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*The Soviet*

*has*

*today Gromyko's veto*

~~At Lake Success today,~~ Russia finally used the great  
~~power veto~~ for the eleventh time, ~~and~~ killed the United States  
proposal ~~for a long range United Nations machinery~~ to keep peace  
in the troubled Balkans. The veto had been expected, but now  
that it has come, it has propelled the ~~U.N.~~ Security Council  
into the gravest crisis in the ~~brief~~ history of the U.N.

The scene in the ~~U.N.~~ Council chamber this afternoon  
was ~~a dramatic one~~. The voting took place after a sombre  
warning <sup>from</sup> Britain, that if the Council could not set up its  
peace-keeping machinery, it might as well "tear up the Charter  
and pack up." <sup>Then</sup> ~~And~~ then the voting began. Gromyko sat silently  
as the delegates ~~tentatively~~ adopted each paragraph by a show  
of hands. He seemed to be brooding. Not once did he show any  
sign of animation. And then, when the vote was called on the  
over-all proposal, his right hand went up to signify the veto.  
A single gesture ending four weeks of bitter debate, ~~all~~ for  
nothing!

American Deputy Delegate Herschel Johnson called

for an immediate adjournment in order to give the Allied delegates time to consult their governments. This adjournment request thus blocked an attempt by Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko to deliver his prepared statement, which was presumably an explanation of the Soviet decision to kill the Western powers' plan to keep the peace in the Balkans.

PALESTINE

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Tonight no news of the two missing British sergeants in Palestine. This morning the three members of Irgun were hanged in the old prison at Acre, once a crusaders' castle. The three convicted of taking part in the raid on that same fortress, in May, which resulted in the escape of a large number of Jewish and Arab prisoners.)

After the announcement of the triple execution, a telephone message was received at British headquarters. It stated that the two British sergeants, held as hostages by Irgun, would be returned today -- their bodies -- probably. Killed in reprisal.

Also, another threat by Irgun -- a threat of the greatest blood bath the Holy Land has ever seen. Violence began this morning, with an explosion outside the prison, at Acre. Then a bomb attack that injured five people near Tel Aviv. Later<sup>a</sup> British army vehicle was assailed with hand grenades.



At Tel Aviv masked terrorists invaded movie houses and cafes and urged patrons to go home. Notices calling on townspeople to show their grief for the executed Irgunists began to appear in the towns. By dusk, the streets of Tel Aviv, usually teeming with people, were deserted.

Meanwhile, Chief Rabbi Herzog issued an appeal for the members of Irgun to suppress their anger, their vengeance.



## REFUGEES

At Port du Bouc, France, twenty-five miles west of Marseilles, three British transports are anchored tonight. On board are four thousand, five hundred Jewish refugees, refused admission to Palestine, sent back to France.

Immediately the ships entered the harbor, the French authorities sent a message inviting them ashore. The Jewish refugees refused. They thanked the French government representative courteously, but said that as they were former members of the Resistance movement and had fought the Germans so they could get to Palestine, they would stay there -- on the ships.

The Frenchman repeated the offer, and emphasized the possibility of sickness. He invited the women and children to enjoy his country's hospitality. Still, ~~the~~ offer rejected.

So tonight those three ships are lying at anchor, loaded to the bulwarks, with determined Zionists. Many, according to reports, are sick. But only three have

weakened and come ashore.

The French authorities have made food and water available to the refugees. But up to the moment they have refused all offers.

ATTLEE

From London news of a political crisis. It looks as if the Attlee Labor government will "go to the country" for a new general election. All because of criticism inside the party. <sup>Charges</sup> ~~Charging~~ that the Prime Minister has failed to provide the country with the leadership it needs.

Trade Union leaders are unhappy, too, over the Prime Minister's decision to maintain Britain's armed forces at the present high level of eight-hundred-and-fifty-thousand men. Union spokesmen are demanding a drastic reduction of the armed forces in order to provide manpower for industry.

( So, another General Election -- the Government believed to be stronger now than some months hence.)



## BAPTIST

Copenhagen, Denmark, today was the scene of an international conference quite different from those diplomatic meetings we hear about so frequently in Europe. In the Danish capital are seven thousand delegates to the Twentieth World Baptist Alliance. Even so, some are missing. As the meeting opened, the General Secretary received messages from the Soviet, Polish and Bulgarian Baptists, saying that although they had accepted the invitation, they were unable to be there.

The seven thousand were welcomed by the Danish Prime Minister. Delegates from forty-eight nations assembled in the Tennis Palace -- the ancient city's largest assembly hall. There a message from President Truman was read, characterizing the gathering as "the hope of mankind for a brighter tomorrow."

The arrival of so many delegates from all parts of the world has created a housing and transportation problem for the burghers of Copenhagen. But the citizens have risen to the occasion. As soon as it became known that accommodations were needed, Copenhagenites began

phoning offers of their homes. Even the Police Department helped.

Copenhagen is short of taxis, and delegates forced to take rooms outside the city are being transported to and fro by the police ~~in~~ in patrol cars.

Baptists from around the world, in solemn conclave, and enjoying a bit of Danish pastry -- we hope.

