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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY: -

The news from Jerusalem tonight tells of savage fighting inside the Holy City. Jews and Arabs ~~engaged in a series of~~ in hand-to-hand combat~~s~~; ~~the battle raging~~ part of it from room to room inside the ~~great~~ French hospital of Notre Dame. ~~With no decisive victory to either side.~~ The Jewish Haganah army inside the old walled city has apparently been reinforced. Men and arms, ~~men~~ getting through the Arab lines during the night. All day there has been heavy shelling in Jerusalem. Elsewhere in the Holy Land reports of air raids by Jewish and Egyptian planes. But no major battle.

~~What~~ About that U N truce in the Holy Land? The cease-fire order, that was supposed to have gone into force today? The Jewish government, Israel, cabled its acceptance to the U N Security Council. They say they were willing if the Arabs were. But, two hours after, the U N deadline passed; the hour when the U N wanted the

fighting to cease, the Syrian delegate at Lake Success took the floor. Speaking for the seven Arab nations, he asked for more time to consider the truce suggestion.

So the Security Council gave the Arabs forty-eight hours to make up their minds. This, after they received telegrams from each of the Arab states. These acknowledged the Council's request for a truce, but said their governments had not had time to consider the matter jointly.

The United States today made an independent effort to stop the fighting in Palestine. Our State Department sent a special appeal to the seven Arab states -- asking them to comply with the United Nations' "cease-fire" order.

The State Department told the Arab states that our people are ~~country is~~ "gravely disturbed" by the present course of developments in The Holy Land. Although King Abdullah's desert country is not a member of the U N -- it's application for membership having been blocked by the Soviet -- a special appeal was sent to Amman - Abdullah's capital. ~~that country.~~

No replies ~~have come~~ so far. But a news dispatch

from Amman, ~~Trans-Jordan,~~ says that delegates from the seven Arab nations will meet there tomorrow to consider the U N "cease-fire" request.

The Arabs apparently are in no hurry. In fact, a message from Cairo intimates that they will settle for nothing less than the complete surrender of the state of Israel.

Word from London is that the British Foreign Office says it will cooperate in the United States effort to bring an end to the fighting in the Holy Land. Today British Foreign Secretary Bevin told our Ambassador, Lewis Douglas, that Britain is using, what Bevin termed, her "best endeavors" to bring the Arabs into line.

Later a London Foreign Office spokesman said that Britain will not consider withdrawing those forty British army officers who are fighting with the Trans-Jordan Legion; and that she will continue to ship arms to Trans-Jordan and Iraq -- that is, live up to the letter of her treaties with those two Arab nations. ~~The London Foreign~~

BERNADOTTE

Meanwhile the United Nations is rushing preparations to get Count Folke Bernadotte to Palestine, to take over that job as Special Palestine Mediator for the United Nations.

The Count is waiting in Paris tonight. He will fly to Jerusalem in a Dutch KLM plane with Red Cross markings and the words UNITED NATIONS ~~paint~~ painted in large letters on the wings and fuselage. U N Secretary General Trygve Lie has asked the Arab nations, the provisional government of Israel, and the British, to guarantee safe conduct for the Count's plane on its way to the Holy City. The plane will not leave until all the parties concerned give the United Nations assurance that they won't attempt to molest it.

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa has recognized Israel, the new Jewish state. Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts, in a cable to Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok, said that while the Union of South Africa recognizes the government of Israel, it cannot recognize Israel's boundaries until the Nx United Nations makes up its mind about this.

Prime Minister Smuts, in his cable also said that South Africa will give recognition to any Arab state that may arise in Palestine. So South Africa recognition seems to be on a non-partisan basis -- recognition for everybody.

South Africa is holding a general election on Wednesday. The Nationalist Party, which is opposing the aged Prime Minister, says it will not repudiate tx his recognition of Israel -- if its party wins the election.

GANDHI

In New Delhi, India, tonight, they're getting ready to try the assassin of ~~Mohandas K~~ Mahatma Gandhi, India's great spiritual and political leader.

Nathuram Vinayak Godse and his eight associates, all said to be members of a Hindu terrorist organization, were flown to the Indian capital today from Bombay. The Delhi despatch describes Godse as a twenty-five year old high-class Brahmin.

