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~~THE~~ PALESTINE L.I. - P. & G. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1947.

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under panamanian registry but they are American ships"  
and then continue.~~

This evening in London, the foreign office announced that the Panamanian government had withdrawn the registration of those two Jewish refugee ships, the Pan Crescent and Pan York, heading towards Palestine tonight. <sup>And</sup> ~~this registration~~ <sup>this ~~registration~~</sup> deprives the two ships, said to be carrying some fourteen thousand illegal immigrants, of all maritime rights. The <sup>(Panamanian)</sup> ~~Panamanian~~ government stating that it has decided not to ~~re~~ renew the registry of the two ships which expired over a month ago because of British opposition. And so those two ships, the Pan Crescent and the Pan York, are now approaching the Holy Land, deprived of all maritime rights. American ships erased from the Panamanian registry.

## PALESTINE

In Washington, the State Department has called for an investigation of agencies that raise funds to help smuggle illegal Jewish immigrants into Palestine. Both the F.B.I. and the Treasury have been instructed to begin an ~~invt~~ inquiry.

The F. B. I. is called in under the Neutrality Laws, which ~~a~~ make it illegal to outfit a ship in this country for use against a friendly power. It is understood that Great Britain has protested about American vessels carrying illegal immigrants. For example, there are ~~in~~ two ships off the Palestine Coast right now, with eleven thousand refugees aboard. They are under Panamanian registry, but they are American ships.

*insert* → The Treasury Department is in the inquiry ~~has~~ because of the question of tax free contributions, the question being - have illegal immigrant ships been financed by contributions which were deducted from income tax? The tax law permits the deduction of ~~donations~~ donations to religious and charitable organizations and the Treasury is told to find out about any such



donations which may have been given for the purpose of blockade running into Palestine.

Meanwhile, news from Jerusalem tells of the arrest of Mrs. Goldie Mayerson, head of the political Department of the Jewish Agency - taken into custody on a charge of the possession of illegal weapons. Last week Mrs. Mayerson was in a perilous adventure - injured in an Arab attack on the road between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem when four members of the Jewish Agency were killed. Today, she was on the same highway, hurrying from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv for what the news dispatch calls "urgent consultations." She was to confer with Mosha Shertok, political representative of the Jewish Agency in the United States, <sup>who</sup> ~~he~~ has just returned to Palestine from this country.

Mrs. Mayerson was driving in a Jewish convoy when this was stopped by the police. Weapons were found, ~~the~~ weapons in her car. At first the police intended to arrest the bodyguard of the head of the political department of the Jewish agency, the bodyguard being

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a sixteen year old girl.

But Mrs. Mayerson stated that she was responsible for the weapons - whereupon ~~w~~ she was taken into custody, and released after several hours on ~~xxxx~~ orders from Jerusalem.

The convoy after she left it, had to fight its way through an Arab ambush - two Arabs killed in the fighting. So the convoy must have had other armament. Maybe this was possessed legally, or maybe the convoy had official guards - none of which is made clear in the story.

The news continues to tell of killings and brutalities in Palestine - Arab mobs and snipers, ~~Jewish~~ Jewish mobs and snipers, continuing their deadly work.



## ROMANIA

Word from Romania is that abdicated King Michael was prevented from leaving the country today - by bad weather. He planned to take a plane out, but the elements ~~xxx~~ intervened. So he plans to leave tomorrow - weather permitting.

However, the news story adds a statement by Communist Premier Gorza who intimates that the ex-King may not depart until Friday. Moreover, the Red Chieftain takes exception to the number of people who want to accompany Michael into exile - the whole court, apparently in addition to the Queen Mother.

The Abdicated Monarch is said to have applied for sixty visas, which would cover the officials and courtiers at the Royal ~~Rxx~~ Palace - all wanting to get out of their Communist homeland. The Red Premier said today that he doubted Michael would take with him a whole entourage of sixty.

However, Gorza declared that the ex-King could go if he liked. "He is free to stay in Romania as a private citizen, if he wishes," said the Premier,

"But I think he has a private motive for leaving." That, of course, applies to the story that Michael ~~quit~~ quit his Royal job because he wants to marry Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma, who is waiting for him in Denmark.



## SOVIET NEW YEAR

In Moscow today Mr. and Mrs. Tovarivitch were solemnly warned by the Soviet Government not to wish each other good luck in the New Year. A government edict barring the use of "good luck" in the Soviet Union.

And why? Because according to the Soviet government ~~such a greeting~~ such a ~~greeting~~ greeting indicates that Russians do not know what the future holds in store for them. And this, according to the Soviet radio announcer, ~~is equivalent to treason~~, is equivalent to treason. "We are masters," *he said* over the air waves. "It is foreign to us to pin our hopes on good luck". And so the comrades were instructed to wish each other: "New Year greeting! -- new achievements!"

And after that, the Soviet radio broadcast the cry of the first baby born in the Soviet New Year. Said the announcer to the ~~new~~ babe: "We don't know your name. But we do know you will have a grand and interesting life because you were born in Soviet land." A baby born under a regime that forbids people to wish each other good luck.

