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SPIES

In New York - an identification - of Mr. X. The mystery man - in a big spy case. Mr. X - mentioned fourteen times in the indictment against Jack Sobel, his wife Myra, and Jacob Alban. Who ⁶~~w~~ere accused of being principals - in an international Soviet espionage ring. Mr. X - described as having made contacts with Red secret agents in New York, Paris, Zurich, Vienna.

Today, in court, U.S. Attorney Thomas Gilchrist - identified him. Told them who he is - and it's a surprise. A movie producer of reputation - Boris Morros. Who turned out - a series of Hollywood features.

Boris Morros, a Russian, came to the United States back in the twenties - with a musical review. A huge success at the time. "Chouve Souris" - which brought about a vogue ²⁷~~for~~ Russian entertainment in this country. Later, Boris Morros became a musical director and a motion picture producer. His biggest success - a film feature ² called "Carnegie Hall" which came out in nineteen forty-six. Other movies that he produced - the Flying Deuces, ²~~Dis~~istata, Second Chorus, and

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Tales of Manhattan. Now - a roly-poly figure of sixty.

So how does he figure - in the espionage conspiracy? The U.S. Attorney says - Boris Morros will be a star witness for the government against the three defendants. Otherwise - no explanation of the role he played in the plot. Was the movie producer a Red spy who defected to the West? Or was he an FBI "plant" in the spy ring? Or what was he doing? There's no answer.

He's now in Europe; - address kept secret. But he'll appear when the government wants him - as the star witness in the big spy trial.

U.N.

The general Assembly of the United Nations has again put off - the question~~s~~ of sanctions against Israel. Today, there were in fact - two postponements on that subject.

Negotiations are going on furiously behind the scenes. Hope expressed that the stalemate may soon end, some sort of compromise.

ISRAEL

The Middle Eastern complications - all the more complicated by a political snarl in Israel. Left wing members of the cabinet - balking at Premier Ben-Gurion's latest offer of a compromise.

This morning, the Kness^{et} assembled for a vote - on the Ben-Gurion policies. The word came that the Premier was holding an emergency cabinet meeting, The second one - in rapid succession, Because - a split had developed.

Cabinet members belonging to left wing parties insisting on a policy of - no compromise. No withdrawal from the Gaza Strip or the Aqaba sector.

All of which cast a lot of doubt on the vote in the Kness^{et}. The belief being - that, if Ben-Gurion insists on a compromise, the leftist parties will not support him in parliament. Likely - to abstain from voting. Which Ben-Gurion would not accept. The word being - that he would either demand that the left wing members leave the cabinet, Or, else, he himself - would resign.

The defiance of the left wingers came, as the Premier

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waited anxiously - for a report from Ambassador Abba Eban, who is negotiating in Washington. Presenting - Ben-Gurion's compromise.

Word is that the compromise makes two proposals. Control of the Gaza Strip - to be shared by Israel and the U.N. Navigation in the Gulf of Aqaba - to be guaranteed for Israel by a patrol of U.N. ships. Or - by the navy of Israel. Two conditions - for withdrawal of Israeli troops from the disputed areas.

However, information in Jerusalem is - that the two-point proposal is flexible. These latest Ben-Gurion demands - not iron-clad. Ambassador Eban's instructions - flexible enough to permit variations, as he deals with American officials. The area of compromise - vague.

All of which, it would seem, is intended to leave plenty of room - for future talks.

Tonight, Premier Ben-Gurion declared - that further sanctions by the United Nations would not prevent Israel from insisting on its "basic demands." The Premier made the

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statement before the Kness²~~it~~, trying to win all-out support
of his new compromise.

He succeeded - in getting an overwhelming vote of
confidence. The latest news - from Israel γ tonight.

KING SAUD

Four Arab countries - open their "summit conference" in Cario today. With King Saud of Saudi Arabia - acting as an apostle for President Eisenhower's program to help the Middle East against Red aggression. His audience - having mixed opinions, to begin with. Egypt, Jordan and Syria - having taken definite stands.

President Nasser of Egypt - non-committal. The Egyptian ^{press} ~~president~~ has criticized that ^e Eisenhower program - but Nasser has made no public statement about it at all. King Hussein of Jordan - likewise on the fence, apparently. President Shukrāi el Kuwatly of Syria - frankly hostile. Syria has developed closs relations with Soviet Russia - and has attacked the Eisenhower doctrine, openly. So now King Saud is trying to convince them that the American program - is okay. The plan - to give the countries of the Middle East American economic and military aid.

Four heads of state began with a long meeting, today - no information made public. A brief communique stating merely - that the talks will continue tomorrow morning.

AMBASSADORS

The new ambassador to France - Amory Houghton (Hoe-ton), chairman of the board of Corning Glass, named by President Eisenhower to succeed retiring Ambassador Douglas Dillon.

Amory Houghton - a great-grandson of Amory Corning, who founded the Corning Glass Works in upstate New York. That was back in eighteen fifty - Corning Glass in the same family ever since. Its present head - now going to France as U. S. Ambassador.

Today, President Eisenhower also named new ambassadors to West Germany and Australia. David K. E. Bruce, Democrat and former Under-Secretary of State - going to West Germany. William Sebald, a State Department career man - named ambassador for Australia.

