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SUBSTITUTE LEAD U N

News from Paris tonight expresses little hope that anything will be accomplished by the note the Western powers sent to Moscow today. It is a sort of last gesture before placing the Berlin blockade before the United Nations. There seems little likelihood that it will bring about the lifting of the blockade--and so the word in Paris is that the Berlin crisis will go before the General Assembly, probably next week/

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agreements between the wartime allies. The belief in Paris is that the note sent today will have little or no result in the matter of bringing the Berlin blockade to an end - and that the whole thing will be placed before the General Assembly. Probably next week.

Bevin today was back in London for a debate in the House of Commons. He told Parliament that Berlin had become, what he called - "a symbol of resistance." He said that the Soviets today were like the Nazis before World War Two -- impossible to appease them, every new concession bringing new demands. He added that there was ~~complete was~~ complete agreement between himself, Secretary Marshall and Foreign Minister Schuman - that the aerial Supply Line will continue through the winter, the Air Lift circumventing the food blockade.

After which he went ~~on~~ on with a declaration of significant sound, saying that he, Marshall and Schuman had also agreed on further measures to be taken, if the Aerial Supply Line should fail in the bad weather of winter. Also, if the Soviets should take new steps to squeeze the Western Powers out of Berlin.

To which the ~~echo~~ echo asks the question - what

measures have they agreed upon, if the Air Lift should prove insufficient, or if the Soviets should go still further? As if in answer to that question, Bevin stated: "I am not saying that we are committed to war. We have not reached that state yet."

In Paris, meanwhile, a Soviet attack on the western powers was being launched - by Vishinsky. This was to be expected - after the way the General Assembly voted yesterday, selecting chairmen of committees -- with nobody from behind the Iron Curtain appointed to a committee chairmanship.

Vishinsky was angered all the more because the General Assembly today, electing seven vice presidents, gave only two of these posts to the Soviets and their puppets - Russia and Poland.

This has a lot of meaning with respect to the steering Committee which is all-powerful in directing the proceedings of the Assembly sessions. The Steering Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the chairmen of six committees, and the seven vice Presidents. So, on ^{that} ~~which~~ all-important board of fourteen, the world behind the Iron Curtain has only two members.

The Steering Committee today went promptly to work, and put on the agenda of the Assembly a series of subjects to be discussed, and eight of these were topics opposed by Soviet

Russia. One for example, concerned the admission of new members into the U N - five countries, including Italy. This has been ~~voted~~ *vetoed* by the Soviets - ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the Security Council, but now Argentina wants it put through by the ~~UN~~ General Assembly, in spite of the Soviet veto.

Vishinsky assailed the proposal violently, gesticulating in the direction of the Argentine delegate, but really referring *to the* ~~to~~ big western powers, though he did not name them. "Perhaps," he shouted, "perhaps, they do not want a United Nations, but a disunited nations". "That," he added, "is the conclusion one must draw from the activities of certain delegates."

Tonight brings a Jewish criticism of the plan proposed by the murdered Count Bernadotte. In Washington a special envoy of Israel told a news conference that the Bernadotte recommendations will not do. He said the Jewish state will not agree to give up the Negev -- the desert in South Palestine in ~~xxx~~ return for western Galilee. Also - that Israel will insist on a lifeline to Jerusalem. The recommendation that the Holy City be internationalized was okay, but he pointed out that there were one hundred thousand Jews in Jerusalem, and that these must be connected with the territory of Israel on the coast - connected by a corridor.

These Jewish objections tonight follow the news from London that Great Britain has lined up in support of the Bernadotte plan. Yesterday our own government did the same and today in Parliament foreign Secretary Bevin stated: "The recommendations of Count Bernadotte" he said "have the whole hearted and unqualified support of His Majesty's government". That was followed by news that France, too, has come out in favor of the Bernadotte proposals.

PALESTINE

Great Britain today lined up in support of the final plan proposed by ^{the} murdered Count ~~Dr~~ Bernadotte. Yesterday, our own government spoke up; Secretary of State Marshall urging that the Bernadotte proposals be adopted in full. Today in Parliament, Foreign Secretary Bevin spoke for Great Britain and said: "The recommendations of Count Bernadotte have the whole hearted and unqualified support of His Majesty's government." Later news: France, too, comes out in support of the Bernadotte plan for Palestine.

