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ISRAEL

Israel is willing to have the Holy places of Jerusalem; and of all Palestine internationalized. To be open to pilgrims of all nations, -- under the control of the United Nations.

The Israeli U N representative, Aubrey ~~S.~~ Eban, told the General Assembly's Special Committee at Lake Success tonight that his government recognizes the necessity of pilgrims having free access to the Holy places at all times. He said Tel-Aviv also recognizes the need of security for Catholic and Christian institutions in Palestine -- as pointed out by the Pope in his recent Encyclical. This, as the Jewish representative, made an impassioned plea for Israel to be admitted as the fifty-ninth member of the United Nations.

BLOCKADE

The advance stories were correct. Thursday, May Twelfth, is the date. Next Thursday the Berlin Blockade will come to an end.

Although Allied road, rail and water traffic will flow into the city on that day, the Russians will continue to operate control points - checking all vehicles, to see if their passage is authorized. In other words only Air Transport will be completely free of Russian control.

About the airlift? Will it continue? Today the big planes brought in their usual eight thousand tons. And the airmen themselves say they want to keep on flying the air lift. Why breakup the most efficient air transport fleet ever built-up? What if the Soviets suddenly decided to clamp down again?

Tonight we get a partial answer. A dispatch from Berlin saying that American and British planes will keep the airlift going - for some time. That's

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the official word. Why? One reason because the Allies want to pile up a year's supply of coal for western Berlin.

Before the Blockade, the four million Berliners got their coal by barge; by canal from Hamburg. ~~surely~~^{By} barge is far less expensive than by air! As for the railroad from the British zone to Berlin, that's a single-track affair, suitable for light traffic.

At any rate, the Airlift has shown up the inadequacy of Berlin's normal supply lines.

FOLLOW BLOCKADE

A Moscow dispatch tells of the news of an understanding between the Kremlin and the Western Powers being announced over Radio Moscow today. In the form of a Taas Agency dispatch, dateline New York. And the Moscovites are delighted, says the newswire.

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Another dispatch from the Soviet capital says that Russia may present a four-point program to the meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers. This to call for the withdrawal of all Allied occupation forces from Germany -- including their own; organization of a central German government; and a drawing up of a German peace treaty, with four-power control over Germany until the treaty is signed.

Meanwhile, in Berlin today, the Soviet occupation authorities jumped the gun on the date for the lifting of the Blockade.

Berliners were delighted when Radio Moscow announced that potatoes can now be taken from the Soviet section to western Berlin. Since the Blockade everyone in the western sector has been living on dehydrated

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potatoes - flown in by the Airlift. But tonight they are having real potatoes - a treat for those potato-loving Germans.

HONG KONG

Today in Parliament, British Defense Minister A.V. Alexander announced that London is sending what he calls, substantial air, land and sea reinforcements to the Gibraltar of the East. To Hong Kong. Infantry, tanks, field guns, aircraft, cruisers, and an aircraft carrier. He spoke of Great Britain having, what he called "an entirely new defense set-up in the Far East." And he said that, although London is trying to carry out a hands-off policy in the Chinese Civil War, Hong Kong will be defended - ~~whatever the cost.~~

~~Britain will defend Hong Kong~~ at all costs.

TR Hong Kong is a thirty-two square mile island at the mouth of the Canton River, in South China, only a stone's ~~throw~~ throw from the mainland. If the Communists overrun southern China, as they are expected to do, the British at Hong Kong will be on the spot.

Special agents have been sent from London, to work with the Hong Kong police force.-- to keep Communist agents out of the island.

Hong Kong, obviously is Britain's most vulnerable outpost of empire. Under the Washington Naval agreement, In Nineteen Twenty-one, Great Britain agreed with America and Japan not to convert the Island into a first class naval base. So there it is today, the most important trade center in the Far East, and in grave danger if the Red sweep continues.

Hong Kong is an island of stately buildings, capped by Mt. Victoria. Gardens and groves of pine and eucalyptus. With a million and a half inhabitants, of many races, plus another million refugees, from China.

STRIKE

The Ford Motor Company tonight called on the Mayor of Dearborn, Michigan, to open the picket lines at the River Rouge plant. To allow anyone wishing to leave or enter to do so. The United Automobile Workers Union are picketing the plant tonight, allowing only maintenance and guard personnel to go in.

And the company says -- if local police cannot cope with the situation, will Mayor Orville Hubbard call promptly for State and County help.

Sixty-two thousand CIO members of the United Automobile Workers Union walked out of the two key plants of the Ford Motor Company this afternoon. The walkout took place as company and union officials were trying to settle matters.

What's the trouble? The union charged that its workers are being called upon to produce cars too

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fast. What they term a "speed-up."

If the strike continues, Ford plants in thirty-three cities will have to close down. Also the strike quickly will affect three-thousand-five-hundred other plants that supply parts and equipment to Ford.

Today's walkout was orderly. Only one policeman on hand, and he was directing traffic. The auto workers went quietly to their homes, the first major walkout against Ford in eight years.

Late word is that no progress has been made in settlement. Both sides, the company and the union, standing pat. But both saying they are willing to negotiate if the other side makes an offer.

