

PALESTINE

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( Martial Law, ordered by the British in many parts of Palestine, and vigorous defiance from the Jewish underground. Tonight Irgun Zvai Leumi, largest terrorist organization, broadcast over its secret radio that its campaign of violence is just beginning. Irgun called on Jews to rally - saying - this is the beginning of the struggle which will grow more fierce until the British quit the Holy Land.

Meanwhile, British troops, operating under the grim decree of martial law, combed the Jewish quarter of old Jerusalem, and the all Jewish <sup>coastal</sup> city of Tel-A-Viv, looking for members of ~~the~~ Irgun Zvai Leumi and The Stern Gang.

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STALIN

( Stalin has given up one of his many jobs.)

He continues to be President of the Council of Ministers, which means Premier of the Soviet ~~Union~~ Union, also Generalissimo, as well as secretary-General of the Communist Party. But (he has resigned as Minister for the Armed Forces. In his place is General Nicolai Bulganin, who has been his number two man in the Soviet War Department.)

It was explained, and there seems to be no reason to doubt it, that he has given up this job because with it he has too great a burden of administrative details. And it's not difficult to believe that being the Chief of the Soviet Union and Generalissimo means a full day's work for any man.

Bulganin, who is fifteen years younger than Uncle Joe, has been his deputy for years and Vice Chairman of the Cabinet. His title has been Vice Minister of Defense. Now he becomes Minister of the Armed Forces of the Soviet Union. Diplomats do not believe there is any political significance in

this news. But, since it is announced just one week before the beginning of the conference of the foreign ministers of the Big Four at Moscow this may rate as a tacit acknowledgement that Stalin is not getting any younger.

Assistant Secretary of State William Benton declared tonight that Soviet Russia is spending more on international propaganda than all other major powers combined. He points to the ugly references to America which appear with monotonous regularity in countries under Soviet influence. We are reactionary ~~imperialistic~~ imperialistic, militaristic, lawless, politically immature, unstable, rich but strife-ridden, long on mechanical ability but short on culture. That's the picture the Russians give of the nation whose lend-~~ing~~ lease ~~has~~ helped ~~us~~ through the Greatest war in history.

FORMOSA

A rebellion  
~~xxxxxx~~ in Formosa which appears to  
be spreading all over the Island. The Formosans have  
always been ~~xx~~ of independent mind. When the Island was  
ceded to Japan in Eighteen Ninety Five, after the  
Sino-Japanese War, the inhabitants tried to set up  
a Republic. But the ~~Mixx~~ Mikado's men took it by force,  
and it was several years before they subjugated the  
population. Since then there has been much unrest.

( Chinese rule under the Manchu emperors  
had been rather lax and easy. Japan's rule was harsh.)  
And now the administration under the Chiang Kai Shek  
government apparently has been such as to provoke an  
out-and out rebellion. The leaders of the revolt say  
the new administration has been corrupt - trying to  
enforce excessive economic controls. Under the Japs  
they say they were prosperous - and now impoverished.

What started the trouble - set it off --  
was a house to house search for smuggled cigarettes.  
The Formosans accused Chinese officers and civil  
officers of confiscating Formosan property for their  
own use.

The Rebellion began in the western part of the Island -- where Gunfire hit the walls of the American consulate. Now the Disorder has spread to the South, with mobs rushing through streets smashing store windows, attacking government buildings and beating up Chinese officials.

## TRUMAN

( This was an historic day in Mexico, the first official visit of an American President <sup>to</sup> ~~at~~ our neighbor south of the Rio Grande. )

That well known airplane, the Sacred Cow, descended from northern skies, at the airport outside Mexico City this morning. From the Sacred Cow stepped President Truman and his party. As President Aleman of Mexico strode out to welcome him, a battery of artillery began the usual twenty-one gun salute and a military band struck up the Star Spangled Banner.

Next our President received a Gold Medal from the Governor of the Federal District of Mexico -- which corresponds to our District of Columbia. With it a scroll of welcome giving him the usual - the keys to the city. Troops lined the road all the way in from the airport to the American Embassy, where President Truman will stay.

We hear Mr. Truman is in for one grave disappointment. He is said to be fond of Chile Con Carney which Mexicans call carne con chile. We hear that if he

walks into ~~xxx~~ any of the swank restaurants in Mexico City and asks for it, all he'll get will be a blank stare.

