

MOSCOW

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(Collingwood substituting)

Soviet Russia rejects the American protest - in the case of ~~four~~ ^{five} Russian sailors who returned home, after having sought political asylum in the United States. The charge is that they were "pressured" into going back, and two members of the Moscow delegation to the U.N. ~~members~~ have been ordered expelled from the United States for the part they ~~part~~ played in this episode.

There were nine Russian sailors, originally, who sought asylum here, and Moscow charges they were ^{He further charged} "unlawfully detained." / ~~He further charged~~ - the State Department in Washington refused to let them be interviewed by representatives of the Soviet Embassy. Of course, the sailors signed statements that they didn't want to see the Soviet people. But Moscow claims - they were compelled to do that.

The Soviet reply demands that the remaining refugee sailors be given, what the note calls, "an opportunity to take a free decision on their return home." However, those sailors have already told Soviet Ambassador Zarubin - they would rather die than go back.

The charges and counter-charges have been rehearsed previously, and now are repeated in the American protest and the Moscow rejection today.

CANADA

The Canadian Communist Party fell in line, today - joining the anti-Stalin parade. Tim Buck, leader of the Canadian Reds, is just back from Moscow - where he saw the new light. He attended the Twentieth Congress of the Russian Communist Party, at which the degradation of Stalin was begun.

So, in Toronto, Tim Buck groans and says, "It was all a terrible mistake." He told a rally of some fifteen hundred that Canadian Communists, following the Party line of not so long ago, had been guilty of Stalin worship.

"We accepted the cult of the great man," Tim Buck admitted. "We joined in the great era in which Stalin's word was accepted without question."

Then, expressing repentance, Tim Buck went on to denounce the crimes of the tyrant of the Kremlin.

"Many shocking things were done," said he. "Some not even justified as measures for the survival of the Soviet Union."

All ~~the way~~ around the world, the big shots of Communism have been joining the anti-Stalinist chorus, and now - Tim Buck, too. Pardon the pun.

PALESTINE

U. N. Secretary General Hammarskjold flew from Jerusalem to Damascus, today - then back to Jerusalem. He'll fly to Cairo, tomorrow.

The reason for all this hasty sky travel is - the Jordan River. Which produces a ninth hour difficulty in the arrangement of an all-around cease-fire along the borders of Israel.

Syria interjected the Jordan issue. Saying - that Syria will not agree to the cease-fire, unless Israel abandons its plan for a Jordan River project. ^{to drink} ~~drinking~~ water - from that Biblical stream/. The Jordan rises in Syria, which claims water rights.

The U.N. Secretary General took that up with authorities of Israel, in Jerusalem, and got a negative reply. The Israelis stating - they will not give up the Jordan project. They argue that the question is outside the business of a cease-fire, and claim Syria is dragging it in.

Tonight, Syria agreed in writing to the Hammarskjold cease-fire proposal, but added a condition - that Israel must refrain from going ahead with its Jordan irrigation scheme.

With both Syria and Israel adamant on the subject, Dag Hammarskjold is busy trying to save the negotiations on which he has worked so hard.

NEPAL

The dateline of this next item of news is - Katmandu, Nepal, May Second, Ten Forty A.M. The hour and minute, Nepal time, are important - they're the exact instant prescribed by the royal astrologers. A ~~king~~ king was crowned, a thing to be done - only when the planets and constellations are just right.

Nepal, at the foot of the Himalayas, is one of the few countries in this modern world where ancient ideas continue to prevail - strange occult notions of traditional Asia. So the astrologers had to be consulted about the time, and the coronation today was a fantasy of the exotic.

and his queen, Ratna Deva,
King Mahendra Bir Binkram Shah Deva, proceeded through the city of Katmandu, riding on an elephant, arrayed in silks of blazing colors. Hindu devil dancers accompanied them, leaping and whirling.

The actual rite of coronation, beginning at exactly ten forty A.M., was a complicated ritual. The King was smeared with sacred mud. *Then he was* ~~They were~~ cleansed with waters from sacred

rivers like the Ganges. He sat on a throne decorated with sculptured cobras, and cushioned with skins of an ox, a cat, a leopard, a lion, and a tiger. Then, on his head, the high priest placed a crown encrusted with jewels - believed the most costly crown in the world.

The news dispatch from Katmandu gives us a mere ~~glimpse~~ glimpse of the coronation fantasy - but we'll have eyewitness accounts from Lowell Thomas, who is out there attending the ceremony as a representative of President Eisenhower. Likely enough, we'll have Lowell's description by electronic recording, tomorrow.

BOMBERS

A Congressional Committee was given figures, today, for the production of the B-52 hydrogen bomber. And one striking thing is - the number of super-bombers that have been rejected by the Air Force.

General Curtis Lemay, chief of the Strategic Air Command, stated that seventy-eight B-52s have been built thus far, and of these only forty-seven have been accepted. Thirty-One - rejected, because of mechanical trouble.

General Lemay called this mechanical trouble "serious" But added - that the difficulty could be corrected in a brief time. "We now have a solution", said he.

ATOMIC SUBMARINE

The Navy releases the story of a mishap to a New Jersey fishing boat on April Twenty-second - which nearly resulted in tragic disaster for the trawler "Jennie" and her crew. The importance of this episode of the peril of the deep - lies in the explanation.

