

~~And~~ There was ~~an~~ drama in the Assembly Hall of the United Nations today, drama created by a slender woman with silver hair who looked as though she might have wandered into the building and onto the speakers dais by mistake. She spoke for India's millions for the first time they have been represented as a nation before the world. She was the sister of Jawaharlal Nehru. And whether or not she spoke to deaf ears as she told the delegates of the aspirations of her people, she at least won the galleries.


"We claim equal and honorable treatment for our people", she said. "India holds that the Independence of colonial peoples is the vital concern of freedom-loving peoples everywhere".

And she went on: "The use of troops for the protection of imperial-~~is~~ vested interests calls for unreserved condemnation -- and the demand that such troops be withdrawn."

In their front row seats, foreign Commissar

Molotov turned to Vice-Commissar Vishinsky, <sup>and</sup> they buzzed excitedly about that one. In their chairs, the British and Dutch delegates edged forward a little.

And the gallery cheered, cheered the little woman from India.



The big battle of the veto came to a sudden end today, when Soviet Russia -- Vishinsky speaking -- executed a neat retreat. Vishinsky had been at his Soviet grimmest in repelling with dark words the demand that there be a full discussion of the veto question before the assembly of the United Nations. The demand, made by the small<sup>†</sup>nations, was supported by the American Delegation -- which, however, made clear that the argument was to be about the abuse of the veto power, not the veto itself.

The American attitude was that the argument should concern the frivolous use of the veto on minor pretexts -- the way the Soviets have been accustomed to veto every small point they don't like before the Security Council of the U.N. ~~Maybe~~ the Veto should be restricted, curtailed, but it shouldn't be abolished.

That ~~z~~ was the general attitude of all <sup>the</sup> big powers. The Soviets gave in, Vishinsky suddenly and smilingly agreeing that the question of the abuse of

the veto should be discussed.-- *a*nd that now will happen. The small nations today were given the freedom to argue the matter -- and argue they will.

## BULGARIA

In Bulgaria, the people today learned about the American demand that they be given a Democratic election, a free popular choice. The American diplomatic note was printed in the newspapers, after having been forbidden by the Soviet General in charge over there. He gave in, explaining that the Bulgarian authorities had misunderstood an order handed them.

So that matter was settled, only to be followed by a new controversy -- the Soviet General turning down a series of American proposals for the regulation of the election -- regulation that would guarantee a democratic ballot.

## NUREMBERG

There is to be another Nuremberg trial - and this one may turn out to be even more ~~an~~ melodramatic than the first. The defendants to face the court will be physicians and medical scientists - headed by Hitler's personal physician, Dr. Karl Brandt.

The defendants will face an American, not an international tribunal, and will have to answer charges connected with the most fantastic of the Nazi horrors - the scientific aspect of the concentration camp atrocities. <sup>R</sup>The doctors and medical scientists are accused of experimenting with human guinea pigs - concentra<sup>tion</sup> camp victims having been forced to submit to murderous tests in the working out of scientific problems. <sup>R</sup>The list of twenty-three defendants looks like a roll call of leading medical scientists of Germany. ~~They are~~ <sup>They are</sup> ~~three~~ accused of a weird variety of ~~horrors~~ horrors. <sup>Freezing</sup> people to death to study the effect of cold. Trying out new serums for tropical diseases, serums that killed the patients mostly. Inflicting injuries to simulate battle wounds, for a study of

the medical aspects of these. Victims submitted to tests of pressure, the effects of high altitudes. All sorts of scientific experiments on human guinea pigs. - And also euthenisia, what are called mercy killings, the legalized extermination of the incurably sick and helpless.

This second Nuremberg trial is scheduled to be a ghastly expose of the Nazi perversion of science. I suppose a cynic might observe that ~~many~~ <sup>there have been</sup> ~~doctors who~~ ~~had a secret longing for human guinea pigs on whom to experiment. The Nazi physicians had the chance and took it wholesale. And~~ their trial will be an exhibit of what happens when science runs wild and evil and overrides the dictates of humanity.

From London we have word of one of those characteristic British reactions, which often astonish other people -- the British putting so much emphasis on the ~~inf~~ ~~decencies~~ of life. There's British indignation because of the publication in the United States of the pictures of the hanged Nazis and the poisoned Goering. The British newspapers did not

publish the gruesome photographs - considering them subjects of only morbid curiosity. We did print the pictures over here. This, in the words of the London Times - "shocked many" people, who could be heard expressing their disgust and indignation in the streets"

The London Daily Telegraph expresses the British attitude in the following words: "The criminals concerned are now dead. They have paid the penalty of their crimes. The photographs of their corpses", adds the London paper, "can add nothing to the information, satisfaction, or instruction of the public".

