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It was America's move today in the diplomatic fencing of the Cold War, the United States responding to the Soviet peace offensive. The American action was twofold. In fencing terms, it was a parry followed by a counter-thrust.

The parry consisted of a declaration issued by the State Department, which listed eleven points of American-Soviet disagreement. These points were included in Henry Wallace's "open letter" to Stalin, in which the third party candidate for the presidency proposed an American-Soviet parley to end the Cold War. Stalin, climaxing the Red peace offensive, put his okay on Henry's invitation, ~~together with the outlining of points on which agreements might be made.~~^{TP} The State Department today took up the list, one by one, and explained the status of each of the eleven points. These range from the number one topic of ~~the~~ abolition of atomic war to the important matter of a German peace treaty, from the evacuation of troops from occupied countries to the question of post-war reconstruction. In each case, a settlement has

failed because of Soviet obstruction. Point by point, the State Department showed how Moscow has blocked agreements ~~an~~ all the problems listed by Henry Wallace and okayed by Stalin - as matters to be settled. That was the parry, the warding off of the Moscow thrust in the Soviet peace offensive.

Then came the counter-thrust - in declarations made by Secretary Marshall to a news conference. He said that these eleven points were eleven separate and individual opportunities for Stalin to show that he was in earnest in advocating a settlement of the Cold War. ~~Secretary Marshall~~ showed that ~~each point concerned other countries than the~~ ^{as well as} ~~United States and Soviet Russia, and therefore could not be~~ ~~fixed up in a two-power American-Soviet parley - because the~~ ~~other countries concerned were entitled to have their say.~~

He noted that ^{all} each of the eleven points in dispute ^{are} already in the hands of international agencies, qualified to deal with them - the United Nations ^{and the} various control councils. ~~The Soviets~~ ^{have} ~~blocked all efforts for international~~ ^{an}

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So, if Stalin means what he says in the Soviet peace offensive, all he has to do is instruct the Moscow representatives to stop obstructing and walk in with definite proposals for agreements. ~~Thereby giving~~ Stalin ^{given} eleven opportunities to show that he really wants to end the Cold War.

All of which was *echoed* tonight by Chief American delegate to the U N, Warren Austin. Addressing the National Institute of Social Sciences, he challenged the Soviets to bring their peace talk into the appropriate agencies at the U N, ^{and offer} ~~making~~ proposals for the solution of the vital problems -- the atomic bomb in particular. "The world", said Warren Austin, "needs only the cooperation of the Soviet Union to safeguard it from the threat of atomic devastation."

The net result of today's American moves in the international fencing bout, the American parry and counter-thrust, would seem to put the burden of proof on Soviet

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Russia - an invitation to show some action for peace,
instead of mere talk.)

HUNGARIAN MINISTER

A new member is added to the increasing colony of diplomats from countries behind the Iron Curtain, who have cut connections with Red dictatorships and are staying in the U.S.A. The Hungarian Minister to Washington now resigning is Rustem Vambery, seventy-six years old, and a distinguished scholar in criminal law. For twenty-two years he was a professor at Budapest University, and made a reputation in criminology. Appointed Minister to Washington, he has been in this country since Nineteen Thirty-Eight, and he now breaks relations with the Red regime that has taken over in Hungary.

Professor Vambery says his principal reason for this is the attitude of the Communist Hungarian Government toward the United States. He points to vitriolic anti-American diatribes in the press and on the radio in Hungary. He resents especially the Red abuse heaped on American radio programs beamed to foreign countries - the Voice of America. The Reds are enraged with the Voice of America for telling

what the Professor calls - "plain truths."

So Hungarian Minister Vambery has renounced his diplomatic post and will seek American citizenship.

BILL

(The Communist Control bill was passed by the House of Representatives late this afternoon.) The majority was overwhelming -- three-hundred-and-nineteen to fifty-eight. There was loud debate, and a series of amendments was shouted down.

(So now the Senate gets the bill that would compel the Communist party and Communist front organizations to hand in lists of their members -- a blow against the ~~highly secret~~ tactics of ~~Red~~ secrecy. ~~of the Reds.~~) Also, the bill would make it a criminal offence for the ~~Red~~ leaders of the Communist party to continue any connection with Soviet Russia.

SUBSTITUTE LEAD PALESTINE

(The Arabs claim to have won control of all of the ancient ^{nt} walled city in Jerusalem, beating down resistance ⁱⁿ from the Jewish quarter.) Another despatch says that the ^{defenders of the Jewish quarter} ~~troops of the new State of Israel~~ are trying to negotiate a capitulation, with the Arabs demanding unconditional surrender. Still another news account, ^{pictures} ~~that~~ troops of the Arab Legion ~~are~~ advancing on Jerusalem from all sides.

