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BIG THREE

The White House, tonight, discloses that President Eisenhower plans an early meeting with British Prime Minister Churchill and French Premier Laniel.

To ~~be~~ meet at Bermuda, where a Big Three Conference was to have been held months ago - only to be called off by the illness of the British Prime Minister.

Paris, tonight, says that the meeting is at the invitation of Churchill.

WHITE

Attorney General Brownell declares that the Truman administration had, what he calls, "full and adequate notice" that Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Harry Dexter White - was a Soviet spy, had that notice before he was promoted to a higher office.

In an official statement, on the news wire this afternoon, the Attorney General states that an F.B.I. report on Harry Dexter White's alleged espionage activities was delivered to top officials of the Truman administration. Including - Admiral Leahy, then Chief of Staff to the President, who says he doesn't recall it. Also to Secretary of State Bijrnes, chief Justice Vinson, and Attorney General Tom Clark, now a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Brownell says that tow F.B.I reports were delivered "personally" to General Harry Vaughan, White House military aide - for transmission to President Truman.

Former President Truman says - he doesn't think anybody ever duped him into approving the promotion of the late Harry Dexter White. The ex-President ~~is~~ in New York, to receive an award from the American Jewish Congress, ~~and~~ was asked by reporters about assumptions that he had been tricked, ~~-- after that B.I. sent to him reports that Harry Dexter White was a Soviet spy.~~

"I don't think anybody ever took advantage of me," the former President replied. "If they did, I didn't know it."

He was asked - could such advantage of him have been taken?

He answered: "I didn't have that sort of people around me."

Then the question:- would he welcome an appearance ~~in~~ before a Senate Investigating Committee?

"No comment," and then added:-

~~He~~ said he, "I'm a former President of the

United States."

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Now, here's the latest - a statement from Governor Byrnes of South Carolina. He declares that he, as Secretary of State, did receive a copy of the FBI report, and that - he discussed it with President Truman.

According to Byrnes, President Truman was concerned about the FBI disclosure that the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury was a Soviet spy. And telephoned to the Senate - only to find that the appointment of White had already been okayed. Governor Byrnes says he urged the President to cancel the appointment, ~~even at that late date~~ - but nothing was done about it.

IBN SAUD

The new King of Saudi Arabia is Emir Saud Ibn Abdel Aziz. Who today ascended the throne of the desert, upon the death of his father - the fabulous Ibn Saud. This news is of headline importance all over the world - considering the place of Saudi Arabia in ^(world affairs) ~~the scheme of civilization~~. Long pages of statistics, analysis, charts and graphs can be produced - to illustrate. But, maybe, the best way to suggest the significance of today's news is to sketch a story - the full recital of which makes as melodramatic a romance as you'll find in books.

To begin with, nobody knows, precisely, how old Ibn Saud was. Let's take a quick look at a book just coming out, called "Arabian Jubilee." The story of Ibn Saud by

St. John Philby, one of the great authorities on Arabia, and long an advisor and close friend of this truly Arabian Nights monarch..

TP Page one, chapter one, begins:

"The exact hour and date of the remarkable man who is the hero of this story, is not, and probably never can be, precisely known. His mother ... could neither read nor write, and probably did not know the date, anyway."

(a Moslem, Ibn Saud explorer, political officer, and himself (a/ St. John Philby says ~~he~~ was probably born in

him only

Eighteen Eighty, which would make ~~him~~ seventy-three, when

he died. ^P He was of a princely family, which had fallen into

obscurity. ~~He~~ ^{He} was a refugee at the little port of Koweit,

on the Persian Gulf, when he began ~~his~~ his career - with a

desperate exploit. Young Ibn Saud, a giant of the desert who

stood six-foot four, set out on a career of conquest - with

thirty Bedouin followers and thirty camels. He had five comrades

with him, when he captured the walled ^{city} ~~town~~ of Riyadh, ^{in Central} ~~Arabia~~

Arabia.

~~Arabia~~ Which gave him a capital; and a reputation.

Then, for more than a score of years, he fought

a series of tribal wars, expanding his realm over the sands of

central Arabia. In Nineteen Twenty-Four, he captured the

- took it from my friend, King Hussein. Then, holy city of Mecca. Two years later - he proclaimed himself

King and Lord of Arabia.

So far, all that was in the old way of the desert -

where the Bedouin admire the sword of the conqueror.

Moreover, Ibn Saud led a special sect of Islam -

the fanatical, puritanical Wahabi. Which made him a religious leader, as well as a mighty warrior. Much in the tradition - of Mohamed and the Koran.

In Nineteen Thirty-Three came the astonishing turn - as fantastic, in its way, as anything in the Arabian Nights. King Ibn Saud signed a contract with the Standard Oil Company of California. Which later was to include a whole' group of the greatest oil companies in the United States. That was the beginning of - Arabian Oil. Which, today, represents an investment of half a billion dollars and is worth more than many an empire.

As merely the King and Lord of Arabia, Ibn Saud had been a rather poverty stricken monarch, though wielding vast power. The desert is not rich. At first he had no wealth, then, he got most of his income from the pilgrim traffic Moslem pilgrims bound for Mecca. Ah, but Aladdin couldn't have imagined what was to happen. Oil royalties began to pour in, until - the King's own personal income was estimated at one hundred million dollars a year. Making him, undoubtedly, the richest man in the world.

Elaborations of modern splendor piled up at his

court. All the costly gadgets of Western civilization - from fleets of expensive automobiles to sumptuous modern/equipment in the royal palace.

