

IRAN L.T.-P.H. Wed. Sept. 26 - '51.

(The Iranian crisis is near the breaking point. So gravely is this true, that both London and Teheran, today, made an appeal to the United States - for intervention.)

The issue between Britain and Iran is clearly drawn. The Teheran government demands the removal of British oil technicians at the great Abadan refineries. They must leave by Thursday of next week, or ~~XXXX~~ be expelled. The British have the alternative - either of yielding ~~it~~ to the Iranian ultimatum, or of landing a military force to keep the oil technicians at Abadan, three-hundred-and-fifty of them. Prime Minister Attlee will hold an emergency cabinet meeting tomorrow - to make the decision.

In Washington, President Truman today received a note from the British government, giving him the latest in the perilous crisis - and asking the United States government to use its "good offices" to solve the situation.

In Teheran, Premier Mohammed Mossadegh

asked for the same thing. He went personally to the American Ambassador, Loy Henderson, and conferred with him for an hour and a half. Mossadegh is reported to have asked Henderson for American intervention; "good offices"; ~~to~~ do something to mediate.

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ADD IRAN

There is some bitter irony about this Persian mess. There was one American who might have solved the problem for us, for the British and the Persians. But he hasn't been used, oh, except to be called in for a brief chat or two. He knows more about the oil problems of the Middle East than any living person. And unlike so many westerners he is highly respected by the peoples in the Middle East. It is quite possible that he could have solved the whole thing, months ago. In fact, there is a fighting chance that he can pull the thing out of the fire now -- but he hasn't been used. His name is Max Weston Thornburg.

Max Thornburg has been in ~~Rxxxx~~ Persia in recent years working with the Shah and his government, trying to do the very thing that the British failed so tragically to do ~~xx~~ anything about -- that is, raise the standard of living among the diseases ridden and starving Persian people.

Max Thornburg has the statesmanlike qualities, experience in the Middle East, ability to get along with the Persians, plus the great strength required for this desperate task and he hasn't been used.

KOREA

(The big news from Korea continues to be - the battle of jet. For the fourth day, the combat continued between Great Fleets of super-speedy planes.)

Today, one-hundred-and-one of our side, whirled in action against one-hundred-and-fifty-five Red M I G's. ~~Two~~ Two enemy jets were probably destroyed, twelve definitely damaged. During the four days of combat, the Communist casualties come to fourteen jet planes - shot down or damaged. No mention is made of losses on our side.

All of which increases the impression we've had all along -- that the speed is so great, there's not much definite result. They just go too fast for any wholesale shooting down of planes - as was common in the second World War.

On the ground, a hard fighting advance by U N troops on the East Central front. American and French forces are near the top of what they call "heartbreak ridge". The U N forces seem about to capture the hill, for which they have been fighting, day after day.

FOLLOW KOREA

Here's the latest in the armistice tangle.

The U N command rejects a Communist proposal for an immediate resumption of truce talks. But agrees -- that meetings between Liaison officers shall continue.

They have been trying to settle arrangements to get the big palaver going again. They held three meetings, but were dead-locked in a maze of petty-fogging technicalities. But now the liaison officers will get together at Kaesong again.

GUAM

Another of those incredible stories -- about Japanese who are still fighting a war.

(On Guam some native fishermen of Guam spied five men asleep on a beach -- Japanese left over from the war.) They grabbed one of them, the other four escaping into the jungle. The ~~xxx~~ prisoner, turned over to the Americans, was amazed to learn the war ~~was~~ was over -- and ^{that} he was treated so well.

An expedition set out, and the ^{lone} Japanese went along. They took a small vessel down the ~~xxxxxx~~ coast -- and he shouted, over the ship's loudspeaker system -- calling on his comrades to surrender. A three hundred foot cliff had to be climbed to get at (the fugitives ~~who~~ gave up.)

They were dressed in U.S. Army clothes, and were healthy and in good shape. (Fugitives in the jungle for ^{all} these years, always keeping out of sight, they had learned ^{how to survive} ~~to get a living~~ in the ^{jungle of Guam} ~~equatorial~~

~~thicket.~~

(The visit of Premier De Gasperi sounds like a Roman holiday.) The statesman from the banks of the Tiber is quiet, reserved, but he might well, tonight, let off some Italian enthusiasm, and shout "Evviva".

(In Washington, London and Paris, a joint diplomatic note was issued today, saying the western powers had agreed to scrap a large part of the Italian peace treaty.) As we heard last night, the disarmament clauses ~~it~~ will be cancelled, and economic restrictions will be lifted.

Soon after, President Truman spoke out - adding that this country will do everything to see that Italy becomes a full partner in the alliance of the West. The Soviet veto will probably keep Italy out of the United Nations. But the President said that "other ways" would be sought. He didn't say ~~what~~ what he meant by "other ways."

