

IRAN

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(The Iranian government has offered the job of running the seized British oilfields to - guess whom? ~~xxxx~~ The British Director of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.) Today the post was offered to E. C. Drake, who runs the giant oil operations for the British concern. So what will he do about it? We don't know. The Director of Anglo-Iranian refuses all comment.

(This follows news of offices of the company stormed by mobs, rioters who ripped down signs and ran up Iranian flags on the buildings.) The police on guard did nothing to stop them - but then, after the rioters got through, the police went in and had tea with the British employees. Showing no hard feelings against them, I suppose.

(Word from Iran is that two important oil ~~en~~ properties have already been taken over - in accordance with nationalization.) One, the petroleum field at Naftishah. The other, a big refinery at Kermanshah.

One difficulty becomes evident - in a statement that, if British technicians pull out of the huge refinery at Abadan, the city of Abadan might lose its water and electrical supplies, which come from the plant. Moreover, British officials see the danger of explosions - if unskilled technicians try to run the refinery, which is the largest in the world.

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Tonight - Supreme Commander General

Matthew Ridgway, made an appeal to countries not now fighting the Reds in Korea. In a message to the United Nations, he asked them to send reinforcements.

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Air action is down to a minimum -- due to weather.

The news tells what Master Sergeant Stanley Adams, of Kansas City did:- His platoon evacuated a hill, and the Serge decided to recapture it - altho held by a hundred and fifty Chinese Reds. He thought he was leading his platoon - but suddenly he found that only thirteen G I's were with him. They were under heavy fire - and it looked like a good time for Sergeant Adams to beat a quick retreat.

However, he went the other way! With his little group of thirteen, he charged up the hill. Fifty yards from the enemy position, he was hit, and wounded in the leg. But he picked himself up, and went on. An exploding hand-grenade knocked him down, but again he picked himself up - and pushed on. That happened four times, four hand grenades blasting nearby, and flattening the warrior from Kansas City.

It ended with Sergeant Adams leading his handful of G I's into the Chinese position, where he fought it

out with bayonet and the butt of his rifle. That was too much for the Reds, and they cleared out. So the Serge captured the Hill -- and wins the Congressional Medal of Honor.

INVESTIGATION

A page of history, hitherto unknown, was disclosed in Washington today. (At the hearing of the Senate Committee Investigating the dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur, the witness was again - Patrick J. Hurley, former U.S. Ambassador to China. The subject taken up was Yalta,) Hurley recommended a thorough Congressional investigation of that Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting in Nineteen Forty-five, which made such great concessions to Soviet Russia - in return for a pledge of Soviet intervention in the war against Japan.

The hearing today brought mention of Alger Hiss, who is in prison, after having been convicted of perjury when he denied he had acted as a Soviet spy. Alger Hiss was on the staff of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt at Yalta. He was an assistant to the then Secretary of State, Edward Stettinius. Today the suggestion was that he might be called to give testimony - brought to Washington from his prison. But former Ambassador Hurley noted that Hiss could

hardly be made to "testify against himself."

Then came the disclosure that, just before his Death, F.D.R. realized that mistakes had been made at Yalta, and wanted to do something to rectify them. (Hurley said that, soon after the fateful conference, he went to the White House to protest vehemently against the concessions to the Soviets - giving them virtual ~~an~~ control of Manchuria. Which, Hurley claims, was the ~~xxxx~~ cause of the downfall of Nationalist China, and the sweep of the Chinese Reds to power.

But, when he saw the President - "all the fight I had in me went out," said he today. The President's hand was, in his words - "a very loose bag of bones." And he added; "The skin seemed to be pasted down to his cheek bones." Which illustrates Hurley's contention - that F.D.R. was not to blame for Yalta, because he was "a very sick man.")

He said F.D.R. defended the Yalta pact, arguing that the agreement did not surrender China's

rights to Soviet Russia. But a month later, the following occurred. "I went back to see President Roosevelt," Hurley relates, "and by this time he told me there were some features of that Yalta agreement to justify our fear. After which the President added: "I would like you to go to Moscow and see Stalin". Which is the first intimation that the late President ever attempted to modify the concessions granted to Soviet Russia at the Yalta Conference.

So Hurley started out for Moscow. He said today he thought he might have succeeded in his mission, if it hadn't been for the death of the President. Which occurred while he was enroute to the Soviet capital - April, Nineteen Forty-five. Then he received word from the new President, Harry Truman, ordering him to continue on his mission - to obtain modifications of the Yalta greements. But that was followed by a cable from the State Department, telling him that the U.S. government was "irrevocably committed" to the decision at Yalta. So he blames the State Departmēt for the

failure of his mission. Which he calls - "the

saddest defeat" he ever suffered.

