

TROOPS

*L.J. P. & S. Thurs. Mar. 8 - '51*

Two Senate Committees, on Foreign Relations and armed services, today unanimously approved sending more U.S. troops to Europe, ~~as had been expected.~~

The Administration, however, received a ~~severe xxxxxx~~ setback when the committees ~~as~~ passed two other resolutions which state that President Truman must have congressional approval before sending more U.S. ground forces to Europe.

The resolution provides for prior approval of any troop shipments by both ~~the~~ House and the Senate. While this action ~~xxxx~~ can be reversed when the issue reaches the Senate floor, it comes as a ~~stunning~~ blow to administration hopes for ending the "great foreign policy debate", *which originated with* ~~started by~~ former President ~~Herbert~~ Hoover.

In today's vote, three southern Democrats, ~~Byrd~~ Byrd of Virginia, George of Georgia, and Stennis of Mississippi, voted with the eleven Republicans.

Another missing Democratic vote was that of Senator Virgil Chapman of Kentucky, who died early this morning in an automobile accident in Washington. Chapman one of the most popular members of the Senate, was a ~~keen~~ supporter of the proposal to send ~~ground~~ ground troops to Europe. His death reduces the membership of the Senate to forty-eight Democrats and forty-sev Republicans.

# MISSISSIPPI

Word just in. Governor Lawrence Weatherby of Kentucky, a Democrat will nominate a Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Chapman. The two most likely candidates seem to be State Senator Cox of Frankfort, Kentucky, or Garrett L. Withers of Dixon, Kentucky, who from Nineteen Forty-eight to Nineteen Fifty filled the seat left vacant when Alben Barkley became Vice-President.

## KOREA

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The advance in Korea continued today. Along a seventy mile line, the Eighth Army strengthened its Han River bridgehead east of Seoul, seized the mountain road hub of Yongdu, and captured strategic peaks and bridges in all parts of the central front. Twelve miles upstream from Seoul, the Twenty-Fifth division bridged the Han River again, pouring thousands of men into the flank of the former South Korean capital's defenses. At one point, G I's drove four miles into the ~~xxx~~ forbidding hills east of Seoul.

Dispatches today tell of "spotty resistance" which is described as "more of a rear guard affair". Which would indicate that the Reds are <sup>now</sup> withdrawing their main body of troops ahead of our advance.

In good flying weather allied airmen flew more than seven hundred sorties, today, most of them



in close support of attacking ground forces. In northwest Korea, fourteen super-jets tangled with seventeen M I G fifteens. But again the Reds turned tail, fled across the Yalu River, without a scrap.

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( The new day in Korea gives news of a continuing U N advance. The Reds were retreating, dynamiting bridges as they withdrew. ) ~~One detail~~ shows the U S Twenty-Fourth Division slashing forward from the area of the "Dragon door mountain" for a push forward against little resistance.

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## AMERICAN FLYERS

From the Tyrrhenian Sea, off the wartime beach-head town of Anzio, an Italian destroyer, the Carabiniere, today picked up six American flyers, whose navy plane crashed yesterday. Tossed by high winds and heavy seas, the six aviators had spent the night and most of ~~the~~ today, on frail rubber rafts. One man is reported in bad shape, and all are slightly injured following the <sup>2</sup>~~the~~ buffeting *by the sea.*

Fifteen miles south of the scene of today's rescue, four other flyers of the crew of fourteen were this afternoon spotted on two more tiny rafts. At last word, several ships were ~~seen~~ speeding towards them, through the wild storm. These <sup>vessels</sup> include the aircraft carrier Roosevelt, whose planes were out searching for the four final crewmen not yet sighted.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

We learn tonight something of the mystery behind the disappearance and later arrest of former Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Vladimir Clementis, ~~this is~~ revealed by Czechoslovak exiles in New York, who say they are in close touch with anti-Red underground leaders in their home <sup>land</sup> ~~country~~. These Czechs say that early this year Clementis, leader of the Titoist movement in Czechoslovakia, fled to Jugoslavia. Which was when we heard of his disappearance from Prague. ~~Which xxxxxxxxxx~~ But that his flight was in vain. He was trailed down and kidnapped by agents of the Cominform, and taken back to Prague, to stand trial.

