

PALESTINE

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The British government is beginning its moves to bring the question of Palestine before the United Nations. A dispatch from London today states that British delegate to the U.N., Sir Alexander Cadogan, has opened discussions with Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the U N -- to determine the procedure for handling the problem of the Holy Land over to the world organization. <sup>R</sup> We hear that London does not look to the Security Council of the United Nations as the right body to handle the Palestine matter.

The British government is said to favor a special session of the Assembly of the U N, what the London dispatch calls -- "a streamlined session". That is, the British think that an assembly meeting could be called for the special ~~purpose~~ purpose of considering Palestine. -- a session in which the United Nations might be represented by their permanent staffs in New York -- instead of having to <sup>summon</sup> ~~assemble~~ assembly delegates from all over the world. That kind

of special "streamlined Assembly" could go into the dispute between <sup>the</sup> Zionists and <sup>the</sup> Arabs and make a report to the next regular Assembly scheduled to meet next September. The question is -- would a "streamlined" affair of that kind be possible under the rules of procedure of the United Nations? )

( That's what the British delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan is said to be discussing with United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie right now. )

London sources disclose that yesterday's declaration by Foreign Secretary Bevin, the one in which he attacked President Truman -- had the okay of the other members of the British Cabinet. They were agreed that there should be a public protest against the way President Truman intervened in the Palestine dispute -- his demand that a hundred thousand Jews be admitted to the Holy Land right away. The London source explained <sup>Si-</sup>: "Bevin wanted to get over to the United States the idea that, if there are

to be further negotiations of a similar character, they must be considered international in aspect". The implication being that American politics have no place in such international matters.

A dispatch from Washington points out the timing of the Truman intervention -- last fall, October. The demand for the admission of one hundred thousand Jewish immigrants into Palestine was made shortly before our congressional elections. It was, at the same time, the day before the great Jewish feast of Yom Kipper.

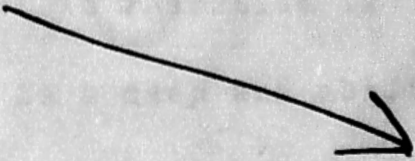
Bevin stated yesterday that the Truman declaration had been made in anticipation of a similar Jewish immigration-demand by Governor Dewey of New York -- who was running for <sup>re-</sup>election.

Washington notes that Truman beat Dewey to the gun -- his demand ~~was~~ made two days ahead of Dewey's. However, Dewey went further than Truman -- the <sup>(President)</sup> ~~British~~ calling for one hundred thousand immigrants to be admitted at once, while Dewey advocated Zionist immigration

without any restriction.

The comment in the Washington dispatch is that it was all along the traditional line of playing politics in the U.S.A.

~~The White House meanwhile maintains the deepest kind of silence. But that silence may be broken sooner or later. White House Secretary ~~Rosa~~ <sup>said</sup> today that the ~~Ex~~ President had no statement to make concerning the Bevin charge, ~~is~~ but he might have something to say later.~~



ADD PALESTINE.

The latest tonight is that The White House has broken its silence. An official statement from President Truman reads as follows:- "The impression that has arisen from yesterday's debate in The British Parliament, that America's interest in Palestine and the settlement of Jews there is motivated by partisan and local politics is most unfortunate and misleading."

The White House declaration summarises in the following terms:- "America's interest in Palestine is of long and continuing standing. It is a deep and abiding interest shared by our people without regard to their political affiliation."

From Sen. Brewster of Maine comes the ancient retort <sup>to Britain:-</sup> - Et tu Brute ! The Senator points out that the British Labor Government may have been influenced by local British politics. He notes that the London Government made a statement advocating Jewish immigration at a time the Senator describes in these words:- "On the eve of the British elections." *So, who's playing politics?*

## ISLANDS

(The United States made its formal demand today for trusteeship of islands taken from Japan.) Yesterday we heard how Soviet Russia had conceded the American claim to the island groups, the Marianas and the Carolines, which Japan had held under a mandate from the ~~XXXXX~~ old League of Nations. <sup>W</sup> That was follo<sup>w</sup>ed up quickly today when (American delegate Warren Austin <sup>s</sup> ~~XXXXX~~ asked the Security Council of the United Nations to take the obsolete mandate away from Japan, and give the trusteeship to the United States-- without waiting for the conclusion of a final peace treaty with Japan.)

