

VETO

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Another Soviet veto. This time the Soviet monkey-wrench was tossed into the United Nations machinery to put the quietus on another resolution concerning Spain. The Security Council in New York voted to keep the Franco regime under continuous observation, - and that's what Gromyko vetoed. Why? What reason was there for another hurling of the Soviet thunderbolt? The answer concerns a complicated question of procedure - whether the resolution to keep an eye on Franco was procedural or substantive.

The Security Council was thrown into a ^{stormy} ~~stubborn~~ uproar on such a trivial quibble, as it apparently was, through another Soviet veto.

FOLLOW RUSSIAN PURGE

~~Another important~~ ^Q bulletin ~~is a thing~~ of historic drama, comes from Soviet Russia - the wiping out of the Crimean Tartars. Moscow states that the Crimean Republic, consisting of Tartars, has been liquidated - its inhabitants taken out, uprooted and transported to some other part of Russia. And the same thing applies to the Chechen-Ingush Republic, which consisted of Circassian communities in the Caucasus. These obliterations of what were more or less autonomous nationalities, occurred seven months ago - in the impenetrable secrecy behind the Soviet iron curtain. It was first made public today in Moscow, in a statement by the Stalin government to the Supreme Soviet.

The reason for the elimination of the Crimean Tartars and the Circassian communities in the Caucasus, was - disloyalty in ~~XXXX~~ the war. ~~We've~~ ^{We've} knowⁿ of course that there were elements of the population of Soviet

Russia that ~~had~~ not only failed to resist the Nazi invasion, but actually helped the Germans. Among Hitler troops captured by the Allies were numbers of soldiers of Russian nationality - who had joined the Germans. These, to a great extent, were Tartars of the Crimea, and Circassians of the Caucasus. ^π The official Moscow statement today, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ explained that the bulk of the population of the two obliterated republics had failed to oppose elements among them that supported the invader. Hence, the punishment - to which the grim Soviet name is applied - "liquidation." And, in addition to the masses of people transported from their ancestral lands, there were wholesale executions. Tonight's dispatch from Moscow states: "How many have been executed as traitors, there is no telling."

In the case of the Crimean Tartars, ~~the entire~~

an
historical community ~~has~~ ^{has} now ~~been~~ been destroyed.

FOLLOW RUSSIAN PURGE - 3

^{The} People who were descendants of the conquering hordes
of Genghis ~~Khan~~ ^{Khan}, which enslaved Russia. ^{Centuries later} ~~the~~ the czars
of old finally succeeded in ~~it~~ overthrowing the Tartar
empire, ^{after which} communities of the one-time conquering people
remained in various parts of Russia - especially in the
Crimea. And now the Crimean Tartars are no more.

SOVIET PURGE

Soviet Russia is having another big purge - which brings recollections of those garish Moscow trials before the war. This new purge, however, lacks the big-time political slant that headlined the doom of such historical figures as Zinoyiev, Kamenev, Bukharin and Tukachevsky. *This one* concerns industry - business methods, Soviet style.

The official Moscow announcement says the purge is widespread over great areas of the Soviet Union - as far East as Central Siberia. Factory directors, engineers and accountants are accused of faking production and of receiving illegal bonuses. Also, they are charged with misappropriating factory funds and taking State property for their own personal use.

For example, the Moscow announcement tells of the case of - "the Russian Diesel plant", a big factory making Diesel engines. The manager and production chief, turning out spare parts, are accused of having achieved a miracle by a very simple device. Their production figures were given in terms of money value, and they

simply hiked the prices on the spare parts -- which boosted the money value magnificently, by a simple trick of bookkeeping. The boys got a big bonus for that.

Another kind of dodge, according to the Soviet announcement, was resorted to at the mighty Dneiper Dam, the big industrial development there. The executives at a metallurgical equipment plant achieved their marvels by including pre-war equipment in the figures of current production. That is, when they reported on the amount of equipment they were turning out at present, they added-in quantities that had been made before the war, and had been lying around ever since.

Well, anyway, the Soviets are going to have some more of those trials of the circus variety - with executions of ^{business-industrial} executives.

RUSSIAN SPY

In the Seattle spy trial, Soviet Lieutenant Redin facing the court - ~~the story was told~~ ~~central disclosure was made~~ today. It pictures the Russian Lieutenant, trying to pry into ~~the~~ American military secrets, as rather a simple-minded practitioner of espionage. ~~He~~ ^{For he} was in the coils of the F.B.I. all the time. In his espionage ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ transactions, he was dealing with an American ship engineer named Kennedy - who, to start with, informed the F.B.I. about the whole thing, and who then carried on as a decoy.

