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Substitute UN

The UN Truce Supervisor for Palestine condemns Israel - for that raid on the town of ^{Qibya} ~~Qubya~~ in Jordan. General Bennike flew in from the Middle East to speak at an emergency meeting of the Security Council. He said he is convinced that regular Israeli troops participated in the attack on ^{Qibya} ~~Qubya~~. The Israeli government has stated that only irregular forces were involved - no regular army units. But General Bennike believes that his Truce Team's report was accurate in the first place - that regular Israeli troops were involved.

Bennike added that the situation in Jerusalem is very tense. He described the city as "a dangerous powder keg." The General gave the Security Council a general account of the incidents that have taken place along the Israeli border. And he noted that they should not be considered as isolated incidents - but only as the high points in a succession of acts of violence.

The Secretary General spoke at that same

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meeting of the Security Council. Dag Hammarskjold,
appealing to both the Jews and the Arabs to avoid what
he called "provocative acts" - which would only make the
situation worse.

JOHNSTON

Today, Israeli offered to stop work on her controversial Jordan River project. The one that Syria has protested ~~against~~ - on the grounds that the project would rob her of water needed for irrigating farm lands. It was because of the hydro-electric project that American aid was stopped. Now, the Israeli government agrees to ~~stop~~^{cease} work until the UN has discussed Syria's complaint. The Security Council has accepted Israeli's offer.

In the meantime, Eric Johnston has arrived in Tel Aviv. The President's trouble-shooter will discuss Middle East problems with leaders of the Israeli government. Johnston was to have made a particular point of the hydro-electric plant on ^{the} Jordan. There is no word yet on how his mission has been changed by the Israeli decision to hold up the project.

PEACE CONFERENCE

Today was the deadline for the Korean Peace Conference. The terms of the armistice were - the conference to start ninety days later. Which made today the date for the Allies and the Reds to begin discussing a permanent agreement on Korea. Now that conference must be delayed. And a dispatch from Pan Mun Jom states that the delay may be - indefinite.

So far not even the time and place for the conference have been decided. Our representative, Arthur Dean, describes the Red demands as "utterly unreasonable and unacceptable." ~~This~~, because they refuse to begin the talks unless neutral nations are invited.

Dean has already made it clear that the Communist attitude could cause the fighting to begin again. ^{That the} ~~So far, the~~ deadlock is due to them, because we want to get on with it as quickly as possible. As Dean put^s it, "If the Communists persist in their all-or-nothing attitude -- the onus of not having a political conference will be squarely on their shoulders."

Dean added that we are not simply opposing the attendance of neutral nations. But first we want the political conference to start with only those nations involved in the

fighting. *As he phrased it: -*
~~in Dean's words,~~ "The Korean people and the belligerents." These are the ones to be satisfied first.

After that, our representative indicates that we'll be ready to let other nations participate in the discussions.

PRISONERS FOLLOW PEACE CONFERENCE

As we heard last night at Pan Mun Jom, the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission admits failure - because all those thousands of North Koreans, refuse to listen to "explainers." A sub-committee is drawing up an account of the stalemate. But in the meantime, the interviews are simply not being held.

The Swedish delegate to the Commission said today that "The outlook is glum;" but then he added, "We are still trying. We will try to find some compromise way out". In this connection he noted two possible solutions. In the first place, the North Koreans might agree to leave their prison camps, and attend the interviews. Or else the Reds might decide to interview the Chinese instead of the North Koreans. Neither of these has yet happened. So the deadlock goes on.

There have been more Communist charges that the Allies are mistreating prisoners - torturing and murdering those who say they want to go back to Communism. According to

the Communist Radio, what it calls, "Allied agents" are responsible for disrupting the "explanations." To this, a spokesman for the Indian Command stated that the charges are "highly exaggerated."

American officials have not yet started to interview these twenty-two Americans who say they prefer Communism.

But more than two hundred letters from their families have been delivered to them. And one report states that our officials will wait for the letters to have an effect - before speaking ~~to these twenty-two~~ ^{to the} prisoners.

FRANCE

French Premier Laniel's government - under fire from both Left and Right; over Indo-China, All parties today denounced the war. Deputies of the Left were demanding immediate peace talks with the Communist-led rebels.

A familiar name came up during today's debate - Daladier, who was French Premier when World War Two began. Daladier who represented France at Munich. In fact, the last survivor of the group that signed the notorious agreement. Daladier today called on the French government to withdraw from Indo-China -- because as he put it:- "No military solution is possible." Naturally, this brought cries of "Munich! Munich! From his opponents.

The Indo-Chinese War has gone on for eight years. It has cost France almost one hundred and fifty thousand casualties. And around ten billion dollars;-more than the total of American aid to France. It's facts like these that are causing the attacks on the Laniel government. But official sources declare that America is supporting

Laniel in his decision to stay in Indo-China. Also that we will try to prevent the Indo-Chinese from leaving the French union - once the French have saved them from the Red invaders.

