

U N MEDIATOR C.I. - P. & G. Thursday, May 20, 1948.

(The United Nations has appointed Count Folke Bernadotte, Vice President of the Swedish Red Cross, to act as its mediator in Palestine.) The appointment announced at Lake Success after a full day of fruitless debate in the Security Council. The Council unable to decide on what steps to take to halt the war in the Holy Land. While the debate continued, representatives of the five powers met in secret session. Count Bernadotte appointed ^{with the} ~~after being~~ ~~approved~~ ^{al of} both the Jews and Arabs, ~~he~~ is expected to fly from Stockholm to Palestine tonight ^{There} to take over what he describes as "the world's hottest job". The Count is a Nephew of the King of Sweden. He came into the news in ^{Nineteen} ~~forty~~-five when Heinrich Himmler asked him to deliver Germany's surrender terms to the Allies. But our ^{military leaders} ~~side~~ refused to deal with the Gestapo Chief.

~~as for the U N Security Council at Lake~~
~~Success today it accomplished very little. No progress~~
~~in committee towards bettering the situation in the~~
The Security Council today
~~Holy Land. The members~~ listened in morose silence to
the reading of cables from the Belgian and American
consuls ~~in~~ in Jerusalem, ~~who are~~ members of the U N
Palestine truce commission; ~~Both~~ Both stated that their
~~efforts to bring about a truce in Jerusalem have~~
in vain.
~~been fruitless. Neither holding much hope for success~~
~~in the future.~~

~~The ^{Belgian} ~~Belgian~~ Consul related how he went~~
~~to see King Abdullah to ask him to respect the truce~~
~~inside of the holy City. To which the desert King~~
~~retorted with an angry tirade against the Jews.~~
~~Abdullah refused to give any assurance that he will~~
~~halt his military operations in Jerusalem.~~

As for conditions in the Holy City, the
truce commission ~~cable~~ reports: a shortage of food,
the water-supply ~~falling~~ failing; and heavy fighting,
with considerable damage in the center of the city, *where*
there are so many holy places.

Whereupon the Soviet Ukrainian delegate delivered a lengthy ~~mm~~ denunciation of Great Britain. He accused the British of fighting on the side of the Arabs. "~~England~~", said he "~~is a belligerent in Palestine,~~" and he called on the Council to put an end to the whole business. ~~After which~~ France ^{then} lined up with the Soviet ⁱⁿ support the United States resolution for an immediate cease fire in Palestine. To be followed, if necessary, by economic and military sanctions. But China and Argentina ~~mm~~ joined with Britain, ~~China~~, Belgium and Syria ⁱⁿ opposing the American resolution. Today's meeting ending in the usual stalemate.

PALESTINE

(A desperate battle is being fought in the old city of Jerusalem tonight.) King Abdullah's Arab Legion has fought its way through, from one wall to the other, from north to south, sealing off the Jewish section of the ^{old} walled city. But (the news wires tonight tells of a ~~an~~ savage counter-attack by Haganah breaking through the Arab lines and relieving the weary and battered Jewish garrison.)

The Arabs are reported to be bringing up reinforcements - the western part of the Holy City tonight packed with mechanized armour, getting ready for a final onslaught against the Jewish positions.

A dispatch from Tel Aviv says the Jews in Jerusalem are cut off, The Jewish Agency saying that future plans for the ^{old} city must depend on developments during the next twenty-four hours; whether to try and hold their present position, attack, or evacuate.

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But the picture is confused. (One correspondent in Jerusalem tells us that the Jewish forces are in virtual control of the new city. That means outside the Jaffa Gate.) The men of Haganah are ~~being~~ reported attacking the Arab flank with mortars, bazookas and small cannon. Still another dispatch says that convoys of men and arms are reaching Jerusalem from the coast.

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From Cairo comes word that (the Egyptian Army has captured ancient Beersheba, home of Abraham and Lot.) This news hailed in Cairo with much joy. King Farouk appearing on a balcony at the Royal Palace and greeted by the cheering populace.

A Cairo military source hints that the Egyptian Army will now strike at Hebron, eighteen miles south of Jerusalem. That's where Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, ~~and~~ Jacob and Rachael are buried. There the Egyptians hope to join forces with Abdullah's Arab Legion. Another Egyptian report says the armies of King Farouk have driven seven miles up the ancient Philistine coast from Gaza, towards Jaffa and Tel Aviv.