At Riyadh ~~ix~~ his Moslem followers at first opposed the telephone, calling it a device of the devil. Until - Ibn Saud showed them that the words of the Holy Koran could be transmitted across those wires. Proving - that the telephone was the work of Allah, not the devil. TP Of course he

- and children.
~~was~~ famous for the number of his wives./ Said to have a hundred and twenty wives. He was known to have at least thirty-six sons.

Nobody knows - how many daughters. But, on the occasion of the birth of another son, Ibn Saud was ^{reported} ~~said~~ to have - sixty-four children!

In recent years he was ailing, and moved about his palace in a motorized wheel chair. This past summer he fell seriously ill, and his Western doctors diagnosed the malady as angina pectoris. ^R The health of this giant monarch of the desert was a matter of world concern - because of those enormous

oil resources. ^P Ibn Saud kept order - in a normally disordered land of tribal feuds. He enforced the law of the Koran, with literal rigor. A murderer - decapitated by the sword. A thief - ~~and~~ his left hand struck off - ~~with~~ ^{by the} sword. For drunkenness - eighty lashes of the whip.

In other countries, as in Iran, Western oil development might be threatened by turmoil and violence. But not in Saudi Arabia - as long as Ibn Saud was there to keep order.

But, when he passed from the desert scene - what then? That, now, is for the future to tell. As the crown prince, Emir Saud Ibn Abdel Aziz, becomes King and Lord of Arabia.

IRAN

Over in the ancient city of Teheran, there's one bedeviled court of law. They're holding a headline trial - and seldom have a judge, prosecutor and other officials been so baffled and bewildered. The defendant - Mossadegh, who was the Weeping Premier, ^{is} still - weeping.

The trial began yesterday, in a disorderly way, and was worse today - with ~~MAN~~ Mossadegh ^{sobbing} ~~weeping~~ wailing, and about to faint. ~~MAN~~ Being tried for treason, ^{he} ~~cries~~ cries out - that he's the legal Premier of Iran. ^P You'd think the testimony would get around to such matters as the seizure of ~~the~~ Anglo-Iranian Oil ~~Company~~, the acts of Mossadegh as Premier, his overthrow by the army and the Shah. But not at all. The trial is all wound up in those emotional outbreaks of the aged defendant.

Today he fired his lawyer, yelling, ^{shedding tears} ~~and shouting~~ and waving his arms.

The prosecutor protested to the judge, saying:
"He's an egregious actor, and thinks this is a stage."

Whereupon Mossadegh went into the scene of pathos.

"In my frail condition," he moaned, "I'm even afraid to weep in court, lest I offend certain gentlemen." With that, he burst into tears. Saying he was afraid to weep, he wept.

The judge tried to get the trial moving along, but that only drew a sneer from Mossadegh. "You'd think you intend to go on a trip - that you're in such a hurry," he demanded. "Well, I'm going to keep you here for another two months, hearing my case."

So pity the poor court of law - in Teheran.

WICKS

The New York State Executive Committee of the Republican Party has been called for a special meeting tomorrow - to consider the case of State Senator Arthur Wicks, who is Acting Lieutenant-Governor. Wicks, under fire - because he paid a visit to convicted Labor Racketeer Joseph Fay, in prison.

Governor Dewey has demanded the resignation of Wicks, and G.O.P. State Chairman, Dean Taylor, says - he agrees with the Governor. He has called a meeting of the Executive Committee, so the State Republican Party can take, what he calls - "a public, open and frank stand."

KIDNAP MONEY

The first of the missing money in the Greenlease kidnap murder case - has been discovered. A twenty dollar bill identified at Petoskey, Michigan. A ten dollar bill - in Detroit. Part of the six hundred thousand paid for the return of the murdered child. Part of the three hundred thousand that vanished so strangely.

Mrs. Henry Krauser is a part time nurse, who operates a small tourist camp. The twenty was paid to her as a deposit on a cabin. Mrs. Krauser who had been thinking of the kidnap money, checked the serial number and found it on the list put out by the F.B.I. The police then traced it to a mail carrier, named Clark. He was questioned, and couldn't remember exactly. Maybe he got it at a gas station in Petoskey. Or in Maxton, Michigan. So now the police are trying to pick up the trail from there on. Sounds like a tough job.

BASEBALL

The Supreme Court - upholds baseball. Today, the high tribunal handed down the ruling - that the national game is a sport, and not subject to the Anti-Trust Laws.

The court rejected three lawsuits, brought by two minor league players, and the former owner of a ball club in the Texas league, who claimed they had been injured by the regulation enforced by the Major and Minor Leagues. They charged - monopoly.

The justices, voting seven to two, went back to a decision handed down by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes in Nineteen Twenty-Two; who then ruled that baseball did not come under the heading of ordinary business. ~~Today, the court~~ noted that, in the light of that previous decision, the Congress had not seen fit to amend the Anti-Trust Laws, so ~~that they would~~ ^{as to} include baseball. which leaves it up to Congress to do something about it, if Congress wants to.

This decision upholds the much debated - reserve clause.; That's in every ballplayer's contract - a provision

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binding him to the club that originally signed him.

And - forbidding him to play for any other, unless he is sold, traded, or declared a free agent.

CALIFORNIA

Yale University has acquired a literary treasure. Donated by William Robertson Coe - who, in the past, has given Yale a magnificent collection of rare books on Western America. Now, a copy of the first publication ever to mention the name of - California. A Spanish book, dating back nearly four and a half centuries. Nothing geographical - something very different.

When the Spaniards, pushed north into what is now California, they thought - this new land reminded them of a book, about the imaginary exploits of a fabulous hero on a mythical island, inhabited by Amazons. Their queen - named Califia. The land called after her - California.

The book described the land in the following words: "At the right hand of the Indies..very close to that part of the Terrestrial Paradise."

Mike, that sounds rather like California, doesn't it?