## KAISER

In Washington, today, Henry J. Kaiser appeared before the Senate Investigation Committee with a prepared statement which Chairman Homer Ferguson, Republican of Michigan, refused to let him read. But the portly, bespectacled shipbuilder had already given the statement to the press.

Whereupon the words began to fly, as words will in these investigations. Kaiser put up a vigorous defense of the mass production project to build the armada of wooden flying boats that he had planned with Millionaire Howard Hughes.

(He told the Committee that in August, Nineteen Forty-Two, he was warned that certain Army generals were "going to run him out of town." But he didn't run. However,) he insisted that he did not high-pressure former War Production Chief Donald Nelson into an eighteen million dollar contract to build an experimental cargo plane. Neither, boomed Kaiser, did he pull out,



leaving Hughes to hold the bag. Hughes was to have the responsibility for engineering and construction. That was a government stipulation. Kaiser defended Hughes as a brilliant engineer who agreed to do the research and development for the flying boats out of what Kaiser described as "unselfish devotion to the cause of aviation."

But the main interest of the witness was reading his statement into the record and telling the Committee about his success with baby aircraft carriers. The Senate investigating committee was interested in giant flying boats, not in baby aircraft carriers. But they got the carriers, thanks to Senator Claude Pepper, who asked Kaiser about them.

Then came the anti-climax. The Committee told Kaiser to go ahead and read his statement. So beaming and sweating under the bright newsreel lights, he read the document, and said, "You're being wonderful to me!" That to Chairman Ferguson.

## PRIVATE FLYING

News for private flyers - trans-continental sky space exclusively for puddle-jumpers.

Tonight the Washington Board of Trade and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce made a joing announcement that the Civil Aeronautics Administration will designate a California to Washington route - sky, exclusively for private flyers.

This marked highway-of-the-air for cross country flying means that the private pilot will be provided with a definite route, where he is free from interference by commercial planes and also protected from losing his way.

The President of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, hails the new air highway project as being as important for private planes as was marking the highways for the automobile.

## ELIZABETH

A London announcement sets the date of the wedding. (Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten will be married on Tuesday, November 18th -- in the Abbey -- stately Westminster.) At first it was thought the ~~the~~ date would be in October, when London's Fall weather is usually fair and would lend itself to outdoor celebrations and displays -- fireworks and all that. But, the wedding will be held in foggy November -- for several reasons, not including the weather.

First of all, the bride needs time to assemble her trousseau. The Royal Family is in Scotland, and they can't get back to London until October. Why? Don't ask me. And then, the delegates from the territories and dominions, they have to receive invitations, and make travel arrangements, too.

Economists are raising their eyebrows at the choice of Tuesday. A wedding in the middle of the week! They fear it might interfere with Britain's production. So many people taking time off from work. And so the **Cabinet** suggested a Sunday wedding. To that His Majesty



said No. Someone then suggested that the happy event be held on a Saturday, so the entire weekend could be devoted to the celebrations. But that, too, was vetoed by His Majesty. The King chose the date -- November Eighteenth. The King has spoken. And sometimes Papa has something to say -- in a small voice -- about daughter's wedding -- when she isn't eloping.

## HOSPITAL

For at least one item of surplus war property, the demand greatly exceeds supply -- that's the El Mirador Hotel in Palm Springs, California. Bought by the Army for almost Six Million Dollars early in the war, turned into a hospital. The hotel was declared surplus more than a year ago but it still hasn't been sold.

Today the House Committee on Expenditures asked-- Why?

And the answer seems to be: too many would-be buyers. Bidders for the hotel include the City of Palm Springs; <sup>the</sup> former owners of El Mirador; some unidentified clients of Judge Samuel Rosenman, once adviser to F.D.R; and, three veterans. ~~None of them has gotten to first base.~~ <sup>Any</sup> None of these bids has been approved. <sup>so far.</sup>

All <sup>of which is</sup> ~~unusually~~ disturbing to Republican Congressman John Phillips of California, who says the city of Palm Springs isn't getting a square deal.

He points out that the state of California bought the Army hospital at Auburn at an eighty-five-percent discount and Los Angeles County got the Torrance Hospital at a ninety-five-percent discount. And he wants to know why Palm Springs can't pick up a surplus hospital of its own.

A partial answer came today from John Fickling of the Federal Works Agency, who told about other prospective buyers. Fickling said he had received one call and several letters from Judge Rosenman -- who was one of President Roosevelt's great friends and associates. Fickling quoted Judge Sammy-the-Rose as saying: "I represent someone interested in purchasing El Mirador."

This statement prompted a question from another Congressman, Chet Holifield, also of California: "Was any undue political influence exerted on you to allocate this property to a special person or to make a special price?"

"Oh, no" replied Fickling, "not at any time."



## RAIN

A week ago, I told you about that Professor of Physics who made rain come to drought-stricken Arizona, where they've been having a sizzling dry spell. The Professor dropped five hundred pounds of dry ice from an airplane into a cloud formation, and out came rain.

That experiment inspired C.S. Barnes of Phoenix who today announced the formation of the first commercial rain-maker company in history. Artificial rain, says he will be drizzling down on Arizona, within the next ten days.