All of which follows earlier news that soldiers of Haganah ^{had} ~~have~~ broken into the old city, ^{driving} ~~fixing~~ to the

relief of the Jewish quarter. They began by storming

^{the Mount of} Zion last night, ^a ~~the~~ dominating position said to be the tomb of David. ^{They} ~~Then~~ ^{drove} in through the Zion gate.

That brought help to the besieged Jewish quarter -- but

other word came stating that the Arab Legion had also

broken in, joining the Moslem forces in the seige. The

troops of the Arab legion are described as having driven

down from the Mount of Olives, the legended ^{site} ~~site~~ of

the Garden of Gethsemane -- from which area they got into

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the walled city through the St Stephen gate.

Yesterday the word from the capitol of Isreal, Tel Aviv, was that the Jewish position in Jerusalem was ~~veering on~~ desperate -- and tonight comes the claim of the Arabs that they are on the verge of taking the entire Holy City.

From London - an official statement on the relation between the British Government and the Arab Legion. That Trans-Jordan mechanized military unit was organized, trained and armed by the British, and is commanded by a British officer - Glubb Pasha, much renowned among the Arabs. Britain, in fact, has been supplying all the Arab states with

military equipment - such as is ~~now~~ being used in Palestine. So what about it now? In London, a government spokesman declared today that Britain has been providing armament according to a treaty with the Arab states, and will continue ~~to do so, will continue~~ to supply armament - until the United Nations may decree that the Arab states are acting illegally in Palestine. So Britain puts it up to the U.N. If the world organization should order Great Britain to stop sending war supplies to the Arabs, Britain will stop - but not until then.

In the case of the British commander in Trans-Jordania, Glubb Pasha, there isn't much that London can do about him. It was explained that, in the British army, he never had more than the permanent rank of captain, and is now over the retirement age - he's fifty-one. So Captain John B. Glubb, if he wants to, can stay on with the Arabs - as Glubb Pasha.

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In the United Nations tonight things looked hopeless for the American proposal to declare the war in Palestine a violation of the peace of the world -- with ^a ~~the~~ threat of imposing sanctions, ~~unless the fighting stopped.~~ Great Britain came out in opposition to this, demanding something milder, ~~than the American program -- which would call upon the United Nations to use force in putting an end to hostilities.~~ In ^{and} ~~this, Britain~~ was joined by China, also by Belgium. The question was raised -- what legal right had the Zionists to proclaim the State of Israel as an independent nation? ~~Both the United States and Soviet Russia, which have each had~~ recognized Israel, stood in support of stern measures -- even if the United Nations had to employ military power against the Arabs to make them stop their attack. But the question was raised -- what force? Where will the United Nations get the military power? Other members of the U N are lining up with

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Britain, China and Belgium; ~~in favor of something less~~
~~drastic~~ -- and the American proposal seems sure to be
defeated in the Security Council -- when the Council meets
again tomorrow morning.

LEWIS

John L. Lewis took a walk today, and did it with his customary style of elocution. Yesterday Lewis met with the mine owners to start negotiations for a new coal contract, and immediately objected to the presence of a representative of the Southern Coal Association - Lewis being on the outs with that organization of companies in Dixieland. He said that, if the Southern Association were admitted into ^{the} negotiations, he wouldn't ~~play~~ ^{play} - he'd take a walk.

Today, the conference gathered again, and immediately the coal operators took a vote to decide whether or not they would keep the Southern Association in their midst. The vote was - yes, keep the Southerners in. ^{TP} Whereupon burley John L. Lewis hoisted himself to his feet, his bushy eyebrows ^{booming} bristled, and his ~~moving~~ voice reverberated: "I make the observation," he proclaimed, "that there is now no conference."

That was in the usual pontificating style of John L. Lewis' rhetoric, and he added a point of ominous menace. "The operators," said he, "have voted themselves and the United

Mine Workers out of this conference. There is no one to guarantee the hall rent from this moment on."

Well, that mention of who was going to pay the rent was ominous menace indeed - ^{as} ~~just~~ ask the owners of the ~~hall~~. *building would testify.*
I don't know what the arrangements were for hiring the hall.

But the Lewis implication would seem to be - no conference, no rent, and alas poor landlord. Anyway, John L. Lewis took his walk - on that pleasant note.

FATHER FLANAGAN

(Boys Town, Nebraska, is paying final honors to its founder, Father Flanagan.) His body was brought home today, to rest among the boys to whom he had devoted his life.