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MATTHEWS

A New U.S. Ambassador to Dublin has been appointed -- and American sea power loses its top civilian chief -- the Secretary of the Navy. The word in Washington is that President Truman has named Navy Secretary Francis Matthews to represent this country in Ireland. ~~The Dublin government has been informed, with a request for approval.~~

There seems to be no doubt about an Irish okay. Matthews may not sound like Murphy or O'Brien. - could be English. But our resigning Secretary of the Navy was born in Nebraska ~~xx~~ of Irish immigrant parents, and his make-up is about as Hibernian as the Blarney Stone. ~~(He's one of the most prominent Roman Catholic laymen in the country, and is a Papal Chamberlain, entitled to wear a cape and sword at the Vatican.)~~ So Dublin is expected to say - yes.

COMMUNISTS

The Communists have been trying to put pressure on the Supreme Court. "A stupid campaign", says Justice Robert Jackson, appearing before a congressional committee. The Reds want the court to allow the convicted eleven Communist leaders to be free on bail. ~~--- pending a new appeal. Supreme Court Justice Jackson showed the Senate sub committee a handful of telegrams he got this morning. All signed with different names - but worded the same, and filed from the same New York telegraph office at the same time. Each one read: "Urge bail for defendants and lawyers in Smith act case."~~

"This" said the Justice, "is the stupidest kind of tactics. ~~If they're trying to influence us,~~ They might at least change the words in the telegrams, to make them look authentic!"

FOLLOW COMMUNISTS

The latest tonight concerns the twenty-one Reds who were indicted yesterday - the alternate politburo, taking the place of the eleven leaders convicted. They tried to get release on bail today, and a ~~ma~~ decision was given in the case of thirteen. Bail -- refused.

CONTROLS

Committees of both the Senate and the House turned down the plea of Price Administrator DeSalle - who urged them not to cancel the two remaining rollbacks in the price of beef. Both committees today put their okay on a control bill, much modified and watered down.

However, the rule announced today is conditional. William and Charles DeWitt, the present owners, sell their controlling interest in the ball team to Bill Veeck - providing he is able to buy out all the other stockholders. He will have to purchase five thousand shares of their stock. If he does, he is the owner of the St. Louis Browns - and it would then remain to be seen what he could do with that chronically failing, xxxxx baseball ball team.

Another baseball handling - Commissioner Wally Dondler will resign, effective July 1st.

BASEBALL

In the world of baseball, the St. Louis Browns were sold today to Bill Veeck, former owner of the Cleveland Indians. This has been rumored for days -- word that the weo-begone last-place Browns would be taken over by the baseball promoter, who won acclaim for circusing the national game at Cleveland, with spectacular stunts and parades. He also won a pennant.

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Another baseball headline - Commissioner Happy Chandler will resign, effective July Fifteenth.

Which will end a strange state of affairs. The club owners voted against their commissioner, denying him a new contract as the Czar of baseball. But Chandler refused to step out, until his contract had expired - and there was no end of palaver. Now - settled. Happy Chandler announcing - he will quit on July Fifteenth.

In addition to which he could be liable to fines totalling two million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

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BAD CHECK

A criminal charge of huge dimension was made in New York today - two hundred and twenty-five counts of forgery. For which the miscreant could be sentenced to two thousand, two hundred and fifty years in prison. With good behavior, he might be paroled after serving seven hundred and fifty years. In addition to which he could be liable to fines totalling two million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

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DUCK

A battle is on between the Fire Department and the public park authorities at ~~Moline~~^{line,} Illinois -- and all because of Napoleon. He's a duck, a pet of fire station Number Four. But Napoleon had no mate, ~~was~~ and was a lonely, discontented ~~Mallard duck~~^{duck -- a lone willard} ~~swimming~~^{swimming} in the park lagoon.

The park authorities were sympathetic, ~~and~~^{so} in the lagoon they placed a whole bevy of Lady Ducks. In duck language, Napoleon must have cried -- Josephine! There were about twenty Josephines, and Napoleon went charging into them with such violence, he scared the lady ducks into wild flight.

Which disturbed the equanimity of park superintendent Ralph Birks. He said Napoleon was -- vicious. The firemen replied - their duck was just cave-mannish.

Napoleon was captured, and put into a pen at the fire house. But he escaped, and back he went, charging the bevy of Josephines -- ~~is~~ driving them in a panic. This time the park officials, in high

indignation, gathered up the lady ducks, and took them away.

Today, a stern note was delivered to the fire station -- get rid of ^{him, But} ~~Napoleon~~. The firemen are defiant. ^{Nelson-} They say -- no! no Waterloo ^{for their Napoleon!}