There's a question of still other islands, which were held, not under a ~~XX~~ League of nations-mandate, but under the sovereignty of Japan. Okinawa, for example. The question of American claims to such islands, owned by Japan outright, will be held over until the peace treaty is made with the defeated country.

The latest tonight is a picture of ~~Tronzo~~ saying: "Okay Uncle Sam." After Moscow spoke in support of the American claim.

MERGER

President Truman <sup>today</sup> sent to Congress the plan to unify the army, navy and air forces - Congress to enact legislation to put the program into effect.

<sup>This being</sup>  
~~it is~~ of course, what we have heard about repeatedly -  
<sup>the</sup> establishment of a department of national defense under which would be separate departments for the army, navy and air forces. <sup>TP</sup> The secretary of national defense would have cabinet rank - though not the secretaries of the individual three branches of the service.

## TAX CUT

The Senate today voted for a budget cut of four-and-one-half billion dollars - thereby turning down the bill passed by the lower house, ~~and~~ *which* propose <sup>S</sup> a slash of six billion. <sup>R</sup> The vote in the Senate was fifty-one to thirty-three - a coalition of Democrats and Republicans carrying the day. So now the question goes to a joint <sup>committee of both</sup> houses for a compromise. <sup>R</sup> How much will they decide to cut the thirty-seven-and-a-half-billion dollars <sup>that</sup> President Truman wants for federal spending next year? The best guess in Washington is that the Senate and the lower house, splitting the difference, will settle for five billion, cutting the budget by that amount.



LABOR

~~The~~ President of the A. F. of L. says it might be a good thing to amend the Wagner Act, so that employers might have "free speech" and the unions be made to file financial reports and register with the government. ~~This was~~ <sup>so</sup> <sup>today</sup> stated by A.F. of L. President Green to the labor committee of the House of Representatives.

~~A.F. of L. Federation~~ <sup>Green</sup> President began his testimony <sup>today</sup> today with a wholesale attack on the bills to curb strikes. He opposed them all, up and down the line, and it looked as if Green had nothing but contradiction to offer. <sup>Later he gave</sup>

The <sup>Michigan</sup> Congressman Hoffman pressed home the following question: "Do you think we should have any amendments to our present legislation?"

~~Then it was that A.F. of L. President Green answered "Yes" and he gave~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>well</sup> his opinion that it might be <sup>well</sup> to amend the Wagner Act - let the employers have the right of free speech, just as the unions have. Also - make the unions give

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an account of their finances and go on record with  
the government, just as other concerns have to *do*.

## ENGLAND

The winter misfortunes of Britain continue -- another howling blizzard hitting northeastern England. Towns and villages isolated by heavy snows -- drifts piling as high as one hundred feet. <sup>And there is</sup> ~~is~~ another tie-up of the transport of coal, as Britain fights to overcome its coal crisis.

~~The London government announces a radical industrial change in an effort to save coal. One third of British factory workers are being placed on night shift -- to stagger the consumption of electrical power.~~

## BELGIUM

Belgium is having the equivalent of a bonus march - something far more wild and violent than any bonus march we ever had over here. Today between forty and fifty thousand veterans, most of them formerly prisoners of war in Nazi Germany, marched to the government buildings in Brussels. Heavy forces of police were on guard, <sup>and</sup> hostilities developed between the veterans and the gendarmes. The police opened fire - but ~~they~~ shot only with blank cartridges. The mob stormed forward, siezed the guns, and beat the gendarmes with them. The <sup>renewed</sup> riot ~~and in the~~ wild mellee, <sup>they</sup> laid seige to the house of parliament - <sup>with the</sup> Belgian lawmakers scared out of their wits. Forty persons were injured in the turbulent outbreak - no lives lost except for one bystander who dropped dead from fright.

The veterans of Belgium are demanding pensions and payments in recompence for the hardships they underwent as prisoners of war. So it was a bonus march with a special angle - and a special violence.

## VOLCANO

One of the great historic volcanos of this earth has burst into violent eruption -- Mt. Etna. Word from Sicily is that Etna, after a violent explosion, was today pouring a river of molten lava down its rugged slopes. A six mile stream of incandescent rock ~~is~~ moving toward a village, near the city of Catania. <sup>TR</sup> Last night the lava was pushing through a forest which burst into flame. The fiery stream divided into ~~two~~ <sup>three</sup> parts, three separate rivers of molten lava. Then, today, these joined again into one single thrust of liquid fire, which increased in speed to a quarter of a mile an hour -- driving straight for the village. Terrified peasants have abandoned the imperiled area, and are praying in churches -- praying that the wrath of the fire-mountain be checked.

