

INDIA

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Britain is about to make another attempt to solve the problem of India, and this recalls the previous attempt, the one made four years ago. At that time, a British mission to bring about an agreement in India was headed by Sir Stafford Cripps - and he's going to do the same thing all over again. This was announced in London today by the Secretary of State for India.

The new Cripps mission will be a three-man affair - three Cabinet Ministers to go. Sir Stafford Cripps, himself, is a member of the Labor Government - President of the Board of Trade. That former time, he encountered failure because of the opposition of Mohatma Gandhi, who demanded immediate independence - and also because of the antagonism of the Moslems, who demanded a division of India into two parts, Hindu and Mohammedan. It remains to be seen how well the new Cripps mission can overcome those obstacles. London

states that the three Cabinet ministers will take  
with them ~~an offer of~~ <sup>an offer of</sup> ~~status to grant~~ constitutional government  
to India - and they'll have full power <sup>more</sup> plenipotentiary.

From India, the news tells of <sup>more</sup> disturbances at  
Bombay - with attacks against Americans. Sailors of  
the Royal ~~Canadian~~ <sup>Indian</sup> Navy are staging a strike against  
the slowness of demobilization, and today went on a  
riotous rampage. They attacked the office of the  
American Information Service, tore down an American  
flag and burned it. And they beat an American sergeant  
as mutineers roamed the streets armed with crowbars  
and other weapons.

## CHINA

The Chinese claim that Soviet Russia is training a large force of Japanese troops - training them for service in the cause of Communism. Chungking states that in Manchuria, northern Korea, and the Kurile Islands, the Soviet authorities have selected half a million Japs to be maintained as an armed force of Reds.

We know, of course, that in the surrender of Japan, the Soviets captured huge numbers of Japanese prisoners, and these - declare the Chinese, have been separated into three categories. One - the officers and all who had been indoctrinated by the Japanese military clique. The second group - all Jap soldiers whose political sentiments are anti-Communist. And a third element - the troops which seem to have no particular feeling against Communism. These last are soldiers from among whom the Soviets have assembled half a million, a sort of Japanese Red army - so claim the Chinese.



## HIROHITO

In Japan, the public tour that Hirohito is making, arouses Tokyo to all sorts of talk about shattered precedents. The Mikado is visiting bombed ~~shattered industrial~~ plants, <sup>with</sup> ~~and the~~ precedents <sup>now</sup> ~~are~~ being blasted just as completely - the Emperor of Japan never having before appeared among his subjects with such informal lack of ceremony. <sup>R</sup> Hitherto, he has preserved the sacred seclusion of an oriental despot, but now, in the era of MacArthur, it's different. The Emperor of Japan has renounced his divine dignity, ~~renounced~~ resigning as a god, and is <sup>a</sup> assuming the <sup>new</sup> ~~old~~ role of Hirohito, constitutional monarch - which includes the kind of public appearance made familiar by the King of ~~England~~.

Today, street car passengers didn't have to get out and climb down to the street, so as not to be above the Emperor when he drove by. And G.I.-candid-



camera-fiends perched on the running boards of the imperial car, snapping close-ups. The Japanese ~~population~~ population was astonished and perplexed, not knowing what to do - and still trying to pay the customary reverence.

The first visit of the imperial tour was to a fertilizer factory - fertilizer not being royal incense. Next Hirohito went to an iron plant, where he was greeted by the manager, an American. William R. Gorham, formerly of San Francisco, <sup>who</sup> has lived in Japan for twenty-two years - and is a Japanese citizen. He has two sons in the United States Navy.

As he was shown around among bomb blasted ruins, Hirohito did<sup>n</sup>ot say much - he's not talkative. He merely remarked from time to time - "Ah so", which sounds like perfectly good English. But actually it was Japanese, "Ah so" meaning "I see." (~~All of which~~)

## BRAZIL

Today brought the first official Latin-American response to the American Blue Book, the expose of pro-Nazi doings by officials of the government of Argentina. The response comes from Brazil, and takes the form of rejecting a Spanish Ambassador. Spain is sending a new Ambassador to Brazil, Eduardo Aunos, who is on his way. And now Brazil cancels its acceptance of Aunos, because he is mentioned in the Blue Book issued by the United States. *For he* ~~Aunos~~ is shown to have taken part in an Argentine effort to obtain armament from Nazi Germany, by way of Spain. In other words, Brazil falls in line with American policy in issuing the Blue Book.

Along with this comes word of an American protest to the Franco Government of Spain - this because of an attack made upon an American newspaperman.

