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PALESTINE

The bridges over Jordan have been blown up !
In Palestine the weekend was celebrated with fresh outbreaks of battle, murder and sudden death. Eight bridges across the Jordan were destroyed. The British say, by Jewish Terrorists. Whoever did it, they were essential frontier gateways between Palestine and Transjordan.

Thirteen were wounded and at least four killed, in the Holy Land, yesterday.

This was the first time Jews fighting for independence had attacked on that Eastern frontier. The first consequence of the blowing up of the Jordan bridges was much activity by British Police, the Royal Air Force, Tanks, Infantry and the Arab Legion. The police are using bloodhounds to track down the Jewish Militants.

King Abdullah, of Transjordan today announced that he is going to take drastic action.

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Looking at the affair impartially, it appears that the destruction of those bridges must have been an exceedingly well organized and skillful job. Groups of disciplined men in uniform attacked police forces about midnight, first distracting the attention of those who were guarding the bridges - one of them near Jericho. That enabled other bands to blow up four railroad and highway bridges over the Jordan as well as four highway bridges in Northern Palestine.

The most important contact was at the Allenby Bridge named for the great Field Marshal, Lord Allenby of Jerusalem and Meggido, who drove out the Turks. There was a battle which lasted thirty minutes between Jewish fighters and guards. Finally, the Jews won out and were able to plant their explosions. These created a blast so terrific that it blew off the roof of a nearby frontier post, injuring a policeman and a civilian.

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In Paris, the British Embassy gave out a statement that there was a regular underground traffic in weapons and munitions to Palestine, which originates in Holland and Belgium. The fighting materials are smuggled into France and from there sent, without much difficulty, to Palestine.

INDIA

The Hindus and Moslems of Hindustan are still at loggerheads about the British plan for giving them independence. The Moslem leaders in general approve of the Viceroy's proposal for an interim government. In fact, they would accept it if it were changed to a government of twelve, ~~ten~~ five Moslems, five of the Congress Party, and two others. But the Congress Party, *the Hindus,* ~~Gandhi's outfit,~~ continues to speak bitterly. They say that under the Viceroy's plan, India would be ruled by the most reactionary, commercial and industrial interests in the ~~country~~ country.

Both Moslems and Hindus agree that only British Troops could force the people of Hindustan to accept the interim government as proposed by the Viceroy, that is if either of the two principal parties reject it.

This rendered the sudden arrival of Field Marshal Montgomery an exceptionally dramatic event. He landed at Karachi fresh from the storms and strifes ~~ragi~~ raging in the Holy Land. The official announcement

9 ^{is} ~~was~~ that he is going to New Delhi to become acquainted with current strategical problems in India before taking up his work as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

CONFERENCE

Here's news! - that
~~Here is a real astonisher~~

the big four Foreign Ministers at Paris passed a whole day in absolute harmony. However -- ^{and yes,} there is an "however" -- they did ^{not} take up anything important, and avoided all the major issues. ^{TR} *For one thing they*

~~They did~~ ^d agree that Italian property in foreign countries should be seized to satisfy the claims of members of the United Nations; also that all ~~Italian~~ claims against the United Nations should be dismissed, wiped out. They also concurred on certain general economic clauses to be included in the Italian peace treaty when it is finished. ^{and -} They postponed all consideration of reparations from Italy. It was

announced that Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov had been most friendly throughout the meeting. ^{Even when he} ~~he made~~

^{made} objections to certain points, ^{he} ~~but~~ withdrew them.

Consequently, British Foreign Secretary Bevin said, "let's adjourn while everything still is friendly!" ^{and} *they did.*

RUSSIA

However, Almost every day the Russians come up with a fresh grievance against Uncle Sam and John Bull.

The latest concerns the proposal to internationalize the ~~rive~~ Danube. Pravda, organ of the Communist Party,

described it as an attempt to destroy the economy of

the Balkan Nations by an open door policy, ~~which is~~ ^{imperialistic} *Question!*

When is an open door policy imperialistic?
~~supposed to be imperialistic.~~ Whenever a Russian

^v newspaperman runs out of adjectives, he ~~has to use the~~ *Falls back*

^{on} ~~word~~ "imperialistic".

On June Fourth, British Foreign Secretary Bevin pointed out that traffic on the Danube was

paralyzed because the Russians had refused even to

discuss river control, ~~and~~ ^{despite the fact that} there ~~is~~ urgent need to use

the river to transport food to the hungry peoples of

~~Europe~~ Europe.

LOAN

Four members of Congress today published a minority report, denouncing the ~~monster~~ loan to Britain. They said that the loan, instead of promoting world trade, would add to the ~~identical~~ totalitarian controls which the loan and other world monetary agreements are alleged to prevent.

