

PALESTINE -

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~~The~~ White House statement today disclosed that President Truman is meditating a plan to admit into the United States a number of ~~is~~^{is} "displaced persons", including Jewish refugees. This will require the consent of Congress and the statement today reads as follows: "The President is contemplating seeking the approval of Congress for special legislation for the entry into this country of a fixed number of these persons, including Jews". How large a number? That is not stated, ~~by~~ but it is known that one figure advocated is -- fifty thousand. That many to be admitted ~~is~~ into the United States over a period of a year.

~~Then~~ In Palestine meanwhile the crisis is made more explosive by death sentences ^{that} a court martial imposed today at the ~~port~~ port of Haifa. Eighteen young Zionists members of the Stern Gang of Extremists were condemned. Four other defendants, young women, were ~~sentenced~~ sentenced to life imprisonment.

This goes back to the dynamiting of the

railroad workshop^s at Haifa last June. ^A~~23~~ pitched battle was fought between the leaders of the Stern gang and a force of British troops. Eleven ~~xxxx~~ zionists were killed and others were captured. The defendants who were sentenced today in the court, ~~they~~ bore marks of the battle. One had lost an eye. One of the women defendants had both arms in a plaster cast. During the trial they interrupted the proceedings by singing Zionist songs and today while sentences were being read they sang at the tops of their voices and drowned out parts of the verdict.

led out of court they staged an outbreak.

One of the young women shouted suddenly: "they're mistreating me." ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Whereupon the eighteen youths under death sentence lunged at the police and soldiers. They were hand-cuffed but put ~~mm~~ up a strenuous fight and it took ten minutes to suppress them.

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The death sentences greatly increased the fear of a new outbreak in Palestine. The Stern Gang of underground ~~and~~ extremists has announced that if any of ~~it~~ its members are executed they will retaliate by killing members of the British forces. ~~On~~ On a previous occasion when the ~~extremist~~ extreme penalty was decreed against two members of the Stern ~~Gang~~ Gang, the underground organization responded by kidnapping British officers who were released after death sentences had been commuted.

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President Truman states that he has offered no new plan for an agreement in Palestine. In a message to the British Government he told London that the question would have to be settled by negotiation between the Jews, the Arabs and the British.

This information is given to use in an official White House statement. However Presidential Secretary Ross explains that while the President offered no new plan he would make some suggestions to London. Ross didn't say what the suggestions were, but the report is that they support the scheme advocated by ^{the} Jewish Agency. -- ~~which proposes that the Zionists get all of Palestine except Western Galilee, the area around Haifa, and a corridor to the port of Haifa.~~ →

PEACE CONFERENCE

The row at the peace conference today was not so much what the Soviets had to say, as the occasion they took for saying it. The delegates to the United Nations were trying to organize committees for drawing up treaties with the various enemy countries -- and right in the middle of everything, Soviet Deputy Delegate Vishinsky stopped the wheels of progress with a long argument about France and Rumania.

He declared that France, which did not declare war on Rumania, should not take any part in drawing up a Rumanian Treaty. This, in fact, was in accordance with the decision made by the council of Foreign Ministers -- but why bring it up at that particular moment? What Vishinsky said was true enough, but the question of France and Rumania was not on the schedule and shouldn't have come up until later -- in other words, Vishinsky was talking out of turn.

This excited the wrath of the New Zealand Delegate W.J. Jordan -- who was intensely annoyed to see things tied up once again by a needless Russian

argument. So he lit into Vishinsky.

He said the conference was accomplishing nothing, just wasting time. "We have to listen" he protested, "To a long harangue and long tirade, which is completely irrevelant. I want to see something done in my lifetime." And he added in deep disgust: "I am sick of listening to quack, quack, quack, hour after hour."

The New Zealander was in dead earnest, hot under the collar, as he said "quack, quack, quack." This was so much to the point that it was funny, and the whole conference laughed, including Vishinsky -- who then replied to the -- quack, quack, quack.

He took a lofty tone, saying that the New Zealander was -- a hothead. "I," declared Vishinsky, "Shall not use his same angry words or his furious intonation. Bad temper never does any good." And he added; "We shall never submit to angry words."

Back in the United States the quarrel in Paris was echoed by Senator Tom Connally as he sailed

today bound for Paris to the Peace Conference. Senator Connally, together with Senator Vandenberg, have been called to Paris by Secretary of State Byrnes -- to participate as members of the American Delegation.

Connally of Texas was in no mood of rosy optimism as he departed today. Describing the Peace Conference, he said "all you do is sit all day, going, Yah, Yah, Yah."

Which would seem to echo the New Zealand version -- quack, quack, quack.

SQUATTERS

A mass movement is on in Britain, a movement of squatters, people who just push in and make themselves at home, without any legal right. This is a result of the severe housing shortage, in London alone a million homes alone were damaged by German bombing, and the work of reconstruction is mighty slow. And so people by the wholesale, are moving into places where they legally don't belong.

The whole thing started when a few veterans, made desperate by bad housing, moved into some unused army huts. Word of this got around and other families followed suit -- taking over abandoned army camps, anti-aircraft gun battery headquarters and residential buildings that had been used for wartime purposes. In some cases whole communities abandoned their insufficient homes for whatever empty housing they could find.

Soldiers had have had to defend their barracks against the squatters. Last night some soldiers at a gun encampment returned from mess, and

found their headquarters occupied by twenty migrants -- who were moving in furniture and making themselves at home. The soldiers made the best of things and settled down with the squatters.

