

Tonight's dispatch from Palestine quotes an Arab leader as making the following statement:

"The battle is over. The Jewish state has arisen."

This declaration is attributed to Akram Hamari, member of the Parliament of Syria.

Another Moslem chieftain is quoted as asserting that there will be no invasion of Palestine by the Arab League, and military assault against the Jewish state. This is attributed to the Lebanese adviser of Assam Pasha, the Secretary General of the Arab League.

Still another Moslem declaration is as follows: "We have saved the Arab half of Palestine."

This is chapter and verse in a sudden and surprising change -- strong intimations from the Arab side that there will be no war against the Jewish state, no invasion by Arab armies when the British mandate expires on May Fifteenth, at the end of next week. All this - providing the Jews evacuate parts of Palestine that have an Arab population.

~~This unexpected development is explained by division and discord in the Moslem ranks.~~ At Beirut, Lebanon, the Minister of the Interior told a news conference today that the much talked of Arab invasion of Palestine has been delayed by competition among the rulers of the Arab states.

In Jerusalem a quick interpretation is made -- pointing to King Abdullah of Trans-Jordania. Jerusalem believes that the meaning of it all is that Abdullah is ready to move into Palestine, and take over the Arab areas. It has been rumored repeatedly that Abdullah might make a deal with the Zionists, whereby he would refrain from opposing the Jewish state on condition that he got the Arab section of Palestine -- to annex to his own Kingdom of Trans-Jordania. This appears to have taken place -- Abdullah prepared to move in, take everything in reach, and respect the borders of the Jewish state. If so, Abdullah must have won out over the opposition of the other Arab states which are known to be jealous of his ambitions.

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But Abdullah might well have the upper hand - with his Arab legion, the most formidable military force in the Moslem Near East.

All this is late, hasty news, and may not turn out to be as definite as it sounds - but it is accompanied by other tidings of peace in the Holy Land. Today, at the Jericho conference, the Arabs agreed ~~to~~ an Armistice to include the entire city of Jerusalem. They have issued a "cease fire" order to their troops, the new truce to go into effect tomorrow - if the Jews meanwhile, agree to the proposal. The latest ~~news~~ word is that the Zionists have not yet replied. They will give an answer tomorrow - and the word is that they will undoubtedly accept.

With these signs of peace in Palestine -- the battle today was in the United Nations. Over ~~the~~ there from Dan to Beersheba, there's little violence to report - today's Palestinian violence having broken out at Lake Success, Long Island. It's all about the Mayor of Jerusalem. Or rather, the lack of a Mayor or

of Jerusalem. Today, London Foreign Secretary Bevin transmitted to the U.N. a message from the British Commander in Palestine, Sir Alan Cunningham. This was in answer to the U.N. decision yesterday to appoint a mayor, ~~of Jerusalem~~, and have the British out there select one - pick an individual for the job. Sir Alan Cunningham was requested to make the selection, and he replies promptly - in haste - saying that he can't find anyone on whom both the Jews and Arabs would agree for the post of mayor of Jerusalem.

Whereupon there was an uproar at Lake Success, with American delegates denouncing the British. This afternoon an American spokesman cried: "another example of Britain's shocking lack of cooperation".

~~Well, there may be quite a few of us who wouldn't want the job of naming a mayor of Jerusalem. Still more of us would not want to be the Mayor of Jerusalem - the way things stand, a United Nations town-father with no means of enforcing his authority. However, the British reply, dropping the hot potato -~~

may have been given in what is called - indecent haste.
Hence the Palestine uproar at Lake Success.

Later word from the U N is that the British
have offered a suggestion for all of Palestine. They
propose that their mandate, expiring a week from
tomorrow, be taken ~~on~~ over by the United States, France
and Belgium. The British idea is that these three
countries assume the mandate, and undertake the
legal authority over Palestine -- until ~~the~~ ^{a settlement}
is made.

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill stood at the Hague in Holland today, and called forth a summons to Europe - a summons to unite. Britain's war time Prime Minister was addressing a conference of eight hundred delegates from twenty-three nations, assembled for discussion of the possibilities of - a union of Europe. That Winston Churchill should make the first major address was eminently proper, because he was the first top-ranking statesman to come out, after the end of the ^{recent} war, and advocate a United States of Europe.

Churchill spoke with all that splendor of phrase which has made his eloquence famous. "Europe", he proclaimed, has only to ~~exist~~ arise and stand in her own majesty, faithfulness and virtue - and confront all forms of tyranny, ancient and modern, Nazi or Communist, with forces that are unconquerable, and which, if asserted in good time, might never be challenged again."

