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INTER-AMERICAN

Uncle Sam ^{didn't do so well tonight} ~~collected a rebuff this evening~~

at the Pan-American Conference. --- ~~what~~ The news despatch describes ^{it} as "the coldest and most unanimous rebuff in the history of Pan Americanism". ^{And that doesn't sound good at all.}

The American plan ^{our southern neighbors} to help ~~the Latins~~ and, to offset

Argentina's bid for leadership by proposing a new Inter-American Bank, misfired badly.

Secretary of State Marshall arranged to have the Secretary General of the Conference at Bogota read the full text of Mr Truman's message to Congress. In this message the President asked for a supplementary five hundred million dollars ~~in~~ bank loans ~~for~~ Latin America. The members of the American delegation expected the news to touch off enthusiasm. ~~Instead~~ the delegates from twenty Latin American countries sat on their hands. The ^{Truman} Presidential message received ~~only~~ ⁱⁿ stony silence. No takers for that five hundred million dollars. And afterwards, off the record ~~as always~~, Cuba's delegate told the news men that the Latin Americans were of the opinion

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that the United States is abandoning her fifteen-year old Good Neighbor Policy.

COAL (rewrite)

More trouble for John L Lewis. The Southern Coal operators have asked the National Labor Relations Board for an injunction, to force Lewis to bargain with them, about the pension dispute -- the trouble that lead to the walkout.

Lewis has refused to recognize this Association of Southern operators, claiming that Southern producers previously signed individual contracts with his union. But the Southerners have taken it all to Court, in a move to make Lewis call off the soft coal strike.

Meanwhile, the effects of the coal strike are being felt. The Automotive News says production of automobiles will drop three thousand cars and trucks this week. Further cuts almost certain. Steel production losses, six hundred thousand tons by Saturday.

All of which points to the urgency of getting the miners back to work.

MEAT (to follow COAL)

In Washington President Truman served notice tonight that the government intends to use all the powers of the Taft-Hartley Act in dealing with the walkout of nearly eighty thousand CIO meat packers last March sixteenth. The President made his announcement just after he had received a report of his Fact Finding Board. The Taft-Hartley Law ~~is~~ to be used to cope with the meat as well as the coal strike.

L.T. - P&G. THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1948.

~~GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:~~

In Washington today, Chairman Walter ~~E~~ Andrews of the House Armed Services Committee announces ^{d that} he will lay the new draft bill before Congress on Monday. ^{The} ~~A~~ bill to draft men, nineteen to twenty-five, and to register all from eighteen to thirty.

Earlier in the day, President Truman asked Congress to add seven hundred and twenty-five millions to our air power budget. The money to be spent in the expansion of our Air Force - Uncle Sam to have the ^{most} ~~best~~ ^{effective} Air Force in the world. ^{There are many in} ~~Capitol sources tell us that~~ ^{who} Congress feels this new appropriation for American air power is still too small. There's ~~a~~ rising sentiment for greater expansion. Our lawmakers becoming air conditioned.-Demanding that our nation have still mightier wings to meet any emergency.

Mr. Truman also disclosed that Navy Secretary Sullivan wants a larger merchant marine. Sullivan told a House Committee that our position in shipping is weaker than it was in Nineteen Forty. A precarious situation. We haven't ~~got~~ enough ships - not half enough to carry our troops. And so the President is likely ^{— soon —} to urge Congress to appropriate a hundred million for merchant ship construction, a reminder that we are still a maritime nation.

Late news from Washington is that presidential assistant John R. Steelman announced ^s a moratorium on war plant disposal. No more war plants to be ^{sold} ~~disposed of~~, and, those ^{already} sold or leased to private users to be kept in such a condition that reconversion can be accomplished in a hundred and twenty days.

NIGHT SHOW
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EXPLOSIONS

The Army wants to find out how far underground we have to go to be safe from atomic bombing. It is announced in Washington tonight that a series of gigantic explosions are planned this summer, at Dugway, near Salt Lake City, Utah. Atomic bombs will not be used, ~~however~~ -- *Just* TNT, ~~instead~~. ~~Exp~~ The explosions will be stepped up progressively -- until finally three-hundred-and-twenty thousand pounds of TNT will be set off - the greatest known blast of conventional explosives.

