

SUBSTITUTE EXPLOSIVES

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The story of the smuggling ring shipping munitions to Palestine was dramatized today by a search for two <sup>now</sup> truckloads of high explosive. The police of eight Eastern states were looking for consignments of the devastating stuff, each capable of leveling a city. Nine men ~~xxx~~ had been arrested, and a-hundred-and-twenty-one thousand pounds of high explosive had been seized - but two truckloads were missing; at large somewhere.

All this followed the accidental discovery of a huge lot of TNT being loaded aboard a freight ship at Jersey City, contraband munitions in violation of the United States Neutrality Law. The police and the F.B.I. thereupon got on a trail that led to <sup>that</sup> a New Jersey farm, a lonely place near Freehold, where they found seventy-two thousand pounds of cyclamite - which Army men ~~describe~~ describe as six-and-a-half-times more powerful than T.N.T. Later in an Asbury Park warehouse another fifty thousand pounds of cyclamite was seized.

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Both the farm at Freehold and the warehouse at Asbury Park are owned by Charles Lowey, who operates an express company. The cyclamite was obtained at the Seneca Ordnance Works, Romulus, New York, an Army War Surplus Depot.

More than sixty tons have been seized thus far; but, it was known that yesterday two more truckloads were procured - and these could not be accounted for. They were missing. Where they went was unknown. Each truck had tons aboard, enough to lay a city in ruins, if there were an explosion. Hence the activity of the police, a search in eight states for the missing truckloads of cyclamite.

This news, with its element of suspense, is now followed by word that the truckloads have been found, not two but three of them. They were picked up at Lake Katrine, New York, and were found to be carrying a total of a hundred-and-thirty-eight-thousand-pounds, sixty-nine tons of the explosive which is six-and-a-

half times more powerful than TNT. Originally the trucks were on their way to the farm at Freehold, New Jersey; but they ~~trip was~~ <sup>were</sup> diverted -- when the police swooped down on the New Jersey Farm. The trucks were ordered on another route, and, ~~so they~~ were found today at Lake Katrine, New York.

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They were picked up because the drivers, themselves, became suspicious. They didn't know the kind of freight they were handling. They were doing what they thought was a mere routine trucking job. But they heard the news of explosives for Palestine, and began to wonder. ~~so~~ They notified the ~~FxBxB~~ F.B.I.; which brought about an immediate investigation. The truckloads were examined, packing cases opened, and there it was -- the cyclamate.

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PALESTINE

( A pitched battle was fought in Northern Palestine today, when an Arab invading force besieged two Jewish towns. The siege was raised by British Troops and a detachment of the Jewish Army, Haganah.)

The number of Arab raiders is given as between six hundred and a thousand. They ~~xxxx~~ crossed into Palestine from the Lebanon in what appears to have been a regular military operation. Of the two Jewish towns attacked, one bears the familiar biblical name of - Dan hence the old ~~xx~~ expression - "From Dan to Beersheba". The town of Dan, ~~was~~ at the extreme north of biblical Palestine, ~~while~~ Beersheba was at the extreme south.

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The Arabs striking from the Lebanon border threw siege lines around the two places - whereupon the British and Haganah struck swiftly to break the siege. For the first time in the Palestine ~~xxxx~~ disturbances the British used artillery, while strafing planes raked the Arabs with fire from machine-guns and rockets. The Moslems were driven off, the siege raised - in an



operation of regular warfare.

Which indicate<sup>s</sup> how gravely things are developing  
in the Holy Land - from Dan to Beersheba.

MARSHALL PLAN

In the Senate deliberations of the Marshall Plan, warning was given today that American aid to the sixteen free nations of Europe depends ~~very~~ much on what those countries do to help themselves. This reservation came from both sides, Republican and Democratic. ~~the two leaders, Vandenberg of Michigan and Connally of Texas joining in saying that,~~ If the sixteen free nations are to get the American billions, they must make an all out effort for their own reconstruction.

~~This ties in with a dispatch~~ <sup>from</sup> London ~~which~~ <sup>word</sup> states that a move is being made to stage a conference of the sixteen nations -- <sup>in Paris soon --</sup> ~~on the subject of helping themselves.~~ ~~The purpose of the gathering would be to~~

<sup>to</sup> give the American Congress graphic evidence that the European countries intend to make every effort. ~~The get-together would be held in Paris next month.~~

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Today's witness before the Foreign Relations Committee was Lewis Douglas, ~~former~~ American Ambassador to Great Britain, <sup>who</sup> ~~is~~ is being mentioned as a likely <sup>for the role of</sup> choice ~~as~~ Administrator of the Marshall Plan, ~~and his~~

~~testimony today strongly upheld that of the Secretary~~  
~~of State yesterday.~~ Douglas declared that, if the  
European Relief <sup>Plan</sup> ~~Plan~~ is not okayed by Congress  
communistic dictatorships will spring up in Western  
Europe. Whereupon the result will be that this  
country will have to turn itself into what Douglas  
called - "An Armed Camp."