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Meanwhile, there's new violence, another terrorist attack. This time - by Arabs. (Outside Jerusalem, a convoy of automobiles sponsored by the United Nations, was moving along. In a jeep, a ^{truce} ~~truce~~ observer for the U N was riding. Then, beside the highway, gunmen appeared. Wearing the characteristic head dress of the Arabs; they appeared to be Arab irregulars.

They opened fire.) The U N observer in the jeep stood up, and called on them to stop shooting. But the hail of bullets continued. (Four Jewish passengers riding in the car were killed, *Also one American - a railway consultant;* one a woman. Others were wounded.)

At last reports, Dr. Ralph Bunche, the acting U N Mediator who has succeeded the assassinated Count Bernadotte,

~~xxxxxxx~~ was on the spot making an investigation - and soldiers of the Arab Legion were combing the countryside - seeking the Moslem terrorists.

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From Cairo, likewise, comes word of terrorism - a bomb blast in a Jewish house - in the Egyptian capital. This occurred in the ancient quarter of the city. The ~~an~~ explosion caused two buildings to collapse - seven lives lost. Also the bombing caused a wild outbreak.

Jews are reported to have fired into a crowd, after which an Arab mob assailed Jewish-owned shops with bombing and mob violence.

In Louisiana the State Legislature is meeting tonight to put President Truman's name back on the ballot. This, at the demand of Governor Earl Long, brother of the late and legended King Fish.

Week before last the Democratic state committee voted to remove Truman and Barkley and substitute the Dixiecrats, ~~Thur~~ Thurmond and Fielding as the Democratic candidates. This was bitterly denounced by the Democratic National Committee, and Governor Long is on record as a Truman supporter.

The way the law reads in Louisiana, it takes a bill passed by the legislature to restore the names of Truman and Barkley. So Governor Long has called the legislature - which meets tonight. The Dixiecrats declare that they don't mind provided Truman is listed on the ballot -- not as a Democrat but as an independent.

President Truman is quoted tonight as saying that, if he gets back on the ballot in Louisiana he thinks he will lose only two southern states, South Carolina and Mississipi.

This comes from the Truman campaign train, aboard which the newsmen have had a chance to learn something about Presidential canferences with local pol tical bigwigs. The President is quoted

as giving a most unfavorable opinion of the committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives - saying it's the committee that is un-American. There have been previous White House expressions decrying the investigation of Red espionage, calling it "a red herring". So now, the Congressional investigators who have been delving into questions of Communists in the government are treated to a new Truman epithet - Un-American committee.

(Enroute to San Francisco and Oakland for major speeches, the President today continued his embittered remarks, calling Republican leaders in Congress - "a bunch of old mossbacks living back in Eighteen ninety".) He continued his blasts against Wall Street hailing his electioneering trip as "a crusade of the people against special interests".

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Governor Dewey is in Albuquerque, New Mexico tonight, where he argued that one cause of inflation is wasteful government. "Right now" he declared, "we are supporting a bloated and top heavy bureaucracy. There is too much loose and sloppy budgeting, too little business management and too much waste".

(Governor Earl Warren of California is at Louisville, Kentucky continuing his moderate, conciliatory tone, ~~spouting~~ saying that there are good sound leaders in the Democratic party as well as in the Republican.) But he argues that the Democratic party right now is in a state of ~~disunity~~ dissension, split into angry factions, while the Republican Party is united and in harmony. From this he draws a moral as to which party can best promote national unity.

ELECTION EXPENSE

Here's political news from Washington that brings back pleasant memories - memories of sausage. The story concerns a candidate in the recent Michigan primary. Chet shafer, a brother of Michigan Congressman Paul Shafer, ran against the incumbent Republican Congressman, Clare Hoffman. And that's what brings back the appetizing memory.

I am sure that Candidate Shafer, of Three Rivers, is that same Chet Shafer who provided me with shipments of Michigan sausages a few years back.

Chet was a newspaperman, renowned for a wild sense of humor, who went back to the fertile fields of Michigan, and became a farmer. In this he was like that best seller author and novelist, Louis Bromfield, who today ranks as just about the most enthusiastic farmer in Ohio.

