

POLES

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The Polish Embassy in Washington is up in arms tonight, accusing the United States of infringing on Polish sovereignty. Last week we sent a note to the Polish government, reminding it of its pledge to hold free elections in November - elections that the Poles promised to hold under the Potsdam agreement.

- that is the Soviet controlled Polish Govt reaction
Poland's reaction to the State Department note is an angry one. Tonight the Polish Embassy spokesman has challenged our right to interfere in Poland's internal affairs. Says the spokesman, it is entirely up to his government, and to his government alone, to decide when and how the balloting will be held.

That's what the Poles have to say about the United States note asking for a free election. They say nothing about whether and when such an election will be held. The Poles now deny that the Potsdam Conference gave the United States a right to see to it that the Polish people obtain a government of their own choosing. No, no, say the Poles, what happened at Potsdam was only that the great powers acknowledged that Poland would some

day have a free election.

present Warsaw
That's the ~~Polish~~ government's disquieting

An answer that
answering to our note. ~~It~~ may be even more disquieting

to the democratic elements of Poland. *For under*
present circumstances what chance
have they?

NEW LEAD CONFERENCE

There will be another meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in Paris soon, if Secretary of State Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Bevin can arrange it. They have agreed to the conference, and Bevin has now taken up the difficult task of convincing Russian Foreign Minister Molotov that such a meeting is an urgent necessity.

Both Byrnes and Bevin, currently attending the peace conference in the French capital, are reluctant to take the move announced tonight. They realize that a session of the Big Four powers at this time may give smaller nations the chance to complain that the Big Powers ~~are~~ again in a mood to dictate. But Byrnes and Bevin now feel that the Assembly of Nations in Paris is deteriorating from a peace conference into a ~~brawl~~ ^{free-for-all} brawl. They are also of the opinion that Molotov is no push-over as an opponent in ~~a brawl~~ ^{such a} brawl.

~~(continue with early conference story)~~

CONFERENCE

The Peace Conference in Paris had another of those vocal explosions today -- Australia exploding. The delegate from down under hurled a violent verbal cannondade at Vishinsky of the Soviets -- after provocation that was irksome indeed.

The trouble arose before the Peace Conference commission that is considering a treaty with Italy. The question of the former Fascist Nation has been causing all sorts of arguments, getting nowhere. Australia has been leading the smaller powers in trying to get better terms for Italy, and this led Vishinsky to lash out. He accused the Australians of obstructing the conference with endless argument. That from the Soviets with their perpetual wrangling, was irritating enough.

Vishinsky ~~xxx~~ climaxed with an excruciating jab. He said the Australian reminded him of a country boy who comes to town, a greenhorn from the sticks, and is so excited by the big city that he wants to try all the gadgets and won't listen to the city

sophisticates.

Australians don't like to be considered country boys, with hay in their ears. The ~~xxxxxx~~ top-lofty British have a way of regarding the Aussies as colonials -- which is exasperating enough. And now to have to take that from the Soviets -- it was too much.

Australian Delegate J.A. Beaseley roared: "Mr. Vishinsky said I am like a country boy arriving in town, who is not prepared to take the word of his betters. ~~He~~ is perfectly right."

Beaseley said he wasn't prepared to take the word of the Soviets. He stated flatly that the delegation from Moscow had been doing what he called -- "A lot of lying."

Talking at the top of his voice, Beaseley from down under shook his finger at Vishinsky. "We refuse to be bullied by anyone. We refuse," He shouted, "To be intimidated by one power, just because it happens to be big at the moment." I suppose he gave

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a tone of sarcasm to the phrase -- "Big at the moment."

Vishinsky tried to talk back, but the Australians had better vocal chords. At one point Vishinsky jumped to his feet and howled something in Russian. Beaseley yelled right back: "You've had a lot to say. You can't have it all the time."

Well, as international statesmanship, it may not have been so profound, but it was loud. *And evidently the Communist delegate didn't get the better of the Aussie,*

JUGOSLAVIA

Our crisis with Yugoslavia still remains in abeyance. There are still some things that Tito is required to do.

Yugoslavia has released the prisoners taken in the shooting down of the planes, and is returning the bodies or ~~remnants~~ ~~of bodies~~ of the American airmen burned in the flaming explosion of one of the planes. Tito, ~~the Communist~~, has promised that it won't ~~happen~~ happen again -- his fighter planes won't shoot down any more of our unarmed transports. Also he says he'll make restitution.

However, Tito's promises are merely verbal this far. ~~He gave them~~ ^{Giving} by word of mouth to the American Ambassador to Yugoslavia; -- but, there's nothing in writing. And we want it in writing.

This was stated today by acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who explains that we want Tito's pledges in formal fashion, and then ~~we'll~~ we'll make sure he lives up to them. Only under such condition will the United States refrain from taking the shooting

down of the planes to the Security Council of the United Nations.