AMERICANS

Forty-one Americans are in a concentration camp at Beirut, Lebanon, today. The men, all of military age, ^{were} taken off a ship, called The Marine Karp, when she stopped in at Beirut on her way to Haifa. This by Lebanese Troops:

The Beirut military authorities say they ~~have~~ ^{they seized} are pilots for the Jewish Air Force; on their way to, as the Lebanonites put it: - "disturb the peace" of the Holy Land.

Our State Department announces that it warned Beirut in advance, told them to keep their hands off the American travelers on the Marine Karp.

Could that warning merely have made Beirut suspicious?

CHINA

In Nanking today they inaugurated China's first constitutional President. Who was it? why the Generalissimo, who has been the boss all along. For thirty six years Chiang Kai Shek has served the Republic of China. He was a young ~~young~~ regular officer in the Imperial Army, in Nineteen Eleven, when Sun Yat Sen's bloodless revolution overthrew the Manchu Dynasty.

But to many Chinese the rolling of festive drums, at Nanking today had a hollow sound. For China is still ~~is~~ engulfed in civil war, with ~~more~~ more than a third of the country held by the Reds.

(The latest news tells of Communist Armies cutting the Peiping Mukden Railway, and of raids within twelve miles of Peiping. In Szechwan, far to the South, we hear of the Communists capturing a vast area of rice fields, without opposition.

As for inflation, one American dollar today is worth a million and a half Chinese dollars.)

HOPKINS

Tomorrow will begin a series of fascinating disclosures in that historic enigma called Franklin D. Roosevelt: -- the publication of the secret papers of Harry Hopkins. That intimate friend, ^{advisor,} ~~XXXXXX~~ and emissary of F.D.R. left a vast collection of personal notes, and these have not ^w been woven together by the ~~well-known~~ writer and dramatist, Robert E. Sherwood, who was also a White House insider. ~~of the Roosevelt era.~~ The secret papers of Harry Hopkins ^{will start appearing,} ~~begin~~ in Collier's, ~~magazine~~ tomorrow. -- ~~and~~ Today I had an advance look. They ^{papers} give an inside story of the remarkable friendship between the new deal and wartime President and the former social worker. -- ~~and flash a spotlight of~~ ^{Also they throw} illumination on the puzzle of the third term.

Books about F.D.R. have been pouring out, with various third term angles. Jim Farley's volume, for example, expresses mystification. ~~There has~~ ^{the former} ~~Secretary General, who did so much to make Franklin D. Roosevelt President, intimating that he himself was deceived and deluded by F.D.R. There has always seemed~~

to be some element lacking in the third term puzzle -- a piece missing in the jigsaw. But now, in Collier's, the missing piece is given -- Franklin D. Roosevelt was grooming Harry Hopkins for the Presidency!

~~Robert Sherwood, referring to the confidential memoranda left by Hopkins, states the following: "There are notes of an extraordinary private conversation in the White House in the Spring of 1938." In this conversation, as Sherwood says, F.D.R. talked to Hopkins about the various political figures who were being mentioned for the Democratic nomination in 1940. He ruled them out, one after another. In this ~~xxxxx~~ of the name of Jim Farley was prominent, F.D.R. believed that Farley, as a candidate, was what the notes call "clearly the most dangerous." "Roosevelt," writes Sherwood, "objected to Farley on two main counts -- his opposition to the New Deal and his attitude toward foreign affairs." Here we may observe that Farley did not appear to be as willing to get this country into the European tangle as F.D.R. was with what later became the Roosevelt war policy.~~

In ~~an~~^{an} extraordinary white House conversation, F.D.R. then got around to -- Hopkins for President. He pointed to two liabilities -- Hopkins had been divorced by his first wife, and also Hopkins was in precarious health. ~~This referred back to the fact that some while before Hopkins had undergone an operation for cancer, in which part of his stomach had been removed, which left him liable to complicated maladies.~~

"Having considered these liabilities," Sherwood writes, "Roosevelt x expressed the belief that Hopkins would be elected and would do the best job as President of any of those in the running, saying he would appoint Hopkins Secretary of Commerce." Sherwood indicates that this appointment was intended to prepare the way for the Hopkins Presidential boom, and he adds: "Hopkins told a few friends, all under oaths of strictest secrecy, that Roosevelt had given x him the green light and the campaign was on."

