

PRECEDE IRAN

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(Premier Mossadegh of Iran today agreed to "delay indefinitely" the taking over of the oil fields, scheduled for this week.) Our Ambassador in Teheran, Henry Grady, says the situation is "opening up."

Though the oil crises seems to be easing as far as international relations are concerned, Iran still faces serious internal problems - notably in restoring order. Conditions have been verying on anarchy.

IRAN

Britain's sixteenth parachute Brigade is tonight on its way to the Mediterranean island of Cyprus - the British base only five hours flying time from Iran. Three battalions today entrained for Portsmouth, and will put to sea tomorrow. Before leaving, the King gave his approval ~~to~~ to the force's new Latin Motto, "Utrique paratus;" "ready for anything."

Meanwhile, reports from Teheran state that fanatic Moslem mobs have been storming Catholic churches in the oil field area. Yesterday came news that there had been ^{some} agreement ^{concerning} ~~on~~ negotiations between the Iranian government and the Anglo-Iranian oil company.

~~However, in the House of Commons today, Britain's Foreign Secretary announced that Britain will continue to press for direct ⁿ negotiations between the two governments. He also told Parliament that a supply of gasoline rationing coupons had been ordered, as a precaution should ~~the~~ Middle Eastern oil supplies be cut off.~~

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We have an ~~interesting~~ sidelight on the Iranian oil ~~dispute~~ ^{matter} ~~this comes~~ from the B B C's magazine, "the Listener" which states: "according to Herodotus, writing twenty-four centuries ago, ~~xxxxxx~~ a Greek called ^{Erig}tagoras, went to the Spartans and urged them to attack Persia. 'No other nation in the world has what they possess,' he said, 'gold, silver bronze, embroidered garments, beasts and slaves. All this you might have, if you so desire,' ^{Erig}said ~~tagoras~~ ^{to the Spartans.}

Today the Persians have something ^{far} more valuable ^{All that} ~~oil!~~ ~~As a result of the Persian crisis, we see our main source of supply in danger. This is why the crisis in Persia is really of first importance to all of us in the western world."~~

~~And what say you, Nelson!~~

COMMUNISTS

The Supreme Court today upheld the conviction of those ^{eleven} ~~nine~~ Communist party leaders, charged with conspiring the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence. The ruling six to two, with Supreme Court Justices Douglas and Black dissenting. Chief Justice Vinson, who spoke for the Majority, said that the Communist conspiracy reflected "a clear and present danger of an attempt to forcibly overthrow the government."

That The government cannot wait until the putsch is about to be executed. The plans have been made and the signal is awaited. The government must act," he declared, "as soon as it discovers a group aiming at its overthrow by violent means."

Attorney General ~~J. Howard~~ McGrath hails the verdict as "a good day for loyal citizens and a ~~very~~ bad day for the conspirators." As the Attorney General put it, "the Justice Department is now able to proceed to give additional protection against those who seek to overthrow the government by violence."

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Though McGrath would not elaborate, this statement seems to imply that the government will soon proceed against other national, state and local Red officials.

The eleven now face five years' terms, and fines of ten thousand dollars each, with one exception.

(Robert G. Thompson draws the ten thousand dollar fine, but only three years in jail.)

ADD COMMUNISTS

In New York the Communist party announces that it will ask the Supreme Court for an immediate rehearing. This was announced by Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the American Communist party -- one of those convicted today.

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CONFERENCE

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JAPANESE PEACE TREATY

In London this afternoon, British Minister of State Kenneth Younger and John Foster Dulles sat down at the conference table with legal and political advisers from the State Department and Foreign Office, to thrash out the final text of the Japanese Peace Treaty. After the meeting, it was announced that considerable progress ~~already~~ had been made, ~~in shaping the draft that the conference opened today in an atmosphere of extreme good-will.~~ Officials said they hoped ^{to} ~~it would~~ be signed and ratified before the end of this year.

Britain and America have both submitted draft texts, and from these will come the final treaty. Designed, as one official put it, to "restore Japan as a sovereign ~~power~~ power in its own right in the Pacific; (to bring the Japanese people to live with others as good neighbors.)"

~~This is an opportunity for the Allies of World War Two to show that they have a genuine desire for peace. There is no comment from London on~~

CEASE-FIRE

(From London tonight comes word that the British government is stepping up the tempo in Anglo-American talks about a possible Korean Armistice offer.) Today ~~United States~~ ^{K.S.} Ambassador Walter Gifford called on the British Foreign Secretary, and talked over the Korean truce idea. ~~Britain is also in close touch with the Commonwealth countries learning their views.~~

~~Another contact on Far Eastern affairs between the United States and Britain was made ~~xxxxxx~~ by John Foster Dulles. Dulles opened talks at Britain's Foreign Office today about the Japanese peace treaty. It is learned that Korea will also ~~xx~~ figure in these discussions.~~

The situation is summed up by one British official in the following words: "In Korea the battlelines have become stabilized roughly in the center of the peninsula. Such a situation in itself ~~xx~~ makes this an appropriate time to make a new attempt at a cease-fire." ~~There's much speculation ~~xx~~ at the U N~~

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but, the question is, what the Reds are thinking - the
Kremlin, and Peking.