Fred Othmann, columnist for the United Press is authority for the news that all the top restaurants down there are either French, Italian or German; with the last of the three mentioned calling themselves Swiss. So, while Mr. Truman can obtain some excellent Ragout and ~~xxxxxxx~~ Burgundy, or Risotto with Chianti, or Sauterbraten with Ruedesheimer during his three days visit he won't have any Carne con Chile until he returns to his home state of Mirrouri where every town has a chile parlor.

(~~Tonight there ~~will be~~ the customary official banquet with speeches by the Presidents of the two countries.~~)

ADD TRUMAN

The atmosphere in Mexico City exuded good neighborliness and good will. (Two chiefs of State, President Truman and Mexican President Miguel Aleman, sat down together at a sumptuous state dinner) celebrating the first visit of an American President to Mexico's historic capital. President Aleman spoke in welcome. He recalled that only a hundred years ago Mexico ~~xx~~ and the United States were at war, and now the hands of Mexico and the United States are ~~extended~~ extended to one another for a <sup>of</sup> clasp/loyalty and manly dignity.

President Truman in reply, <sup>affirmed</sup> ~~affirmed~~ the American Good Neighbor Policy.



## BUDGET

It looks as if there would be a lively battle over the cutting of the budget. Both the Senate and the Lower House of Congress, <sup>now</sup> ~~of course,~~ have passed bills to trim the Presidential figure for money to be spent ~~in~~ by the government.)

However, the two houses of Congress, though unanimous about cutting the thirty-seven-and-a-half-billion dollars the President, <sup>wants,</sup> ~~is~~ have different ideas about the amount of the slash. Today the Senate passed its version along to the Lower House, a cut of four-and-a-half-billion dollars. Whereupon ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Congressman~~ immediately shouted -- Six Billion! That's the size of the slash ~~that~~ they want. Speaker Joe Martin of Massachusetts was foremost in taking up the Senatorial challenge. He declared that the House ~~is~~ going to ~~stick~~ stick to its own figure -- six billion. Congressman Dirksen of Illinois added his voice in opposition to the Senatorial bill -- "which," says he, "threatens the plan to reduce taxes."

The question now goes to a joint committee of both Houses for a settlement -- and it looks like a fight.

The controversy brought forth today one of those bright ideas that are likely to pop up in the heat of argument. Senator Russell of Georgia, brooding over the expensive life that Uncle Sam has to lead, cast an eye across the Atlantic in the direction of Great Britain. He said that, if we're going to keep on paying the freight for the British Empire, it might be cheaper to take Britain into the Union. He said, in fact, that he would be in favor of admitting England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland as the forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first, and fifty-second states of the Union. <sup>TP</sup> I don't <sup>Suppose</sup> ~~think~~ that England, Scotland and Wales <sup>are likely to</sup> ~~will~~ take the Senator up on that. But what bothers me the most is -- Ireland. Just to include the Emerald Isle as a part of Great Britain is enough to make the bricks fly. Nor, does the Senator assuage the Hibernian soul when he concedes that if Ireland, in general, doesn't want to join, we

might take in Ulster, as the fifty-second state.

Considering the way the Irish feel about ~~the~~ North  
Ireland, <sup>T</sup>he Senator might lose a lot of Irish votes  
in Georgia. Or are there a lot of Irish votes in  
Georgia?

POLITICS

More rumpus in the Republican camp.

G.O.P. leaders lost no time putting in a sharp retort to the rebuke they got from ~~xx~~ Carroll Reece, Chairman of the National Committee, his editorial which appeared this morning, scolding the G O P Congressmen for lack of team play. Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon replied testily that as National Chairman, Reece has merely played the role of chore boy for the G O P Old Guard. And how could liberals work with them -- with the Carroll Reece type of Republicanism, as he put it.

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( Wayne Morse, a comparative newcomer to Congress, took his seat only two years ago. It has long been a principle of our national legislature that new ~~xx~~ senators should be seen and not heard. But Morse, a former University Professor and law school dean, ~~has had some previous government experience, in the department of Justice, and the Department of Labor,~~ *insists on speaking up - often.* )  
~~and as a member of the~~

DRAFT

(Congress today received a Presidential message, asking the law makers to end the draft by March thirty-first -- repeal selective service. And, today the War Department announces that the Army will be on a strictly volunteer basis by the end of June.)