Summoning the nations of the old world to form a United States of Europe, ^{he} ~~and~~ pointed to those other United States, in the new world. Hailing American

support, ^{said Churchill:-} ~~he cried out,~~ "We must all be thankful, as we sit here, that the nation called to the summit of the world by its mass, its energies, its power - is not lacking in these qualities of greatness and nobility on which the ~~summit~~ records of famous ~~sixteenth~~ states depend."

Spoken with splendor, indeed.

SUBSTITUTE LEAD ATOMIC

This largeness of theme changes to a mood of darkness as we go on to an atomic report. (Today the representatives of the western powers in the United Nations announced that all atomic negotiations have been abandoned -- ~~because~~ because Soviet Russia has blocked the establishment of any international machinery that could be effective for world atomic control.) To this the warning is added that, unless Soviet Russia should ~~next~~ experience a change of heart, the world is doomed to an atomic armament race -- see who can build the most and the most powerful bombs.

Japan might



~~most and the most powerful bombs~~

Still another warning is given by General George Kenney, Chief of the Bombing Squadrons of the Air Force. Today, ^{speaking} ~~he~~ ~~told the State Federation of Women's Clubs at Bangor, Maine,~~ ^{Gen. Kenney stated} that Soviet Russia either has the atomic bomb right now or will have it in the near future. General Kenney summed up with a statement as brief as an epigram: "The question today," he said, "is simple and direct; - when will the Communist crowd start Operation America?"

What to do about it? Our ^{ace air} ~~best~~ commander, who directed the ^{of Japan's might} ~~smashing of Japan,~~ from the air, in World War Two, reasons that the Soviets will be tempted to assail us - if they think they can win. They won't - if they think they will lose. Whereupon he put his advice in these words: "We must be ⁿ ~~strong~~ enough to guarantee that no enemy can foresee anything but disaster. if he attacks us."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Another Czechoslovak airliner landed in the American occupation zone in Germany today -- Air ~~REXX~~ travelers escaping from the tyranny of the Red dictatorship in their country. This is the second instance of its kind -- the previous one having been the case of Czechoslovak Air passengers forcing the pilot, at ~~the~~ pistol point, to fly to freedom in American-controlled territory.

Same thing all over again, in the case of the plane that landed today. With five passengers aboard, two of them women, the passengers-transport was flying from Prague to another Czechoslovak city - when the passengers, with guns, compelled the pilot to change course. The whole thing was engineered by a Czechoslovak airman, who served with the British R A F during the war. He lined up the passengers for an escape through that invisible barrier they call the "Iron Curtain."

In Czechoslovakia, meanwhile, there's a police roundup of students ~~and~~ who participated in a pro-American demonstration at Pilsen earlier this week. The reason it

happened at Pilsen is dramatic. That ancient city was the farthest point of American advance into Czechoslovakia in World War Two. That's where Patton's armor stopped - was ordered to stop.

It is well known that General Patton's hard-riding tanks could have driven right on to Prague and occupied Czechoslovakia. I was in Germany at the time, just before the end of the war, and it was well known among Army men that Patton could have kept on *across Czechoslovakia just as Gen. Simpson* going. He was halted by ~~XXXX~~ orders from Headquarters, and this was because of a big power deal, which turned Czechoslovakia over to Soviet Russia - an arrangement that gave to the Red Army the privilege of occupying Czechoslovakia. They called it liberation - and we know now what that meant. ^R Czechoslovakia might have been liberated - really liberated - by the Americans. But Patton was ordered to halt his advance. He had got as far as Pilsen, and that's where students are now being arrested by the Red police, because they staged a ceremony of homage to America - ~~that~~ at ^{the} very point where Patton was halted by orders from above.

could have pushed on Berlin

SUBSTITUTE RAILROAD

~~The interest tonight:~~ The railroad unions have submitted new proposals to the white House -- for calling ~~in~~ off the strike scheduled for Tuesday. Terms handed in secretly. - ~~and~~ We don't know what they are. ^R This afternoon Presidential Mediator Steelman conferred with the leaders of the Railroad Brotherhoods; and that was followed by the news ^{just in} ~~which has just come~~ on the wire: - new secret proposals handed to the white House. These will be presented to the railroad companies tomorrow - with Mediator Steelman using them in a new attempt for a ~~new~~ settlement of the strike issue that threatens to tie up transportation.

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TRUMAN

In the political hurly-burly there's an ominous growl from California today, and on the receiving end - President Truman. There's a reference back to political history, a dark reminder of an episode of the past. The news bulletin from Los Angeles puts it in the following words: "The chairman of the Los Angeles County Democratic Committee reminds President Truman that the last man who snubbed California lost the Presidency." Spoken like a lugubrious oracle.