~~The whole thing~~ ^{It} began on a day about a year and a half ago, when Russian naval Lieutenant, Nicolai Redin of the Soviet Purchasing Commission, was driving along in his car - and saw a hitch-hiker. He gave the hitch-hiker a ride, and found him to be a trial-run engineer at Seattle. His name was Kennedy, and he was in a position to know things and find them out - concerning the U.S. Navy. Whereupon Redin began

~~negotiations - which Kennedy promptly reported to the
F.B.I. He was told to continue negotiating, and pretty
soon the Soviet Lieutenant was in process of buying,
as he thought, war-time secrets of the American destroyer
tender YELLOWSTONE.~~

The testimony today showed that Redin was particularly interested in confidential information concerning radar and navy equipment for fire control, aiming guns. He thought he was being a big-time spy, but the F.B.I. was running the show, and so Lieutenant Nicolai Redin finds himself on trial for espionage.

TENNIS

InterNational politics has^{we} invaded the tennis championships over in England - Wimbledon. On the program, until today, the very Slavic names of two players were followed by the letter "P". That is, "P" for Poland. Today, however, those two names were listed with no letter at all. The "P" for Poland was gone. Why the change? The Polish government, Communist dominated, protested. The two tennis players have the wrong kind of politics - they're not enthusiastic for the Red controlled regime at ~~Warsaw~~ Warsaw.

Both ~~of them~~ are veterans of the battle against the Nazi. ~~They were in the Polish~~ They were in the Polish underground that carried on so bravely against the Hitler tyranny. The two tennis players fought all through the Warsaw uprising, were captured by the Germans - then liberated by the Americans. After which they joined the Polish army that battled for the Allies

in Europe. This Polish army is anti-Communist, and refuses to go home to Red domination. Its members are on the blacklist of the Soviet-sponsored government at Warsaw - and so the two Polish tennis players at Wimbledon now find themselves deprived of their nationality, even in the realm of international sports.

This has been accomplished by the Polish Lawn Tennis Association at Warsaw, which has informed Wimbledon that the two players had been - "denaturalized."

They'll still play at Wimbledon, with a blank after their names. The significance of the blank was expressed today by one of them: "I suppose we can be classed as men without a country," said he.

BIG FOUR

In Paris tonight - big things are expected of the Big Four. A top secret emergency meeting is going on this evening - a headline attempt to break the deadlock. After days of getting nowhere, the conference of the Foreign Ministers looked in a bad way today - with the usual and apparently irreconcilable split between the Western democracies ~~on the one hand~~ and Soviet Russia, ~~on the other~~. Then suddenly Molotov called tonight's emergency meeting. It is believed that Molotov acted on orders from Stalin, and that leads to the hope that the Soviets are offering some new basis for agreement - offering this right now.

TOKYO TRIAL

In Tokyo, the trial of Tojo is bringing to light the real truth about the Manchurian incident - which touched off the Japanese war against China, a fantastic sort of story - of how the Manchurian incident was faked after a bomb plot had failed.

The villain of the piece was that character named Okawa, the Jap, who at the beginning of the trial produced unseemly laughter - by slapping Tojo on the bald head.

Today, it was told how Okawa, in Nineteen Thirty-One, schemed to plot to overthrow the Japanese government headquarters, supported by three hundred fake bombs; three hundred explosions, presumably of bombs being hurled.

The scheme fell through. Whereupon the militarists set out to accomplish the same end by provoking war with China. So they framed that early Manchurian incident, faked the pretense of a Chinese attack.

PALESTINE

Another headline from Palestine - a robbery this time. At Tel Aviv today, a diamond polishing plant was held up. All industry at Tel Aviv is Jewish - and the robbers were Jewish too. Forty of them, armed with pistols and sub-machine guns, operated according to a skillful plan. They surrounded the diamond plant, cut telephone wires, burst into the place, gathered up precious stones - and escaped with a hundred and sixty thousand dollars' worth of diamonds.

The ^{usual} violence in Palestine is political, but this would seem to come under the heading of crime, although it may have a political angle.

Meanwhile, a verdict of guilty was returned today against the thirty-one members of the Zionist extremist organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi. They were charged with the illegal possession of weapons - they had an arsenal. Sentences will be pronounced tomorrow

by the British court, and the death penalty is possible. It hardly seems likely, but the possibility keeps a focus of dramatic interest on those three British officers, hostages. They're being held by the extremist group - which threatens to kill the hostages if any of its members are executed by the British.