If your corn begins to wither, just phone Rain-makers Inc. and say: "Mister how about a thunder this afternoon?" Not tomorrow -- today. And the Executive Vice President of Rain-Makers will reply: "Okay, our policy is to please our customers. Our motto is 'service.' Just where do you want us to turn on the sky sprinkler?" You'll answer, "In the South Forth! But Mister, if you want us to continue buying rain from you keep it away from the East Forth where we've got hay down, ready to bail!"

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Sounds like a great idea -- if it works! Rain-  
makers Inc. Home office -- Arizona. .

## OLYMPICS

How are we going to send all those Olympic athletes to Europe? One early suggestion to enlist a Navy aircraft carrier has fallen through. So now it seems the U.S. contingent may be split, for the first time in history, and may cross the Atlantic by plane and by Army transports. There's no civilian shipping space available.

But the wives! How about the wives? Many of the college athletes are much married and have children. Wives are not allowed to go, and the committee is worrying lest many an Olympic star who qualified for the team may withdraw at the last minute because wife won't let him go.

Someone suggested that the rule forbidding wives be changed. But a woman answered that question. And she's a wife, too. Mrs. Elsie Jennings of New York, a member of the Woman's Swimming Committee. "Any athlete is better off away from a wife, husband, mother or child," said she, profoundly. And she added: "They get to



thinking about family at the last minute -- instead of winning." They don't keep-their mind on the race.

And now Nelson your mind is on what?

And now Hugh your mind is on what?

## GREECE

Greek Communists are blasting away at the American mission to help their country. Today they labelled Dwight Griswold an American gauleiter, who has come to Greece to establish a colonial program for American monopolies.

Griswold is organizing a series of orientation trips for the members of the mission. The purpose, to enable them to obtain on-the-spot information -- and get them away from Athens and the seething politics there.

As for the Red guerrillas, according to military observers, they have succeeded in outwitting the Greek Army. They appear to be getting new arms and equipment from Jugoslavia.

In Washington, veteran Congressman Charles Eaton, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, calls for what he describes as "firm American support for Greece, to prevent Russia from overrunning not only Greece, but Turkey, Iran and India."

The New Jersey statesman characterizes Russia's plan of expansion in these words; "the grimmest fact

that ever confronted mankind!" If we quit Greece, Russia will take over, says Congressman Eaton. And he added: "We have assumed that responsibility -- we must carry it through."



## EXPLOSION

About that ship explosion in France:-Reports from Brest estimate damage to that city of over eight million dollars, with the death toll officially set at fifteen, and more than two-hundred-and-fifty injured.

Brest endured constant bombardment during the recent war, the Allied air forces pounding the Nazi submarine pens. Today much the same -- streets littered with debris, shreds of clothing, and splintered glass. This afternoon, many fires were still burning, but under control.

Thousands of residents of the great port are homeless, many of whom had returned recently to the city they evacuated during the war.

JAVA

In Holland, the Labor Party is ready to accept Britain's offer to mediate the Indonesian War. Hitherto they've been supporting the Netherlands' Government in Java. But today the Labor Party leaders met in a closed session at The Hague, after which it was stated that their support was only for the time being.

Now the Dutch Labor leaders feel that military action has accomplished its initial aim -- asserting Dutch power -- and that the time has come for negotiations to be renewed.

But, the way of the mediator will be hard, because the Netherlands government insists that the Indonesian Republicans recognize Dutch sovereignty over the East Indies, and that the Javanese issue an immediate "cease fire" order.

Late bulletins from Java indicate that fighting continues. Using abandoned Japanese planes, the Indonesian Air Force, thought to have been destroyed by the Dutch, went into action with a bombing raid on Semarang -- on the

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North coast of Java. A Dutch government communique tells  
of heavy ground fighting in the Cheribon section --  
Western Java.



## METEORS

There will be a show in the heavens tonight, a shower of meteors in the northeastern skies. So we learn from the astronomers of Uncle Sam's Navy. But those who want to see the spectacle will have to stay up late, and if they live in the city they ought to drive out in the country so as to get away from the artificial metropolitan glare.

The celestial display will continue for several days, but the meteors will be at their brightest between one o'clock tomorrow morning and dawn. The Navy has asked astronomers, amateurs as well as professionals, to count the number of meteors they see each hour, and send a report to the Flowers Observatory at Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. The meteors in question are known to astronomy as the Perseids, the oldest group on record, first seen as long ago as the Year Eight Hundred and Thirty A.D.

## VETERANS

Uncle Sam is going to do better by his disabled war veterans than he has in the past. One thing the Eightieth Congress accomplished in its first session, was to provide more money for them. President Truman signed the bill last week. So, beginning September First, seriously disabled veterans who have no dependents, will not only receive special training to enable them to earn money to support themselves, but while training they will receive a hundred and fifteen dollars a month. If a veteran has one dependent, the scale goes up to a hundred and thirty-five dollars, in addition to twenty dollars for one child and fifteen dollars for each extra child. This raise is for veterans who are disabled at least thirty per cent or more.