The campaign began as F.D.R. promised it would -- with the appointment of Hopkins as Secretary

of Commerce. Whereupon, in 1939, Hopkins went out to Iowa and delivered an address intended to be his first campaign speech. Sherwood describes F.D.R. as - "an unofficial but extremely efficient, competent campaign manager for Hopkins;" so the ball was rolling for the White House favorite to be nominated on the Democratic ~~ticket~~ ticket in 1940.

So what happened? Why did the F.D.R. plan to make Harry Hopkins President fail? The answer is that Hopkins fell desperately ill. His deep-seated maladies caught up with him. "Roosevelt," writes Sherwood, "told friends at the time -- 'the doctors have given Harry up for dead.'"

Harry survived, but the prolonged and near-fatal illness killed his political hopes. The illness in Sherwood's words, "Drained him of all personal ambition and converted him into the selfless individual who rendered such great ~~service~~ service to the President during the war years."

With Hopkins thus put out of the running,

F.D.R. resolved to take the nomination for himself.

That's the key to the puzzle of the third term -- as

disclosed in the private papers of Harry Hopkins.

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MEAT

Word from Chicago. That the strike of the packing-house workers is to be called off. The C I O union committee ^{is} said to be preparing ~~an~~ a recommendation to its hundred thousand members to ~~come back~~ ^{return} to work. This union proposal ^{is} being put to the men at mass meetings tonight, and tomorrow ~~when~~ the strike is expected to end.

MIGRATION

A migration from Canada to Paraguay.

Men, women and children -- all Mennonites; - or the Plain People as they call themselves. Continuing their search for freedom, which their forefathers began from Holland two hundred years ago. Hunting for a spot in this modern world where they can practice their religion without colliding with new-fangled ways and gadgets.

This new flight from civilization is by bus to Miami, Florida, then southwards by plane to Paraguay. At any rate they don't seem to mind using modern transportation in contrast to the sailing ships and ox carts used by those first Dutch Mennonites who arrived in Canada in Eighteen Seventy-Four.

Those who left Miami today by plane, are the first of fifteen thousand from Arden, Manitoba, who are heading for a new hundred thousand acre area of virgin land in Southeastern Paraguay. Why are they leaving Canada? Making this migration from the northern to the southern hemisphere? Says their bearded leader, Jacob Hildenbrand, they are pulling out of Canada because

the Province of Manitoba is getting too crowded for them. "No longer room enough for our young men to get their living from the earth," he said. Civilization encroaching on them -- a threat to their ~~xxx~~ ancient faith.

These Mennonites are farmers. They believe in living on the soil. Also they don't believe in war. And in every way they are opposed to the machine age.

How can such a faith cope with this day and age? Jacob, the leader of the Plain People, gives the following answer: "We have always moved, when the place where we are, crowds us." "It has always been so with us."

And so they move on and on. ~~xxx~~ from Holland to Germany, through Russia, and ~~thence~~ thence to Canada. And now to the remote pampas of Paraguay, where, says Jacob, there is land ~~x~~ with rain aplenty, a hundred thousand acres of rich ~~xxx~~ soil.

And where from Paraguay fifty years or so from now? Oh, by then we'll have space ships and the Plain People will get away from this overcrowded planet

and establish a Mennonite Colony on some far distant
star. Could be.

There's an old saying that any boy born in America has a chance to grow up to be President. But, what has Fate in store for the lad who grows up to be the double of the man who is President?

At Girard College, Philadelphia - a Centennial Celebration -- President Truman made a speech this afternoon. And Frank Dale Roscoe of New Paris, Indiana, was told to stay away. Why, because Frank a Girard College grad happens to be the living image of President Truman: Even the same mannerisms. Also, he wears steel rimmed spectacles, and he likes Texas style hats, and double breasted gray suits. Same taste in clothes!

And who told Frank that he mustn't be in Philadelphia today because he's a carbon copy of the President? Our Secret Service Men, whose job it is to guard Mr. Truman. They said it was too dangerous, too much work for them, to keep an eye on the President, and the man who is a dead-ringer for Mr. Truman.

Frank protested, and finally they relented.

They told him to come along, but expressed the hope that he wouldn't take advantage of his remarkable ~~resemblance~~ resemblance -- to create any "diversion".

They are saying in Philadelphia -- one Harry Truman at a time is enough.

And now the one and only Nelson Case.