## VICTOR EMANUEL

Today, in the <sup>great</sup> Egyptian City founded by Alexander the Great, a reigning Sov<sup>e</sup>reign and three Monarchs in exile were the chief mourners at the funeral of a former King. In Alexandria, they took Victor Emanuel-the-Third of Italy to his final rest. <sup>R</sup> The reigning sov<sup>e</sup>reign was Farouk of Egypt. The three Kings in exile were Humbert, Victor Emanuel's own son, who succeeded him shortly before Italy became a Republic; Simeon, the ex-boy King of Bulgaria; and - Zog of Albania. Yes, that same Zog whom Mussolini drove out, putting Victor Emanuel on the Albanian Throne. <sup>R</sup> After the war, King Zog was not invited back to Albania. He stayed in exile - and was today the chief mourner at the funeral of the King who took his throne. ~~Now~~ There are strange turns in the lives of men, especially the lives of Kings - nowadays.



## ARCHITECT

From Germany we have a proposal to use that conquered, shattered country as a sort of international pig. That is architecturally speaking - use the ruins of Germany for a huge experiment of rebuilding.

The suggestion comes from Dr. Walter Gropius, one of the ~~wikd~~ world's foremost architects. Dr. Gropius is a German who got out of Naziland before the war - and, over here, became the head of the Department of Architecture at Harvard. He's back in Germany now, and offers a plan for reconstruction along the latest lines of architecture and sociology.

He proposes - decentralization. Break up large cities into small communities, make each community so compact that a wife can walk to the store and her husband can get to his job on foot. He says that in Chicago the figures show that some commuters spend as much as nine years of their lives ~~in~~ traveling to and from work. Germany should be rebuilt as a series of towns of from five to eight thousand people - which, he argues, would also promote liberty and democracy.

These ideas are in accord with a good deal of present day thinking. For example, I recently received ~~an~~ *interesting and important* ~~a~~ book called, "Decentralize For Liberty", by Thomas Hewes, which presents an elaborate thesis to show that our overgrown cities are a menace to our democratic freedom.

~~In Germany hugeness was typical of Nazi thinking - there was a relation between the super-man ideas and the Hitler super-building. The psychological effect of the monster architecture, says Dr. Gropius was to overwhelm and depress the individual. "Each doorway," he explains "was as huge as the gates of hell - and, once inside, a citizen had to walk miles to get any place. Consequently, he was exhausted and depressed by the time he got there. "Well, I suppose we could point to a few examples of that same thing over here - in New York and Chicago, not to mention the Pentagon Building in Washington where people got lost and rescue parties had to be sent out to find them."~~  
The Harvard Architect ~~points~~ points out that,

politically, the smaller community would give the individual German more chance to participate in his government - working democracy. He suggests the New



England town meeting as an ideal that would promote liberal democracy in Germany - <sup>with that</sup> ~~which~~ battered country <sup>to</sup> ~~could~~ serve as a model for city planning in other nations, an architectural guinea pig.

## VANDENBERG

(Senator Vandenberg has spoken again - about himself and the Presidency. Once again he declares he is not a candidate.) This time he makes reference to the Michigan Primary, as well as to the Republican National Convention. Writing to a friend in his home state, he says: "I do not want my name presented or supported, either in the Michigan State Convention or the National Convention at Philadelphia" to which he adds: "I am confident that I can best serve my country by completing my present term in the Senate."

So that would seem to be that - or is it? Vandenberg has made similar disavowals in the past - and that, apparently, was not that. Because there are some people who simply won't take no for an answer. Which is true in politics as well as in romance. ~~So today there~~ was prompt mention of Sherman - that same Civil War General of "Marching Through Georgia" fame. In the ~~Senate~~ Senate, a Vandenberg friend admitted that the gentleman from Michigan undoubtedly meant what he said, but added - "This is not a Sherman move." (The reference,



was, of course, to that famous Sherman declaration, when there was talk of nominating him for the Presidency. It was a model of brevity and flat negation. Sherman stated: "If nominated, I will ~~at~~ not run - and if elected, I will not serve."

So it would seem that, if no is to be taken for an answer you've got to repeat the Sherman phraseology verbatim. Otherwise, they'll say that you still can be drafted - as was still said of Vandenberg today, even after his new refusal.

(The political comment in Washington is that the declaration by the Senator from ~~Mixx~~ Michigan will give assistance to the other candidate who hails from Michigan - Governor ~~W~~ Dewey of New York. One line of reasoning is that the enthusiasts for Vandenberg in his home state will not go for Taft. Because it seems as if the Ohio Senator were heading for a clash with Vandenberg on the subject of the Marshall Plan, of which Vandenberg is a number one supporter.)