Meanwhile, the remains of the five American flyers ~~who were killed~~ are being delivered by the Jugoslavs to American Military Forces in Italy, with Military ^{honors,} ~~errors~~. The remains are pitiful. Mere fragments hastily put underground by Tito's Military police, and ^{then} ~~disinterred~~. ~~At present it is impossible to determine whether there are four bodies, or five.~~ There is still doubt about a fifth member of the American crew, ~~of five~~. It may take ~~xxxxxx~~ chemical analysis to determine the number of Americans whose last mortal remains are being returned -- as much of them as can be returned.

As for the remaining prisoner the Turkish Army Captain who was wounded in one of the planes shot down, he's not a prisoner now. This was officially stated by the Jugoslavs today. There were reports that the Turkish Captain was being held for charges of espionage, but this is denied by Tito's people --

who say the Turkish Captain is merely being kept in a hospital because of his wounds.

GREECE

A late bulletin from Athens. The Russian Ambassador is going home. ~~He's~~ Returning to Moscow on Friday, and the date is significant. The Greeks go to the polls on Sunday, and all parties, Communists and Rightists, agree that the results won't be agreeable to Soviet Russia. So the Russians have pulled out their Ambassador, have called him home.

They're holding a plebiscite in Greece on Sunday -- a vote to determine if the Greeks will once more ask their twice-exiled-Monarch George-the-Second to return as ruler of his homeland. All Greek parties seem agreed that King Goerge will win in a fair contest.

Teams of Anglo American observers have already left Athens for the turbulent border region to make sure ~~that~~ the election is on the up and up. They are headed for the villages ~~ag~~ along the Yugoslav, Bulgarian, and Turkish Frontiers, and they promise that the elections will be honest if they have to count the votes themselves. In many cases they ~~will~~

probably ^{will} have to do just that. One young American observer, a Southerner, says: "There's been more persuasions per ~~sq~~ square foot per voter here than there ever was in Mississippi." He adds: "One night the Communists enter a town to persuade the voters they'd better fall in line. The next night a Greek Army Unit drives up. Its message, backed by bayonets, ^{being:-} "King George the Second is what the country needs".

PALESTINE

London states that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem is likely to be invited to the forthcoming Jewish Arab Conference for a settlement in Palestine, ^{after all.} The Arab League wants the Grand Mufti to head its delegation and this is being given what the London Dispatch calls - "highest level consideration".

As compensation to the Zionists, the British government may invite Jewish leaders who are now ~~imprisoned~~ imprisoned in Palestine on charges of terrorism - ^{let them} ~~they to~~ head the Jewish delegation. All ^{of which} ~~this~~ evokes no enthusiasm among the Zionists - who are against any British attempt to play off the Grand Mufti against the imprisoned Jewish leaders. →

It is not surprising that the Zionists are indignant at the idea of the Grand Mufti heading the Arab delegation in conference with the Zionists. That Arab religious functionary has had a notorious career of collaborating with the Nazis. He was in Germany during the war, and did what he could to help Hitler. From Washington there is word that the United States is

ADD PALESTINE

And still more news from the troubled Holy Land. Nearly eight hundred Jewish extremists in a concentration camp near the Palestine-egyptian frontier have embarked on a thirty-six hour hunger strike. They are demanding their immediate release, and their leaders^r warn that this strike is just the beginning. There will be another hunger strike - one ~~mf~~ to the death - if their present demands are not met.

INDIA

Mohammed Ali Jinnah, political leader of India's eighty million Moslems has opened his campaign against the proposed interim government of India. Jinnah has instructed Moslem delegates to boycott all future committee meetings and elections to the Indian central Assembly.

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WHITE RUSSIANS

In Moscow, almost forgotten history is making an appearance. The ghosts of the past are stalking in a grim and sinister haunt -- the Supreme Soviet Military Tribunal, which has been the end of the road for many an important ~~evening~~^{enemies} of Stalin.

The Prosecutor is -- Ulrich, who made a ferocious reputation in the great purge trials of a few years ago. In those theatrical court room proceedings, Ulrich was second as a minister of death only to Vishinsky, now Deputy Delegate to Molotov at the Peace Conference. Today Vishinsky is engaged in verbal battles at the parley in Paris, while Ulrich is back on the old job -- presiding over the doom of enemies of Stalin. Who are those enemies? That's what rolls back pages of history -- turns them back nearly thirty years.

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White Russians, whose armies fought to overthrow the new terrorists regime of Lenin and Trotsky, and were defeated, in savage, bloodthirsty conflict. White Russians were scattered over the earth. Their leaders vanished, some into graves, others into obscure exile. Some continued to oppose Communist Moscow, plotting, intriguing.

It was known for years that out in Eastern Asia, White Russians were playing the Japanese ~~game~~ ^{game} against the Soviets. So when Japan fell and the Red Army swept over the puppet empire of Manchuria, numbers of White Russians were picked up by the Reds. One of these, it now turns out, was General Semenov; -- ~~and he is~~ ^{who is} on trial, in Moscow, right now.