Details of this mysterious flight would seem to be as follows: Clementis was fired as Foreign Minister just a year ago, for straying from the Moscow party line - was demoted to an unimportant



job, as a sort of bank clerk in Prague. Then late last year the Communist party central committee learned that a "Titoist" movement had developed in Czechoslovakia, - decided that it must announce a big conspiracy - stage a sensational trial, to show up what happened to party stragglers. Also to gain "face" with Moscow, by so doing. The committee chose Clementis as scapegoat.

In January this year Premier Gottwald warned his old friend Clementis that he was to be arrested and accused at this sensational trial. Quickly Clementis with his wife, Ludomila, fled the ~~apartment~~ apartment in Prague - to Clementis' home town in Slovakia. From there, with the help of friends and the anti-Red underground, <sup>they fled</sup> ~~into~~ into Hungary, and eventually across the Hungarian frontier into Jugoslavia, where he asked the authorities for asylum.

Meanwhile in Prague the Cominform discovered his disappearance, threw guards around his home and sent out an alarm to prevent him leaving the country. But it was too late - the bird had flown. Not for two weeks did the Cominform learn where Clementis had gone. Then their spies in Yugoslavia sent word that he was in a small town in the north of that Titoist country. Agents were dispatched from Prague with orders to bring Clementis back, dead or alive. The Cominform men tracked ~~him~~ him down, seized him. While being taken back to Czechoslovakia it seems the former Foreign Minister made his one ~~last~~ last desperate bid for freedom but was wounded and recaptured by his guards.

And so back to Prague - to stand trial as leader of the conspiracy which his friend Prime Minister Gottwald <sup>had been</sup> ~~was~~ forced to announce. The latest reports are of Gottwald himself a prisoner under Cominform guard in his castle outside Prague. <sup>He to be</sup> ~~the~~ next

~~possible~~ victim of the accusation of <sup>a</sup> gigantic Titoist conspiracy.

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BEVIN

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The latest from London is that Ernest Bevin has decided to resign as Foreign Secretary. Bevin has long been ill, and British public opinion has been expecting him to step out, ~~from the burdensome post of running British international relations.~~ However, London says that the ailing Bevin will not resign from the cabinet. He will remain a minister of the Attlee government, but in some <sup>post where the</sup> ~~less laborious post~~ *burdens are lighter.*



IRAN

In Iran, the fanatical Fidaiyan Islam sect today threatened the assassination of more Iranian leaders. This follows the murder of Prime Minister Ali Razmara who was shot down while entering "The Mosque of the Shahs" at Teheran yesterday, <sup>1</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>- assassinated</sup> by a young ~~man~~ carpenter, a member of this secret society. Today's warning came in <sup>the</sup> newspaper, the "peoples struggle," which represents the views of this extremist religious and political Islamic group. On the front page appeared the banner headline, "Razmara has gone to hell - other criminals will soon be sent after him."

We learn something today of the workings of this Fidaiyan Islam. This from the assassin who yesterday gave his ~~name~~ name as Abdullah Movased Rastegar and today gave his real name. He told the police he was Khalil Tahamsebi, then went on to explain how his sect operates. At secret meetings, ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> seems "enemies"

are listed for assassination. Then members draw lots, to see who <sup>of</sup> ~~should~~ carry out the killings. The member who draws the name from the hat, becomes the trigger man, <sup>and</sup> then takes an alias, before committing his crime.

~~Meanwhile~~ All public buildings in Teheran were closed today, with flags at half mast, in mourning for the Premier. Steel helmeted military and civil police patrolled the streets to guard against possible disorders. At the Royal Palace, Shah Rezi Pahlevi, about whose magnificent nuptials we heard the other day, told his younger brother that his ~~xx~~ wedding must wait. That he could not be married tonight, instead must wait a week, until official mourning is over.