## SPECULATORS

A new list of speculators was issued today - government employees who played the food market. None of them ~~is~~ prominent; and Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, who issued the list, protested against publication of the names of small time speculators. He said their financial ventures were insignificant, didn't amount to anything in the problem of the cost of living. He told how ~~a~~ many of the little traders in the commodity market have appealed to him not to publish their names - one small town doctor threatening to commit suicide if he was put on the public list of speculators.

Thus far, the only big government ~~names~~ names that have appeared on the list are those of Edwin Pauley, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, and the President's personal physician, Brigadier General Graham. *Who by the way* President Truman today defended General Graham, ~~who~~ today added that he lost money on his flyer in food speculation. To newsmen he said: "Frankly, I lost my socks." And we would want to see a White House General without socks.



## PETRILLO

Positive words from Petrillo. At midnight of the New Year, the union ban on musical recordings goes into effect, and today Petrillo was asked if there was any chance of a settlement, the ban on recordings relaxed or removed? To which James Caesar Petrillo replied: "There will be no recordings made after midnight - never, never, never." And he emphasized: "There is no more to say. That's all there is."

The ~~x~~ Petrillo phraseology recalls a famous stage line attributed to Ethel Barrymore - who, in a play years ago, cried in a deep emotional voice: "That's all there is - there isn't any more."

Anyway, those are the sentiments of Petrillo - in the battle of Caesar against the machine age.

## TORNADO

Northwest Louisiana was struck by a roaring tornado this afternoon. The storm wove a couse of destruction across seventy-five miles of the Magnolia State, flattening several communities. Police at Minden report twenty-seven people killed in cotton valley, two hundred injured, the town completely wrecked, houses blown away, the business section flattened.

**R** The Red Cross has ~~been~~<sup>been</sup> rushed disaster crews from Atlanta, Georgia, ~~into~~ the stricken area, These rescue crews arriving to see the devastated towns all/in darkness, all public utilities knocked out. In order to undertake their work of rescue, the ~~Red~~ Red Cross appealed to Army authorities at Shreveport for mobile search units to be taken to cotton valley where casualties were heavy. And tonight those Red Cross rescue crews are at work.



## CITY

Tonight the world acquires its largest city - the town with the greatest area of all in point of space, this new metropolis dwarfs New York or London, or even sprawling Los Angeles. Its area is five thousand, four hundred square miles. Its location - a hundred miles above the ~~xxx~~ Arctic Circle, in Swedish Lapland.

This monster city of the far north is called Kiruna - though you'll have difficulty in finding that name on the map. Kiruna, in fact, is a mere Arctic Settlement, which has been expanded suddenly into a record breaking municipality. Why? What's the reason for this big town extravaganza up there in the Ultima Thule? <sup>It</sup> It's this way, in the neighborhood of Kiruna are some of the great iron mines of Swedish Lapland - producers of that famous iron ore of Sweden. As things were, the town was collecting no taxes from the mines. So, to remedy that, the political limits of Kiruna have been extended ~~now~~ to include the great iron ore industry. <sup>all of</sup> which simplifies taxation.

In the process of encompassing the mines, the

town now includes a seven thousand foot mountain, the highest peak in Sweden - quite a feature for the city park. Also a lake ~~of~~ a hundred and twenty five miles <sup>long</sup> that's the local swimming pool. There are rivers and forests in greater Kiruna, and main street is forty miles long.

Population - eighteen thousand, ~~xxx~~ of which a thousand are Nomad Laps, who wander around town, driving their flocks of reindeer over the Arctic Tundra. There are ten thousand reindeer within the city limits, not counting myriads of wolves, lynx and bear - *and lemmings too I suppose.*

The date set for the formal ~~xxx~~ incorporation of greater Kiruna was the new year. So tonight the ceremonies were enacted by the fur clad inhabitants - who gathered under the gleam of the northern lights. In the sky, the Aurora Borealis flamed and flickered, as they established what, in point of area, is the largest city in the world.



## NEW YEAR ADVICE

Here's advice to cure that New Year's Hangover.

The good counsel comes from <sup>an eminent clergyman</sup> ~~Monsignor John Middleton~~ <sup>today.</sup> ~~of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York~~. But it's a spiritual hangover, the good <sup>sky-pilot</sup> ~~father~~ <sup>he</sup> is talking about. He says that we human beings <sup>are</sup> ~~leave~~ the year of Nineteen Forty Seven suffering from shock and ills of the soul, a sense of insecurity and a lack of peace within ourselves. The symptoms of the spritual hangover are confused-thinking, escapism, the inability to feel at home within yourself.

So what's the cure? We are told that human society can improve only by the improvement of its individuals, and, we can improve ourselves by praying more and reflecting ~~more~~ more. Prayer clarifies the intelligence, says the <sup>Man of God</sup> ~~Priest at St. Patrick's~~, while ~~ref~~ reflection puts our minds in order. As for moral directives, <sup>he says</sup> ~~we~~ we should look to the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount.

That's the prescription for the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ spiritual hangover left from Nineteen Forty Seven - and we

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are reminded that, to establish world peace, we must have peace within ourselves.

What have you to add to that, Nelson,  
on this New Years Eve.