KOREA

(In Central Korea today, the Allies hit the main line of Red resistance in ~~xxxx~~ those fortifications built by the north Koreans before the war. Front line dispatches make much today of this defense network. Which they call "the iron triangle.") The fortifications are dug into high mountains, between Kumhwa and Chorwon. And stretch back to Pyongyang in the North. Again, rigid censorship blacks out most details of the fighting. But a United Press report describes heavily constructed bunkers, ~~Each one~~ holding from eight to ten men - with ~~good~~ natural ~~in~~ camouflage where heavy foliage has grown over the defenses. Which sounds ~~very~~ like the Japanese bunkers of World War Two in Burma and the islands ^{of the Pacific} - almost impregnable against air and artillery bombardment.

In today's fighting, the entrenched Chinese let the Allies come within a few yards of their position and then opened up with a withering fire. Artillery barrages are described as "not completely effective", with the enemy still popping out of the bunkers after

tremendous bombardment.

One advance is reported today, where U N troops, using grenades and bayonets, drove forward three miles, hacking their way hill by hill, into this Korean Maginot Line.

Also word of a five mile advance on the East Korean front.

(Secretary of State Acheson, today, gave an all-around, all-out defense of U.S. policy in China.) Most of what he stated is familiar material, but he assembled it in one large pattern - (testifying before the MacArthur committee today.)

He defended the Yalta agreements, which made so many concessions to Soviet Russia - ~~on~~ on the ground that, at the time of Yalta, we did ~~not~~ not know we had the atomic bomb, and thought we would have to invade the main islands of Japan in ~~xxxx~~ savage battle.) So we wanted Russia to come in and pin down the powerful Japanese army in Manchuria.

(Moreover, the Secretary contended that the concessions to Stalin at Yalta would have been taken by the Soviets anyway - upon the defeat of Japan.) The Russian Reds might have ~~xxxxxx~~ taken much more, he reasoned - being in a position to seize territories like Manchuria the island of Sakhalin and the Kuriles. So the deal at Yalta merely conceded to the Soviets what they would have taken, in any

event. Such was the defense of Yalta made by the Secretary of State today.

Similarly, he upheld American policy toward Chiang Kai Shek and the nationalists in their conflict with the Chinese Reds. He pointed out that Chiang Kai Shek never did have control in Manchuria and North China at any time. Because, for years, those areas were held by the Japanese invaders - or by the Communists.

Dean Acheson quoted the famous Wedemeyer report in stating that Chiang Kai Shek would have, first of all, to build a sound regime in South China -- and would find it much more difficult to take over in Northern China and Manchuria. So, according to the Secretary, the only way the United States could have assured the dominance of Chiang Kai Shek would have been to throw huge American forces into China -- which the American public would not have permitted. So the downfall of the Nationalists would seem to have

been inevitable -- the more so as they failed to carry out social and agricultural reforms that were necessary.

Such was the justification of our Far Eastern policy since the Second World War -- the Secretary of State presenting his case in the controversy which has been so bitter.

POLICEMAN

The police trial in Brooklyn was delayed today in startling fashion, when one of the defendants plunged ~~fxm~~ from a window in a suicide leap. Charles Panarella, a retired policeman - charged with having accepted ~~xxxx~~ bribe money from gamblers. He was one of twenty-one, going on trial in the police gambling scandal.

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KING

From Buckingham Palace, comes word that King George must cancel all public engagements for at least four weeks. His doctors say that a period of complete rest is essential for his recovery from lung inflammation, which followed an attack of flu. Earlier today, it was announced that the King's condition had improved. *Then came this later* ~~But later came this~~ word from the doctors.

Amongst events at which Princess Elizabeth will take the King's place, is the ~~colorful~~ trooping of the color ceremony ^{on} Thursday. Also, the week's state visit of King Haakon of Norway and the traditional race meeting at Ascot, for the Gold Cup.

MARGARET TRUMAN

One nice thing about a trip to Europe -- you get away from familiar sights and scenes, and have a change. But don't tell that to Margaret Truman. We heard how, when she set sail for Europe, she would be trailed by Secret Service Men everywhere, London, Paris, Rome. Those same Secret Service men - who shadow her Father and make a President's life anything but private.

But in London, it is more than that. A dispatch tells how daughter Margaret went sightseeing today, followed around by a crowd - American soldiers, largely. The G I's crowded round, stopped her, snapped her picture. So, for the President's daughter, sightseeing in London today, Nelson, was virtually a G.I. mob scene.