Captain Tonnes Anderson of Pleasant Point Beach, New Jersey, tells how the "Jennie" was trawling for fluke - dragging a big net, which picked up the fish. Suddenly, the "Jennie" lurched, coming to a stop - and then started going backward. The stern of the craft began to sink, until the deck was level with the water. ~~The "Jennie" was being pulled in.~~

They had caught something in the net, bigger than they ever dreamed of. Something - that was pulling their boat backward, and down under.

Luckily, when they were about to sink, the cable attached to the net - snapped. And the "Jennie" bobbed up again, riding the waves. Captain Anderson and his crew were safe, but they had lost their net and their fish, and there

was nothing to do but go chugging back to their New Jersey port.

Some while after that mishap at sea, a surprising discovery was made at the big submarine base, Croton, Connecticut. The atomic submarine, the Nautilus, came in, after a voyage submerged from Key West. When the Nautilus came to the surface, approaching the harbor - what did they see? A ~~fish~~ net, ^{with a catch of fish,} snagged around the super-structure of the atomic submarine. The net and fish - belonging to the "Jennie".

The men of the Nautilus hadn't noticed any sign - when their submarine tangled with the net, and nearly pulled the "Jennie" down into the deep. The Nautilus just kept on going, one hundred and fifty feet below the surface. ~~in~~ Injury to the sub - some ~~small~~ damage to ^a ~~her~~ running light, and a scratch on the hull. But I suppose the Navy will have to pay Captain Anderson for the net and fish he lost.

ITALY

The Secretary General of the Italian Chamber of Commerce made a declaration today - on the subject of old violins. Those priceless fiddles made in the Seventeenth Century by the old masters of the Cremona school - Stradivarius, Amati, Guarnerius. The Chamber of Commerce official demands that something be done - about the widespread sale of fakes. A worldwide swindle - with fraudulent imitations of those masterpieces of violin-making. Some fakes, he declares, have been selling ~~nowhere~~ for as much as forty thousand dollars each.

Giovanni Iviglia publishes an "open letter to the dealers in old violins." Telling them that they have failed to take serious measures to stop ~~down~~ the phoney traffic. So he proposes a system of international inspection and control. This may sound like that international system of atomic inspection and control, which the world is devoutly praying for. But it concerns not, hydrogen bombs - but fiddles.

The official proposes the establishment of a world

congress of violin dealers, who would preside over classic instruments, and keep an official "register of violins". He urges prompt action - and don't fiddle around.

TEXAS

In Texas, things do happen in a big way - the recent blast of stormy weather, for example. Along the Gulf coast, winds up to one hundred miles an hour. At the town of Gatesville, nearly five inches of rain fell yesterday - giving the town a total of seven inches of rain in forty-eight hours.

The wind blew the roof off a city warehouse in Galveston, and rolled a box car several hundred feet down a siding. Lightning touched off many fires, including a seventy thousand dollar blaze in Houston. At least five tornadoes have been reported, and hail stones, the size of golf balls, battered the towns of Del Rio, Junction, and Midland.

In central and west central Texas, rivers and creeks are in raging flood - driving hundreds of family from their homes.

Yes, they do things in a big way in Texas.

LOUISIANA

Members of the history class at Shreveport College, Louisiana, are going to resurrect a Yankee warship, sunk in the Civil War. U.S.S. EASTPORT - scuttled by its crew in Eighteen Sixty-Four. The ship, with a cargo of armour plate, was in the Red River, which flows into the Gulf of Mexico. Running ~~parallel~~ parallel - to the Mississippi. The EASTPORT was trapped, and the Union fleet commander, Admiral Porter, ordered the vessel to be sunk in the river.

So now the Shreveport students are getting out their shovels. You'd think they'd require diving suits, but they are going to dig out the old hulk. Unearthing - a sunken ship.

The answer is that the Red River has changed its course in ninety-two years, and its bottom in Eighteen ~~Sixty-Four~~ Sixty-Four is now covered by a sand-bank. Under which they'll find - the Yankee warship.

MARCIANO

There has been no end of comment about the retirement of Rocky Marciano as heavyweight champion. Following the example of Gene Tunney - who retired undefeated. But Tunney did more than set an example. He contributed advice and good counsel - Gene talking like a Dutch uncle.

I have this from Ed Allen of the United Press, who tells me how - a year or so ago, he and Gene had dinner together at an Italian restaurant, Vesuvio. They were expected, and Patsy, the proprietor, said:

"Rocky Marciano was in here a little while ago, and I told him Gene Tunney would be here later. Rocky had to leave for a television appearance. But he said he'd be back. He said - he'd like to meet the champ." That sounded like Rocky - always modest.

Gene and Ed were finishing their dinner, when Rocky appeared, and a long ~~and~~ conversation ensued. Ed Allen says - "You should have heard it!" Gene - doing the talking.

He said: "Rocky, get yourself another fight or two, and then - quit. Get enough money in the bank to take care of your family, then retire - before you slow down and some young punk beats your brains out."

Tunney went on to tell about his own case - how he was at his peak. But he knew if he stayed around long enough, he'd end by taking a beating. So he retired while the retiring was good, and he urged Rocky to do the same.

Marciano, the heavyweight champion, listened - as if to an oracle. And promised - he'd take the advice to heart. Ed Allen says - he doesn't know whether it made any difference. But the fact is that Rocky has now followed, not only Gene Tunney's example, but also his advice.