

SPAIN

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It looks as if ~~Soviet~~ Russia ~~is~~ going to put all  
of its diplomatic strength behind the drive against  
Franco Spain. <sup>So</sup> ~~this was~~ indicated tonight by Radio Moscow,  
which blasted against Franco and demanded action by the  
United Nations. The Soviet propaganda <sup>broadcast</sup> ~~party~~ said in the  
strongest terms that the Franco regime was a menace to  
peace - an international matter, not merely the internal  
business of the Spaniards. And Radio Moscow reiterated the  
charge that Franco is harboring German scientists in  
researches to produce new weapons - including the atomic  
bomb.

This would seem to mean that Poland, having  
brought the Franco problem before the Security Council,  
will step aside more or less and let Soviet Russia carry  
the ball, - ~~and quite a husky ball-carrier the Soviets~~  
~~are, with plenty of bulk and brawn, for plunging through~~  
~~the line.~~ Lange of Poland is likely to yield the

limelight to Gromyko of Moscow - when the question of Spain comes up before the Security Council next week.

Great Britain seems to be trying to find some way out of the Security Council showdown on Franco - Britain taking the view that Spain's government, right now, is Spain's own internal problem. And the United States has spoken with a similar voice. <sup>TP</sup> From London we have word of a British-American-French confabulation. This was predicted today in the London News Chronicle in an article <sup>by</sup> ~~an article by~~ <sup>Vernon</sup> ~~Barrett~~ Bartlett, who is both an M.P. and a journalist. He states that British, American and French representatives are going to meet in London for a round table discussion of what to do about Franco. The inclusion of France is significant - because the government at Paris, with its powerful Communist element, has been insistently demanding action.

~~SECRET~~

This London newspaper story about a forthcoming three-power parley may be taken as virtually official, after the newsmen proceeded to make an inquiry ~~at~~ the British Foreign Office. The Foreign Office ~~representatives~~ ~~representatives~~ would neither affirm nor deny the newspaper story, neither yes nor no. However, a bit of comment was given, which the London dispatch reports in the following words: "It was suggested to correspondents that they assume the dispatch to be true." Which virtually means - yes, there is to be a three-power talk on Spain.

Meanwhile, <sup>\*</sup> the Franco government has denied the charge that it is fostering German scientists in warlike researches - like atomic bomb researches. The Franco regime ~~says~~ offers to let United Nations diplomats and foreign newsmen investigate and hunt ~~for~~ over Spain for signs of atomic <sup>doings. P</sup> ~~research~~ And, curiously

enough, this line of denial is echoed by anti-Franco Spanish Republicans in France. They say there is nothing to the stories about German scientists working on atomic bombs in Spain. Today the official Spanish Republican headquarters in Paris stated that the allegations are, in its words, "without foundation."

✓ On the other hand, a Number One leader of the Spanish anti-Franco exiles, Dr. de Los Rios, charges that Franco is mustering military power against France. He stated that four hundred and fifty thousand Spanish troops have been concentrated in menacing fashion on the French border - maybe for a blow against France. "Spain," declared the Spanish Republican leader, "now has an army superior to that of France numerically, and perhaps in the quality of armament, too." And he charged Franco with nursing what he called, "an aggressive spirit and an aggressive plan against France."





## NUREMBERG

At the Nuremberg trial Ernest Kaltenbrunner, who was director of the Hitler Security Police, went into frenzied<sup>59</sup> denial today. He was confronted with damning evidence of atrocity - including ~~evidence~~<sup>testimony</sup> that an execution exhibition had been arranged for him, a special ~~military~~<sup>murder</sup> show for his ~~own~~<sup>especial</sup> benefit. He shouted, "No" to everything, even denying his own signature on a letter ordering anti-Semitic atrocities.

Meanwhile, strange stories about the Nuremberg trial are circulating in Germany - and even drifting to other countries. This, says today's news dispatch, is a ~~result~~<sup>result</sup> of censorship. With Allied military censorship clamped on tight in Germany, rumor takes the place of published news - and there is no way of killing a phoney story. If it is officially denied, the Germans merely think that the censorship is hiding something.

The rumor crop centers around chief defendant Goering. All sorts of things are said to have happened

to him in court - all the way from an epileptic fit to shooting. The fact is that Goering, appearing in court day after day, is in the best of health. ~~But~~, it's impossible to down reports throughout Germany that Hitler's one-time Number Two man is desperately ill, wounded, or dead.

The most astonishing yarn tells of a shooting affray in the Nuremberg courtroom - a wild brawl with pistol fire, among the international figures. According to this, the stately British judge, Lord Chief Justice Lawrence was presiding, garbed in his majestic black robe of the law - <sup>ile</sup> ~~when~~ Goering was being questioned by Chief Soviet Prosecutor General Rudenko. The questioning got so hot that it turned into a free-for-all, with the Soviet General pulling a gun and blazing ~~way~~ at Goering - killing him. ~~Just~~ to make the story complete - Lord Chief Justice Lawrence, in the middle of the excitement, reached

down under his black robe and pulled<sup>out</sup> a pistol. If so,  
it's the most undignified thing that a Lord Chief Justice  
of England has done in a long time!



