes the Bride." And the Mendelssohn wedding march - with its majestic opening chords.

So why are they banned? The order by Cardinal Stritch points out - that ~~Wann~~ Wagner's wedding march is from an opera, "Lohengrin". The Mendelssohn masterpiece - from "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream", music for a stage play, Shakespeare.

"Oh Promise Me" is also ruled out, because it's from an opera. Which one? "RobinHood", by Reginald deKoven.

Obviously, the theory is - that theatrical music is not appropriate in a church. There being - plenty of church music more suitable.

But here's the surprise. Among the pieces of music

on the forbidden list, are the two best known versions of the "Ave Maria". Both the Schubert and the Gounod "Ave Maria".

~~which, everybody knows~~. So why should they be prohibited - in Catholic churches? The answer is - that they^a are more like secular songs than religious hymns.

The decision is based on one criterion. What it calls - "the essential quality of all sacred music. Namely, sanctity."

Well, this development in the Archdiocese of Chicago goes back to an old controversy. Many authorities holding - that church music should be of an austere, spiritual character. Like - the Gregorian chant, or the medieval style of cathedral singing. Not - in the worldly, or the romantic vein of later times.

PRINCESS

The communique from the sector of moonlight and romance is - as follows: "London. Princess Margaret went to dinner at Windsor, tonight, with R.A.F. Group Captain Peter Townsend."

They drove out to Windsor from London - separately.

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The dinner party - held at the home of ~~by~~ Mrs. John Mills, a cousin of the Princess.

This makes the second evening in succession - for the Group Captain and the Princess to meet at dinner. Last night, the Queen Mother was with them. So you can imagine how loudly the imaginary wedding bells have been ringing in British ears.

However, there's a damper on the curiosity tonight.

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~~The~~ statement - issued by the Press Secretary of Queen Elizabeth, which said: "No announcement concerning Princess Margaret's personal future is, at present, contemplated."

Which sounds as if the secrecy will continue for some time to come. The statement adding: "The Princess has asked the Press Secretary to express the hope that the press and public will extend to Her Royal Highness their customary courtesy

and cooperation in respecting her privacy."

Slightly ironical, ^{Hugh.} ~~maybe~~. Considering the lofty way
the British press has been cooperating. With daily headlines -
and stampedes of reporters. All - to respect the ~~privacy~~
privacy of Her Royal Highness.

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