Add FRANCE

When Premier Laniel spoke, he said that his government is perfectly willing to negotiate a Peace with the Reds. He declared that France will not be thrown out of Indo-China. And that if the Rebels realize this - the French will always be ready to discuss a lasting peace with them. In Laniel's words - "we are not carrying on a crusade, or a war of extinction."

The debate in the Chamber of Deputies will end with a vote - a vote of confidence, that will either strengthen Laniel or else overthrow his government right away.

PARTISANS

A band of Czech partisans is reported to be trying to shoot its way out of East Germany. A dispatch from Berlin describes them as "playing hide-and-seek" with Red troops. Posters circulated throughout the Soviet Zone, identify the partisans, and demand information about them. No information about how many there are. But so far they killed several Communist police in a series of gun battles. Some eight thousand police and soldiers are hunting them. Halting trains and combing the borders. All trains now carry armed guards. Farmers are warned not to harbor the fugitives. And the Communist Minister of the Interior has ordered the police to shoot the partisans on sight.

In West Berlin, our High Commission says the German Reds are facing a crucial test; their subjects still rebellious.

REGENT

The British Cabinet will make the Duke of Edinburgh Regent; in place of Princess Margaret. The issue concerns the possible death of Queen Elizabeth, the Second. Next in line to the throne is Prince Charles. Since he's only five, a regency would be inevitable. And under existing laws, Princess Margaret, as sister to the Queen, would become Regent; rule in the name of Prince Charles.

Parliament will open next Tuesday. The Queen will preside, and deliver the traditional speech from the throne of the House of Lords. During this Parliament, the Regency Bill will come up. And the government announces that the act will be passed before the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh leave for their tour of the Commonwealth.

So without a doubt, the Duke of Edinburgh will become Regent - to rule in the name of his son. Princess Margaret then to come next in line of succession; if both the Queen and the Prince Consort were to die; only then Margaret would become Regent.

MCCARTHY

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KNOWLAND

Senator Knowland of California asks President Eisenhower to consult Congressional leaders about plans for next year. Senator Knowland, as G.O.P. leader of the Senate, wants close liaison between the President and Congress. So he hopes Mr. Eisenhower will seek the advice of high republicans in Congress before he draws up his next state of the Union message.

Senator Knowland also pointed out that Congress will have to work fast after receiving the President's State of the Union message; because Nineteen Fifty-four is an election year - which means that members will want to get away early, to campaign in their own states.

ZETTA WELLES

The news tells of the first women, from the outside world, who ever landed on "Death Island." That's a sinister bit of land south of Formosa. With a reputation - as evil as its name.

The intrepid lady is Zetta Welles, wife of the Explorer ~~the~~ Carveth Welles. Now doing a bit of exploration of her own on Death Island.

The place is full of deadly malaria - and, still worse, is infested with insects that carry a mysterious tropical disease, often fatal to human beings. The island is little known - avoided even by ~~many~~ explorers. ^P But Zetta is a smart one, and I suppose she has taken proper ^{medical} precautions ^{both} against the deadly malaria and the mysterious tropical malady, [^] Whatever it is.

Substitute STRIKE

Here's the story of two men who faced each other with loaded revolvers - only twelve feet apart. One man pulled the trigger - but here's what happened.

Indianapolis. Private Bernard Lukowski wanted by the Military Police who knew he was armed. So a couple of regular policemen were sent to help pick him up. They found Lukowski in an Indianapolis Bus Terminal. Patrolman John Stratton drew his revolver and walked toward the soldier. Lukowski pulled out his own gun. Patrolman Stratton shouted "Drop it!" But instead, Lukowski pulled the trigger - he pulled it twice, with the Patrolman only twelve feet away. But each time the weapon failed to go off and after the second attempt, Lukowski dropped the gun. Then he was taken into custody.

An examination showed that his revolver was loaded all right - but two of the bullet rims had been nicked by the hammer. That's why it mis-fired. All the while this was going on, Patrolman Stratton was holding his own weapon. Afterward he was asked why he didn't fire

when Lukowski tried to shoot him. And Stratton replied that he couldn't bring himself to kill the man at such close quarters. So he let a gunman fire at him, twice. Except for incredible luck he now would be dead.

ANNOUNCER

A disc jockey from a Texas radio station sails a houseboat from Brownsville to New York. Robert Tabler and his wife, Lili, made the inland voyage in their "Grandma Second" - a houseboat powered by two outboard motors.

For a long time, the Tablers had their boat, but could never find the time. Tied down to that radio station in Brownsville, as a disc jockey.

Tabler got the idea that the inhabitants of Brownsville should have more culture than they were getting. So he put on a recording of the play, "Death of a Salesman;" played it for his audience, What the audience thought of it we don't know. But we do know what the authorities thought. Because the record was the original New York version - with all the rough language. Nothing toned down. When the authorities hear it, they decided they could dispense with their disc jockey's services. You're fired! they said.

So aboard their "Grandma Second," they set sail -
all the way from Texas, across the Gulf and up the Atlantic
Coast - and in a houseboat, Mike!