They then took up the argument that our three billion, seven hundred and fifty millions would help Britain to ~~become~~ become a bulwark against Communism. Said the four Congressmen: "If this assertion is valid, it could constitute the most persuasive argument for the loan. Unfortunately, neither the British situation today, nor the history of such efforts, warrants any hope that this loan can fulfill this ~~claim~~ claim." Then they pointed out that Harold Laski, Chairman of the British Labor Party, said that if they had to choose between Russia and the United States, his party would stand four-square behind the Soviet Union.

~~If Britain is to become a stronghold~~

UN.

There was an argument over Franco today in the Security Council of the United Nations. Sir Alexander Cadogan, speaking for Britain, ~~was for taking it easy~~ ^{favored} waiting until ~~at least~~ ^{the} the meeting of the General Assembly of U.N. in September. The Australian, French and Mexican ~~Deleg~~ Delegates wanted quick action, to take up the Polish complaint that ~~Francisco~~ Franco and his government are a threat to world peace.

Sir Alexander Cadogan pointed out that it was highly questionable whether such action against Franco would be legal. ^{He said he} ~~he~~ would rather see it taken before the international court.

The French Delegate ^{insisted} ~~declared~~ that Franco ^{and went over the story of how} ~~is~~ extremely dangerous. ^{He} came to power through Fascist aid, sent Spanish Troops to fight with the Germans on the Western Front, and even today is engaged in Fascist activities and the suppressing of freedom.

LITCHFIELD

Over at Bad Nauheim,
~~There was an angry scene today in the~~

~~courtroom~~ where the Litchfield ~~brutality~~ trials ^{is} ~~are~~ being held, *lawyers* for ~~the prosecution and for the~~ defense ~~broke out with angry words.~~ The advocate for Colonel Kilian, former commander of the Litchfield camp, complained that out of the ninety-seven witnesses for whom Kilian had asked, only one had been produced, although twenty-seven of them are in the European theater. This lawyer then tried to have several members of the court thrown out. He declared it was unfair that ^{Col.} Kilian should be judged by men who are inferior to him in rank. In this he was not successful. ~~Then another lawyer for the prosecution took issue, with Kilian's advocate, accused him of making wild and~~ ~~irrelevant speeches, aimed at the newspapers.~~

Col. Kilian himself announced that he had written to President Truman, asking him as Commander-in-Chief to appoint a board of inquiry to investigate the charges ~~that were~~ made against him, Kilian. He said he wanted both the basis of the case scrutinized, ^{and} ~~also~~ the government's ~~own~~ methods, ~~in building it up.~~

At the White House, Secretary Charles Ross ^{sa} ~~declared~~ ^{said he knew nothing of such an} ~~that he could find no record of any~~ appeal made by Kilian. In any event, ^{that} the President has made no reply to the ^{U.S.} Army Colonel accused of ~~xxxx~~ ^{American} unspeakable brutalities to soldiers.

Kilian's lawyer, whose name is Lieutenant Colonel Raymond E. Ford, also had a run-in with Colonel William H. Beck, the law member of the court which is trying Kilian. Ford made a motion for another thirty days delay. The court turned it down, and Colonel Beck told Ford that he had asserted a lot of things in his motion which aren't true and unfounded. That aroused Ford's anger also. He then made a motion for a change of venue, wanted his client tried in the United States. The court turned that one down too.

GERMANY

All Nazis have been cleaned out of government jobs in the American zone of Germany. Not only Nazis, but all Germans whose character is questionable. That's the sum of a cable that Lieutenant General ~~Lucius~~ Clay, Deputy Military Governor of the American zone sent to Washington today. He reported that a hundred ~~and~~ and fifty thousand employees or ~~more~~ people who had applied for public jobs, had been either fired or refused employment. There are no persons who's political beliefs are objectionable, in either military or civil jobs in the entire American zone, said General Clay.

JACKSON

Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson will be coming back home soon. He told newspapermen he ^{is} ~~was~~ returning to report to the President on the progress of the war crimes trial ~~at~~ Nuremberg. There is a prospect now that these trials may be over in July.

However, Jackson has no intention of quitting as Chief American Prosecutor.

Reporters naturally asked him, what about his feud with Justice Black? Jackson declined to discuss it, but obviously it is ^{sure} ~~bound~~ to enter into the conversation when Jackson calls at the White House.