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HENRY PU-YI

At the War Crimes Trial in Tokyo today there appeared on the witness stand an unimpressive little fellow in a blue suit and spectacles. His face was oriental and he had an ivory fan, which he handled with delicate grace. They called him Henry Pu-Yi, ~~but~~ he was the last ^{emperor} ~~heritor~~ of the fabulous Manchu Dynasty of China -- twice an Emperor. He was the last celestial ruler to occupy China's Dragon Throne, and later was the Japanese Puppet Emperor in Manchuria. Now he's a prisoner -- today testifying against Tojo and the other Japanese war makers.

Henry Pu-Yi was brought to Tokyo from ~~Sukha~~ Soviet Vladivostok, ^{where} he has been held by the Red Army ever since the Russians captured him -- when they swept up the debris left by collapsing Japan. What they are going to do with Henry Pu-Yi nobody knows, but for the time being they are lending the two-time Emperor to the trial of the war criminals.

Today he told how he became Sovereign of China when he was three years old. His reign, as the last

of the Manchus, lasted for two years. He was a boy Emperor five years old, when the Chinese Revolution swept away the once all-powerful dynasty. Thereafter he lived a varied life, ~~growing~~^{grew} up in Peiping, then shunted to Tientsin, ^{and} Port Arthur. He was at Port Arthur when the course of events took him to a second throne -- as he related today.

The testimony of Henry Pu Yi was damning evidence of Japanese plotting in the seizure of Manchuria from China. On the witness stand he peered through his spectacles, gesticulated with his ivory fan, and pointed directly at one of the chief defendants -- General Itagaki, former Chief of Staff of the Japanese Army in Manchuria. He said the Japs had forced him to become an Emperor again, had compelled him by threatening his life -- and Itagaki was the one who did it.

That was at the time when the Japs were plotting the seizure of Manchuria. Chief of Staff Itagaki went to Port Arthur and told the former boy Emperor that Japan intended to sever the Northern Province from China

-- and he invited Henry Pu-Yi to become its Emperor. Henry says he refused, because he'd be only a puppet. Whereupon Itagaki threatened to kill him. So Henry, in fear of his life yielded -- and consented to become an Emperor again. He told today how he was never anything more than a puppet, with nothing to say, the Japs running everything. They called him an Emperor, and surrounded him with imperial ceremony -- but he was, in reality, nothing more than plain Henry. ^{HP} And now he's Henry all over again.

GOOD SAMARITAN

At Dupont, Indiana, they have found another case of what looks like poisoning -- in the strange affair of the Good Samaritan. That's what Mrs. Lottie Lockman calls herself. She is sixty-two, for years a sort of local practical nurse, taking care of old people. The evil specter of poison came up when a patient of the Good Samaritan died, Minnie McConnell, aged seventy five, and an examination disclosed the presence of deadly mercury. At the same time a daughter-in-law of the dead woman was ill, and the cause was found to be -- poisoning.

The Good Samaritan was arrested and attention was then focused on others who had died. Her husband, her brother in law, another aged woman patient and a ninety year old man who had been under her care -- Uncle Fred Giddings. Poisoning suspected.

It was all a weird mystery -- fantastic to think that the motherly kindly Good Samaritan could ~~mg~~ have been a wholesale poisoner.

The next thing was the exhumation of the body of Uncle Fred Giddings. This was done in

spooky fashion on a moonlit night in a country cemetery. The exhumation was at the suggestion of the Good Samaritan. She said that, if no poison was found in the body of Uncle Fred Giddings it would show that she hadn't poisoned anybody.

Today the toxicologist for the State of Indiana made his report. Was any poison found. Yes, that same deadly mercury.

So what has the Good Samaritan to say about that? Her explanation is that Uncle Fred ^{had} been addicted to patent medicine. This afternoon she said: ~~He~~ ^{He} even sopped his breakfast bread in patent medicine. That's where the poison probably came from .

The mystery became all the more complicated with tonight's comment from the toxicologist. Told about what the Good Samaritan had to say he said: "It is possible". He declared that the ninety year old man could have taken mercury in patent medicine. Then to complete the confusion the Toxicologist stated that while mercury had been found in ~~it~~ the

two bodies examined he could not be ~~xxxx~~ positive
that the deaths were caused by the poisoning.

MARRIAGE

And now for a new version of an old chestnut, -- Go West, Young Lady, Go West! That is -- if you're thinking about getting married and want a wider variety in the selection of a husband. There are more eligible bachelors out there.

This we have from a Professor at Pennsylvania State College, Dr. Clifford Adams, who has just written a book -- "How To Pick A Mate." Of course, a lot of us married folk managed to do that without reading the book -- but times progress, and I suppose that, eventually, people will have to take a college course to find out how to pop the question or what to do when the question is popped.

Anyway, the Professor has made a survey of marriage prospects for young women in various parts of the country. And he finds that they are best in Nevada, where, for every hundred women of the right age, there are one-hundred-and-seventy-seven and twenty-one one-hundredths men. That extra twenty-one one-hundredths of a man must be a fascinating fellow. How would you like to meet him, girls.

From Nevada, in the West, let's go to the state with the worst prospects of marriage for a young woman. That state is -- Rhode Island where for every one hundred girls there are only eighty two and sixty-one one-hundredths men of the best age for marriage.

If ~~the~~^a young lady is really determined in ~~the~~^a matrimonial way, she will not only go west, but also be a farm girl. The professor finds that in cities there are more women than men, one hundred to ninety-six. On the farms its the other way around, one-hundred-and-four men for every ^{one} hundred women.

So the song of girlish romance would seem to go:-- out among the haystacks of the west.

And my song hugh - is back
to you.