LABOR FOLLOW STRIKE

In Pittsburgh, the C.I.O. United Steel Workers Union announces that it will demand pay hikes, -- Social Security, and pensions, for its million workers. ^{This} As part of its Nineteen Forty-Nine program. C.I.O. President Philip Murray says that letters are being sent this week to the companies concerned - giving them an outline of the union demands. Chief of these, a guaranteed minimum wage for all steel workers, -- to offset slack times in production.

PRESIDENT

Mr. Truman told his news conference today, that he will keep fighting for his labor bill. He wants, what he calls, a bill to fulfill the Democratic platform pledge to repeal the Taft-Hartley Law. And he said that ^{when} the House voted yesterday to send the Wood Bill back to committee, ^{that} was a definite victory for the administration.

SCIENTIST

Thirty-nine years ago, a starving Russian medical student fled to the United States -- fleeing from persecution in Czarist Russia. Here he found work, continued his studies and in Nineteen Fifteen he graduated from Rutgers University. For another twenty-five years he stayed on at Rutgers, experimenting in microbiology.

He is credited with the discovering of streptomycin, miracle drug now widely used to combat tuberculosis, cholera, plague and undulant fever.

Today Dr. Robert Clothier, President of Rutgers, announces that Dr. Selman Walksman - the poor Russian student - has turned over his patents on Streptomycin and eight other patents, to the University. With a request that the proceeds from the patents be used for scientific research. "To express ~~me~~ my gratitude to the United States" was

the way the scientist put it. In order to give poor students from all over the world a chance to study in America, as I did."

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As a result of the gift Rutgers plans to build a million dollar institute of micro-biology, - and have it ready by May, Nineteen Fifty-One, with Dr. Walksman as its first director.

HORSE

Dr. Bernard Reiss, of the American Museum of Natural History, an animal psychologist, says that horses are stupid, with an I Q equivalent to that of a gopher; and that a gopher sometimes can't tell its own hole in the ground. Then he goes on to tell of a horse having a nervous breakdown over the mere fluttering of a butterfly, or the buzzing of a bee.

All of which he blames on us. He says we have over-civilized the horse and taken away his independence, and turned him into a most unhappy quadruped -- neurotic, unthinking, frustrated.

Well, maybe the Professor has known the wrong horses.

The horse, as we all know, played a robust part in the creation of our country. I wonder if in the days of the covered wagon and the pony express, the horse ~~was~~ was less neurotic.

BERGMAN

Here's a follow-up story on film star Ingrid Bergman. The gist of it is that a victory is proclaimed for the age-old institution of marriage.

Ingrid Bergman's husband, Surgeon Peter Lindstrom, today told newsmen in Rome that he came to Europe to see his wife again, as would any other husband. And he added: "We are bound by an indissoluble affection".

All of which seems a happy sequel to last night's story which didn't sound so happy.

BARONET

Robert Stirling, a fifty-nine year old Indiana undertaker has been declared the heir to the tenth baronet of Glorat, lawful owner of a Three Hundred year old manor house, a family ghost and Four Thousand acres in Scotland. The authority for the declaration is Debrett's Peerage, the bible of British nobility. Debrett keeps track of the family trees of the nobility, and its ruling is held to be unquestionable. *And* Debrett has decreed that to Robert Stirling goes this ancient Scottish title.

But [—] between the undertaker-Baronet of Indianapolis, and his surprise heritage, stands a resolute Scottish woman, Miss Elizabeth Stirling. This dowr spinster told a United Press ^{reporter} today, ^{over the} that she is Not going to turn over the Barony of Stirling to any undertaker from Indianapolis. Said she: "We Stirlings have been here since Fifteen Hundred and Eight, in the same house. Then she went on to say that her father willed the place to her. He died on Sunday, without male heir, at the age of Eighty-Six.

Trans Atlantic Home!

But, Debrett, the authority on family trees and noble inheritance in Britain, declares that all the Indiana undertaker has to do is ~~to~~ prove by documents that he is a legitimate Stirling for four generations, whereupon he becomes, Sir Robert, the Tenth Baronet of Glorat.

As for Robert Stirling himself, he hasn't made up his mind yet. In Indianapolis today, at his undertaking parlor, he said he would like to have the title, and the lands ~~xxx~~ too, if it doesn't mean his giving up his American citizenship.

But the word from Scotland is that he is up against a determined female cousin. Today on the Trans-Atlantic phone, Miss Stirling said that her family motto is "Semper Fidelis" the same as the U.S. Marines. And that like the Marines she's ready to wage battle from the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli!

To keep her father's title from going to an Indianapolis undertaker.

And now Nelson, what do you undertake?

FATHER

The Lebanon Hospital, New York, had an unexpected visitor today. His name - Charles Collins - wanting to get away from it all. And no wonder. Because Charlie Collins was informed yesterday that he is the father of quadruplets - born yesterday in the same hospital.

The word tonight is that the proud, I mean, the worried father, is suffering from shock, and has been ever since the doctors told him the glad news.

And now Nelson, what glad news from you?