

HAIFA FOLLOW PALESTINE

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The news dispatches from Palestine are giving vivid pictures of the evacuation of Haifa, calling it - another Dunkirk. The Jewish Forces of Haganah, too strong for the Arabs, captured the city with ease, and beat down Moslem opposition. So now there's a flight of the Arab population ^{from it} at that great seaport of Northern Palestine.

Thousands are getting out as best they can, wholesale evacuation. They ^{are} escaping by sea, aided by Arab ships and boats of every description. These come from ports north of Palestine, ^{of} Syria, the Lebanon. The picture is a reminder how British craft of every sort swarmed in World War Two from the Southern Coast of England to the beaches of Dunkirk, taking off British soldiers by the tens of thousands. ^{And now at these beaches in the Levant} ~~at the beaches~~ of every sort ^{raft} that you'll find in the Mediterranean.

Yes, another Dunkirk - but memory is taken back to days when Dunkirk was an empty northern shore, visited by barbarous tribesman of the ancient Gauls. The news today tells us that many of the boats doing a rescue job at Haifa come from the harbor of Tyre, just

to the north of the border of Palestine - Tyre, so famous in the most ancient annals of civilization, the great city-state of the Phoenicians, a kingdom of the sea. From the twin harbors of Tyre and Sidon, Phoenician Mariners, at the dawn of history, sailed afar-past the pillars of Hercules, to bring copper from Spain, tin from Britain. Today, the purple glory of Tyre has long since vanished. The one-time splendor of maritime empire is now hardly more than an Arab village. But in the news today we find Tyre of the Phoenicians playing a part in the Mediterranean Dunkirk.

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(The United Nations is sending a commission to Palestine -- a truce commission to look into the possibility of an armistice.) At the same time, this U N group will investigate a case of disobedience. (A short while ago the Security Council issued ~~xxxx~~ a cease fire order, but nobody paid any attention to it) neither the Jews nor the Arabs. The U.N. commanded - cease fire! [!] Whereupon they just kept on firing. Why didn't they obey? The U N wants to know. The commission will not be accompanied by any military force, -- just the commissioners. So you can imagine how much success they will have with a truce, and how much satisfaction they will get about the disobedience to the U N.

Something more practical may come out of ^{today's} a decision by the political committee of the U.N., ~~today~~ -- a decision limited to Jerusalem and the Holy places. The French have proposed plans to safeguard Jerusalem and the immediate area around the city -- against destruction in the strife between the

Zionists and Arabs. The French want an arrangement with the British, the Jews and the Arabs, for the establishment of an international guard to police the Holy City. ^{And so,} Today the political committee decided to give immediate attention to the plan for an international police ~~guard~~ ^{guard} to protect Jerusalem and the Holy places. *Such as,*

~~There is~~ the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Calvary ~~where~~ where the Saviour was crucified, the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus passed his last night before the crucifixion. ^π Yes, Jerusalem and the Holy places. -- ~~That~~ phrase seems to ring out the medieval days of the crusaders, the days of Godfrey ~~de~~ Bouillon, Baldwin Count of Flanders, ^{and} Richard the Lion Hearted, ~~not~~ to mention sites that are sacred also to Jews and Moslems -- the Jewish wailing wall where the Temple of Solomon stood, and the Mosque of Omar one of the ^{great} ~~most~~ shrines of Islam.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA -MISSING

In the News today we have an international mystery - the mystery of the missing tennis players. A team of racquet stars, headed by a world famous tennis ace, has vanished, has dropped out of sight for an answer, let me present the evidence - and you be the Sherlock Holmes. You know how it is in a detective story problem -- the clues are all there, and the reader tries to unriddle the solution.

The missing tennis players are members of the Czechoslovak International Team - four stars, headed by Jaroslavdrobny, a champion of Davis Cup calibre. The team left Czechoslovakia for international matches in Italy. They got to Italy all right - but have failed to return home. Last night the Czechoslovak tennis association cancelled a series of games with Hungary. The cancellation is explained as being - "for technical reasons; "technical indeed - because how can you play an international match with another country, when your international team has vanished?

In Prague it was stated today that the

missing tennis players were to have returned from Italy last week. When they failed to show up, there seemed at first to be an explanation. "It was thought," says a Prague newspaper, "that they might have been waiting to see the results of the Italian election. But," adds the newspaper, "this excuse is no longer valid." Well, I should think not - but maybe they got lost in the Italian election.

Other evidence comes from Italy, in the manhunt for the ~~xxx~~ lost racquet stars. They were invited to the land of the Caesars by the Italian Tennis Federation, which Federation stated today that the Czechoslovak Team appeared in Italy all right, but hasn't been seen recently; - lost, strayed or stolen.

For a final clue in this international mystery story, we may note that Czechoslovakia is now a Communist dictatorship, a Soviet puppet behind the iron curtain. ~~xxx~~ From all of which you can form your own guess about why the Czechoslovak International Tennis Team, having gone to Italy, has failed to ^{return} ~~come~~ home. In

case you have any trouble with the logic, you might consult
a prison warden, and ask him what explanation he would
give ~ if four convicts happened to get out through the
prison door, and thereafter were missing from their cells.