The nine prisoners have been put in a barbed wire enclosure inside the Old Delhi Fort. They will be tried in the same ancient court room where the last of the great Moguls was tried by the British for inciting the Indian Mutiny of 1857.

And what penalty will the government of India impose on the alleged assassins? Tonight's story from New Delhi intimates that their lives may be saved by the express wish of the man they are charged with slaying. The will of the Mahatma is reported to say that if he were to meet his

death by vioence, he was not to be avenged by execution.

FRANCE

Good news from Paris, that French economy has turned the corner, thanks to E.R.P. - the Marshall Plan.

And what are the signs and portents? Earl Johnson, Vice-President of the United Press, reports that in Paris, now, you can have hot water for your morning shave. (Also, you can now buy half a pound of bread a day, made from American wheat.)

However, he goes on to say that French prices have soared forty per cent above wages. The government's big problem is how to bring prices down.

When Finance Minister Meyer made his plans to save the Franc last year, he also made a deal with labor:- no further wage demands until this June. In return, Meyer promised to roll back prices twenty per cent. In that he has failed. And now, the Unions, half of them under Communist control, are expected to go all out for higher wages. And this, says the reporter, may mean another wave of crippling strikes.

He goes on to say that right now the French are

optimistic. They feel they are out of the woods. (The U.P. Vice-President praises the French for helping themselves through rigid government economies that saved the Franc. And, he pays tribute to the industry of the common man.)

(French industrial production, he says, is now thirteen per cent above Nineteen Thirty-Eight. France helping herself, Frenchmen working hard, and making progress.)

SOCIAL SECURITY

President Truman sent a special message to Congress today, a request concerning social security. The President asks for an increase of at least fifty per cent in old-age pensions. That would raise the present twenty-five dollars a month average-pension-payment to about thirty-seven fifty. The President told Congress that wider social insurance benefits are necessary to protect active workers from insecurity in the face of what he calls "creeping inflation."

Mr. Truman wants Congress to act on his recommendations during the present session. Because, he says, the present period of high employment and earnings is the most favorable time for working people to pay the extra money necessary to support the cost of the new measure.

AGRICULTURE

We have a new member of the President's Cabinet. Mr. Truman today nominated Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brennan to succeed Secretary Anderson.

Brennan is a career civil servant. His appointment, we are told, comes as a shock to Capitol Hill - to some. The Southern Democrats, for instance, had been hoping President Truman would nominate Congressman John Flannagan, a Virginia Democrat, in an attempt to appease the South, which has much resented the President's civil rights program.

But, the President passed up the politicians for a career man - just as he did when he appointed Jesse Donaldson, Postmaster General.

LEWIS

In Washington today, the government sought an injunction to make John L. Lewis get on with the business of negotiating a wage contract with the soft coal industry. Lewis began the negotiations last Tuesday, sitting in conference with the mine operators. But, he walked out the next day when the mine owners refused his demand that they exclude the Southern operators from the conference. Lewis denouncing the Southern organization as a "holding company", twice removed from the real mine operators.

And so today Robert Denham, attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, filed a formal complaint, charging the United Mine Workers and its President with a double violation of the Taft-Hartley Law. He took his complaint to Judge Goldsborough, who set June First for a hearing.

MACARTHUR

Here is -- well, let's call it the prediction for the day. Not mine, though. I'm not a prophet. In Washington, the MacArthur-for-President headquarters says that the present ruler of Japan, may attend the Republican Convention at Philadelphia on June Twenty-first.

For some time now MacArthur's backers on Capitol Hill have been urging Congressional leaders to call the General home. They want MacArthur to testify before Congressional Committees concerning military and economic problems in the Far East. Undoubtedly, the General will have plenty to say that will be worth hearing, if he does return. And, if he turns up at the G.O.P. Convention, that will add much to the show.

Senator Styles Bridges said today that he is going to ask his Senate Appropriations Committee to vote on whether they want to hear MacArthur's views on foreign aid.