The implication is, of course, that the President has snubbed California. This follows the white House announcement - a Presidential tour out west, with appearances at various places. One - the greater Los Angeles Press Club. The complaint of the Los Angeles Democrats is that they invited the President to make an address, and got no reply - while the invitation tendered by the newspapermen was accepted. The local Democratic Committee snubbed. So now Committee Chairman McMitt, *retorts:* - ~~retorts~~ in historical tones, "It is obvious that a

Charles Evans Hughes - Hiram Johnson episode is in the making."

Well, that's enough to frighten any politician. The political record features that famous ^{incident} in the Presidential Campaign of Nineteen Sixteen. ~~Republican Candidate Charles Evans Hughes, running against President Woodrow Wilson, went out to California and he snubbed Hiram Johnson, California's most powerful Republican, later Senator. The result was catastrophic. Election day of Nineteen Sixteen ended with headlines - Hughes elected; the California returns were not yet in, but it was taken for granted that the state would go Republican - as it nearly always had. Then the thunderbolt, the news that the G.O.P. had lost California. which turned the headline upside down - Wilson elected!~~ Political history holds the unexpected Republican defe^{at} in California was because Charles Evans Hughes snubbed Hiram Johnson.

What have we from the White House about this?

President Truman says that he accepted the invitation of the Los Angeles Press Club, because it was the only one he got. He didn't receive one from the Los Angeles Democratic Committee - if they sent one, he didn't get it. *The White House says that anyway the trip is political.* If I don't know how that will be taken by the Democratic leaders of Los Angeles, those latter day Miran Johnsons. Maybe they, ~~with~~ with ~~the~~ their great historical perspective, will insist on viewing Harry Truman as a new Charles Evans Hughes.

BOXER

At Boston, a prize-fight manager was found not guilty today on a charge of having used lighted matches to put some fire into his boxer, instill a burning impulse to battle the more bravely. ^P Manager Joe Dow has a negro middleweight named Johnny Walker, and a story was published stating ~~that~~ that Johnny Walker needed "some stimulation," as they say in racing circles, ^{or} not to mention bar rooms. So, between rounds, according to the story, the manager pressed lighted matches against his fighter's naked back - to pep him up. But ~~his~~ today the Boxing Commission of Massachusetts decided that Manager Joe Dow did not use lighted matches on his boxer's back to make him fight harder in the ring. ^{to} pepping him up.

Well, if I were a prize fighter, and my manager pushed lighted matches against my back, ^{and know} ~~it~~ ^{up. It would fire me with an impulse} ~~certainly~~ would pep me ^{to take a swing at the} ~~Manager.~~ ^{Manager!}

What say you Nelson?

SUBSTITUTE LEAD, FAMILY LIFE

~~I don't think I've ever been in La Salle,~~
~~Illinois although I've traveled through a lot of towns,~~
~~big and little, all over this country. La Salle is~~
La Salle, Illinois, is a
farming community, in the corn belt, ^{well} ~~and~~ my interest
was aroused today ~~xxx~~ by a news story emanating from
the national conference on family life, which is holding
sessions in Washington.)

The United Press, wanting a story from a
delegate to ~~the~~ the conference, passed up the
a sociologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, social
workers and other deep-thinking experts, ~~and~~ today
prints ^{a story} ~~up~~ by nineteen-year-old Donald Freebairn, a ~~41~~
Club boy from La Salle, Illinois. ~~So the the the~~ ^{And here are}

~~Print~~ a couple of quotations that
giving a farm boys view.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Donald tells how at a round table discussion, they took up the subject of - courtship. "A woman psychologist," writes Donald, "said she thought^t the girls ~~xxxx~~ today were becoming more aggressive than boys - when it comes to courtship." To which Donald comments: "That's not true in LaSalle." ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ There the boys chase the girls." Good old LaSalle!

~~He says that, in discussing family life, the experts tossed a lot of big words around. "They used words like emotional stability, and social maturity." ^{And he} ~~he writes~~ adds;-"I never did find out what they meant by "social Maturity." ^{TP} Maybe they don't have any out in Donald's home town, lucky LaSalle.~~

"I was surprised," continues the nineteen year old, "to find out how many different service organizations, there are in cities, to give advice and help to people. For example says he, "we don't have any marriage counsellors in LaSalle". ^{TP} Maybe they don't need any marriage counsellors, not with the boys chasing the

girls - in romantic LaSalle.

Donald summarizes as follows: "After listening to them, I'm more convinced than ever that it is easier to lead a happy family life on the farm."

π Salutations to LaSalle!

And here's another farm boy; a lad who recently bought a farm. His name is Hiram Nelson Case.