FOOTBALL

The Supreme Court refuses to give professional football - anti-trust exemption. Pro football - not accorded the same treatment as major league baseball.

The decision handed down in a suit filed by William Rabovich, one-time star player on the Los Angeles team, the Dons. Rabovich - complaining about the "reserve clause". Which makes a player the possession of one particular team. Preventing him - from gaining employment with some other team, which he might choose. The high tribunal - now holding that the football "reserve clause" violates the Sherman anti-trust act. The Court admits that it may seem "inconsistent" - refusing ~~unusual~~ professional football a favor given to professional baseball. It cites the fact - that baseball was exempted from the anti-trust laws way back in nineteen twenty-two. Congress- able to change the law since then, if Congress chose to do so. Football having no such precedent. But presenting - a new case. The court declaring specifically - that the decision in favor of baseball does not include other forms of sports, or organized entertainment.

PATINO

London has been having a sensational trial - a libel case. The heir to a Bolivian tin fortune - suing the London Sunday Graphic. Which printed a lurid account of the marital affairs of Senor Patino.

Today, the verdict - in favor of Patino. The British court - awarding fifty-six thousand dollars in damages.

The Sunday Graphic had expected ^{his} ~~his~~ American wife to give evidence in defense of the newspaper. But, at the last minute - she refused.

Whereupon, the publication could only apologize profusely - and accept the verdict for damages.

NORTH POLE

Now about that North Pole story of the two
airliners passing each other; one - flying from Japan
to Denmark; the other - going the other way, Tokyo to
Copenhagen. Today, the airliners from Tokyo landed at
Copenhagen. The sister ship - due in Japan a little
later. All of which initiated an air route, over the
North Pole, between Europe and the Far East.

ANTARTIC

Japan - asking help from the United States, also from Soviet Russia. An appeal - in the ^{Antartic}/~~Antarctic~~ A ship of the Japanese Antartic Expedition - locked in the ice.

There's an American ice-breaker in those waters - also a Soviet ice-breaker. The call for help - addressed to them. The Japanese hoping - one or the other will crash through, and release the ice-locked vessel.

If attempts should fail - they say they'll take *the* Japanese scientists off ~~the ship~~ by helicopter. The crew - being prepared to remain aboard the ship through the winter.

UNKNOWN FLYER

Somewhere in this country there's an aviator - who deserves the heartfelt gratitude of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Seabolt, of Locust Grove, Georgia. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ They'd like to thank him - but don't know who he is.

Last week, however, when it happened - the Seabolt family sure was annoyed by that pilot. Annoyed, that is, at first. They were fast asleep at night - the young couple, their three-months-old baby and Mrs. Seabolt's father. When they were awakened - by a roar. An airplane, buzzing their house. "Some crazy fool of a flyer," they thought. And then the plane buzzed the house again. That made them take notice, and they found - the house on fire. The roof - ablaze. They got out - in a hurry.

Today, the Seabolts published a letter as follows:

"Dear Aviator: We want to tell you that your thoughtfulness and daring saved our whole family Friday night. We never would have even had a chance - if you hadn't flown low and waked us up."

"Thank the Lord," the letter adds, "that there are people like you."

Gratitude - to an unknown flyer.

WEATHER

The weatherman - behaving better today. After a stormy weekend - in Northern California and Oregon.

Tempests of rain - causing floods all over the place.

Rivers over their banks - low lands inundated. Four lives lost - hundreds routed from their homes by the swirling floods. Torrents of rain plus melting snows - bringing the deluge.

The wind - illustrated best by stories of airplanes.

Blowing from the Pacific Ocean - the gale so strong that some westbound airplanes couldn't buck it: Having - to turn back.

As for airlines flying the other way, they made new speed records - boosted by the tail winds.

Tack Sawyer of Sleepy Hollow, on the Hudson, and I, rather insanely, I admit, tried to play a round of golf in the storm - on a course that overlooks the Pacific. We were nearly blown into the ocean.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower, today, performed - another exploit in self control; when he gave a short wave radio broadcast - warning the people of the Middle East against the "menace of international communism." Telling them - that his program, now before Congress, is an effort for "freedom and justice among the sovereign people."

The other day, when the President went on radio-television, telling the American people about his attitude in the Israel-Egypt controversy - he apologized for having to cough. Nevertheless, although his voice was husky, - he didn't cough while speaking. Though he did before - and afterward.

Today he said: "I feel very well, but I've been having some voice trouble." Troubled - by that same cough.

But, speaking into the microphone - no sign of the cough. Although, afterward the President did start coughing.

Newsmen asked a White House physician, General Snyder, about it. Why the cough after - but not during the speech.

The doctor answered with two words - "self control!"
Something that most of us need - self control!

I have been broadcasting from aboard a famous train this evening. The name of it "The City Of San Francisco." In a moment I'll hand this microphone out the window, and then we'll be on our way to Truckee! One of my favorite places, in the Sierras - Donner Pass - where for several days I will be broadcasting from the middle of the Sierras - from the South Pacific Railway station at Truckee.

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Pass area,
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