

**EUROPE [7-7+8. Mar. 19-51 - Monday.**

( In Paris the Schumann plan was signed today -- the long debated program for the pooling of <sup>the</sup> coal and steel resources by six western European nations. The countries that signed were France, Western Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands.)

Great Britain stays out of the pool but aims to break down ~~import~~ impediments in trade between the western European countries.

# IRAN

The newest violence in Iran is the same story all over again -- the doing of a fanatical Moslem sect, the Fibiayan Islam. Meaning, devotees of Islam. The murderous attack this time on the Deputy Chancellor of the University of Teheran, who was formerly minister of Education. ~~He~~ <sup>He</sup> in the same category as the assassination of Premier Razmara a week or so ago. The Chancellor had been a member of Razmara's cabinet -- and like the murdered Premier, he had opposed the nationalization of the Persian oil fields, the seizure of ~~the~~ anglo-Iranian oil.

As The would-be assassin aimed a pistol at the head of the vice chancellor, the gun missed fire twice. Whereupon a law student grappled with the assailant, and the pistol fired - a bullet ripping through the hand of the law student. Then the pistol fired again, and this time a bullet hit the Vice Chancellor in the side - inflicting a serious wound.

All the doing of murderous Moslem fanatics, who seem to be exerting an important influence in the nationalization of Anglo-Iranian oil.

We hear it is ~~now~~ now difficult to persuade influential political figures to join a new <sup>Teheran</sup> cabinet -- they are afraid of being assassinated.

## KOREA

The war news from Korea is becoming as much political as ~~is~~ military. (The U N forces are mighty close to that Thirty-Eighth Parallel - if they haven't reached it already.) Today it was the same story all over again - the Reds retreating all along the line, giving ground without resistance. Again, they are abandoning strongly fortified areas, a complicated system of dug-in strongholds, which it might have taken a lot of bitter fighting to capture.

Earlier word today was that the Communists were evacuating their Number one base, Chungchon, a little more than seven miles south of the Parallel. Later news, however, indicates that at least some Reds are in Chungchon. So the possibility remains that they may try to make a fight for that all important city on the central mountain front.

Today the Eighty Army stated that, all along the line, ~~new~~ positions were being established within seventeen miles of the Parallel - with patrol parties driving out in front. Strict Censorship conceals

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the doing of the patrol parties. But, we can guess that some of them at least must have ~~push~~ pushed mighty close to the mythical line, which is the subject of so much international controversy.

All of which makes the war news largely political - the question of whether General MacArthur, by international agreement, will be given permission to drive his big offensive on above the Thirty-Eighth Parallel.

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Last week, in his important statement to ~~the~~ Hugh Baillie, President of the United Press, the Supreme Commander, pointed out that it is now a war of ~~the~~ maneuver - Parallel or no Parallel. That in maneuvers of battle, it might be necessary to cut across that imaginary line.

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It now looks as if the Reds were pulling back behind the Parallel, maybe expecting to be protected by it. All of which tends to make the war news a political question.

## HELICOPTER

From Korea, news of the first battle - helicopter versus ground troops. It happened on the east coast, where a flying machine from the battleship Missouri was making a flight over land. Aboard were Lieutenant Francis Yirrell of Winthrop, Massachusetts, and Ensign Richard Coontz of Blountville, Tennessee. As they flew over the shore, Red soldiers on the ground started shooting at them. Whereupon Lt. Yirrell made a dive at them, while Ensign Coontz opened fire with a carbine. Which made it a duel between helicopter and ground soldiers. The Lieutenant kept his flying machine swinging from side to side in evasive maneuvers to make it a more difficult target -- while the ensign fired his carbine with such effect that the Reds were driven off, and took refuge in a cave. The helicopter, of course, could hardly follow them into the <sup>c</sup>ave - and that ended the battle.

## JAPAN

Here is a bit of news to add to all those stories about Japanese outside of their own country, who refuse to believe that Japan was defeated in the Second World War. This one is the classic of them all. It tells of a band of Japanese soldiers and sailors still holding a pacific island; still at war.

This was revealed today by the Foreign Office in Tokyo, in a statement telling how during the war, a Japanese army transport was wrecked on the island of Anatahan, a tiny atoll in the Marianas. So they took possession, and decided to defend the island for Japan. And they are still doing this, six years after the end of the war.