That's British ~~decency~~ decency. - It might also be human decency.



SWEDEN

About two and a half years ago, I had lunch in New York with an old friend, Bernt Balchen -- that modern viking of the air, who had been a famous flyer ever since the historic Byrd Flight across the Atlantic a score of years ago. <sup>And over the South Pole too.</sup> ~~Balchen, with old timer Bert Acosta, helped to make~~ <sup>making</sup> aviation history. ~~as a pilot on the flight commanded by Admiral Byrd.~~

Talking at lunch ~~i~~ with Balchen, I asked him about his wartime career -- ~~fabulous~~ in command of ~~the~~ American Air Forces based on Greenland. <sup>He</sup> had been doing some astounding flying -- rescuing American and British Flyers forced down on the Greenland Ice Cap. And he had played a leading part in fantastic northern adventures connected with secret Nazi expeditions, which on the remote Northern Shores had set up weather stations for the guidance of wolf-pack U-Boats. Bernt Balchen told ~~me~~ about these northern thrills, and said he was going soon on another mission. What -- he didn't say, and I didn't know.

Later on, <sup>while</sup> flying <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ Europe, ~~as War Zones, I was~~

~~I asked what had become of~~  
~~up in those northern parts where Bernt Balchen had been~~  
~~I heard rumors that he was~~  
~~operating. I didn't see anything of him. I asked about~~  
~~operating somewhere in Scandinavia~~  
~~him, but nobody seemed to know what he was doing. I~~

That was all, and I  
didn't think anything much about it -- war flyers had a  
way of vanishing on missions that nobody talked ~~about~~  
about. Maybe Balchen was off on some secret job -- and  
that was that.

Today I found out about the whole thing. ~~This~~<sup>It</sup>  
came<sup>s</sup> in the form of an announcement ~~from~~<sup>from</sup> Washington -- the  
disclosure of a major secret of the war, something kept  
in the deepest concealment until now: <sup>R</sup> During the last  
year and a half of the European conflict, the American  
Air Forces based on Britain had a secret deal with Sweden.  
The Swedes, as we know, were under the constant menace  
of the war power of Nazi Germany. They wanted to help  
the Western Democracies in the battle for freedom. They  
wanted most keenly to give aid to their Norwegian cousins  
who were in revolt against the Hitler tyranny. They had  
to do it under cover -- keep everything hidden from the  
Nazis.

~~whereupon~~, Sweden, <sup>they, during the war,</sup> in secret ~~ly~~ joined the American Air Forces in giving aid to the patriots of the Norwegian Underground -- and, at the same time, they enabled the Americans to take out Allied War Flyers who had been forced down in Sweden. A regular ferry service was run by Liberator Bombers, which took off from Britain, carried weapons, munitions and supplies to the Norwegian Patriots, and then went on to Sweden. There they picked up more supplies for the Norwegian Underground -- and also American and British Airmen and other Allied Personnel.

~~Today~~ Today's Washington announcement states the secret shuttle service took out of Sweden one thousand American flyers who had been forced down in the bombing of Nazi Germany.

The long kept secrecy is off at length because of ~~an~~ a transaction now made public, the sale of ninety surplus American Fighter Planes to Sweden -- this as a gesture of appreciation <sup>for</sup> ~~for~~ the secret aid the Swedes gave to our Air Forces during the war.

The announcement tells of the leadership of the secret bomber shuttle service between Britain and Sweden, and there we find the name of Bernt Batchen, *polar explorer, whom I had lost track of.* That was the mission on which he had disappeared.

~~The American Air Outfit ~~that~~ that handled our end of the American-Swedish deal was the Eighth Air Force, commanded by General James <sup>A.</sup> Doolittle. They had been great friends and comrade flyers those two, Jimmy Doolittle and Bernt Balchen, both having been Daredevil Aces in the madcap adventure period of early flying. And now they were working together in the secret shuttle service between the Eighth Air Force and the Swedes.~~

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And on that shuttle service Balchen brought a V-2 to England — an experimental one that had landed in Sweden giving the British their first inkling of the V-2.

## PHILIPPINES

Sudden attention is being paid to a bad situation in the Philippines -- hostility between the Philippine People and the American Forces that remain in the islands. The Philippines are now a Sovereign and Independent Nation; but, considerable units of American Troops remain there -- by arrangement with the Manila Government.