MIKHAILOVITCH

~~Yugoslavia turns down the proposal that American soldiers be permitted to testify in behalf of General Mikhailovitch, famed as the leader of the Chetniks.~~

~~The regime headed by Communist Marshal Tito declares that the <sup>chieftan</sup> leader who led the first resistance to the Nazis in Yugoslavia will be ~~it~~ tried and presumably condemned without ~~the~~ benefit of American evidence. Yugoslavia states that there cannot be any discussion of whether or not Mikhailovitch is guilty.~~

"His crimes," says the statement, "are far too big and horrible."

~~That would seem to seal the doom of General Mikhailovitch, whom the regime of Tito's Communists accuses of pro-Nazi collaboration, after having led the Chetniks in battle against the Nazis.~~

## PALESTINE

News from Jerusalem tells of a new crisis in Palestine - and, at the same time, gives us a revealing flash into the depths of religious and historic perplexity out there in the Holyland.

The crisis arises with the Jewish feast of ~~the~~ Passover - this coming weekend. With the stirring of ancient memories, Zionist fervor is redoubled - as is the resentment of the Zionists against the British. This, of course, is because of British restrictions on Jewish immigration in Palestine - and, as Passover comes, with its religious and nationalist ardors, there is a particular case of immigration-restriction on which Zionist resentment is focused. <sup>R</sup> The case, that is, of the Italian ship at the port of Spezia, which <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ found to be crowded with fourteen hundred Jewish refugees, ~~who are~~ <sup>on</sup> the way to Palestine, to be smuggled in. Today's news from Italy states that three British <sup>army</sup> officers of Jewish

descent have been arrested, charged with having planned the unauthorized voyage. ~~They are said to have arranged for the refugees to go to the ship and to have accompanied them.~~

In Palestine, the Zionist reaction to this incident is vigorous and drastic. On the eve of Passover, six hundred thousand Zionists will stage a one-day strike in protest. And other strikes are now in progress - or are threatened.

✓ The protest likewise takes the form of fasting - one hundred Jewish leaders resorting to that age-old demonstration of mourning and indignation. They began their fast today, and declare they will continue it until the refugees ~~xxxxxxx~~ stopped at the Italian port of Spezia are permitted to continue their way to the Holyland. ~~from Italy, we hear that the refugees will be taken to a camp at Uarra, and will be permitted~~

~~to go to Palestine a few at a time, according to British restrictions. - "As the monthly quota permits", says the news dispatch. One doesn't know how that will affect the ordeal of fasting by the hundred Zionist leaders.~~

<sup>✓ THIS</sup>  
All of which threatens trouble, as Passover approaches - ~~the more so as~~ <sup>since</sup> the solemn time is also celebrated ~~in a big way~~ by the Mohammedans, ~~Not~~ by fasting - but by feasting. The occasion is the pilgrimage of Nebi Mussa, when the Moslems flock to Jerusalem - a holy city for them, as well as for the Zionists.

The term "Nebi Mussa" refers to Moses, ~~and~~ The Mohammedan celebration <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ in honor of the great Hebrew law-giver. Today ten thousand Arab pilgrims poured into Jerusalem, armed with swords - feasting and rejoicing.

The complications, religious and historic, come to a climax when <sup>J</sup> note the origin of the Moslem feast



of Nebi Mussa. ~~It~~ was founded eight hundred years ago by the great Saladin, who fought against Richard the Lion Hearted in the Crusades. [In fact, the feast of Nebi Mussa traces, in a way, to that mighty King and Crusader.] Richard the Lion Hearted failed to conquer Jerusalem, but he waged such valiant battle that he obtained concessions from Saladin, the Moslem King. One of these was a guarantee that Christian pilgrims should be allowed freely to make their pious visits to Jerusalem and the Holy Places. [A reminder that Jerusalem is sacred also to the Christians.] ~~R~~ Saladin was apprehensive about the pilgrimage rights he had granted. He was afraid that the ~~excess~~ Christians might throng in such numbers that they'd be able to seize Jerusalem. That is, <sup>was</sup> at Easter time, the great season for pilgrimage to ~~Jerusalem~~ *the Holy City* in those days.

So he instituted the counter-pilgrimage, when

✓ Moslems would flock into Jerusalem & hosts of them to counter-balance the numbers of Christians. This counter-pilgrimage he dedicated to Moses, the feast of Nebi Mussa.

Saladin planned this as a check to the Christians at Easter. But, the Jewish Passover falls in the same season. Things have changed mightily in the Holyland

since the days of Saladin and Richard <sup>Coeur de Lion</sup> ~~the Lion Hearted~~

and now the feast of Nebi Mussa comes as a clashing element <sup>at</sup> ~~on~~ the Passover of the Zionists. ✕

ATOM

President Truman ~~today~~ put<sup>s</sup> an end to rumors that the atomic bomb tests might be postponed indefinitely or abandoned altogether. In an official statement he declared <sup>today</sup> that the atomic experiment, scheduled for May Fifteenth and then delayed until the beginning of July -- would definitely be held at that latter time. The President explained that the tests at Bikini Atoll are necessary -- so that we will know what kind of defense forces to develop in this atomic era.