At the same time, Army Engineers are going to inspect every known cave and tunnel in the United States-- just in case we ^{ever} want to put our vital industries underground.

But everyone can't go below; so the Army is constructing test shelters of every type of soil, and rock. — To see which kind stands up best to the mighty blasts.

U. N. (new lead)

The United Nations negotiation for a truce in the Holy Land appeared near ~~to~~ failure tonight. Neither the Jews nor the Arabs will agree to a cease fire order in Palestine.

The Arab~~x~~ representatives argued for two hours with Security Council President Alfonze Lopez this afternoon. Then the Jewish representatives came to talk and stayed ninety minutes. Afterwards Lopez announced that the prospects of a truce were not as favorable as he at first thought. The situation deadlocked.

PALESTINE

Meanwhile, a full-scale battle in Jerusalem.

(After four days of fierce fighting, two thousand fully equipped Arab soldiers stormed and captured the fortified village of Kastel -- on that historic and vital highway between the Holy City and the coast. By capturing the village, the Arabs gain strategic control of the lifeline between the Jews in Jerusalem and on the Coast.)

There are conflicting reports of casualties; with British troops standing on the sidelines, just watching.

A news dispatch says that Abdul Husseini, commander of the Arab forces in the Jerusalem district, was killed in today's fighting. That the Arab leader, with a bomb in his hand, went into a fortified house to blow it up, and never returned.

That change of mind by Russian Marshal Sokolovsky in Berlin is expected to ~~bring~~ ^{be followed by} a British demand for a formal apology from the Soviets, in the matter of the plane crash over Berlin on Monday,

Sokolovsky apologized verbally to British Commander Sir Brian Robertson. He admitted that the Russian fighter plane had no right in the air lane where it crashed into the British transport, and ~~he~~ promised the British and ourselves complete freedom of the air. Then he apparently spoke to Moscow, ^{and Moscow reversed him. Told him to 'make charges against the British'} ~~so~~ Today the tension ~~has~~ started all over again,

Sokolovsky denying everything, ^{ing} ~~He~~ blames the British pilot for the collision, calling our side "insulting, provocative and hostile." ^{Marshal also} The Soviet ~~commander~~ added a threat. He says that he will take measures to protect all air traffic over the Soviet occupation zone in Germany. Hinting that Russia "may" have to close the air lane. ^{if} If that happens, ^{then} the Americans and British ~~are going~~ ^{will have} to use fighter protection for Allied commercial airplanes ^{if we want to fly to Berlin.}

Word from London, ~~is~~ that the British ~~Government are~~
contemplating taking the matter out of Sir Brian's hands; ~~and~~
dealing directly with Moscow, ~~making a stiff protest.~~

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

~~The United States is going all out to fight Foot and Mouth Disease -- the deadly cattle epidemic, that is a constant threat to American herds.~~

Congress ^{today} approved a bill ~~today~~ authorizing the Agriculture Department to set up a quarantine center, where scientists can study ^{Foot & mouth} ~~the~~ disease. The center, ~~is~~ ~~to be~~ on some island off shore, somewhere remote from the mainland, -- to prevent the disease spreading.

We have already spent thirty-six million dollars to help the Mexican Government fight Foot and Mouth Disease without success. The House was told today that the Mexican epidemic cannot be stamped out within any foreseeable time. So, we are going to do something about it ourselves -- to protect our ^{own} valuable herds.

Meanwhile the strictest quarantine is to be maintained three hundred miles south of the Texas border between the United States and Mexico.

MacARTHUR

This ^{next} may not be the most important story tonight, but, it's about the most interesting. The Japanese people, are surprised, and disappointed,

that General MacArthur ~~did not~~ ^{failed to} win the Wisconsin primary.

They, can't understand why Americans did not elect "the great warrior." All the Japanese, apparently, ~~were~~ ^{were} hoping that the conqueror of Japan would become the next president of the ~~country~~ ^{nation} that conquered them.