Chet Shafer couldn't quite break away from his old newspaper associations. And every so often he'd leave his Michigan farm and show up in big-town newspaper offices. Then, when he'd return to his farm at Three Rivers he'd mail us boxes of sausages.

I don't know what happened to Chet's farm. Maybe he got tired of making sausages, and thought he'd take a try

at making laws. Anyway we now find him in politics. He got a lot of voters to sign petitions in his favor, and ^{then} ran for a congressional nomination.

Today the news from Washington tells of Candidate Shafer's list of campaign expenditures, which he has filed according to law. The document, received by the Sergeant-at-Arms for the House of Representatives, lists the following total: "Twenty-five cents for one fountain pen purchased to ~~secure~~ secure signatures to petitions." I don't know where Chet was able to buy a fountain pen for twenty-five cents -- but maybe prices are not so high at Three Rivers, Michigan.

The list of expenditures is accompanied by a letter in which the candidate says there was still another item, which he did not think he ought to list as campaign expense. That is - fifteen cents for a box of aspirin the day after the election.

Chet was beaten by a vote of nearly three to one. So now I suppose he'll go back to making sausages - which maybe is better than making laws.

BARGAIN

Today at Atlantic City, people on the boardwalk were offered what was represented to be just about the greatest bargain in history - a bargain in diamonds. A man ^{approached} ~~approached~~ the strollers and showed them brilliants that ranged in size from a large grape ~~if~~ to the magnitude of an orange. The loiterers on the boardwalk, if they had known enough about diamonds, might have recognized the biggest as the Kohinoor. That's the historic stone, size of an orange, which is one of the heirlooms of the British Crown.

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What was the price? Why, a mere few dollars. At Atlantic City today, you could have bought the Kohinoor for the price of a good steak - according to the peddler of ^{the} gleaming stones. But nobody made a purchase - in spite of all sorts of fervent ~~xxx~~ assurance that the gems were genuine. It was too good to be true, and all that happened was that somebody notified the police.

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So tonight, Louis Yollin is in jail, confessing that ~~that~~ he's the crook who on Saturday committed a headline theft in Philadelphia. At the Museum of the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences, he stole an exhibit of replicas of world famous diamonds. Beautiful imitations, beautiful glass. Whereupon he went to Atlantic City, thinking he could peddle them on the

boardwalk there. Just walk up to somebody, and offer to sell, at a bargain, for a mere few dollars - the Kohinoor, one of the greatest and most famous of all the jewels in the world.

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What do you think of that Nelson.

The dramatic angle today was at Lake Okechobee - which large inland body of water is always likely to be a danger spot, when the hurricane blows. The whirling storm hit the lake, and blew a wall of water five and a half feet high, which surged across Okechobee and banged violently against the dikes at the other side. The levees there were built in August 1828 after a disastrous hurricane that blew all the water out of the channel lake, and buried it in a deluge of ice people in the low lands. Ten thousand lives were lost. As to today the question was: would the dikes hold when they were hit by that wall of water hurled by the tropical tempest? They did hold and a disaster was averted.

And now Nelson - a final word from you.
Crossing the low land part of the Florida Peninsula

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The Florida hurricane passed out into the Atlantic this afternoon after having cut a path of devastation across the rich truck farming and citrus fruit area of the north of Miami. Heavy damage to the crops - especially the ~~groves~~^{groves} in which the oranges were just beginning to ripen.

The dramatic angle today was at Lake Okeechobee - which large inland body of water is always likely to be a danger spot, when the hurricane blows. The whirling storm hit the lake, and blew a wall of water five and a half feet high, which surged across Okeechobee and lunged violently against the dikes at the other side. The levees there were built in Nineteen ~~19~~ Twenty-eight after a disastrous hurricane that blew all the water out of the shallow lake, and hurled it in a deluge upon people in the low lands. Two thousand lives were lost. ~~19~~ So today the question was: would the dikes hold when they were hit by that wall of water hurled by the tropical tempest? They did hold and a disaster was avoided.

And now Nelson - a final word from you.
Crossing the ~~19~~ lower part of the Florida Peninsula

the blast of the wind slowed down a bit - as hurricanes are likely to slow down in passing over land. But usually they pick up speed again when they move out over water. So that is likely to be the case