

INDONESIA

C.I. - Sunoco and P. & G. Tuesday, August 12, 1947.

At Lake Success, tonight, by a vote of eight to three, the U N Security Council voted to let the Indonesian republic participate in the debate on intervention in the Indonesian dispute. The vote came after protests by the Dutch that Indonesia is not a sovereign state, and, therefore, not entitled to a part in the debate.

Britain, France, and Belgium were among those voting against the Indonesian representative but when the final show of hands came, Indonesia won.

There was a dramatic scene when President Faris El Khouri of Syria, invited the Indonesian delegates to the council table. Into the room came Premier Sutan Sjahrir of the so-called Indonesian Republic, and four ~~others~~ ^{others} who call themselves the voice of Indonesia.

The important point is that Indonesia will be heard by the U.N.

U.N.

Strong words were spoken at the United Nations today - our delegate Herschel Johnson giving the blundest kind of warning. He repeated the charge that the Soviet Satellites, Jugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania, were fomenting a Communist revolution in Greece, and we won't stand for this Red aggression. He charged Soviet Russia with backing up the Red Puppets, by the use of the veto - ~~thuxy~~ thereby keeping the Security Council of the U.N. from doing anything. If the Soviets continue to block action by hurling vetoes - why then the United States will act on its own.

Our Delegate said ~~thuxx~~ that we were prepared to appeal the question of Greece from the Security Council to the General Assembly ~~of~~ the United Nations, which gathers next month. If the Soviets bring about a deadlock there, by using another veto - America will simply go ahead and help Greece against Communist aggression.

RUHR

The British-American Conference on the German Coal Mines of the Ruhr is moving smoothly - with a full agreement today. The problem of increasing coal production in the Ruhr was turned over to technical sub-committees - the conference deciding that every possible measure shall be discussed and kept open for study. This includes socialization.

The coal-producing Ruhr is in the British Zone of Occupation, and the British program is to socialize the mines. To this the American Delegates are opposed - Americans having a good deal of skepticism about socialism as a way of increasing production. Experience with coal mine socialism in Britain has given little reason for optimism.

This difference of opinion is to be thrashed out, the British today agreeing that the question of socializing the Ruhr coal mines shall be a matter for discussion. The big idea is to produce coal for European reconstruction.

BOY SCOUTS

The International Boy Scouts are having a Jamboree in France, and today brings a curious twister - a call for the Boy Scouts to collaborate with Communist youth movements. This emanates from the group of Czechoslovak Scouts, also Hungarian - both Czechoslovakia and Hungary being Soviet puppets behind the iron curtain.^R These totalitarian scout groups at the Jamboree, are distributing pamphlets, which extol the Red youth movement in Soviet Russia, and in the lands of the Soviet satellites. The Czechoslovak pronunciamento urges an understanding between the Democratic West and the Totalitarian East through boy scout ideals - though it is hard to see anything in common between the Scouts and those red youth movements run by dictators.

BRITAIN

The British Government Emergency Bill is now in the hands of the House of Lords. It was passed by the Commons today, after an all-night session - the bill to give the labor government the most drastic powers for economic control and impose on Britain a still more rigorous austerity. Winston Churchill attacked the proposal with bitter vehemence, but it passed the Commons and the late London word is that the Peers of the Realm have just okayed it.

BRITISH MOVIES

London shows signs of backing down on the proposal to tax American-motion-pictures-in-Britain out of existence. It would amount to that - a seventy-five per cent tax on all American films, the announcement of which caused American motion picture companies to say they'd simply have to stop sending American films to Britain.

The sign of a possible back-down comes in the form of a London Dispatch saying that the British Government is willing to consider an alternative to the tax of seventy-five per cent, if some other way can be found. Some other way, that is, of avoiding the expenditure of fifty-one million dollars a year - that amount in dollars, which Britain pays for American movies.

This report was later confirmed in Parliament when Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton told the M.P.'s that his Majesty's Government may discuss a compromise with the United States - a compromise to take the place of the tax that would drive American films out of Britain.

NEW LEAD PARAGUAY

In Paraguay tonight the revolutionists smashed into Asuncion, the capital, after a three-day siege. Hand and hand fighting with the rebels steadily working ~~thru~~ their way through barricades into the heart of the city.

Colonel Carlos Montanaro is making a last stand, with his back to the river where launches are waiting to take off government leaders -- if the rebels break through.

All day refugees have been flocking across the Paraguay river, leaving the besieged city, seeking refuge in Argentina. They report the hospitals, filled with wounded; ^{heavy} ~~many~~ casualties on both sides; Asuncion a deserted city, with danger of famine.

HIRSHBERG

In New York, a verdict of guilty was announced today in the court-martial of Navy Chief Signalman Hirshberg, accused of maltreating fellow American prisoners of war in a Japanese prison camp. The court-martial finds Hirshberg innocent of some of the charges and guilty of others. Sentence will be pronounced later - after the case has been reviewed by higher authority.