The President's message is ~~pxf~~ peculiar, because he says in it that the only sure way of keeping both the Army and the Navy up to full strength next year, would be to keep Selective Service. At the same time, he wants to try voluntary enlistments during the coming months.

During the next year beginning July First, the Army and the Air Forces need at least one Million, seventy-thousand men. Likewise, the Navy and Marine Corps need five-hundred and seventy-<sup>one thousand.</sup>~~thousand.~~

This many necessary to maintain the security of the nation. These requirements says Mr. Truman, are absolute. And he says he has hope of keeping up to that strength by voluntary enlistment. If not, then the Army and Navy will ask for a new Selective Service Act.

## COURT

The Supreme Court today made news by giving us no news -- one of those negative headlines. The ~~Max~~ High Tribunal has, in its deliberations now, a great element of suspense -- ~~suspense~~ suspense about what's to be the final decision in the case of those huge fines imposed on John L. Lewis and his mine workers union. <sup>P</sup> It is an old dramatic trick to draw out the suspense as long as possible; but, the time for a verdict in the question of Lewis, the Miners union, and the ~~big~~ big fines -- would seem to be near at hand. The Supreme Court, by announcing nothing today, puts the matter off until the ~~Tenth~~ Tenth of March -- and the truce in the coal mine labor situation is due to expire at the end of the month. <sup>TP</sup> Everybody involved, the miners, the mine owners and the government are waiting ~~in~~ for the court decision before taking action~~in~~ in the all important matter of whether or not we're to have another coal strike. <sup>TP</sup> It would seem as if the nine <sup>high</sup> justices were waiting until the eleventh hour.

## FLYING

From the Golden State, comes the first news story of a man arrested on a charge of drunken flying. Not quite the first. I've known of some in the East. Bert Acosta could tell some tales about that. No, drunken flying is not exactly a novelty, but it hasn't cropped up often in police court news. We hope it won't!

However, a citizen of Costa Mesa, California, hired a two-seater and flew it to Palm Springs. It appeared over the airport just as a western Airlines transport was getting ready to take off for its regular flight to Los Angeles. ~~xxxxxx~~ The airport officials noticed the two-seater behaving erratically. Attendants ran out ~~x~~ on the field, fired warning signals, turned on danger lights, called for an ambulance, but the aviator went right on enjoying himself -- cavorting up there. So much so that the Palm Springs police were called. And when he finally came down, in some new maneuver, the police quickly gave him the sobriety test. Result? He's in the calaboose.

## HUTTON

Barbara Hutton is a princess ~~xxx~~ once again. Princess Igor Troubetzkoy, this is the second time the ~~xx~~ Five and Dime ~~xxx~~ Heiress has become entitled to a Princely Coronet ~~xx~~ on her stationery and lingerie, and her fourth ~~xxxx~~ venture as a Bride. Her record today stands at two princes, a court and actor Cary Grant. The Prince and ~~Rxx~~ Princess were married at a Registry office in Switzerland, near Zurich. They are ~~xxx~~ Moneymooning at a hotel in the Alps. The marriage was to have been quite an event, with Royalty present and all the other trappings of princely nuptials. But so many reporters and cameramen were ~~xxx~~ dogging the happy pair that they fled to a registry office. The ceremony took only ten minutes and saved not only time, but several million nickels and dimes. And that just naturally brings us to Dollars, Dollar Mountain, I mean. Nelson, before you go out for your run down Dollar Mountain, in the moonlight, a few syllables from you.



Court

The supreme court of the United States once again leaves the country on tenterhooks over the Issue of John L Lewis and the coal miners. The court made news by failing to act, failing to give a decision in the case of Uncle Sam versus John L Lewis, the contempt of court case.

It leaves the country in a serious predicament, because now there can be no ruling in that matter until the tenth of this month. And that leaves only twenty one days before the end of the truce that Lewis declared when he called off the coal strike until April first.

The court's delay is holding up negotiations because everybody involved miners, owners, Government, are left in a complete state of uncertainty. Until the nine Justices make up their minds and tell us about it, the Government-coal-mine~~s~~-administrator cannot prevail upon Lewis and the owners of the mines to discuss a new contract.