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Late news from Washington features that famous name -- Yalta.

That was the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference in which Stalin got so much. Among other things -- the Kurile Islands and the southern half of the island of Sakhalin. Tonight it is disclosed that (the United States has called for the repudiation of that Yalta agreement in so far as it concerns the Kuriles and Sakhalin -- unless Moscow signs the treaty of peace with ~~the~~ Japan, which the United States has drafted.) John Foster Dulles largely responsible for it.

ADD JAPANESE TREATY

(That's the highlight in the text of the proposed treaty with Japan, which text was released tonight by the government in Washington.) It's three thousand words long, and lays down terms in detail,

WAR

(Around the world today there was questioning -- about the statement made by Congressman Rayburn yesterday. The Speaker of the House of Representatives -- intimating that Soviet soldiers were in the R_{ed} forces in Korea -- and, the danger of war was grave.

British opinion is that the Soviets are not likely to take a hand in the Korean war.) They think the build up of Russian forces in the Manchurian area is to protect an exposed flank of Soviet Siberia. Geography is such that Manchuria lies on the flank of the *Siberian Maritime Provinces.* ~~of the Siberian~~

But, there is word from British Intelligence -- that the Soviets have given Red China three thousand warplanes. These -- to be used in a spring offensive against the U N forces in Korea. The experts of British Intelligence are quoted as saying that a large part of the three thousand planes are Soviet built jet fighters, M I G 15s. Which ^{will} ~~are~~ giving the Chinese Communists a strong tactical air force to support a

drive on the ground -- the spring offensive, which our American command has been predicting for days.

(Hitherto, we have had virtually complete command of the air -- enabling Mac Arthur's army to counter act the ^(vastly) ~~(fighting)~~ superior numbers of Red soldiers on the ~~xx~~ ground. So now, this air superiority is to be disputed; - according to British Intelligence.)

At the same time, (a London newspaper prints an interview with General MacArthur in which the Supreme Commander is quoted as saying that his army could easily defeat the Chinese Reds if the U N would "take the wraps off." That is, permit American air power to hit the Chinese Red air bases in Manchuria) - and ~~xxxx~~ the transport system of China everywhere.

¶ The interview was sent along by ~~xxx~~ British Lieutenant General H G Martin, Military Correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph. He says he had a long talk with MacArthur in Tokyo yesterday, and the General told him ~~that~~ the power of Red China could be broken quickly by bombing raids on the Chinese railroads.

which are exceedingly vulnerable. Also a sea blockade of the China Coast, cutting off supplies from outside. Pointing out how vulnerable Red China really is, MacArthur is represented as drawing an important conclusion. "In such ^{Circumstances} ~~instances~~ he is said to have declared, "Soviet intervention is improbable." That is, Russia will not plunge into Korea -- not while it would be so easy for us to knock out Communist China.

This coincides with reports from Washington that MacArthur has been given full authority to bomb the Chinese bases in Manchuria if enemy air attacks increase in Korea. ~~During the past few days we have had news of greater activity by enemy jet planes -- with bigger battles in the sky -- on top of which we have the British report ~~in~~ about the Chinese Reds getting three thousand Russian warplanes. Maybe these are the factors behind the statement that General MacArthur has been given authority to bomb Manchurian bases, if Red air attacks increase in Korea.~~

(Here's later news: In Washington, Congressman Joe Martin of Massachusetts says he has word from General MacArthur -- the Supreme Commander, stating that he strongly favors the use of the military forces of Chiang Kai Shek. These are now mustered on the island of Formosa, and -- MacArthur would like to have the Chinese Nationalist troops thrown into the Korean War -- according to the Congressman from Massachusetts.)

President Truman was asked today about the Rayburn statement yesterday -- Soviet soldiers in Korea -- third world war shaping up. He volunteered little information, merely that the speaker of the House is -- a truthful man.

The whole thing was dismissed with a smile - the President noting that he has more information on the war situation than any other person in the country. But -- he has a better chance of getting concrete information on the Kentucky Derby than on the war.

U.N.