ARGENTINE GOLD

In Washington a lot of gold has been unfrozen. ^{seven} Of course, it's water that freezes - but, in a metaphorical sense, treasures of gold were frozen in this country during the war including seven hundred million dollars' worth of Argentine gold.

It was tied up because of pro-Nazi doings ~~that were~~ reported from the Argentine, - ~~the idea being to keep~~ the enemy from having any use of Argentine funds in this country. Now that's at an end - the State Department announcing today that the Argentinians can have their gold.

This coincides with negotiations in Buenos Aires between American Ambassador Messersmith and the new Argentine President, Peron. And it follows a visit to this country of General Carlos von der Becke, former Argentine Chief-of-Staff. He was in Washington for three weeks - talking over problems of Western Hemisphere

defense with our Chief-of-Staff, General Eisenhower.

So apparently the unfreezing of the Argentine gold would seem to presage some sort of arrangement with

Peron - whom our government opposed ~~as~~ ^{loudly} as a

Fascist and who since has been dealing with Soviet

~~policy~~. Maybe, ~~in~~ with the unfreezing of the gold,

our chilly relations with Peron's Argentine may thaw

out a bit.

O.P.A.

The O.P.A. bill may be passed at any moment.

The issue in the Senate was virtually decided today, when administration leaders threw their support behind the compromise measure to extend price-fixing -- though with limitations. The bill, as already okayed by the lower House, will keep ceiling prices on meat, butter, and ~~on~~ other vital foodstuffs. There was powerful opposition ~~in the Senate~~ - but administration leader Senator Barkley came forward with the backing of the White House. He urged the passage of the bill to continue a much modified and restricted O.P.A. *And that just about settled it.*

SALLY RAND

The surprise of the day is in the news from San Francisco, where the police have been having their eye on the veteran bubble dancer - Sally Rand. ~~Sally is something to look at, as thousands have realized for quite a number of years. In San Francisco, the~~
^{the} authorities were determined that Sally shouldn't be allowed to shock her audiences too much, and so a couple of cops were ready - for the climax of her act. They jumped on the stage, and grabbed her - and found she was wearing an old-fashioned whale-bone corset, a corset of the style of Eighteen Eighty. Sally fooled them.

WOMAN

It will be no news to you ladies that men are gullible creatures where a woman is concerned. This ancient historical fact receives a new and remarkable illustration in the news tonight - in the case of a lady in Detroit who is under arrest ~~tonight~~ for duping and swindling six men, two of whom she married.

I suppose it's no news either that one woman can make fools of six men - but the way she did it was something for the textbook of romance.

Her name is Cathy, twenty-six years old, divorced from ^a ~~her~~ previous husband, and the mother of three children. She started ^{out by} putting an Ad in a newspaper at St. Paul, Minnesota, in a section of ^{the} a paper called "Cupid's Column". It was one of those lovelorn Ads of an aching heart seeking companionship. ^π Here's the way it read: "I'm very fond of music, love poetry, fantasy, romance. Desire a home and true companionship. Have a beautiful form. Look smart in anything I wear from

overalls to a nifty formal. Not handsome, but nice." ^{and}
Cathy deserved all those compliments ~~xxx~~ she gave
herself, especially th~~e~~ one about loving fantasy.

The advertisement drew a series of replies.
Cathy went to work on them, and quickly accumulated sums
of money, a collection of rings - and two marriage
certificates.

Marrying one of the letter writers, who gave her
a wedding ring and five hundred dollars, she didn't stick
around long. She told him she was a story writer who had
to travel a lot to gather material - and off she went.

Two men in California sent her a hundred and
twenty-five dollars each to come to them, and she went.
From one of the tw~~o~~ she made an escape by having a friend
send her a telegram summoning her to her mother's funeral -
she had to attend that, of course!

Cathy's love for fantasy was working fine, and

hit a new high when she got money for traveling expenses to New York, by telling a story of how she needed what she called a brain-nerve operation.

Later, she carried that fantasy to a truly fantastic conclusion. She used the brain-nerve operation as still another way of getting clear. She sent a telegram to one man she married, a telegram signed with the fake name of a doctor. The Doc announced the sad news that wifie had succumbed to the brain-nerve operation, and had died.

In one case, Cathy didn't keep ^a ~~the~~ ring she got from a matrimonial suitor. She sent it back to him - but don't think Cathy was weakening. With the ring she sent the following message: "You forgot ^{the} a microscope. _^ I can't see the diamond."

And they learned about women from Cathy!