

PAKISTAN L.T. AGT *News*. Oct. 16 - '51.

From around the world come reactions to the news of the assassination of Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan of Pakistan.) From New Delhi, Prime Minister Nehru announced<sup>s</sup> that the world has lost RM "a great steadying influence;" as he put it "at the hands of fanatics!" Nehru who frequently had quarrelled with the Pakistan Prime Minister, said he was "exceedingly grieved" both for personal reasons and for the possible effect on relations between India and her great neighbor.

In London Prime Minister Attlee interrupted an election speech, to pay tribute to Ali Khan as "one of the most influential figures in the British Commonwealth."

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The assassination occurred today in the RM Punjab city of Rawalpindi. Liaquat Ali Khan had gone there to try and pacify the people, over the Kashmir problem. As the bearded statesman arose to speak, two shots were fired, and he fell, with two bullets in the chest. The crowd seized the assassin,

and literally <sup>r</sup> ~~to~~ <sub>^</sub> him to pieces. An ambulance rushed the stricken Premier to the hospital for blood transfusion; but was too late. He died before the doctors could operate.

(Late word from Karachi describes the assassin as a member of the "Khaksar" sect, a fanatical Moslem group, which has long been clamoring for "a holy war" with India - over Kashmir.) Radio Pakistan announces the killer as one Said Akbar, a name as common as Joe Smith over here.

At the United Nations, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, on receiving the news warned that the assassination would bring "great calamity and suffering." Then he left immediately, by air, for Karachi.

Our U N delegate, Warren Austin, calls it a disaster to the cause of peace, and particularly "to the progress we had hoped for in the Kashmir issue."

The Pakistan Premier's death is the fifth major political assassination in the Moslem world in the last year. Only three months ago, King Abdullah

From Pros -

Re Pakistan & Ali Khan -

In New York thousands of people thought it was Ali Khan husband of Rita Hayworth. Radio stations were bombarded with inquiries. Movie romance being so much more important than world peril.

of Trans-Jordan was murdered under similar <sup>circumstances;</sup> ~~XXXX~~  
victim of political assassination at the hands of a  
fanatic of his own faith. Again the pattern is the  
same -- King Abdullah was a moderate Moslem with a ~~xx~~  
strong leaning towards the West. In March, the  
Premier of Iran struck down in Teheran - in the same  
circumstances. That assassination was by a member of  
Fidayan Islamin, also a fanatical Moslem sect. The  
pattern in Lebanon - almost identical and now this  
grave news of the death of Ali Khan of Pakistan.

( ~~The Pakistan Premier often referred to himself  
jokingly as "just another refugee." This following  
the loss of his family's estates in India, at the  
time of the partition of Pakistan and India in Nineteen  
Forty-Seven.~~ ) An aristocrat, he could trace his  
ancestry far back in history - as a direct descendant  
of ~~the~~ King Naushervan the Just, King of the  
Persians. <sup>R</sup> Before going to Oxford in the early twenties  
he could speak fluent English, Persian, and Hindustani,  
as well as Arabic. But he <sup>always</sup> said he did all his thinking

in English. At Oxford he studied law and social sciences.

*(The Pakistan Prime Minister had an odd hobby, He collected <sup>many</sup> cigarette lighters, <sup>of which he</sup> had more than a hundred different models.)*

When he returned to India, he fell under the spell of the Moslem leader, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, who recognized Ali Khan's ability and made him Deputy leader of the Moslem League Party. When Jinnah died, he was the obvious choice to succeed.

Despite his many bitter wrangles with the British, he was never jailed, and never went into exile, as did so many other Indian leaders.

I knew him, and like nearly everyone, admired him greatly. He was a steady influence in Asia, This is a serious loss to this already reeling world in which we live.

## EGYPT

In Egypt today (there was rioting along the Suez Canal) especially at Port Said. Also at Alexandria, at the mouth of the Nile. Today's trouble appears to have started at Ismailia, a city on the Bitter Lakes, midway along the Canal. Ismailia where I lived for a time with Allenby's army in World War One.

Early this morning, (Egyptian mobs set fire to six British buses, a British army canteen, and a British army post-exchange store. Troops of the Lancashire Fusiliers were ~~rushed to the area, and eventually~~ opened fire on the rioters. At Ismailia two British and <sup>12</sup>~~seven~~ Egyptians were killed with more than a hundred others injured.)

In Port Said a crowd turned over a British ambulance. They were fired on before they gave way.

In Egypt's second city, Alexandria, Egyptian police fired on a demonstration of students.

Egyptian Premier, Mustapha El Nahas Pasha, in a broadcast tonight, appealed to his people to

**"keep calm and cease all demonstrations."**

In the Suez Canal zone, the commander of British forces told his troops, to resist if the Egyptians start to play rough. "We are not going to be turned out, forced out, or knocked out", said General Sir George E. Skine.

Meanwhile, in London, it was announced that reinforcements are being rushed to the Canal Zone. British paratroopers already have arrived. And at Malta, Naval forces are ready to head for the Canal Zone.

## AIR BATTLE

(The greatest of all jet air battles, thus far, was fought today - and the largest number of Red M I G's were shot down. The previous record was six in one day - which happened twice. Today -- nine. In addition to which five enemy jets were damaged. One of our planes was hit badly, and reported lost - but ~~then, that Sabre jet~~ managed to limp back to its base.

There were two air battles today, the small one first -- one MIG destroyed. The second one was the thriller. Late in the afternoon - and the scene of action was "MIG Alley". That's a fifty-mile stretch south of the Yalu River, the Manchurian sanctuary, down which the enemy jets like to fly.