At the U N, another attempt at peace negotiations to end the Korean conflict. Today India and Egypt called a meeting of twelve countries, Arab and Asian, to draft a new appeal for a compromise. They are working out a formula, and the rumors are around that Red China may now be ready to talk terms.

PAN AMERICAN

In Washington this afternoon the Pan American Congress voted -- increased armament to defend the Americas, and possibly help the U N.

TP Representatives of twenty-one Republics of the western hemisphere decided unanimously to build up their armaments, and place their defense programs at the disposal of the world organization -- to some degree at least. (The whole thing is a bit vague -- but ~~it~~ it does admit the possibility of using Latin American military forces to back up the U N.)

DEFENSE

President Truman asks for another six and a half billion dollars for national defense. In ^a~~the~~ message to Congress today he said that ^{extra} ~~much~~ would be needed to keep the armament program running. During the present fiscal year ending June Thirtieth.

When the White House budget went to Congress last January, the anticipation was that an extra Ten Billion would be needed. But now only six and a half billion. This is because ~~the~~ armament spending has not been running at the rate expected three months ago.


STUDENTS

Word from Washington that Congress will kill the new liberal plan to defer college students from the draft. This is stated by Vinson of Georgia, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives. He said that, next week, the move will be made to toss out the scheme for keeping students in college instead of putting them in the armed forces.

Previously the committee had okayed the plan, but members now say they didn't realize how liberal it was -- as proposed by Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey. ~~But now they are informed that~~ Under the Hershey plan college students of average ability would be deferred -- some eight hundred thousand. There have been complaints ~~xx~~ that all this would mean -- the well-to-do exempted, while ^{youths} ~~others~~ of poorer families would be put into uniform.

LABOR

This afternoon in Washington Union labor took a step in the direction of rejoining the defense mobilization program. Union chiefs agreed to have a labor representative return to the Defense Mobilization Advisory Board. Weeks ago, labor boycotted the whole defense organization. Now -- a move to return.



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The labor leaders accepted a personal invitation from President Truman - to serve on the board.

SPIES

(The spy trial in New York brought a grim verdict today - the death penalty imposed on Julius Rosenberg and his wife Ethel. They were convicted of having transmitted atomic secrets to Soviet Russia -- all part of the widespread espionage which disclosed to the Stalin Reds the secret of the bomb.)

When the time for sentencing came today, Federal Prosecutor Irving Saypol declined to make any recommendation to the court. He merely pointed out the gravity of the crime, the treason -- and noted that, under the law, the extreme penalty that could be imposed. ^R So that left it all together to Federal Judge Irving Kaufman, who thereupon spoke in a grave, slow voice, addressing the defendants. He told them ~~that~~ ^{the} ~~these~~ crime of atomic espionage was worse than murder, and said: "In committing murder, the criminal only kills his victim. But, in your case, I believe your conduct, in putting into the hands of Russia secrets of the atomic bomb, ~~has already~~ caused the Communist

aggression in Korea. I believe, by your betrayal," the Judge went on, "you have altered the course of history." Whereupon -- he pronounced the sentence of death on the two Rosenbergs.

(There was a third defendant, Morton Sobell, who was let off with a ~~much~~ lighter sentence -- thirty years in ~~pr~~ prison.) Furthermore, sentence remains to be imposed on David Greenglass, brother of Mrs. Rosenberg. He confessed his part in the spy plot -- and at the trial gave evidence against his sister and brother-in-law. Today the Federal Attorney asked for leniency in the case of Greenglass -- because of aid he gave the prosecution.

The two death sentences, imposed by the court are ordered for the week of May twenty-first -- and, under the law, they would be carried out in the state where the trial was held, New York, the electric chair at Sing Sing. But, an appeal will be taken and that will delay the executions, if the death penalties are upheld. If they are, it will be the

first case of capital punishment for espionage under American civil law.

News from Salt Lake City states the probability in the naming of a successor to George Albert Smith, President of the Church of Latter Day Saints. President Smith died last night on his Eighty-First Birthday, and the direction of the church has been taken over by the Council of twelve Apostles, which council has the task of filling the vacancy.