As yet there is no indication of what effect the Jackson-Black squabble will have upon Jackson's ambitions to be Governor of New York. It is no secret that some Democrats want to nominate him to run against Governor ~~Thomas E.~~ Dewey in November. Of course, his letter denouncing Black has given Associate Justice a huge volume of publicity. But it is also ~~well~~ known that Mr. Truman was not

pleased with Jackson's action, in fact the President made no attempt to conceal it. ~~This makes it highly doubtful that~~ ^{So will} Justice Jackson ~~will~~ have the support of the White House for his New York candidacy?

The Senate Judiciary Committee today issued a statement about the cablegram which Jackson had sent from Nuremberg. The gist of the statement was that the Committee had no authority to consider the charges that Jackson made against Black. Under the constitution, the Senate of the United States can act only as a court to decide charges brought against a judicial officer, and even then only when the charges are preferred by the House of Representatives through impeachment proceedings.

ADD FOOD


President Truman and his advisers are planning a ~~desperate~~ fight to rescue some shred of power for O P A. The measure to ~~not~~ continue the existence of the agency for another year is now being discussed by the conference committee of Senators and representatives. Both the upper and lower house displayed ^{are} ~~little~~ ^{ing less and less} regard for ^{O P A, and fair} ~~the agency formerly administered by Chester Bowles,~~ and for the way it has been conducted. But the President himself was won over by the ~~acciduous arguments of,~~

~~Bowles,~~ and apparently ~~actually~~ believes the claims that Bowles made on behalf of O P A in spite ^{of all} ~~of the growing~~ volume ^{the} ~~of~~ black markets ^{ing that's going on.} ~~in virtually everything.~~

The President and ^{Democratic} ~~the~~ party leaders in Congress cling to their hopes that the conference ^{of House + Senate will} ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~save the O P A,~~ committee ~~will turn out an O P A which they like better~~ than either the one passed by the house or by the Senate.

Washington gossip is that the President will veto the ^{Senate} bill if it ^{'s} sent to him in its present form. But Senator Barkley, the majority leader, after calling at the White House today, said that Mr. Truman had given

no inkling of what he intends to do. The Senate ~~is~~ bill had an amendment which would take all meat, poultry, milk and other dairy products away from ~~the clothes~~ of O P A after June thirtieth. Speaker Rayburn and leader Barkley hope ^{to} ~~they can~~ get that provision ^{dropped.} ~~wiped out.~~



today by the way,

The O P A ~~has~~ permitted a raise of eleven

cents a pound on the official price of butter. Price

control spokesmen ~~make the optimistic promise that this~~ ^{*say*}

will make large quantities of butter available, ^{*also more*}

cheddar cheese ^{*for us.*} ~~on which an increase is allowed~~

UNRRA

The management of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration is going to receive ^{A congressional} a sharp rap on the knuckles. A sub-committee of Representatives has been investigating UNRRA's operations, ^{and} ~~as a result, it~~ has prepared a report most uncomplimentary to UNRRA's operations in Europe, especially in Poland. The report has ~~been~~ not been released yet, but when it is, ^{we hear that} it will contain the accusation that UNRRA Relief in Poland was administered by the Russians and that supplies were given only to those who supported the Communist Warsaw Government.

The report also will be ~~very~~ critical of other UNRRA operations, ^{with} ~~as it contains~~ a statement that ^{as a} ~~former Mayor LaGuardia's~~ relief agency ^{it has been} ~~is~~ slow and awkward, ^{and} ~~because it is~~ poorly administered.

MERGER

There had been hope that Congress would pass the bill merging Uncle Sam's armed forces before it adjourns, as President Truman asked. But prospects for that went glimmering today. Senator Robertson of Wyoming, announced that the Naval Affairs Committee would insist upon, as he put it, very, very thorough hearings. The Military Affairs Committee of the Senate has already exhausted investigations. This announcement from the Naval Affairs Committee stymies the whole

normal procedure ^{and} ~~it~~ will render any consideration of the measure, before ^{the} ~~adjournment~~ in mid-July ^{adjournment} ~~quite impossible,~~ of Congress, most improbable.

JAPAN

Among Army Officers there is much difference of opinion, whether to put ~~the Emperor~~ Hirohito of ~~Japan~~ on trial for war guilt, ^{or not.} Joseph B. Keenan, Chief Prosecutor ^{at} the Japanese War Criminal Trials, ^{today} told newspapermen ^{that} he believed it would be a mistake to put the ~~Mikado in the dock~~ ^{Emperor on trial.} Hirohito, said he, was only a figurehead and a fraud whom the warlords used for their own purposes. However, other prosecutors do ^{it} ~~not~~ agree ^{that is,} ^{with Keenan,} Prosecutors representing other Allied Countries. ^{So Hirohito may still be tried!}

And now Hugh will you say your say.