There are eight defendants, ranging in age from seventy-to-thirty-five. Collectively they represent nearly thirty years of far eastern conspiracy against the Soviets. Chief among them is Semenov. Another is Prince Ukhtomsky, one-time leader of Czarists against Communists.

The proceedings include the usual long confessions, *that are always a feature* ~~ever to be found~~ in Soviet trials of state. The first is that of General Semenov, who testified today. Thirty years ago, he was well known in pictures *— famous* for his ferocious face -- with huge bristling spiked mustaches. Today his mustaches were saggy and droopy, and his head was shiny and bald.

Confessing at copious length, he ~~ga~~ began at the beginning, and told of his part in the Civil War of Reds against Whites. A story bristling with well known names of the past: Kolchak, Wrangel, Denikin. He related how he, the Cossack Leader commanded fifty thousand horsemen, in the steppes, against the Bolsheviks. He tied in with the Japs, who gave him two million dollars to organize a campaign of terror, espionage and propaganda against the Soviets. In Nineteen Twenty-Nine, he was awarded seven hundred thousand dollars of Russian Imperial funds deposited in Japan.

During the recent World War Number Two, Semenov schemed with the Japs for an invasion of Soviet

Siberia. When the R end came, he was still waiting for the Japanese Army in Manchuria to strike -- instead of which Japan surrendered under the blows of the atomic bomb, *the Army Air Force B 29's and* and those great Navy air sweeps.

There is little doubt of how the trial in Moscow will result for General Semenov and his companions; Stalin and his group having caught one of their oldest and bitterest enemies.

And now a message from Nelson Case.

FOOTBALL

Letter from Sam -
June - 27 Aug

A big disturbance broke out today in the world of football. The trouble began in a smaller way when a Mississippi Coach fired a blast at West Point. Coach Allyn McKean of Mississippi State University issued a statement about alleged woes and sorrows of Shorty^{Mac} Williams, the ace halfback of the great West Point Team of last year -- ^{the}undefeated, invincible^{team}. The Mississippian declared that Shorty wanted to resign from West Point, but the authorities of the Military Academy wouldn't let him. So Shorty was being kept against his will at West Point because he was, in McKean's words, "A star football player."

And now listen to West Point. You can't shoot at Uncle Sam's Military Academy without getting a cannonade in return. So listen to the cannonade. It emanates from General Maxwell Taylor, Superintendent of West Point.

He begins with a denial that Shorty Mac Williams is being kept at the West Point against his will, virtually a prisoner, a ~~fanatic~~ football captive.

He says that Shorty did plan to resign, but changed his mind, and now ~~a~~ wants to stay at the Military Academy. But why did Shorty ever think of resigning? That brings the roar of the big guns.

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them to transfer from West Point in order to play football." Presumably, the summer furloughs of the West Point stars were marred all the more by juicy financial offers accompanying the visitations and solicitations --

-- hardly a way to mar anyone's summer, you'd suppose. And now Hugh tell us something to help us thru the rest of the summer.

Moreover a number of young athletes, who had obtained appointments to West Point, changed their minds at the last minute and decided to go to some other institution of learning. "Apparently," says the General, "As a result of financial offers to play football in other colleges."

The money angle must have been impressive, judging from ~~what~~ ^{who goes on to} the General says -- "The financial offers involved, ~~he declares,~~ were often fantastic, and show an apparent decay in amateur spirit in college athletics, which is most regrettable."

Right you are, General -- when the cash on the line is fantastic, it would seem to show at least an apparent decay in the amateur spirit, which is

ITALY

There's news ~~fm~~ from Italy tonight, but we don't know what it means just yet. Rome reports that thousands of Partisans, members of the wartime resistance movement against the Germans, have taken to the hills in Northern Italy, ^{where they} are defying police and military efforts to dislodge them. The mushrooming revolt has spread throughout the great industrial regions of Piedmont, Liguria, and Lombardy. And the Partisans in their flights are said to have confiscated and taken to their mountain hideouts large supplies of food and ammunition. The Government in Rome has sent a full infantry battalion and thousands of motorized police against the rebels. ~~But there is no report of fighting yet.~~

~~What's the reason for all this? That's what we don't know. The National Partisan Association has demanded that the present government of Premier ~~Alcide~~ De Gasperi include Partisans in the police and public administration. The Partisans have also asked that members of their group arrested for common crimes~~

LEAD

The latest tonight is a bulletin announcing another meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four in Paris. The purpose, ~~xx~~ ~~is~~ to put some ginger in the Peace Conference. The Foreign Ministers of the United States, Soviet Russia, Great Britain and France will get together in a ~~xx~~ desperate attempt to speed up the lagging and dragging negotiations - which have been going on interminably and getting nowhere.