ROOSEVELT

This afternoon at Hyde Park, President Truman began to speak at almost the exact hour at which, a year ago, he sat talking <sup>in Washington. - He was there</sup> in the office of Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives - when the telephone rang. <sup>Harry Truman at that time was</sup> ~~he was then~~ Vice-President, with no particular burden on his mind - just chatting with an old congressional colleague. The telephone call was from the White House, informing ~~xxxxxx~~ the Vice-President that Franklin D. Roosevelt had died suddenly. Shortly <sup>there</sup> after <sup>Harry</sup> ~~ward~~ <sup>Independence</sup> Truman of Missouri was being sworn in as President of the United States.

At <sup>Hyde Park</sup> ~~the anniversary~~ ceremony today, ✓ President Truman spoke with deep feeling of his predecessor, whose name ~~was~~ written so large in history. And he pledged himself to do his best to carry out the domestic and foreign policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Among the dignitaries who attended <sup>the ceremony on the anniversary of President Roosevelt's death</sup> were

veterans of the New Deal years, leaders in the Roosevelt



administration, members of the Cabinet today, the  
diplomatic corps from Washington, and the Security Council  
of the United Nations - which the late President Roosevelt  
did so much to establish. ~~And then today also~~ Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt today  
presented to the nation the Hyde Park ancestral home -  
to become a Franklin Delano Roosevelt shrine.

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address -

SPIES

One of the spies on trial in Canada today was sentenced to two and a half years in prison - a woman, Mrs. Emma Woikin, ~~She was a~~ <sup>the</sup> cipher clerk in <sup>the</sup> Canadian Department of External Affairs, ~~and~~ <sup>who</sup> admitted <sup>that</sup> that she divulged war secrets to Soviets spies. Mrs. Woikin declared she was infavor of Soviet Russia, that's why she did it.

FOOTBALL

I've a letter that reminds me of something I said on the radio fourteen years ago. ~~that~~ I'd forgotten <sup>- it;</sup> but, apparently it's remembered at Cedarville, Ohio. The letter is from H. H. Abels of that town and reads: "In Nineteen Thirty-two, when Cedarville College received <sup>that</sup> a hundred-and-thirty-seven to nothing defeat in football, you mentioned it as a part of your broadcast. ~~was~~ I am sending you a follow-up which is self-explanatory."

Well, <sup>after</sup> giving the news of that monumental football <sup>catastrophe of</sup> ~~meeting~~ fourteen years ago, I suppose it's only just and proper to <sup>present the</sup> ~~give~~ follow-up at this late date. It reads:

"Football as a sport at Cedarville College was discontinued in Nineteen Thirty-two after the local aggregation had received one of the worst shellackings in football history. On November nineteenth Halfback Joe Kershalla of West Liberty Teachers College, ran wild -- crossing the Cedarville goal line eleven times. And he kicked five extra points. This unparalleled



defeat finished all enthusiasm at Cedarville College for the sport.

"Now, however," the statement goes on, "the influx of G.I.s has changed the picture, and President Vayhinger states that arrangements are underway to put a crack Eleven on the field."

*and they're after the scalp of West Liberty Teachers College.*

*It* took fourteen years and a flock of ex-G.I.s to ~~get~~<sup>get</sup> Cedarville ~~get~~ over the effect of that prodigious walloping -- a hundred-and-thirty-seven to nothing.



FATHER DIVINE

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Here's a story about Father Divine - from Switzerland. Not that Harlem's negro divinity is ~~there~~ <sup>himself</sup> in the Alps - we are merely told that the cult of Father Divine has spread to Switzerland and is making remarkable progress. ~~there~~ There are said to be five thousand Swiss angels <sup>yodeling</sup> ~~uttering~~ - "peace, it's wonderful." <sup>and</sup> "Father Divine" heavens have been established in a dozen Swiss towns, where Harlem's dusky cult leader is proclaimed as - "God Almighty, the <sup>Creator</sup> ~~creator~~"

The chief <sup>yodler</sup> ~~singer~~ of "peace, it's wonderful" is one Jacob Greutmann, <sup>so-called</sup> archangel of Switzerland. He is eighty years old, and says he still has a bullet in his head from World War Number One.)

λ The bullet might explain something.

The event that puts all this in the news today is a measure taken by the Swiss government. The ~~authorities~~ authorities of the Alpine republic have banned the

distribution of a newspaper published by the Father Divine cult, because of a new sort of resurrection that it is preaching - resurrection by telephone. <sup>P</sup> This ultra-modern miracle is said to have occurred first when, in one of the Alpine heavens, a Swiss angel died.

Whereupon a telephone receiver was placed at the dead man's ear, and he received emanations from Father Divine in Harlem - by long distance. That raised him from the dead. This theory of immortality by long distance is making too much headway to suit the Swiss government, and so they've stopped the publication.

Tho' the Swiss angels can still go on yodeling: "Peace, it's wonderful." And s-l-u. Monday