And, ~~now~~ they are puzzled and disappointed. The problem worrying Japanese newspaper editors who supported the MacArthur candidacy with banner headlines, is, -has the General lost face with the Japanese people by his defeat in the Wisconsin primary?

The editors of two powerful Tokyo dailies, Kyodo and Jiji, mournfully admit that this may be the case. "Nothing succeeds like success in Japan - nothing fails like failure", they say, ~~an~~ apt oriental epigram with a modernistic flavor.

Two other editors take an opposite view. One says the Japanese people were not well ^{enough} informed ~~enough~~ about the ~~election~~ ^{— what was involved,} They didn't know what an American primary was to begin with.

Many thought it was the actual presidential election. Others that it was just a popularity contest - which it was. Had they known, say these editors, matters might be different. So MacArthur's face seems to be half saved.

And what does the General say? Still no direct comment from the not-so-favorite son of the state that gave him only eight of its twenty-seven delegates. Instead, the General, whose knowledge of the oriental mind is unrivaled - his administration of Japan has shown us that - gives us a sermonette on Americanism. Says he:- "One of the things which has made our country great is that men may thus freely speak their minds, and fearlessly record their individual viewpoints."

In Shanghai, the American owned Shanghai Press ran a one line editorial on the Wisconsin primary, ~~The headline~~ -- ~~He's a home town boy now~~ -- ^{writing} the editorial, General MacArthur ^{to} should forget about American politics and run for Emperor of Japan.

In Nebraska, ^{Gov.} ~~Thomas~~ Dewey is going out after the rural vote, talking to the voters, as one farmer to another.

The New York Governor ^{now} ~~is~~ fighting ~~in~~ the third round of his political battle, with ~~Harold~~ Stassen, for convention delegates.

At Holdredge, Nebraska, the New York Governor ^{today} appealed for financial security for the farmer. He wants a long range food program. Produce food at a maximum, he says; consume it at a maximum. He termed food a weapon for the health and security of America.

The New York Governor says he believes in supporting farm prices and he wants to see a true measure between prices and costs from the farmer's viewpoint. He hailed the American farmers as the most stable group in America. Going on to describe them as the "cornerstone of our liberty, feeding us, and producing much of our leadership."

On ^a ~~that~~ question, close to the hearts of the Nebraska voters - the development of the Missouri River basin, ~~For~~ Dewey hailed ^{it as something essential,} ~~this project as vital,~~ But he said he was

rigidly opposed to federal control. ^{That} The Missouri River basin
project ^{should be} a job for the states involved. Those states which ^{are} ~~make~~
^{up} the nation's bread basket.

MARRIAGE_(RETYPE)

With Spring in the air, two stories of marriage. One from Denver, Colorado, the other from behind the Iron Curtain. The story from Russia is the story of a revolution by the Red youth, an illustration of the fact that all the world loves a lover.

Komsomol Pravda - that's the official organ of the Young Communist League - is taking the strongest objection to the present form of Soviet marriage. Young Reds want to do away with the queue for registration, do away with the gloomy faced officials, get away from the colorless marriage-without-ceremony; this business of registering, paying fifteen rubles, and taking your woman home.

What we want, say the young Communists, is a beautiful building in the center of the city, music and flowers, a fatherly discourse by the chairman of the Regional Soviet; and then a marriage feast. And how right they are!

In Denver, Colorado, Robert Ostoff has started a new business. Marriage by installment. If you decide to get married, make up your mind how much you want to

spend, and Ostoff does the rest. He'll loan the cash. Enough for the ring, the bride's gown, the reception, and the cake, even for the parson. Then, you pay back by installments over twelve months. Marriage on the installment plan.

Young Ostoff founded his new business on bitter experience. He says he waited so long for his own wedding and then found he was broke. Now he's a philanthropist. And he doesn't want other young couples to suffer the way he did. He even sponsors a radio program of romantic music, round the bewitching hour of midnight. "I figure they'll be holding hands on the sofa then," he says, "and thinking they'd like to get married." He's got something there, don't you think, Nelson?