^P According to long custom, the Presidency should go to the senior member of the twelve apostles -- the rule has never been broken since the founding of the Mormon Church by Joseph Smith. The senior member of the Council is David O. McKay, seventy-seven years old, who served as Counselor to the President of the Church, and was one of his closest friends. So there seems little doubt that the new head of the church of the Latter Day Saints will be David O. McKay.

(Salt Lake City as it happens, is crowded with church dignitaries, gathered to attend the one-hundred-and-twenty-first annual L D S Convention, which opens tomorrow. Today they were a throng of

CRUSADER

At Brenham, Texas, they are having a noisy time at the county jail. They locked up the local Carrie Nation -- who, in her cell, has been delivering a diatribe by the hour denouncing liquor, the movies, and sin in general. Hardly anybody was able to sleep in the county jail last night, because of the uproar, and people in the neighborhood around were awakened by the harangue, loud and long.

In Brenham, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Shaufler, fifty years old, has long been a crusader against the iniquity of this era, ^{and} the climax came when she started out as a modern Carrie Nation -- emulating the ~~st~~ saloon busting exploits of that enemy of demon rum, who made headlines years ago. ^{FF} Mrs. Shaufler ~~went~~ went into a local liquor store, where Proprietor Arthur Vollert was behind the counter, -- Thinking -- maybe this was a customer! He was promptly disillusioned. The modern Carrie Nation picked up a heavy metal door-stop, took aim, and let fly at a shelf lined with bottles of liquor. Her aim was perfect, and the bottles

of booze went crashing down like a row of ten pins. Today the liquor store owner said: "She only missed hitting me by about a foot. Boy I was knee deep in glass and whiskey when she left."

On her way out the woman crusader picked up a box of cigars. Which astonished the proprietor still more. Maybe she was a cigar-smoking Carrie Nation -- which would have been something.

But no -- Mrs. Shaufler went stalking to the place next door, a movie theater. There she opened the box of ^{cigars,} ~~cigars,~~ crumpled the stogies and scattered the tobacco all over the carpet in the foyer. After which, she took the cigar box and smashed the glass covering a picture of a movie queen, whose charms were on display -- rather liberally.

All these riotous doings attracted the police, who led the modern Carrie Nation off to a dungeon cell. Where, all night and today, she kept the calaboose in a bedlam uproar -- with hell-fire denunciations of liquor, the movies and sin in general.

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~~And now Nelson, a final word from you~~

JAPANESE JOKES

Here's a new dispatch to illustrate a familiar truth -- that people of one country can fail to appreciate the style of humor in another country. This is from Tokyo and gives us a series of traditional ~~in~~ jokes, which from time immemorial have made the Japanese roar with laughter. U P Correspondent Earnest Hoberecht intimates that these Japanese ~~characters~~^{gags} are not funny -- not to an American. But I'll leave that to you to decide. One goes like this:

"A man, walking along, tripped and fell down. He got up, walked a few yards, tripped and fell again. 'Doggon it' he swore in Japanese 'I shouldn't have picked myself up'."

~~Well, do you think that's a scream?~~
~~The Japanese do.~~

Here's another:

A joke about suicide. "There was a certain bridge, a favorite with people wanting to ~~xxxx~~ end it all by throwing themselves in the river. They had a way of

jumping off the bridge at night, so many that the City Fathers posted a guard - to stop it. The guard was on duty, when a woman walked onto the bridge and was about to jump from the railing. ~~when~~ The guard grabbed her. 'I^{ve} _^ caught you at last' he shouted. 'So, you're the one who has been jumping from the bridge every night'!"

If that one doesn't roll you in the aisles here's a traditional gag about hair tonic, ~~said to be a hundred and fifty years old~~, telling ~~xxx~~ how the label of the bottle reads: "When applying this excellent hair tonic" says the label, "it is most imperative that you use a brush. If you should use your fingers, the inevitable result would be that hair would grow on your fingers."

That brings us to you, Nelson,

~~Well, along about now you may be laughing~~

~~and saying -- "so unfunny it's funny."~~