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A war communique from Cairo states that the Egyptian Army has formed contact with the Arab Legion of ~~the~~ Trans-jordania before Jerusalem. The junction was effected at Bethlehem, birthplace of the Saviour, ~~which~~ ~~is~~ only seven miles east and south of the Holy City.

(Cairo tells of a lightning fast Egyptian drive for forty miles, which seized Beersheba and then Hebron, on the road to Jerusalem.) This would seem to mean that the Egyptians, who pushed into Palestine from the Sinai Peninsula, have seized control of the southern half of the Holy Land -- ~~the~~ ^{much of which is} ~~probable~~ ^{desert.} However, in those arid wastes are Jewish colonies -- settlers with irrigation projects in the Negeb Desert. Whether these have fallen to the Egyptians is not known. But the colonies in the Negeb are isolated in the far south, a long distance away from the center of Jewish power in northern Palestine.

What is more important, in a military sense, is the linking of the Egyptians and the forces of Trans-Jordania in front of ~~the~~ Jerusalem -- the

Egyptians now to enter the battle for the Holy City, supporting ^{the} Arab Legion of Trans-Jordania. The Arab Legion is the modern mechanized outfit, while the Egyptian Army is the largest of any in the Arab world.

All this would seem to make the Jewish battle ~~for~~ Jerusalem the more hopeless. (Today the defenders of the Jewish quarter in the old walled city were blasted hour after hour by the guns of the Arab Legion.) Moslem cannon shelled the Hebrew University and the Haddasah Hospital on Mount Scopus -- the Arabs claiming that these were strong points for Jewish guns shooting at Arab forces moving to the battle ~~ax~~ for the old city. ^R In the narrow streets within the walls, Jews and Arabs fought from house to house. There have been reports of prospects of Jewish surrender, but these have been negatived by the desperate resistance of the troops of Israel, fighting with dogged resolution.

^R Today the small air force of the new state of Israel took part in the battle for Jerusalem, dropping bombs on Arab positions around the city. But the Jewish garrison within the old walls remains isolated, cut

off from outside help, no water supply, no food coming in, electricity off.

The last time the fighting men of Zion battled in Jerusalem was nearly Two Thousand years ago, when they held the city against the Roman legions in a long, desperate siege, fighting to the bitter end, selling their lives dearly in hopeless conflict. Then, it was Roman Legion. Today - Arab Legion.

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U.N. - PALESTINE

The United Nations at Lake Success, Long Island, had a message from Jerusalem today - a request made by the Truce Commission ^{that} the U.N. sent to try for peace in the Holy City. The Commission asks the Security Council for armed force, international military units to save Jerusalem from destruction. The message sent by cable warns the U.N. that there is no possibility of negotiating a truce between Jews and Arabs unless a force of international soldiers comes to back it up.

Meanwhile, the American Delegation to the U.N. is trying again for strong measures to stop the fighting in Palestine - a U.N. order to "cease fire", or incur international sanctions. This is opposed by a number of countries, led by Great Britain -- with the argument that the United Nations have no kind of force with which to back up sanctions. But now we hear that the American Delegation has brought ~~some~~ persuasion to bear on Belgium, which has been supporting the ~~x~~ position. With Belgium won over, there would be a majority on the Security Council for strong action.

ADD TO U N STORY

The latest from the U N.; Syria warns the International Organization that if the Arabs are ordered to stop in Palestine, they will refuse and defy the U N.

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PALESTINE -OIL

The diplomacy weaving around Palestine produces a new lineup in international affairs - the United States and Soviet Russia on one side, Great Britain on the other. The British charge that the U.S. Government, backing the new state of Israel so strongly, is animated by domestic politics - the Jewish vote. The Americans, on the other hand say the British interest in the Arabs is a matter of -- oil.

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cut off their huge supplies of oil? For the British the question would become all the more acute, ~~should~~ ^{if} a war ~~were~~ ^{to} break out. ^{then} Where would Britain get oil?

One line of reasoning is that the Arab states will act according to their financial interests. The Moslem governments take a huge revenue from the export of oil to the west. For example, the Iranian Government has received two-hundred-and-sixty million dollars in royalties and oil taxes - a vast sum for a poor country like Iran. The supposition is that the Moslems, though they may be hot about Palestine, will not readily forego such revenue. But all that is in the realm of guessing, and British policies in the ~~the~~ Near East ^{are of course} ~~are~~ governed by thoughts of Arabian oil. And for that matter Uncle Sam likewise is deep in Arabian oil, - because of the Marshall Plan, and otherwise.

ATOMIC

President Truman has won out in his opposition to the bill to enable Congress to get possession of loyalty investigation records. The headline demand was for the records of atomic scientists who have been checked by the F.B.I. The president vetoed the measure, and this afternoon the Senate voted ^{on whether} to override. There was a majority in favor of tossing out the veto, but it was four votes less than the necessary two-thirds. So, the veto stands - the President winning out in his determination not to turn over to Congress the ~~xxxx~~ loyalty records.

AIR FORCE

President Truman has signed the bill to provide funds for a seventy group Air Force. But, at the same time, the President stated that he has not changed his mind about a sixty-six group Air Force.

^PCongress voted more than three billion dollars for a huge plane building program, while the white House thinks that this is eight-hundred-and-twenty-two-~~million~~-million dollars too much. The bill puts the actual expenditure of money up to the President, on his own judgment; - and he thinks that too much spending for planes might injure the economy of the country; - so, he may stick to the sixty six group idea.

PACKING HOUSE STRIKE - SUBSTITUTE

In the packing house labor trouble, the strikers have voted to go back to work in the plants of three of the biggest companies. The decision was made at mass meetings where the men voted whether or not to call off the long strike. The answer is -- yes.