GREECE

~~What may have been the hand of the assassin was~~
~~unwarranted today~~ ^{today} In Greece, ~~when~~ a guard train was derailed at
Tripolis. A hundred yards behind the ~~derailed~~ ^{hooked} coaches,
another train came to a halt. On board it were King Paul of
Greece and several top ranking American and British officers,
including ~~Lieutenant~~ General James A. Van Fleet, chief of our
military aid mission. The party were on their way to inspect
army units and a new airport. This was General Van Fleet's
second escape. Three weeks ago, a hundred pounds of dynamite
was discovered ahead of his train in northeastern Greece.

In the north of Greece, fighting continues, with
guerrilla bands - ^{- as many as -} some ~~of~~ a thousand men - constantly harrassing
the Greek army. At Pharsala, sixty-seven Greek civilians,
working ~~miners~~ on an American ~~financed~~ construction project,
~~were~~ kidnapped. Twenty-three are said to have escaped.
The guerrillas dynamited the rocky cliffs overlooking the
roads, and then swooped on the workers, carrying off ^{as many as} ~~all~~ they
could. ~~the soldiers of the Greek Army powerless to defend~~
~~them.~~

U.N.

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America wants [^] three western powers to have a direct

voice in ruling Palestine - if ^{U.N.} the trusteeship plan succeeds.

The Soviet to be excluded. At Lake Success today, the

unofficial news is that the trusteeship cabinet will include

representatives of the United States, France and Great Britain,

together with

five Moslem Arabs, five Christian Arabs, and four Jews. *The*

latest suggestion is

~~Reliable sources hint~~ that the Jewish area of Palestine under

the new set-up ~~would~~ consist of seventeen hundred square miles.

The Jews *now have a* ^{in that area} ~~in a sizeable~~ majority, ~~an~~ immigration limited to

three-thousand, five-hundred Jews every month for five years, *into the Jewish part.*

Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and a fourth Arab state,

are said to have accepted the trusteeship plan. But U.N.

Secretary General Trygve Lie warns ~~us~~ that no trusteeship can

work in the Holy Land unless the Security Council succeeds in

negotiating an Arab-Jewish truce. - ~~the Gordian Knot that must~~

~~be untied by skilled negotiators at Lake Success.~~

CIRCUS

Here's one to remind us of Spring! ^{Early 4/8/48 bc.}
~~A challenge to the anthropologists,~~ A man who has been

training monkeys for forty years says they are smarter than people. His firm conviction, after a lifetime in simian

society. ~~So we should respect it, I suppose.~~ ^{TF} Monkey Trainer

Charles Tanner of the Ringling-Barnum and Bailey Circus - ^{ah,}

^{that explains it - that Circus Press Agent again}
The big top ~~now~~ ^{is} in New York, ^{and the trainer} - tells us that monkeys live

happily, and harmoniously, in One World. No racial distinction in the tree tops or the cages. Trainer Tanner says his pupils get along together, no matter how different their origin.

For them ^{any} a monkey is just another monkey, whether he's from

Africa or from India. ~~And never a moment of insecurity or~~

~~anxiety in the monkeyhouse. They don't worry about the atom~~

~~bomb. Newspapers, not for them. Although they enjoy~~

~~listening to the radio.~~

But monkeys, like ourselves, have their individual worries. The new look, for instance. Trainer Tanner bought Charlie, a two year old monkey actor, a seventy-five dollar white satin suit for his ring appearance in the Circus today.

But Charlie wanted to wear his old full dress suit, ~~white tie and tails~~. No new look for him.

And Charlie's objection to that white satin suit was violent. ~~Trainer Tanner tacitly admits that his forty years' experience has not yet taught him how to dress a monkey that doesn't want to be dressed - especially in a white satin suit that cost seventy-five dollars.~~

So what did Trainer Tanner do? He left the matter up to the other monkeys. Junie, the house mother, popularly elected queen of the traveling jungle, ~~she a monkey too -- because~~ quickly solved the problem. She slapped Charlie, ~~where a monkey mother should,~~ ~~we presume, and took away his chocolate milk.~~

~~Well, Charlie reacted just as Junior might -- but~~
~~usually doesn't.~~ *Whereupon Charlie* ~~He~~ put on that magnificent white suit, kissed Trainer Tanner, and went into his routine like a born trouper.

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