IRAN - OIL

The latest. (In Teheran tonight, a parliamentary committee voted unanimously for the nationalization of Iran's immensely rich oil industry.) The plan must get parliamentary approval before any action can be taken against the Anglo-Iranian oil company which controls most of the oilfields.

(Tonight's vote came only a few hours after the funeral of Premier Ali Razmara <sup>who was</sup> assassinated by a fanatic yesterday for opposing the nationalization measure.)

## MOROCCO

The Moslem world, from Egypt to Pakistan, is up in arms about - Morocco. This crisis results from action taken by the French Governor of Morocco against the nationalist party last week. The nationalists have for many years been agitating for a Morocco free from French Colonial rule, From Pakistan, Albania, Syria, Jordan and Egypt, come reports of mounting resentment and demonstrations outside French embassies and legations. In Cairo, a mass meeting of Arab organizations demanded that the United Nations take up the Moroccan issue immediately. While in Paris, the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, today summoned the Egyptian Ambassador to ask for an explanation of the increasing hate against the French.

In London, the flare-up is taken as an outcome of ~~the~~ last month's Islamic conference in Karachi



At that time, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem called for the whole Moslem world to mass under one banner to resist aggression. The conference adopted a special flag - a white crescent on a green ground, with a quotation from the Koran - "hold all together by the rope of Allah, and do not let go." *There seems to be* ~~which all confirms~~ an upsurge of islamic unity, from the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean.

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If you have any preference for weather, you can have your whim satisfied at Dayton, Ohio - no matter how extreme your taste in weather may be. There's a place where, in a minute, they can create any kind you ~~want~~ want - the heat of the steaming jungles in the tropics, the icy chill of polar regions, the salt fogs along a misty, coast; gale blown blizzards, sand storms, dust storms. The place, an all-weather laboratory run by the Air Force at Wright Field.

~~That haunt of~~ meteorological magic was disclosed to newsmen for the first time today - when they saw a chamber where the temperature dropped in quick time from a hundred degrees above zero to fifty below. ~~In other words, the temperature change~~ <sup>What</sup> a plane would encounter, flying at a thousand miles an hour, and zooming swiftly to high altitude. ~~In that way they~~

For <sup>my</sup> test ~~planes~~ engines, instruments.

~~In the Second World War, the heat and the humidity south Sea Islands caused the ruin of valuable equipment - because of a rapid growth of fungus. The burning sand of the Sahara wrought another kind of damage. So did the salt and fog over northern islands like the Aleutians, where metal parts corroded at a great rate.~~

~~So now~~ The Air Force is testing weather conditions of every kind conceivable - from blizzards to sand storms.

There's one deficiency, however - the Seventh Division has sixty-four aircraft - but only twenty-eight instruments. It's hard to test them in the open air.

## KOREA - BAND

Here's a final bit from Korea, and the headline is "strike up the band." Which is an order issued by Colonel Herbert Powell of Monmouth, Oregon, Chief of Staff ~~to~~ of the Seventh Division. He says: "We've got the best division band in the army, and its business is to make music." But not music in the rear areas! - The Colonel's idea being that the tuneful strains should be for the G I's in the front line.

*The Blue Danube, on*  
There's a narrow valley, for example, where the G I's were advancing up one slope - and were also being serenaded. On the ridge, just across the way, the band playing with the blaring of brass and the groaning of saxaphones.

There's one deficiency, however - the Seventh Division band has sixty-four musicians - but only twenty-eight instruments. So they have to take turns - the same piccolo being used alternately by artists of



different style - jazz, hill-billy, or even classical. In fact, they've broken the band down into several formations, a thirteen piece dance orchestra, a four piece hill-billy combination, and an eight piece Dixieland Band.

So there's music in the front lines, at regimental command posts, medical stations, and newly captured enemy positions. Where you may hear

anything from *The Blue Danube*, or *Baby, It's Cold Outside* to *The*  
*to aba Dabla Dabla* ~~*It's Been Good*~~  
~~*to know you*~~, Nelson.