■ That is in the case of ~~three~~ three big companies.

However, in other instances the strikers voted to stay out - the dispute being over a question of whether or not returning strikers would be secure in their jobs. So the news tonight is that the packing house walkout has ended in large part -- but not altogether.

PRIMARIES

We have no figures from Oregon -- only the information that, when figures ~~xxx~~ come, they will be big. A dispatch from Portland pictures the Oregon voters as going to the Primary today in overwhelming numbers. which is not unexpected, considering the prominence of ~~xxx~~ today's Oregon election in the national political picture, ~~and Stassen choosing the state as the battle ground for a two way showdown.~~

Both the New York Governor and the candidate from Minnesota waged the most vigorous kind of campaign - the oratory becoming even violent at times. So no wonder that plenty of interest was whipped up among the Oregon voters -- sending record breaking numbers ~~of~~ ~~then~~ to the polls today. This, in spite of the fact that the weather was none too good - the day interspersed with wind blown showers.

The betting in Portland as the polls close tonight, is even money - Dewey expected to prevail in the heavily populated Portland area, with Stassen running ahead in the rural districts.

BOYS

Today's boy and airplane story raises the wonder, "how were the young rascals able to do it?"

Robert Ropald Peterson, twelve years old, and Jimmy Boddard, eleven, are fifth grade school boys, whose parents are prominent in Oklahoma City -- Jimmy Boddard's father is a top ranking lawyer. They played ~~hooky~~ hooky from school, and went strolling down to the Oklahoma City Airport. There they frolicked among the planes - and had a big idea. Down the line stood a small pleasure aircraft, they got in, started the motor, and took off -- swiping the plane. So away they flew, heading west, Taking turns at the controls, they piloted the plane, all the way to the border of Oklahoma and ^{on to} the Texas panhandle. There they came down, making a good landing on a farmer's field.

They didn't know where they were - lost. Not far away was a saddle horse - ready for the local farmer to ride. So they swiped the horse, and went trotting off - one riding behind the other. The road took them to Cheyenne, Oklahoma, where they turned the horse

loose, and walked on into town. - They were hungry by now, I suppose.

The local police picked them up as a couple of runaways, and were able to put together a number of strange reports. Two school boys missing in Oklahoma City. An airplane missing at Oklahoma City. The airplane found in a farmers field near the Texas-Oklahoma panhandle border. The farmers horse missing, then found near the town of Cheyenne. All that - and the two runaways wandering around in town.

The police found it all hard to believe, even when the boys confessed. How could they have piloted a plane so skillfully? The lads replied they had learned all about airplanes -- from the funny papers. They had studied the comic strips dealing with airplanes so earnestly and well, that, when they swiped the plane in Oklahoma City, they knew exactly what to do, and didn't have any trouble flying it.

Tonight they are back home with their prominent families, and tomorrow they'll face the Judge - situations that may require more than a deep knowledge of

the funny papers.

OLYMPICS

Over in England, a new competitor has been entered for the Olympic Games this summer - a frog. The proposal is to have a bull frog compete in the standing long jump event, frogs being known for jumping.

This Olympic entry was made in the most formal British fashion - in a letter to the London Times. The letter points to the recent frog jumping contest out in California. The traditional event based on Mark Twain's famous story, *of what occurred, in Calaveras County wasn't it?* The contest this year was won by Heliotrope, a fragrant flowery name for a frog. But, anyway, Heliotrope jumped eleven-feet-and-five inches. The letter to the Times points out that this broke the record of the standing long jump, set by Ray Ewry, the American holder of eight Olympic titles. So, obviously, Heliotrope the frog is the real champ -- and should be entered in the Olympic Games this summer.

Well, with a California frog in the jumping competition, they might as well have a Texas jackrabbit in the sprint race, *and how about entering not to mention* a kangaroo for the hurdles.

PRINCESS

Here's news from Britain - somebody ~~was~~ coming to the defense of Princess Elizabeth^h who went to the races and danced in a night club in Paris on Sunday. - ~~that is she danced Sat. night as beyond midnight.~~

It happened last weekend, when the heiress to the crown and her Consort Prince Philip were concluding their visit of state to the French capital. ~~on a weekend~~ ^{on a weekend} afternoon they watched the horses run at the fashionable Longchamps Race Track, ~~and then that~~ ^{and then that} night they stepped about on the dance floor at a swanky cabaret - and, ever since, all week long, they've been ~~re~~ rebuked for having broken the Sabbath. Various Evangelical Church bodies in Britain have been raising their voices in stern reproof,

~~saying:~~ ^{saying:} - ~~remember~~ "remember thou keep holy the Sabbath Day".

The latest comes from the free Presbyterian Synod at Inverness, in Scotland, the Highlands - where the ~~R~~ Presbyterians are the dourest of Scots.

However, the chorus of scolding was broken today, when the Archdeacon of Lewes came to the defense of the Royal Couple - the Archdeacon being Anglican, not so

severely Puritan. He points out that Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip ~~xxxxi~~ were in France, and it was all right for them to behave - "naturally and simply as the people of that country normally behave," ^{That was} ~~the~~ the Archdeacon expressed ^d it. In other words, when in Paris do as the Parisians ^{do.} The Archdeacon of Lewes argues that the general standards of morality nowadays are not so pure and lofty as to justify an uproar "all because two Royal young people went to the races and ^{did a little} ~~out~~ dancing on Sunday, in Paris ^{ee.} ~~ee.~~"

"The Archdeacon summarizes it all in one exclamation 'Bosh'".

And now Nelson how do you summarize your thoughts at the moment?