A demonstration was being staged by Spanish Falangists, members of Spain's Fascist Party. They demanded that

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lookers-on give the Fascist salute, and the American newspaperman refused - Carl Hartman of the Associated Press. Whereupon Hartman was assailed by the Falangists, who struck him.

Another American was similarly attacked, a dentist long a resident of Madrid. He was knocked down in a fist fight that resulted from the refusal of American officers to give the Fascist salute.

It would seem to be a mighty late date for Spaniards to be going in for that salute business. You'd think the result of the war would have put an end to that.



BOMB

Secretary of State Byrnes declares that no American is involved in the Canadian spy plot -- the alleged attempt by Soviet Russia to gain possession of secrets of the atomic bomb. The Secretary insists that <sup>only</sup> the United States <sup>has the</sup> ~~great~~ <sup>mystery of the atomic weapon - has</sup> ~~Britain and Canada are still the only countries that~~ ~~are in on the mysteries of the atomic weapon - retaining~~ sole possession of the world's greatest secret. ~~said~~

~~now~~ Great Britain and Canada share it only in part - don't know the secrets of how to do it.

## ATOMIC

However, there is another story that the bomb  
~~We hear that the Canadian spy story is atomic bomb~~  
in Canada  
espionage extends to the United States. The word comes  
from Washington, from what the United Press dispatch  
calls - "a highly placed source." No foreign power in  
particular is named, although the espionage in Canada  
is attributed to Soviet Russia. We are told of what are  
called - "very great efforts" and "unlimited funds."  
These employed in a foreign attempts to procure secrets  
of the atomic bomb.

~~This word from the "highly placed source" is~~  
*TP Corvet*  
~~accompanied by a statement by~~ Congressman Rankin of  
*states*  
Mississippi that the spy business in Canada extends  
into the United States - and possibly into some of the  
Departments in the governments of Washington. ~~And the~~  
*He says*  
~~Congressman declares that~~ he'll call for an official  
investigation.

In London, meanwhile, there is word of an

arrest made by British military agents - an arrest in connection with the discovery of the espionage ring in Canada. They say the suspect will be flown to <sup>Attawa</sup>~~Canada~~

for questioning. (And in the House of Commons today

Prime Minister Aitlee stated that he has been in

communication with ~~Canadian~~ Prime Minister Mackenzie

King - on the subject of the spy conspiracy in Canada

<sup>atomic</sup> to procure secrets, of the ~~atomic bomb~~.



## CARDINAL

News about the ceremony of Cardinals relates that the Primate of Hungary arrived in Rome today - finally. He was a day late, not in time to receive his official message of appointment along with the other newly created Cardinals. The Hungarian Primate, ~~Mindszenty~~ Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, was delayed because Soviet authorities, who ~~were~~ are in control at Budapest, ~~held up his~~ refused to give him permission to leave for Rome.

He stated today that he had been trying to get permission from the <sup>W</sup>~~Soviets~~ for more than a month. "But," said he, "they continually refused, without giving any reasons."

Then finally the Russians agreed, and Cardinal Mindszenty was flown to Rome, with American Major General William S. Key, Chief of the Allied Control Commission for Hungary. They flew in the General's personal C-47 transport plane.

Vatican sources declared today that the

Soviet delay in permitting the Primate of Hungary to proceed to Rome was the first time in modern history that such a thing had happened. And we hear that the Vatican is going to lodge a protest at Moscow.

## STRIKE

A nationwide telephone strike was voted today. That is, the telephone workers gave their union the authority to call a strike if they can't get a sufficient wage increase by means of peaceful negotiation. The vote was held at Memphis, Tennessee, with two-hundred-and-fifty-thousand telephone employees giving overwhelming majority in favor of a strike -- if need be. The union will now try to gain its demands by negotiation -- before calling a walkout that would paralyze long distance through the country and local telephone service in forty-three states.



## LETTERS

I'll have to leave it to you fanciers of romance to figure out this one - and explain what went on in the brains of an apparently lovelorn youth whom the police have arrested in St. Louis. I, myself, am not such an expert in analyzing heart-thro<sup>b</sup> dreams and sentimental sighing. <sup>H</sup>The lad at St. Louis is a file clerk named Harold Rash, and Harold certainly was rash. He came from Ellismore, Missouri, and there the girl friend was a nineteen year old beauty named Veta Barclift. Some kind of heartache must have come about, some sour note in their love sweet song - because Harold Rash proceeded to write a series of anonymous letters to Veta Barclift. In these he made the most ferocious threats.

~~In one anonymous communication~~ <sup>H</sup>He warned her that he ~~had~~ intended to shoot her ears off - one by one. Just how many ears did he think she had, promising to shoot ~~them~~ <sup>1</sup>off - one by one?