HUGHES

Howard Hughes left Washington today, homeward bound for California. He was cheerful and gay, after the ~~amazing~~ fireworks to which he treated the Senate Investigation. It seems the millionaire aviator and industrialist can't quite get over the applause he got, finding ^{—the spectators—} the audience with him, public sympathy.

As he boarded his own private plane, he said: "I feel a lot better than I did on the hot seat I've been in for the last few weeks. Really, got a surprise. I was behind the eight ball when I arrived here, ~~In~~ the depths of despair." ^{Now} ^{he} feels, with ^{his} ~~expression~~ expression of jubilation, that he is out from behind the eight ball. Instead, when he takes a look at the eight ball, he ~~seems to see~~ sees a Senator behind it, a legislator from what Hughes calls "The back-woods of Maine." ~~In the vision of Howard Hughes - it's Brewster behind the eight~~

At the airport in Washington today, a crowd of spectators gave Howard Hughes a cordial good-bye. Among those present, however, were several individuals not quite so festive. They were United States Marshalls,

~~They were~~ looking for somebody, and it wasn't Howard Hughes. The millionaire aviator is tall, thin and wiry. The United States Marshals had their eyes peeled for somebody in complete contrast - short ^{and} pudgy, a jolly roly-poly ~~sort of~~ fat man.

Meyer, ~~the~~ ^{the} elusive ^{Johnny} Meyer who is no ^{un-}substantial phantom, but who seems to have vanished as completely as a ghost when daylight comes. Meyer, the goodtime publicity man, with the gaudy expense account, who threw all those hilarious parties, decorated by cuties of Hollywood and New York. The Senate Committee still is trying to find ^{Goodtime Johnny} Meyer. They want to summon him to tell some more about those fat expense account parties, when the ^{hearing} ~~hearing~~ reconvenes in November, if it ever does.

It was suspected that Meyer might accompany Howard Hughes back to California, might sneak into some obscure corner of the plane - though it would take a fairly ~~large~~ large corner to accommodate the rotund publicity man. So the United States Marshals

were ther, armed with subpoenas for Meyer, but no Meyer. He seems to have vanished completely. Maybe he has accomplished what Hamlet vainly dreamed of - "Oh, that this too, too solid flesh would melt, thaw, and dissolve itself into a dew." Johnny Meyer turning into a dew would be something, even for Shakespeare.

Howard Hughes was asked today whether the party tossing publicity man was still in his employ. To which he answered, "sure -- in his spare moments." The spare moments being, presumably, in between, while not ducking the Senate Committee. Hughes ways he's sticking by Meyer, even though the expense accounts for entertaining government officials may have been a bit heavy. He's ready to take the blame, even if Meyer had, in Hughes' words - "gone overboard" with the expense accounts. going overboard usually has something to do with diving into water, aqua pura, H2O, though that mild and unexhilarating element in conspicuously absent from the charges listed on the expense accounts for the parties -- 21, El Morrocco, Stork Club and so on.

Hughes, before leaving Washington,

delivered himself of a journalistic blast - a copyright story in the Washington Daily News. In this he compares the forty million dollars' worth of war contract business that he got with billions of dollars worth awarded to other aviation companies. He gives a list of these, and states: "sure I got one per cent of the business, and one hundred per cent of the investigation."

To which he adds: "I ended up with a couple of halfbaked contracts - one for a ship that had to be built of wood. ~~You might as well have built a ship that big of putty.~~"

~~This applies to the giant flying boat, the biggest airplane in the world, which is still to fly. Howard Hughes, at one time or another, has had good things to say about building planes of wood - ~~just~~ like those famous British mosquito bombers that made such a remarkable record during the war. But today it was different - comparing wood to putty. Who would want to fly in a putty plane - a pretty putty plane, as you might say.~~

So what about the giant flying boat how well will it perform in air? Howard Hughes seems to be not too optimistic. In his newspaper article today he states: "I hope this plane will fly." Then he goes on:- "Given a job to build a plane which has to be twice as big as anything else, is one thing. Being told it has got to be built of wood, is another. Its like fighting Joe Louis with one hand behind you," says Hughes.

All of which will add to the interest when the time comes to try out that huge flying boat which Howard Hughes now says might as well be made of putty.

ADD HUGHES

The hunt for Johnny Meyer is still on. And in San Francisco, tonight, collector of customs Paul Leake announced that instructions had come from Washington, to take up his passport if he tries to leave the country.

From New York a late report:

Elusive Johnny Meyer has turned up. He walked into a night club with a party of five, and announced that he was going to stay in New York for a time. Others patrons amused themselves sending waiters with phony summonses to the table where Meyer sat with his party.