Years ago, the priest, Edward J. Flanagan, founded the Nebraska Community of homeless lads, Boys Town. (He came to his end in his sixty-first years - while on a mission abroad to do similar service for waifs and strays in war devastated countries, Japan, Germany. He was stricken with a heart attack in Germany.)

In Boys Town, the young citizens are saying a last good-bye to their first citizen - or is it a last good¹/₂bye? Father Flanagan, according to his expressed wish, will be laid at rest in the northeast corner of the Chapel in Boys Town, so that he will always be near the youngsters of the community, and they can visit him any time they want.

X-RAY

The world of science announces - an X-ray telescope.

That is, a new development of X-rays that will show the internal organs of the human body ^{hundred} five times more brightly than ~~any~~ ^{anything} hitherto.

Moreover, there promises to be X-ray television.

The announcement, made by the Westinghouse Electric Company, states that the image of the human insides is so bright that it can be televised. I don't know what kind of entertainment that would provide, ^{Maybe} ~~in case~~ you might be interested in the contours of somebody's lungs and liver, ~~But~~ the object of X-ray television will be, not amusement, but medical diagnosis. By televising an X-ray of a patient, specialists at a distance will be able to join in a diagnosis. The various docs may be many miles apart, but they'll still be able to ^{have} ~~join in~~ an X-ray television consultation - and try to find out whether it's myocarditis or myocephalitis.

And that brings us to you - Nelson.

OREGON

In the battle of Oregon, more thunder was heard today. The charge - "they're ganging me." That accusation reverberates ^{from headquarters of Candidate} ~~in the candidacy of~~ Harold Stassen, who last night stated that ~~candidates~~ Governor Dewey of New York and Senator Taft of Ohio have joined forces in a "stop Stassen" combination.

(The duel between Stassen and Dewey for the Oregon delegates is driving to new climaxes, as the primary on Friday approaches. Stassen claims that Oregon supporters of Senator Taft are throwing their weight to Tom Dewey - a combined campaign of advertising, posters, radio and election workers.)

So what has Governor Dewey to say about that?

Today he made a brief reply to the charge that he and Senator Taft are ganging Stassen. "It's a pipe dream," says Dewey.

Well, it all adds liveliness in the Oregon fracas, with shouts of "ganging" and "pipe dream."

TOKYO

In Tokyo there is a thief who should have --
looked twice. Any crook might do well to look twice
before swiping something. ^{But} ~~and~~ the malefactor in Tokyo
had a special reason for this. He got into the printing
~~plant of the~~ ^{house of the} Tokyo mint, and made off with three hundred and
thirty thousand yen ⁱⁿ bills. His trouble was that he
neglected to look twice -- at the money. He should have
looked on both sides. ~~The result was that~~ He stole
three hundred and thirty thousand yen in bills ^{that} had
been printed on only one side -- the other side blank! I
don't know how he ~~will~~ spend the purloined cash, unless he
^{finds} ~~has~~ a whole lot of Japanese who fail to look twice, on both
sides.

JESSE JAMES

beyond mine in fact.

Here's a story that will take a lot of us back to our childhood. ~~They~~ They have found Jesse James! -- ~~Nothing~~ is not a gag. I mean the original Jesse and well, though over a hundred years old. That, at ~~least,~~ is the story ~~which is being~~ printed tonight in a serious announcement in an Oklahoma newspaper; -- the Lawton Constitution.

The paper claims that a Confederate veteran, on Texas Confederate pension rolls, has disclosed himself as the legended bandit of post-Civil War days. He is quoted as saying that the famous shooting of Jesse James in St. Joseph, Missouri, killed by Bob Ford, was all ^a fraud. Another member of the James gang was killed, and his body was passed off as that of the notorious Jesse -- who thereby was able to go into seclusion. The Confederate veteran in Texas says that he has kept the secret until now, because of an agreement with his fellow bandits -- all of whom swore they'd never tell until they got to be past one hundred years old. This, just off the wire!

~~This~~ is really a wild one -- Jesse James turning up in the land of the living! But ^{its} ~~his~~ front page headline in the Oklahoma newspaper tonight.

the most important item of all tonight
It's true to some that it will be the most important item of all tonight

PACKING HOUSE

The packing house workers will hold mass meetings tomorrow and Friday to decide whether or not to continue their nationwide strike. Today the word was that an agreement had been worked out on the question of wages, and all that remained was the matter of security of jobs for the strikers. So now the whole matter will be put up to the strikers themselves, who will gather in mass meetings and vote.)