In another letter Harold broke out in a rash with the following: "I, myself, chiver when I think of the things I am going to do to you. I hope you enjoyed the wine I sent you last week. It couldn't kill you, just give you ulcers."

To these gentle missives he appended a signature as strange as the blood-curdling threats. He signed himself, "Your sworn enemy, the Sea-Going Bell Hop."

~~I wonder what secret longings that would indicate in a seventeen year old office clerk who filed letters all day long in thinking of Veta Barclift. "Sea-going Bell Hop," would seem to ~~indicate~~ combine ideas of the ocean and a hotel.~~

Well, anyway, those anonymous letters

*all of which*  
frightened the life out of Veta Barclift - the shooting off of her ears one by one, the sending of wine to give her ulcers, and the other menaces of the Sea-going

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Bell Hop. The whole thing looked so serious that it got into the hands of the F.B.I., and today Harold Rash was explaining to F.B.I. agents - that it was all a joke.

He's quite humorous - that Sea-going Bell Hop!



## AGA KHAN

From London today two hundred and forty-six pounds of diamonds were shipped -- six hundred thousand karats. The treasure is on its way to India, to be featured in an extraordinary ceremony -- soon to take place.

This pertains to the Aga Khan, head of the Ismaili sect of Islam, which goes back to the Assassins of the Middle Ages, and the Old Man of the Mountain. The Aga Khan is a lineal successor to the Old Man of the Mountain, a most modern successor -- a social figure in London and Paris, a famous race horse owner, who several times has performed that cherished British exploit of winning the Derby.

Ten years ago the news featured the Golden Jubilee of the Aga Khan -- head of the Ismaili sect for fifty years. According to ancient custom, his religious followers presented him with his weight in gold. And now -- the Aga Khan's Diamond Jubilee is at hand, and they're going to give him his weight in diamonds.

In the olden days the treasure would have been of stones of the purest ray, diamonds of Golconda. But now things more prosy -- and industrial diamonds will have to do. For the Aga Khan's jubilee the London Government has released a supply -- a hoard insured at six hundred thousand dollars. After the ritual in India, the diamonds will be sent back to England to be used ~~in the~~ industrial <sup>ls</sup> market -- the Aga Khan's followers putting up money to equal the diamonds in value.

~~All of which injects a dull commercial note into the ~~xxx~~ oriental splendor. But otherwise, the ceremony will be carried out according to the ancient traditions of ~~my~~ magnificent India.~~ A few weeks from now, on March tenth, the Aga Khan will sit on one side of a scale, at the other end of which religious dignitaries of the Ismaili will heap diamonds to balance his weight. A lot of diamonds -- because the Aga Khan weighs a little over two hundred and twenty-

five pounds. And don't tell him it's bad to be overweight! At last report, the Aga Khan was not reducing. In fact, I hear that his appetite has increased a bit.



## TOMB

Remember the King Tut sensation -- the unearthing of the tomb of Tutankham<sup>2</sup>on, shortly after the last war? Well, right away in this post-war period, comes news of the discovery of another fabulous tomb of an Egyptian Pharaoh.

This is at the site of the ancient ~~Egyptian~~ city of Tanis, and belongs to the Twenty-First Dynasty, about a Thousand B.C. King Tut went back further, to an older period -- the Nineteenth Dynasty, several centuries earlier. The name of Tutankham<sup>2</sup>on gave people a lot of trouble by way of pronunciation -- until they simplified it to "King Tut." The name of this latest Pharaoh is even tougher. -- Psebkhanu. I don't know how you'll simplify that. Maybe -- "King Pseb."

At the time of the Twenty-First Dynasty, the imperial power of Egypt had declined a good deal, <sup>but</sup> still was in the full splendor of luxury and gold. The city of Tanis is regarded as the place where, in the Bible, Joseph went -- to become the cup bearer to Pharaoh and

get into difficulties because of Potiphar's wife. And Bible readers may gain from the pages of Genesis a notion of the magnificence of the Pharaohs of Tanis.

The tomb of King Pseb has been excavated by a prominent French archaeologist, Professor Pierre Menet, who today describes the treasures unearthed. These include three cups of solid gold, beautifully sculptured. And a golden statue of the Goddess Hathor. Also -- a pendant bearing <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ representation of the Sun Goddess.

The mummy of King Pseb was found in a condition of disintegration, but the tomb is described as - "extremely beautiful, and comparable to that of Tutankham<sup>n</sup>."

And so, after King Tut, here's King Pseb.

*And now here's old King Hugh.*