Today, we have a United Press account giving a picture of increasing bad feeling -- the Filipinos resenting the presence of American Troops. This the U.P. Correspondent blames in part on the misbehavior of our soldiers over there -- young draftees sent out to the islands without <sup>u</sup>enough training. ~~Which corresponds with a statement made by~~ General Eisenhower, a couple of days ago, ~~he declaring~~ <sup>said</sup> that, while the morale of American Troops in Europe was improving, discipline was bad among the soldiers over across the Pacific -- bad in the Philippines.

Philippine General Romulo, so well-known in this country, states the following: "The American

soldiers now stationed in the Philippines are, for the most part, noncombatant troops who do not quite understand why they are there." And he expresses the hope that the war department will soon be able to send volunteers to the Philippines, instead of raw draftees.

And we have an official statement from General MacArthur, who takes note of what he calls "A deterioration of <sup>the</sup> firm comradeship, which existed during the war years." ~~General MacArthur speaks of the misbehavior of American soldiers over there. But that, he adds, is not ~~the~~ main problem. "Incidents of careless behavior of a few irresponsible homesick youths can easily be connected", says the Supreme Commander.~~

He explains the trouble in terms of the feelings of the Philippine People. "It springs," says MacArthur, "From the understandable feeling of Nationalism on the part of Filipinos, who desire to exercise to the full their new and deserved liberty and independence." And MacArthur summarizes the problem in these judicious words: "The presence of

alien soldiers in a free country always represents a delicate hazard, which can only be solved by the utmost self-restraint, good will, and mutual realization of the advantages to be derived by both sides."

CUBA

Cuba has been having a conspiracy against the government. Today, a raiding party of police, armed with machine guns, descended upon a sumptuous residence in a fashionable part of Havana. They surrounded the place, and arrested twenty odd people inside -- these charged with a plot to overthrow the government of President Grau San Martin. And at the same time, similar police raids rounded up other suspects in the Province of Pinar Del Rio. The authorities in Havana say they had had the conspiracy under observation all along, knew about the whole thing -- and <sup>that</sup> the ~~the~~ scheme for a revolution was never a serious threat.

In the ~~neighboring~~ west Indian Republic <sup>of</sup> Haiti, the Cabinet resigned today. -- This ordinarily wouldn't be particularly interesting; but, <sup>it</sup> ~~this~~ has a curious angle, an angle of -- race prejudice. Haiti, as you know, is <sup>a</sup> black republic, and you <sup>might</sup> ~~may~~ not expect race prejudice there. However, here's the story:--

The Minister of Education is said to have been following a policy of racial discrimination -- against



mulattos. That provoked opposition, and today the

President of Haiti accepted the ~~Ministers~~ resignation of

*his Cabinet*

to indicate his own opposition to race prejudice. ~~in~~

~~other words,~~ a color line drawn by full blooded negroes

against mulattos, ~~born there~~ in Haiti.

## VOYAGE

From the French Island of New Caledonia comes a tale of <sup>tragedy</sup> ~~hardship and death~~ at sea, ~~in a small boat.~~ A story about a gaunt, starved man, blackened by long exposure to the south Pacific sun, who staggered ashore on the isle of Pines off New Caledonia with a tale of ~~a~~ one hundred and thirty-three days <sup>of horror.</sup> ~~against the sea.~~

In June, four men, in a forty-five foot, fifteen ton fishing ketch, the "Nova Scotia," left Cox's harbor, New South Wales, bound for the Australian coastal village of Jerseyville, only thirty miles away.

Something happened at sea - we don't know what. Jerseyville reported the ketch missing ten days later and the next news of her came yesterday when James L. Cush, the lone survivor, crawled from <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ crude raft <sup>he had made from what was left of the ketch.</sup> ~~there at the isle of Pines.~~

He had fashioned the raft from the timbers <sup>that was</sup> and oil drums of the "Nova Scotia" on a small island <sup>somewhere - he doesn't know where -</sup> where she had gone ashore. That was <sup>on</sup> ~~at~~ October seventh.

Knowing he had to  
~~Feeling that he must~~ get off that barren isle, <sup>or die, he</sup>  
trusted his raft to the waves of the Pacific. ~~He~~  
was ~~alone then~~. His three companions <sup>already had</sup> ~~having~~ died in  
agony, of hunger and thirst, ~~that was~~ aboard the ketch  
after her masts and sails were torn away by a storm  
<sup>right</sup> ~~just~~ at the start of what was to have been a mere  
thirty mile jaunt down the coast. <sup>TP Jim</sup> ~~^~~ Cush, who weighed  
two hundred and sixty ~~ix~~ pounds is a mere hundred  
and thirty-three now.