So the day was ending in Korea, when down MIG Alley came one hundred Communist planes, the ~~smart~~ <sup>Russian jet</sup> speedy fighters with Red noses. They jumped thirty-three American Sabre-Jets - which were outnumbered nearly three to one. The battle was on, from thirty thousand feet ~~in the sky~~ right down to



"the deck."

Eight enemies <sup>jets</sup> knocked out, - ~~and~~ The champion sharpshooter, <sup>was</sup> Major Franklin Fisher of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, credited with two, confirmed, ~~hits~~. Here's the story he related when he came back.

"My first burst set a MIG on fire at twenty thousand feet" he says. <sup>Then he told</sup> ~~and tells~~ how he saw the Communist pilot bail out, <sup>and go</sup> floating down, ~~by parachute~~. ~~Then~~ <sup>As</sup> the Louisiana pilot came out of his dive, he saw a single Red nosed fighter down below. So he took another dive. "My first burst caught him in the ~~at~~ cockpit," he relates. "He pulled straight up, and I followed. I got some more hits in the cockpit."

Then came one of those fantastic dramatic moments, when two planes almost collide. "As my bullets ripped into the MIG," relates Major Fisher, "he snapped over -- and passed within a foot of me. He went straight down to crash just south of Chinju.

That was thrilling moment ~~as~~ number one in today's biggest battle ever fought between jet planes.

## **KOREA**

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Bitter fighting raged in Korea today on two sectors. Just south of Kumsong, the four-day drive towards that Red stronghold ran into its toughest fighting. But three Allied divisions made an advance of a thousand yards or so and captured four peaks overlooking the town.

Meanwhile, to the West, the First Km Cavalry seized a height called Bayonet Ridge.

# TRUCE

As the news wire states tonight, "allied and Communist liaison officers in Korea are almost a hundred and seventy-five square miles apart!" (For the seventh time, the two liaison teams met this morning to try and ~~not~~ work out arrangements for starting the truce conferences again. But immediately the discussions ran into trouble, with the Communists demanding a <sup>neutral area of a</sup> hundred and seventy-five square mile<sup>s</sup> ~~neutral area~~. Since the talks began (the U N command, has been trying to reduce the size of the <sup>is</sup> area, <sup>to</sup> ~~thus~~ minimizing the chance for incidents,) as the Tokyo communique put it.

Now, however, the Communists want the <sup>neutral</sup> area enlarged. Nevertheless, <sup>the</sup> Tokyo ~~is still hopeful that the wrangle may be worked out. Tonight's~~ communique reports "some progress" ~~in the talks.~~

# TAX

In Washington today, Republicans and ~~the~~  
~~Best~~ Democrats formed an unusual coalition in the  
House to ~~the~~ defeat the five billion, seven hundred  
million dollar tax increase bill. On a roll call  
vote, the compromise bill was beaten by two hundred  
and three to a hundred and fifty-seven, and must now  
go back to a Senate-House conference for further study.

Paradoxically, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ } most of the Republican  
opponents of the bill were voting to stop any tax  
increase at all, whereas most of the opposition from  
the Democratic side of the House was on grounds that  
the new version was unfair to taxpayers in the lower  
income bracket.

~~At any rate it seems that the plans for~~  
~~Congress to adjourn on Saturday may be snarled by~~  
~~today's vote.~~

In Washington today, Senator ~~Robert~~<sup>Robert</sup> A.

Taft of Ohio, formally gave out the news that we have been expecting all along. "Mr. Republican" threw his hat into the ring for the Presidential nomination in Nineteen Fifty-Two. ~~He told~~<sup>To</sup> a press conference ~~he~~

*said:* "I am convinced that a majority of the Republicans throughout the nation really desire me to be the candidate for the party," and predicted that he would "be nominated and elected."

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The Ohio Senator claimed<sup>s</sup> ~~that~~ he already has the nomination practically in the bag. He told reporters that he is assured of the delegates from some states, and that his prospects are so strong in a sufficient number of other<sup>s</sup> states, as "to constitute a majority at the convention."

Meanwhile, in Washington, it's learned that supporters of General Eisenhower, headed by Governor ~~Thomas~~ Dewey of New York and Senator ~~James~~ Duff of Pennsylvania, are expected to open <sup>Eisenhower</sup> ~~their own~~ campaign headquarters in Topeka, Kansas, and Washington.

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MARRIAGE

Once again, tonight, this program has occasion to salute the venerable institution of marriage, the state of wedded bliss.

At Los Angeles today, a husband and wife were held on charges of disturbing the peace. Hubby is a Texas oil man - son of a former Attorney General of the United States. They were in Los Angeles on a vacation trip from the Lone Star State - and, in the front seat of their automobile, the fight began. They started pummeling each other, to the amazement of the spectators.

Wifie jumped out, and ran to a telephone booth at a filling station. Hubby didn't like the call she was making, so he kicked down the door of the booth, seized the telephone instrument from wifie, and cracked her over the head with it. She responded by grabbing a quart bottle of lubricating oil, which happened to be handy. She whacked him over the head with the bottle, which broke, and hubby was doused with lubricating oil - not counting the bump on *his head*

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~~his head.~~

By this time, the rumpus brought special policeman Sam Williams to the scene. He tried to act as a peacemaker - but he, too, was drenched with lubricating oil. I suppose the officer thought he was pouring oil on troubled waters; but he got the oil poured on him.

In the history of any war, it is always vital to study the reason for the hostilities, the "causus belli" as they say in Latin. In this case, the "causus belli" was ample and sufficient. The police declare the trouble was all because of a one thousand dollar bill. When the fracas was over, wifie still had the thousand dollar bill clutched in her hand. She had hung onto it, all through the battle.

Naturally, what woman wouldn't; *Nelson?*

~~(note: the husband's name is Banerett Mitchell, but~~

~~I thought it just as well not to use it!)~~