Secretary Marshall, ~~meanwhile~~ denies reports  
~~that he~~ <sup>el</sup> ~~will~~ resign ~~if~~ Congress cuts down <sup>on</sup> the ~~sums of~~  
money needed. ~~to back up the free nations.~~ The wartime  
Chief of Staff <sup>He says</sup> ~~declares~~, that to quit, as a protest, would  
be out of line with everything he learned in his long  
years as a soldier. <sup>H</sup> He added with a smile, ~~however,~~  
that he might be invited to return to his Virginia home.



FRANCE

France ~~has~~ protest<sup>s</sup>ed against the British American proposal for a unified government of Western Germany. With the failure of the London Conference ~~of Foreign Ministers~~ to agree on a unified government for all Germany, ~~Great-Britain~~ Britain and the United States went ahead on their own -- taking measures to set up a government, ~~of Western Germany.~~

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Hope was expressed that France would join in this, ~~and unify the French Zone.~~ But now Paris makes a x strong protest, ~~which was~~ delivered by the French Ambassadors in London and Washington today. The French position is that ~~now~~ no strong unified German regime should be established. Paris wants Germany to be organized as a series of loosely federated states, semi-independent -- to prevent the rise of a new powerful Germany *next door.*

BERLIN

( A curious story is being printed in Berlin, )  
a dispatch on the authority of a German news agency  
licensed by the British. It quotes a high Soviet officer,  
~~as intimating that the Western Allies, British, Americans~~  
~~and French, will soon be out of Berlin.~~

~~The Soviet officer is identified as Lieutenant~~

~~Lieutenant-Colonel Nazarov, Deputy-to-the-Chief-of-the-~~  
~~Propaganda-Department-of-the-Soviet Military-Administration.~~  
~~Nazarov is said to have made his remark to Humbert,~~  
~~Schwennicke, the Berlin Chairman of the German Liberal~~  
~~Democratic Party - an anti-Communist Group.~~ The story  
is that (the liberal Democratic Party held a rally in the  
Soviet Occupation Zone. <sup>a</sup> The Soviet Officer was ~~at~~ there,  
and he told the German Liberal Leader the following:  
"Why do ~~xi~~ you," demanded Nazarov, "carry on anti-Soviet  
campaigns, when you know there will be only one  
occupation power in Berlin in the near future?" )

This was overheard by the Secretary of the  
German Leader, who confirms the quotation - <sup>(a)</sup> ~~the~~ Russian  
statement that the Soviets will soon be in ~~will~~ sole  
control of Berlin, the western powers out. )

TURKEY

Turkey is getting submarines - American undersea craft. This was disclosed in Washington today in a statement revealing that our Navy is turning over to the Turkish Republic fifteen naval craft, headed by four 1500 ton submarines. ) ~~This is being done under the bill passed by Congress for aid to both Turkey and Greece - countries threatened by Red aggression. The~~ *Not subs* ~~four submarines are not~~ of the latest type; - though they were built as recently as Nineteen Forty Four, *and* ~~They~~ are powerful weapons of undersea warfare, <sup>the</sup> kind that could be exceedingly useful in the defense of Turkey's narrow waterway, the all important Dardanelles.



Here is an item that may turn out to be of considerable importance to a number of countries, including our own. Bayard Dodge, for twenty-five years head of the great American University at Beirut, Syria, has retired. His successor is Dr. Stephen Penrose, special advisor to Secretary of National Defense Forrestal.

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Bayard Dodge, over the years became recognized in the Near and Middle East as far more than an educator. He grew to the stature of a top statesman, in fact an elder statesman to the peoples of half a dozen nations. His successor has an opportunity to play a major role in world events -- perhaps an even greater role than Bayard Dodge -- because of the rapidly growing importance of all those new nations at the eastern end of the Mediterranean, ~~in Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Transjordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, yes and Turkey and Greece, Egypt and Iran.~~ A tremendous opportunity for the right man.

~~From London comes word that~~ Nationalization under Socialism is not such profitable business. (The British coal board announces that, during the past six months of government ownership, the coal mines of Britain lost more than one-million-~~and~~ seven-hundred-and-forty-five thousand pounds sterling) - ~~xxx~~ nearly seven million dollars. Which is running in the red in a big way.

(During the same period in Nineteen-Forty-Six, under private ownership, the British coal mines made a profit. They earned a net of more than sixteen million pounds, nearly sixty-seven million dollars.) Quite a contrast. ~~Under nationalization, the loss comes to,~~

~~fifteen cents a ton, under private ownership the profit was more than sixty cents a ton.~~

The coal board attributes the difference to an increase of costs - the coal mines running at a loss because of higher wages. With nationalization, the miners were granted a five day week, at the same wages they had been getting for a six day week. That was what turned the private ownership black ink into socialist

~~red ink.~~

The coal mines are the third government<sup>^</sup> owned enterprise to show a loss during the first months of ~~the~~ nationalization. Earlier this week, the British Overseas Airways Corporation <sup>-BOAC-</sup> announced figures showing thirty-two million dollars in the red. <sup>And-</sup> ~~The~~ British European airways, also nationalized, lost nearly twelve million.