Then came a joint statement issued in Washington by Premier De Gasperi and Secretary of State Acheson. This declared that efforts will ~~be~~ be made

to place West Europe armament orders with Italian factories, to strengthen Italian economy and give work to the jobless. Also, that the United States will cooperate with other countries in setting up an international association to solve Italy's problem of over-population.

These items are only a fraction of the intentions to help Italy, and the Italian word for it is -- Evviva.

The announcement is official (Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, have postponed their tour of Canada. They are putting off the trip until the King is over the critical period of his illness.)

The latest medical bulletin on the condition of George the Sixth was issued tonight at Buckingham Palace, and states that the gradual progress of the Royal patient has been -- "uninterrupted." No complications have arisen. But the doctors ~~give~~ give warning that the crisis of the illness will not be over for days. Which is only to be ~~expected~~ expected after so serious an operation as the removal of all or part of a lung. The medical bulletin says: "There will inevitably be a period of some anxiety for the next week or ten days."

BOYLE

Emotion ran high at a Senate hearing today - when a Washington lawyer was ordered to produce the names of twenty-five clients. The lawyer was Max Siskind, formerly associated with Democratic National Chairman William Boyle.

The committee wants to know if Boyle has been getting fees for the use of political influence, by means of payments through Siskind. Especially, in the case of the American Lithofold Corporation of St. Louis, which got six hundred and forty-five thousand dollars in loans from the R.F.C.

When Boyle went to work for the Democratic National Committee, he sold his law practice to Siskind, turning over twenty-five clients. Siskind to pay - one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ~~in~~ for the clients. At the same time, Boyle turned over to Siskind a job he had with Lithofold, which paid him a legal retainer of five hundred dollars a month. Boyle says he never did anything to promote the Lithofold loan, and Siskind says he

didn't either.

The committee wants to know - was Lithofold one of the ~~XXXXX~~ twenty-five clients that Boyle sold to Siskind for a price? And - what was the nature of the legal work for those clients?

Siskind was asked, and protested - that the naming of names would ruin his law practice. His voice ^{rose} with emotion. He cried out that it would violate the confidential relationship between lawyer and client.

It remains to be seen what will be done - in the storm whirling around the Democratic National Chairman.

The latest -- the Senate investigatofs, tonight, voted unanimously to compel Siskind to name the clients. *Later*

~~The latest~~ tonight - Siskind handed over the names of the clients, and these are published. They are mostly companies with cases involving the government, and include borrowing from the R.F.C.

CONVICTS

Four of the six Georgia desperadoes have been captured. They had taken refuge in a huge area of swamp and thicket in western Georgia - a jungle of grass as tall as a man's head. There, a great cordon of police and posse closed in - with bloodhounds. The captures were made to an accompaniment of yelping dogs and echoing gunfire.

The two still at large are the two Mauldins, notorious prison breakers, known as the Tattooed Brothers.

PIRATES

A new international question arises in the island world southeast of Asia - but its an old, old story. Indonesia makes a protest to the Philippine republic, and the subject is - piracy.

Indonesia charges - freebooting, in a large, systematic way, based on islands of the Southern Philippines. There the oriental buccaneers have elaborate hideaways and strongholds, from which they sally forth in boats, and loot vessels along the shipping lanes.

The government at Manila virtually admits the whole thing, replying today - with a ~~promise~~ promise to suppress the piracy. But that may be easier promised than accomplished. Those islands of the southern Philippines are the realm of the lawless morros, the domain of the Sultan of Sulu, haunt of the Malay pirates of old.

NORTH POLE

It looks as if there will actually be a Pole -- at the North Pole. That is, if plans go through - to place an appropriate marker at the northern pinnacle of the globe.

I haven't the slightest idea why anybody should want to set up a Pole at the North Pole - but here's the story.

At Point Barrow, Alaska Stan ^{(Garson} ~~XXXXXXXX~~ got to thinking and brooding. Why is the North Pole imaginary - no real Pole at all? Children have wondered about the same thing. So Stan went down to Fairbanks, and had the northern commercial company construct a pole made of steel, nine feet high - and painted with spiral stripes of red and white, like a barber's pole. Why have a barber's pole at the North Pole? Maybe because polar adventure has produced many a close shave!

Stan went to the U.S. Air Force, the Fifty Eighth weather reconnaissance squadron. Which makes regular flights to the tip-top of the earth,

and asked them to have a plane fly the pole ^{the} to pole,
and drop it by parachute - in such a way that it would
stick upright in the ice, the nine foot length of
steel having a sharp point for the purpose. But the
Air Force refused to have anything to do with the
business of setting up a barber's pole at the North
Pole.

All of which came to the attention of North
Pole Nellie, a lady who has a radio program up in those
parts. ~~So~~ She took up the idea - quite a radio stunt.
So now North Pole Nellie has enlisted the help of a
commercial airline - which agrees to have one of its
own planes do the job - if the Civil Aeronautics
Board says -- "okay". Big day set for November,
depending on the weather.

Surprise for Santa Claus - to see a barber's
pole standing there in his old home. It might ~~make~~
make him want to get a shave, *Nelson*.

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