General Wainwright, hero of Corregidor and Bataan, has been busy on Capitol Hill, urging

Congressmen to bring the General home, and have him give Congress his views on many subjects. Apparently, General Wainwright has met with encouragement. Today he said he hopes MacArthur will be returning next month -- in time for the Convention.

If there should be a deadlock at Philadelphia -- well, the idea of MacArthur coming home offers possibilities.

AUNT MARY

~~Here's news of the Democratic Convention. In,~~

Washington today it is announced that Congresswoman Mary Norton -- the Democrats call her Aunt Mary -- has been chosen chairman of the Credential's Committee of theDemocratic National Convention. Said Congresswoman Norton -- sorry, I mean Aunt Mary -- on her appointment, "The Republicans are to blame for the housing shortage, and the rising divorce rate. The Democratic Party has always done more for women than any other", And she adds, that from her experience on Capitol Hill, "The only thing women have to learn in politics is how to get along with men." So apparently Aunt Mary knows a thing or two.

DODGERS

President Truman had another problem placed before him today -- a harder puzzle to solve than the doings of the Soviets or the political prospects in the Presidential race. Today the President was handed a Congressional demand -- that the White House do something about the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The demand was made by Congressman Donald O'Toole of New York -- who, on a visit to the White House, pointed out to the President that the Dodgers, early today - were in last place in the National League -- the cellar. Okay, but what could the President do about that? The answer points to the fact that Harry Truman is from Missouri -- and Branch Rickey, boss of the Brooklyn Dodgers, came to Brooklyn from Missouri, from the St.Louis Cardinals. Congressman O'Toole intimated that Brooklyn would be willing to give Branch Rickey back to the Missourians. He asked the President -- would Missouri be willing to accept? So what was the White House answer? Vague, indefinite, non-committal. "The President laughed," relates Congressman O'Toole,

"and said he guessed we Brooklynites were in a hole. But he didn't make any promise." The fact is that Harry Truman is a St. Louis fan, and doesn't care how badly the Cardinals beat their old bitter rivals, the Dodgers.

Ordinarily, I don't take sides in any controversial question, but in this case I must line up with Branch Rickey. After all, he and I are colleagues in running baseball teams -- he with the Brooklyn Dodgers and I with my NINE OLD MEN. In fact, I feel all the more expert, because I've just written an article on soft ball for the magazine SPORT.

I know the woes of running a ball team. The Brooklyn Dodgers have a lot of injuries and cripples -- as the magazine SPORT has sadly set forth. But you should see the cripples among my NINE OLD MEN. In one game a few years ago, my pitcher was Eddie Rickenbacker, far-famed in aviation. He was just out of the hospital, after a crash that nearly cost him his life -- and he

took the mound on crutches. So you should know how a manager feels when he sees his pitcher tossing the ball from between a pair of crutches. From what I read in the papers, that's what Branch Rickey may soon be looking at -- the way those Brooklyn Dodgers have been going.

But today they snapped out of it, and won a game. Battling with the Cincinnati Reds for last place, they won, by a score of 9 to 4, and are now in seventh place.

TEXAS

Ray Halloran of Cincinnati, ~~Ohio,~~ won a letter-writing competition on the subject of "Why I Hate Texas." Ray, who was stationed in Texas during the war, thought up so many reasons why he didn't like the Lone Star State that the Texans not only gave him the prize, but invited him to spend a vacation with them - and, learn to love them, we presume.

Can it be that the Texans are getting soft? Or, just that times are changing? Texas folk have never had the reputation of being modest about their state. Time was when a casual spoken word depreciating Texas could cause a visitor a lot of trouble. An argument that might start with a simple, "Pardon me, stranger," and have a very unhappy ending for the critic.

But not in the case of Ray Halloran, who gave the Texans the criticism they asked for. Today he telephoned his mother back in Cinninnati. He told her he has been offered a house and land in Texas; and all kinds of other good things, that make the pickings of a radio quiz look like peanuts.

And no difficult question to answer. No mystery tune to identify. All Ray has to do to collect the booty, is to marry a Texas girl.

And what did Mama say, when Ray asked her advice? "Take 'em up, pardner," she told her son, "take 'em up on it."

And now Partner — hop to it!