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Late today word came from the U N that the United States had taken a position squarely in support of Great Britain. This afternoon, American Delegate Warren Austin, addressing the Security Council, told Iranian Premier Mossadegh that he was - wrong; all wrong - in denying the legal right of the U N to act in the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute.

FOLLOW IRAN

~~Final action~~ ^{They} tonight ^{came} was a postponement of a vote. The Security Council will wait until Friday before making a decision in the ~~Iranian~~ oil dispute.

Meanwhile, today's proceedings continued to indicate that the feeble fainting Premier of Iran may not be so simple-minded as people think. This evening, he gave an answer to Sir Gladwyn Jebb, who stated the position of the Anglo-Iranian oil company. Mossadegh, with perfect politeness replied: "Without wishing to give personal offense, I must say it has all the quality of the commercial puff in a stock company prospectus." The Iranian speaks English quite well.

EGYPT

In Washington Secretary of State Acheson today came out in favor of Britain's stand in Egypt. The Secretary of State called on Egypt to reconsider its off-hand rejection of the Middle East Pact, which would bring the Suez Canal under the international control of America, Turkey, France, Britain and Egypt.

Mr. Acheson would not comment on any support that might be offered by us to Britain "if the shooting spreads". But he added that the United States believes the British are acting within their moral and legal rights.

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The latest from Egypt is another menacing declaration by Premier Mustapha Nahas Pasha, who today addressed the Parliament on the Nile - and shouted - "the time has come for action". However, there was less action today - less violence.

Meanwhile, throughout Egypt, the atmosphere is still tense, following yesterday's anti-British demonstrations. However, there's no report of

any rioting. Today every British soldier and Egyptian policeman in the country was ordered out for special duty.

At Ismailia, scene of the bitterest rioting yesterday, British jet planes were out on patrol.

All day British transport planes roared up and down along the Suez Canal. Three thousand crack paratroopers from the island of Cyprus flew in, men of the Sixteenth Independent Parachute Brigade who were flown to Cyprus during the Iran crisis. Now they are encamped in the sands, on the bank of the Suez Canal.

Meanwhile, the South Lancashire Regiment, at present stationed at Trieste, has been ordered to Khartoum, capital of the Sudan.

At a press conference in Cairo, Egypt's Foreign Minister placed the blame for yesterday's violence on the British, and also on the United States, France and Turkey. Though what part America, France

and Turkey, with no troops in the area, can have played in those riots isn't at all clear.

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KOREA-WAR

(Tonight, in Korea, the remnants of five Chinese battalions are in a trap - the jaws of which closed on them today.) They're holding a mountain fortress, [^]Kim-song, on the central front, and could not be dislodged by direct attack. So U.S. armored infantry cut around on two sides, east and west, leaving a gap at the north - the sole escape route. Then, about four P.M. this afternoon, the G I's closed the gap by seizing a hill ~~position~~ position. "That" says an officer of the Twenty-Fourth Division, "put the cork in the bottle." A few of the Reds may ~~be~~ sneak through at night - but, for the most part, the remnants of the five enemy battalions are sealed in.

This was the ^{most important} ~~salient bit of~~ action on the war front today - with Red resistance weakening along the line in front of Kumsong, ~~that's~~ the all-important ~~point~~ transportation center, key to enemy defense on the central front. It looks as if Kumsong might fall before long.

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KOREA-TRUCE

The talks about an armistice are on again, dragging on. The liaison officers had another meeting today, and made what a Tokyo communique calls -- "additional progress, however slight." The Reds showed signs of yielding on several points, for example, they agreed not to hold the U N command responsible for any future truce violations by South Korean guerrillas. But there's a stalemate still, ^{with} ~~in the~~ stubborn argument about the size of a neutral zone.

Today's meeting had a dramatic setting, the Liaison officers could see the burst of exploding shells on a distant hill -- and could hear rumbling thunder of bombardment. U N guns ~~was~~ were shelling a hill position outside the neutral zone. But -- near enough for the liaison officers to see and hear.

JAPAN

In Tokyo today, Premier Yoshida spoke up in the Diet against the use of Japanese troops in Korea. Recently, we have heard reports from Washington that our people were advocating ^{the} use of Japanese troops, to form the backbone of the United Nations army. But the Japanese Premier is much against this. He says he even opposes "enlistment of volunteers."

MACARTHUR

General Douglas MacArthur addressed the American Legion Convention at Miami today, and told Fifteen thousand cheering veterans that, to stop Soviet aggression, we should apply every sort of pressure - "short of War". He called likewise, for an atomic program that would permit us to use the A-bomb -- "as needed" ^{was the way} as the General expressed it.