SUBSTITUTE INTRO SENATOR TAFT

In the Ohio Primary candidate Harold Stassen made an important address tonight with emphasis on international peril. He gave the Ohio voters this ominous picture. "The real danger of the world" said he, "is that the leaders of the Kremlin may make a mad move toward war by either aggressive infiltration tactics or by direct measures of force directed against the small and weak nations on their borders."

In the two-man duel for Ohio delegates, Senator Taft, likewise, made some vigorous declarations tonight. But, as for that, I recalled to mind today the fact that we had former Governor Stassen on this program -- *a little earlier in* ~~some while ago when he was beginning~~ his campaign. So, having had Stassen, why not also have Taft? Why not, in fact, hear from various candidates for the Republican nomination ~~at~~ this hot presidential year? Governor Warren of California, for example. Seems like a good idea to invite them. The Ohio Primary being the high spot right now, let's hear

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from Senator Taft tonight. He is in Cleveland,
and I have asked him now, just as I asked Harold
Stassen the other night. So now, recording from
Cleveland, Senator Taft.

LEWIS

In the world of coal mines, recent agitations died down today, as a result of Judge Goldsborough's decision to inflict no more ~~more~~ penalties on John L. Lewis and the Union. Having recently imposed heavy fines for criminal contempt of court, the federal Judge had still to speak his word on the matter of civil contempt. And today he accepted the advice of the government's prosecutor - and postponed any further punishment. All of which amounted to a federal truce in the complicated legal battles between the government and John L. Lewis.

STRIKE

There was a strike riot in Kansas City today, when the police broke up mass picketing in front of the Cudahy Packing Company. C.I.O. workers have been on strike for some time, and today the pickets ~~massed~~ massed in force to keep non-strikers from entering the plant. A hundred policemen charged with swinging clubs, and broke up the picket line.

MARSHALL

Secretary of State Marshall left

Bogota for Washington today, returning to his desk in the State Department. After three weeks of Pan-American Conference, interrupted by the Bogota revolution, the Secretary bade farewell to the Delegates of the Americas. The conference has still another week to run, scheduled to adjourn April Thirtieth - ^{with} ~~but~~ the American Secretary of State leaving ahead of time - having plenty piled up for his attention in Washington.

A fascinating question was answered in the news today - a delicate question. In London, Princess Elizabeth, heir to the crown, and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, were invested with the most noble order of the Garter. This Royal decoration dates back, of course, to the romantic times of the middle Ages - the order having been created by King Edward the Third, on the memorable occasion when the Countess of Arundel, while dancing with the King, lost her garter.^{TK} But never mind the history - the question is this: Of recent years, Royal ladies have been invested with the garter, Queen Mother Mary, Queen Elizabeth, and now Princess Elizabeth. Which makes us wonder, how, in a royal ceremony, do you invest a Queen or a Princess with the garter? In ordinary life, how does a lady invest herself with a garter? Yes, but how about ^{in a state} a royal ceremony?

The question is so delicate that for answer, I'll merely repeat the description the news dispatch gives of the solemn ritual today. In the great throne room of Windsor Castle, the Royal Family gathered,

together with highest nobles of the Realm. The King sat on a great ~~throne~~ gold throne. Beside him, on a silken cushion, lay the ~~ing~~ insignia of the order - the garter. Princess Elizabeth, wearing a long Grecian dress, approached the throne, and the ~~ing~~ august moment was at hand.

"Elizabeth," says the dispatch, "curtsied slowly to her father. The King touched her shoulder with the blade of a sword, and ~~made~~ her rise. He took the insignia order off the cushion. "The garter", the dispatch concludes - "The garter - he slipped on her left ^{arm}."

So there you have it. ~~That's~~ That's the way you invest a Princess with the garter - you put it on her arm. *Nelson - you put it on her arm.*

INTRODUCTION TO SENATOR TAFT

The news from Ohio tells of the primary campaign climbing toward a climax - with Senator Taft and Candidate Stassen waging vigorous battle for delegates to the Republican National Convention.

It's a two-man duel, and brings to mind something about this program. A while ago, when former Governor Stassen was beginning his campaign ~~text~~ for the Presidential nomination on the Republican ticket, we heard him on this program - he giving a view on international affairs. So, having had Stassen, why not also have Taft - both of whom are on speaking tours in Ohio right now.

In Washington the other day I heard a tribute paid to the gentleman from Ohio. It came from an old-time newspaper man, a columnist who is as ~~unbiased~~ non-partisan as any observer I can think of. We were ~~in~~ talking about men who are worthy to be called statesmen. Speaking of Senator Taft he said:- just about all the worthwhile legislation that has gone through the United States Senate in ~~the~~ recent years has either originated with, been written ^{by} or rewritten _{by} by Senator Taft.

The Senator is in Cleveland tonight, and I phoned him there, asking him to give an an Ohio-Primary-view of issues that are, at the same time, of national interest. So now, from Cleveland, Senator Robert Taft.

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Thank you, Senator Taft, for an Ohio slant on this lively contest for the Republican nomination.