The Japanese government has tried to get them to come home, but they refuse because they won't believe that Japan was defeated and had to surrender. In efforts to convince them, pamphlets have been dropped on the island, and statements made through loud speakers on ships off shore. Japanese government agents have even tried to persuade

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# RETAKE

them with gifts of rice. But they still refuse to  
surrender. So now as a final proposal, the families  
of these stubborn warriors have asked permission to  
go to the island, mothers, wives, brothers, sisters -  
~~and they~~ <sup>to</sup> try to persuade these last soldiers of  
Imperial Japan that their country really was defeated.

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trying to keep underworld characters from getting into the business of government contracts. He said he knew of Costello as - "a big time bookmaker". So he was querying Costello about the underworld and government contracts for uniform?

O'Dwyer went on to say that Costello played a part in the prosecution of "murder incorporated" the notorious gangster outfit in Brooklyn. O'Dwyer, himself, pressed the case against Murder, Incorporated when he was the Brooklyn District Attorney - and sent several big shots ~~xx~~ of assassins to the electric chair. Today he stated that Costello helped in bringing one of these to justice - the boss murderer ~~xxxxxxx~~ named Lepke, who was executed for his crimes.

The Ambassador was questioned about Costello's connections with Tammany Hall, and said he believed that these existed. Whereupon he <sup>went into</sup> ~~xxxxxxx~~ a denunciation of ~~Tammy~~ Tammany as vigorous and angry as any you might expect from a reform crusader, and he said that, as Mayor, he had made a bitter fight against Tammany.

FOLLOW CRIME

( O'Dwyer insisted with the utmost of emphasis that he never had a political alliance with Costello, and this same denial was repeated later on by Costello himself. The alleged slot machine king made another appearance before the Senate investigators in New York -- this time to clear himself ~~xx~~ of charges of contempt of Congress. ) Previously he had been defiant, refusing to answer. But today he did not balk at a single question. He admitted that he was well acquainted with top political figures, <sup>and</sup> that he had helped ~~to~~ elect a leader of Tammany Hall. But he denied having had any political tie-up with O'Dwyer.

## RENT

The House of Representatives passed the rent control extension today - prolonging the ceiling on rents for ninety days, until ~~June~~ June Thirtieth. It was a "voice vote," hardly any opposition. The Senate has already passed the bill - so today's action in the House now sends the measure to the President.

OLYMPIC TEAM

I am in Idaho tonight, in a valley of the Sawtooth Mountains. People have come here these past few days from all over the world. Almost that. For instance, Lyman Bingham, Executive Director of the American Olympic Committee, flew nine thousand miles to get to Sun Valley for the selection of the American Winter Olympic Team, and ~~last night's~~ <sup>the</sup> Harriman Cup Banquet.

The races, downhill, Slalom and combined, have been held on Baldy and Ruud mountains, and today the Olympic Teams were announced:

Jack Reddish, Salt Lake City; Darrell Robison, Salt Lake ~~City~~; Dick Buek, California; Jim Griffith, Idaho; Jack Nagel, ~~Skykomish~~, Washington; and George Macomber, Brooks Dodge, and Verne Goodwin from the East. <sup>So</sup> Announced by James Huidekoper of Jackson Hole, ~~Wyoming~~, Chairman of the Olympic Downhill and ~~ski~~ slalom sub-committee.

Women's team: Easterners Andrew Mead, Sally Neidlinger, and Imogene Opton. From the West, Jannette

## PLANE

A jet plane accident at San Diego, California -- one of the weirdest ~~xxxxxx~~ mishaps that ever occurred. Last spring at this time, I was at San Diego, and saw plenty of those navy jets as they went roaring right ~~past~~ <sup>over</sup> the hotel Del Coronado. So I can ~~xxxxx~~ appreciate what happened today, when a jet fighter took off on its own, went flying without a pilot. <sup>TR</sup> Two planes ~~xx~~ were about to take off at the San Diego Naval Base, one piloted by Lieutenant Edwin Boudinot of Redwood City, California. Just at that moment the Lieutenant noticed that something was wrong. The plane was on fire. So he got out and jumped to the ground - whereupon something strange happened in the burning plane. Something ~~xxxxxx~~ started it going. The jet went rolling down the runway.

<sup>TR</sup> Lieutenant Boudinot jumped on a wing, and tried to work the controls to cut off the power. But he was thrown to the ground, ~~And~~ suffered bruises. ~~so that~~ panther jet kept going, and took off - flying out over ~~xxxxxx~~ San Diego Bay and swinging in a circular course. <sup>at</sup> Climbed to seven hundred feet; ~~then it~~