MacArthur wore an overseas cap of the American Legion, and cut a dashing figure as - "the old soldier" which he calls himself. The ~~legion~~ Legion convention gave him one ~~or~~ ovation after another.

TAFT

The political news tonight is dominated by two familiar names, and both begin with "T" -- Taft and Truman. Today the Ohio Senator, candidate for the Republican nomination, said he would prefer the Democratic nominee to be the President, running for re-election.

This was an echo, in a reversed way, of something President Truman said recently - remarking that he hoped Senator Taft would get the G O P nomination because he would be the easiest Republican to beat.

Taft was addressing the National Press Club in Washington today, and gave the following comment:

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"I don't want to make this a mutual admiration society." he said. "But I prefer Mr. Truman as ^{the} a Democratic nominee because that would present the issue most clearly." Which was a little different from the Truman remark about Taft as the easiest Republican to beat.

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But, ^{two} anyway, they are unanimous about each other - in a sort of Alphonse and Gaston act. Gaston Taft being a little more polite about it than Alphonse Truman.

~~And - Senator Taft today made public a telegram that he sent to the President back in Nineteen Forty-Eight. He did this in reply to the Forrestal Diaries, in which the late Secretary of Defense wrote that Taft was not particularly disappointed by the Truman presidential victory over Governor Dewey of New York - and said so in congratulating the President.~~

~~So now Taft makes public his telegram. It reads: "I wish to extend my hearty congratulations on your election. There are many matters on which we can agree to disagree, where I can be of help." The telegram gives no hint that the Ohio Senator was not particularly disappointed by the Truman victory.~~

FANATICS

A weird, blood-curdling story from St. Paul, Minnesota - where a sixty-four year old woman was beaten to death in the frenzied rites of a fanatical cult. The police have arrested a man who confesses that he took part in the crazy brutality. He, too, was beaten, his body showing marks of bruises - and his wife is in a hospital, critically injured.

All - the doing of a cult that believes the devil can be driven out of a person by physical beatings. They claim the doctrine derives from an obscure passage in the Bible.

Last year, a woman member of the sect was taken to a hospital, badly hurt. But, there was no prosecution, because she would not put in a complaint, nor would any other member. Now, the frenzy has resulted in a fatality.

PRINCESS

The royal tour is proceeding across western Canada to a tune of ^(incessant) ~~incessant~~ ovation. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh are learning ~~xxxx~~ about the colorful picturesque character of Canada out where the Rockies rear high. This evening they left Regina enroute to Calgary, ^{with} ~~and made~~ stops at Moose Jaw and Swift Current, which two latter names are thoroughly characteristic of the Canadian West.

The authorities at San Jose announce a discovery - something that will help California to curb the latest insanity of teen-age automobile maniacs:—The flaming chariot!

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The suicidal juveniles, in their frenzy for thrills, found a way to hook up the motor of an automobile in such a way that a stream of flame shoots out of the tail pipe - a blast of fire fifteen or twenty feet long. Several drivers of the flaming chariot were arrested, but they had to be turned loose - because the police knew of no law against an automobile that's like a flame thrower.

~~But~~ Then the District Attorney at San Jose started looking through law books. We've all ~~heard~~ heard about old, obsolete statutes, often foolish - but still in force. So here's what District Attorney N. J. Menard found:—

Once upon a time, for some reason or other, the California Legislators passed a law forbidding

anyone to throw, what the statute calls "burning substances or articles from an automobile." Just why they were afraid that people might hurl flaming stuff out of a motor car, is not clear. ~~That~~ But that old law now seems to apply to the hot rod drivers of the flaming chariot.

CHINATOWN

At San Francisco, they~~are~~ all set to dedicate a new housing project -- which doesn't sound like exciting news. But this is unique and spectacular -- ~~exists~~ a federal housing project for Chinese, in San Francisco's old and sinister Chinatown.

To make way for new buildings, they tore down evil haunts of old, opium dens, where weird orientals used to hit the drugged pipe of dreams. They dug up secret underground passageways, through which opium gangs used to flee. Also - mysterious tunnels used in Shanghaiing sailors on the Barbary Coast, when the San Francisco waterfront was one of the toughest on earth.

But don't think this relic of Chinatown has been replaced by something entirely modern and western. The new apartment houses have oriental roofs of yellow tile, and are decored ^{at} with gaudy dragons. There's an entrance modeled on a famous gate at the Yellow Monastery in Peking. The housing development is called -- The Ping Yuen Project. "Ping Yuen" meaning -

"tranquil Gardens".

So now its to be dedicated amid scenes
reminiscent of the bad old days of opium dens and
shanghaied sailors. One hundred thousand firecrackers
will raise a racket all day long. Spectacular
processions will bring gifts to appease the evil
spirits. The traditional dance of the Dragon will be
performed - all according to the tradition^s of legended

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