

PALESTINE

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Dag Hammarskjold has sent ~~report~~ *in his* report, and it says,

in one word - success. The Secretary General of the U.N. avoids any sign of over-optimism - about the prospects of a permanent peace along the borders of Israel. He merely states that Israel and her Arab neighbors, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon - have agreed to an all-around cease-fire. They acquiesce unconditionally, except for a proviso that they'll defend themselves, if attacked.

The report makes no mention of the Jordan River dispute between Israel and Syria - which threatened a deadlock at the last moment. There's no indication how the *problem* ~~proviso~~ was resolved - if it was.

Hammarskjold informs the U.N. that his plan was based on a general reaffirmation of the terms of the Nineteen Forty-Nine armistice. He did not seek special agreements covering various parts of the frontier, but aimed at an over-all acceptance of the cease-fire. In this he gives a cautious report of - success.

Vice-President Nixon's former campaign manager appeared before a Senate Sub-Committee, today, and answered questions concerning his tie with a blacklisted firm of military uniform manufacturers. Murray Chotiner, a lawyer of Beverley Hills, California, was asked about a five thousand dollar legal fee that he received from Herman and Samuel Kravitz of Atlantic City, New Jersey. One of whom, Herman Kravitz, was convicted of misappropriating government property. <sup>Chotiner</sup> He said he was hired by the Kravitzes to help them locate a new plant in California, and got five thousand dollars for that. He said he also received a thousand dollars from them to come east and have a talk with them. On this trip he conferred with officials of the Department of Justice about the possibility of dropping a charge that Herman Kravitz had made a false statement. The charge was dropped.

~~Chotiner said he likewise talked with Department of Justice officials about an indictment against Joseph Abrams for theft of government property. But he received no fee from Abrams.~~

(Substitute this for NIXON, page 2)

Chotiner declared that, in Washington, White House aides made appointments for him by telephone ~~with~~ with government agencies concerning cases he was handling. But none of these ~~business~~ phone calls had anything to do with cases now under government investigation.

Here's a statement from the White House about this.

President Secretary Jim Hagerty says that, in Nineteen Fifty-Four, Chotiner contacted White House aides Max Rabb and Charles Willis about cases before the Civil Aeronautics Board, involving North American Airlines and California Central Airlines. In both cases, he was informed that the White House had no interest in the matter. And, in both cases, the Board ruled against the Airlines represented by Chotiner.

As for telephone calls, Hagerty declared that Rabb never made any. Willis, apparently, may have made such a call. "But if he did so," said Hagerty, "it was - to ask the approximate date when the Civil Aeronautics Board would hand

down a decision."

Before the Committee, Chotiner was also asked about his connection with a deportation case. against Marco

Reginnelli, described by the Committee as a New Jersey-  
*The N.J. State Supreme Court has declared Reginelli as unfit for Citizenship. He has been convicted 16 times, convicted of various offenses 6 times -*  
Philadelphia racketeer. Chotiner replied that he had merely represented the alleged hoodlum as a lawyer in a deportation case.

(Note:- The last paragraph of NIXON, page one, could be dropped.)

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Later, the Sub-Committee Chairman, Senator McClellan of Arkansas, declared - there was information that the Department of Justice ordered its attorneys to deal "cautiously" with matters concerning the former Campaign Manager of Vice-President Nixon.

## FARM BILL

The House of Representatives, this afternoon, passed  
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a new farm bill - which includes President Eisenhower's  
"soil bank" program. But, in two votes, the House rejected  
President Eisenhower's request for authority to make "advance  
payments" to farmers this year. The Republicans argued that  
the purpose was to give hard-pressed farmers a bit of ready  
cash. But the Democrats contended that the "advance payments"  
would be used to buy farm votes in the November elections.

So, as the bill stands, the farmers would get a  
billion and a quarter annually for four years. But - no  
"advance payment", no cash until they've actually reduced  
the planting of surplus crops, under the "soil bank" plan.

## DISARMAMENT

The five power disarmament talks in London are ending in flat failure. Today, the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Canada decided - they'll hold one final session tomorrow, then call it off. They'll refer the entire subject of disarmament back to the United Nations.

The conference, after five weeks of deadlock, now comes to nothing - because of Soviet ~~Russians~~ refusals to consider President Eisenhower's "open sky" plan for aerial inspection. East and West were unable to arrive at any agreement on the subject of how to supervise a disarmament program.

## PARIS - DISARMAMENT

In Paris, today, the Western Allies agreed on the next thing to do in the disarmament business. French Premier Mollet and Foreign Minister Pineau will visit Moscow on May Fourteenth, and they will take along a plan for disarmament combined with German reunification. In this, France and West Germany compromise differences of opinion - and the program received the approval of the Nato powers, today.



BRITISH-SOVIET

Today, there was a statement in the <sup>British</sup> ~~London~~ House of Commons - about the billion dollar trade offers made by Bulganin and Khrushchev. Word had been that the huge business propositions were on condition that Britain abandon the embargo of strategic materials. But this was not so - or, at least, only partly true.

Today, the ~~next~~ President of the Board of Trade, Peter Thorneycroft, told the Commons that the "greater part" of the trade offers had no strings attached. Prime Minister Anthony Eden told Bulganin and Khrushchev that Britain would not drop the embargo. Nevertheless, B and K agreed - they'd buy.