Meanwhile, Senator Brewster, referring to the postponement of the investigation, said, "as far as I'm concerned, we have just begun to fight."

And he added: "Far better men than I have suffered from far more malicious non-founded charges -- I shall leave the final judgment in the hands

of the American people."

Brewster laughed at Hughes' suggestion that he had fled to the Maine woods rather than remain at the hearing. Says Brewster: "I went to Maine because I wanted to see the world premier of the motion picture "Life With Father" a somewhat refreshing contrast to Mr. Hughes' picture - the Outlaw."

STYLES

Ordinarily I don't view with alarm - but what can one do, when the view is so alarming? Its a forecast of the hats the ladies will wear, those feminine hat fashions.

The story is from Paris, a dispatch telling of ~~the~~ the new Parisian styles - the latest in bonnets, the ultra-ultra Parisian chapeaux. These, it appears, are scheduled to come flying across the ocean, ^{not} the hats themselves - ~~that would be too much like~~ ^{I mean the} ~~mixing~~ flying ~~success~~ styles are on their way over here - and that would seem to be something to view with alarm.

So what are they like - the hats the ladies will wear? That, in the story from Paris, is expressed in the esoteric language of style. I don't quite know what it means, but it sounds ominous - maybe the ladies can interpret it.

The dispatch quotes a fashion expert as intimating that the conformations of the hat are governed by the new silhouette. This is expressed in

the following words: "with the new silhouette - tight bodice, pinched waist, long full skirt -- hats have come back into importance," to which the fashion expert adds. "with this silhouette, you just have to have a small hat to complete the line."

We are told, moreover, that the new silhouette - usually becomes a pyramid. "The little hat," explains the fashion expert, "is the peak of the pyramid -- and the line spreads to padded hips and broad full skirts."

Madame Pyramid! with the ladies reminding us of the pyramids of Ehypt, though not quite that old, nor as big.

Now, as for the bonnets themselves, we are given the following description of the new Parisian chapeau "Hats this season in Paris," says the dispatch, "vary from pillboxes, moved slightly forward to elongated hats sitting straight out in front, with a feather to elongate them further."

The pyramid with an elongated feather. I wonder what the pharoahs of Egypt would think about that -- say

Rameses, or Tut Ank Amen? We'll never know. They are mummy's now. But we may hear what Nelson Case thinks. For he's far from a mummy.

FISH

From the Gulf Coast, down Florida way, the word is that the "red tide" has receded. They ~~are~~ having brisk winds off shore, and this, coupled with a strong ebb tide, has hushed the red tide farther out to sea, out into the Gulf of Mexico. All this - much to the relief of people along the Florida beaches.

The strange phenomenon is, of course, that freak of the sea, whereby there has been a vast epidemic among the fishes. Great shoals of millions of fish have been killed by some sort of germ, some kind of bacteria that gives the water a reddish tinge. Countless tons of dead fish are floating in the discolored area of the sea.

During the last few days, the red tide has drifted to the coast of Florida near Clearwater - the water not so clear anymore. The Gulf of Mexico, off the coast, changed from its usual blue and green, to a tint described by the news dispatch as - "A tea colored reddish yellow." That is, about the same shade as an average cup of tea. Along with the discoloration, came the putrifying fish-washed ashore by the tens of thousands along the beaches.

Patrols of workers went along the beaches, burying the tons of them cast up by the poisoned waters. If the red tide kept coming in, it looked like no end to the pollution, a noxious menace.

But today came a change, the wind and tide hushing the red tide off shore, thrusting it out into the Gulf. And this evening people along the coast are gazing out at the usual blues and greens of the tropical sea, instead of the sinister waters colored like a cap of tea.

But the red tide is still out there in the Gulf reported to be eight miles off shore and ~~drift~~ drifting in a Northwesterly direction. That would eventually take it to another section of the Gulf shore - for maybe another ugly menace of the red tide.

All of which is complicated by weather reports - a violent hurricane blowing from the Caribbean into the Gulf of Mexico. The hurricane season is just beginning, ^{with} ~~and~~ the first of the tropical howlers ^{now} ~~making~~ its appearance in the news. The giant storm of the tropics ~~is~~ ripping across the peninsula of Yucatan about now - and moving northward

across the Gulf. Warnings have been flashed of disturbances of wind and weather over a wide area, and the hurricane's effect on the drift of the tea colored poison of the sea - the red tide.

PARAGUAY

The revolution in Paraguay seems to be winning out - world from South America being that the insurgents are succeeding in taking over the capital city of Asuncion.

The revolution in Paraguay has been going on for some time, and now the decision appears to be at hand - Asuncion falling to the rebels.

It isn't clear whether President Morinigo still remains in the imperilled capital, but reports tell of Government Ministers fleeing to a town on the border of Argentina.