Mt. Etna is the most historic of all volcanos -- known in the earliest writings of the ancient Greeks as a flaming summit. Vesuvius, so famous in more recent times, is a comparative new-comer, as an

active volcano -- having exploded for the first time  
in history during the early years of the Christian Era--  
*the destruction of Pompeii.*  
~~was~~ So Etna is the grand-daddy of them all -- and  
now has burst into a new and devastating eruption.

## DOUBLE CHIN

Here at Salt Lake I've been doing some skiing -- at nearby Alta, which is one place you should not miss. Down long open slopes on some of the most spectacular mountains in this or any country. And I suppose that might be a way ~~of~~ ~~to~~ to avoid a double chin. Which inspiring thought is suggested by a story from Hollywood, quoting Movie Actress Ruth Warrick on the subject of how to avoid those rounded rolls in the region of the neck. She says -- play tennis!)

~~In case you don't get the anti-double chin angle in ~~fr~~ her suggestion here's the way Ruth Warrick explains the matter:~~

*That* When a woman plays tennis, she stretches and even strains her neck, every time she serves. In fact, she stretches her neck every time she hits the ball". In other words, tennis ~~xxx~~ is a game full of neck exercises. But not necking. Hardly.

And, you find that same anti-double chin effect in skiing -- as I've been finding ~~thm~~ these

past few days on the long, steep down hill runs in the Wasatch ~~Mount~~ Mountains at Alta. The idea in skiing some might say ~~is~~ is to stretch your neck, see everything, in order not to break your neck!.

{ All this double-chin business comes up as a result of that story yesterday from Hollywood. And I suppose we'll hear more about it for days now.



AMBASSADOR

<sup>OWZ</sup>  
~~has~~ new Ambassador to London is Lewis W. Douglas, President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. He's a fifty-two year old native of Arizona -- now named by President Truman to replace the late O. Max Gardner of North Carolina, who died shortly after being appointed. It is believed that the Senate will promptly okay the nomination of Douglas as our Ambassador to Great Britain.

## EYES

\*\*\* At Reno there is a Catholic priest who, each night, says a prayer for a condemned and executed murderer. Father Edmund Boyle of Reno states:

"I offer a prayer for the repose of the soul of Paul Maynard Skaug who forfeited his life because he violated society's rule, and whose eyes live on."

The key to the drama lies in the fact of <sup>the</sup> convict's "eyes living on."

Some while ago the news told how Paul Maynard Skaug, before being executed for murder, willed his eyes to anyone who could, in the words of the condemned killer - "find sight and happiness through them." Who was to get them? After deliberation, the answer pointed to the Catholic priest at Reno.

In boyhood Father Edmund Boyle, lost the sight of his right eye because of an accident with a gun - a mere childish B-B gun. Later on, after he had become a clergyman, his other eye began to fail. He went to the best of eye doctors, but they told him ~~ixxxx~~ there was no hope - he would inevitably grow

completely blind. So, he resigned himself to a life of darkness - still a young man, turning thirty.

Then it was <sup>that</sup> the priest was given the chance to use the eyes of the ~~ix~~ executed murderer. An eye surgeon of Reno, Doctor S. T. Clark, performed a delicate operation of transplanting eye tissue.

~~the Priest~~  
The patient <sup>^</sup> lived for four days utterly motionless, his eyes bandaged. When, at length, they took off the bandage he could count the five fingers of the surgeon through that same eye which had been blinded when he was a boy. Both eyes, in fact, <sup>were</sup> restored to vision. <sup>R</sup> Today the priest made the announcement that examination by opticians discloses that he now has twenty-twenty vision in both eyes - perfect vision, according to optometrical standards. So now the priest will go on through life, seeing *perfectly* through the eyes of a murderer.

~~The~~ Reno Father Boyle says - "It's a miracle." And there does seem to be something miraculous in the story. No wonder that, each night he offers,

as he says - " a prayer for the repose of the soul of Paul Maynard Skaug who forfeited his life because he violated society's rules, but, whose eyes live on."

And now back across the continent to you, way back there -- meaning our oldish friend Nelson Case.