They offered to increase <sup>Russian exports from Britain</sup> ~~imports from Britain~~ ~~by as much as two billion, eight hundred million~~ ~~dollars~~ - by as much as two billion, eight hundred million dollars. But that figure included a huge lot of strategic materials - embargoed. So the remainder, non-strategic, is left. Big business - which British exporters may now go after.

## BRITAIN - PRISONERS

There's a report in Britain that Prime Minister Eden asked Bulganin and Khrushchev to release two hundred political prisoners held in various Communist nations. At the head of the list - Archbishop Joseph Beran of Czechoslovakia. The story is printed in the Manchester Guardian, and Prime Minister Eden, today, refused either affirmation or denial. But his remarks indicated a probable - yes.

The list, as reported, is about the same as the one that Labor Party leaders presented to Bulganin and Khrushchev - when they asked for a release of prominent political prisoners. Khrushchev resented the Labor Party request angrily. But the request from Eden seems to have had a better reception - possibly because it was kept secret and confidential.

POLAND

Here's a bit of news from Red Poland - a telltale reflection of the character of Communism. Five thousand women have been set free - liberated from prison camps. The Reds don't hesitate to arrest women as political prisoners.

This is the beginning of an amnesty, in which thirty thousand political prisoners, in all, are to be turned loose. A mass liberation - following the downgrade of Stalin.

~~Last month, the Polish Red Parliament followed the lead of Moscow, and excoriated the cult of the individual. There were bitter denunciations of illegal police methods in the days of Stalin worship. Thousands of people arrested - and sent ruthlessly to prison camps.~~

Since then, the Communist Minister of Justice and the head of the Secret Police have been purged. An amnesty was declared. Radio Warsaw says that, in all prisons, special boards are taking out the cases of the many victims persecuted by the Stalinists.

So now the amnesty for thirty thousand begins - with the release of five thousand women.

## ANTARCTIC

A new range of mountains has been discovered, and there's only one place where this would be likely to happen - the South Polar continent. The ice covered wilderness of the Antarctic - which remains largely unexplored.

The discovery was made by an Australian expedition, established in connection with Geophysical Year. ~~They're~~  
~~They're~~ They're camped on the Indian Ocean side of the Antarctic, and exploration parties have been pushing into the interior. <sup>P</sup>The new mountains, ~~which they have discovered,~~ begin at a point one hundred and fifty miles from the Australian camp, and extend for two hundred and thirty miles in a southwesterly direction. The range is about thirty miles wide, and the peaks average eleven thousand feet in altitude. Summits - rising above those eternal fields of ice.

## LONDON

London has a crime headline - an attack on a ~~GREEK~~ character who has been called the "boss of the London underworld." They say - it resembles the doings of American ~~gang~~ gangsters. But there's a difference - no shooting. The London underworld, like the London police, does not use guns.

However, the mobsters over there on the banks of the Thames can be savage enough. Today's news tells how "Spot" Comer was assailed by three masked men - who slashed him with razors. Cutting him so badly - that he may lose the sight of an eye. The assault with razors was made in public, as "Spot" Comer was walking along with his wife.

This follows a melodramatic series of events last year - when "Spot" Comer fought a battle with knives, a duel with a bookmaker named Albert Dimes. Once again, the underworld feuding without guns.

The duel with knives was fought in Soho - and hundreds of people witnessed it. But not one would talk, as a witness.

The trial produced headlines. The "boss of the London underworld" was cleared by testimony - from a clergyman. Later, there was a trial for bribery. "Spot" Comer's wife and three others were convicted of paying the clergyman to give false evidence.

~~The underworld had its own way of carrying out a feud - doing it with razors, as was headlined in the London press today. No, no guns - but it sounds even more ferocious.~~

MOROCCO

There's mystery as well as horror in the news from North Africa, Morocco. At Marrakesh, terrorists are waging a wholesale murder campaign - twenty-eight persons killed yesterday. There was rioting and arson, buildings going up in flames.

The murder campaign went on today - five more persons killed. Rioting continues, and the native quarter of Marrakesh <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ burning.

The reason for the savagery is not clear, although there is one telltale sign. Victims were followers of the late Pasha El Glaoui, who was pro-French. The Marrakesh <sup>murder</sup> campaign seems directed against his followers.

~~( The Sultan of Morocco is forming a royal army in attempting to suppress the orgy of bloodshed. Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef - who was restored to power recently, when Moroccan self government was granted by France. )~~

## DECATUR

The city of Decatur, Nebraska, held a ceremony today, and gave notice - that Decatur is no longer to be the butt of endless jokes.

For eight years, Decatur had one of the finest bridges in the country. But - no water under it. The bridge spanned a dry channel. You drove across the two million dollar span, and then came to the Missouri River - where there was no bridge at all. So no wonder there were jokes and laughter.

The absurd situation came about because of a miscalculation in Nineteen Forty-Six. The bridge was planned, but the Missouri River altered its channel. The Missouri has a way of meandering from one channel to another. People figured the river would return to its former bed - and so did the Army engineers employed on the construction job.

So they built the bridge across the channel - into



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which the Missouri was expected to return. But the river fooled them. The Missouri failed to cooperate.

Normally you put a bridge across a river, but now Decatur had to do it the other way - and put a river under the bridge. The Army engineers got the Missouri to return to its former channel.

That accomplished, Decatur was able to go ahead with the dedication of the bridge - long delayed.

Today, the ceremony was performed in the presence of thousands of people. Who <sup>saw</sup> ~~was~~ with their own eyes - that there was a river flowing under the bridge.