## SPECULATORS

In Washington, Harold Stassen had his say today ~~and~~ before a Congressional Committee. <sup>And he said</sup> ~~He stated~~ ~~that~~ he had information that eleven government insiders cleaned up a profit of four million dollars, by speculating in food, <sup>^</sup> since the end of the war.

~~Who are the eleven? Stassen mentioned only three, and these have already been named. Edwin Pauley, Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, Brigadier General Graham, the President's personal physician, and Ralph K. Davis, who was wartime Deputy Petroleum Administrator. Stassen refused to give the other names publicly - saying that he had <sup>not</sup> legal ~~proof~~ ~~proof~~, ~~but merely information~~. He offered to give the names to the committee in a closed session - not public.~~

~~This was immediately challenged by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, who called upon the Republican Presidential aspirant to make his information public. In particular - the Stassen charge that government insiders had disguised their food speculation~~

EISENHOWER

Senator Tobey of New Hampshire comes out for Eisenhower for President. <sup>The White Mountain</sup> ~~the~~ Senator

predicts that our World War <sup>Two</sup> Commander in Europe, as candidate for the Republican party will sweep

the nation. ~~This declaration by the New Hampshire~~

~~Senator adds plenty to the Eisenhower bank boom.~~



In the Senate today Senator Dennis Chavez, Democrat of New Mexico, said that the Democrats should draft Secretary of State <sup>George</sup> Marshall to run with Mr. Truman. Many Democrats support him in this believing that the wartime Chief of ~~State~~ Staff would make a <sup>winning</sup> ~~powerful~~ Vice Presidential candidate, but ~~Gen.~~ Marshall has ~~already~~ made an emphatic statement that he will not run.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Governor ~~Earle~~ Warren of California, ~~in the capital for a Governor's~~ ~~Business Conference~~ told Newsmen that he would accept the G O P presidential nomination, but ~~insisted~~ he has no interest in ~~the~~ second place on the ~~Republican~~ ticket; <sup>and for that matter</sup> ~~Further he said, in answer to a question, he~~ ~~has~~ "no burning desire" to be President.



## NEW ORLEANS ROBBERY

New Orleans had a record-breaking robbery today - holdup men seizing a-hundred-and-thirty-thousand dollars at the Hibernian National Bank, and making a clean getaway. But they were promptly hunted down, and ~~was~~ captured - most of the loot recovered.

The story of this quick solution of a record-~~breaking~~ breaking holdup case is curious. The police got a tip from a woman, <sup>the usual</sup> blonde. She told them that she knew about the robbery in advance and had tried to tip ~~off~~ a police captain that it was about to take place. She heard the crooks talk over their plan <sup>while</sup> she was drinking with them.

Last night she ~~r~~ tried to phone the police captain, but couldn't get him on the wire. Whereupon she forgot about it, went to bed. She clean forgot. She was reminded today when the news of the robbery flashed. ~~She~~ So she called the cops again, and this time gave them the information that enabled them to grab the crooks in a hurry. One of them had thirty thousand dollars hidden under the floor of his house. Two others were picked up with a suitcase crammed full of money.

## HOLD-UP

The news from Cambridge, Massachusetts, tells of sacrilege, as well as robbery - a Harvard hold-up: three crooks staged a spectacular raid on the Harvard Co-op one of the traditional institutions of that venerable university. The co-op on Harvard Square, caters to students on a cooperative basis, and today was crowded with some two hundred undergraduates when the crooks made their appearance - in a cloud of smoke.

Entering, they threw smoke bombs, and in a moment the place was filled with a dense cloud. It seems like a new technique of robbery, the application of a military smokescreen to a hold-up. This had one peculiar effect:- The correct thing to do was to call the police. But with smoke pouring out of the Harvard Co-op a passerby called the fire department. <sup>It</sup> Well, where there's smoke there's fire - only there wasn't. In this case you could revamp the old proverb and say - where there's smoke, there's robbery.

The thieves operating under the cover of their smokescreen, went to the cashier's cage and seized a

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bagful of money - fifty thousand dollars in cash.

Ordinarily, the Harvard Co-op would not have that much money around, but funds had just been brought in from a bank - to be used in cashing checks for Harvard students. Which would make it seem as if the crooks had some exact knowledge -- appropriate in a way, since Harvard is famous for its knowledge.

When the smoke cleared, the three holdup men were gone. The police are looking for them - and I, for one, refuse to attempt any jokes; - like - it must have been three Yale men!

3 And now our Calif. friend --  
What from you Nelson?