

DEFENSE

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~~Today~~ In Congress, <sup>another unusual</sup> ~~a dramatic and momentous~~ scene <sup>Today.</sup>

Defense Secretary James Forrestal went before the Senate Armed Services Committee with an urgent appeal for the Nineteen to Twenty-Five Draft Law and an extra three billion dollars for our armed forces. This to convince Russia - before it is too late - that Uncle Sam will fight to halt aggression.

Our Defense Secretary was escorted by the biggest array of military leaders assembled before Congress since World War Two. An impressive sight, our top military <sup>figures</sup> ~~brains~~ assembled to support Forrestal as he submitted his "cold war" program. This program aimed to raise our fighting strength by almost three hundred and fifty thousand officers and men; <sup>also</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>to</sup> provide three thousand of the latest type warplanes in the <sup>- get them ready</sup> twelve months beginning July First. <sup>Plus</sup> ~~at the same time,~~ additional millions of dollars for the development of new weapons and general military research.

In <sup>even</sup> ~~sole~~ level tones, ~~Jim~~ Forrestal gave the

Senators emphatic assurance that Russia right now has neither the knowledge, nor has she the capacity, to make an atomic bomb. ~~This is~~ <sup>R</sup> The first time a government officer has made such a categorical ~~at~~ <sup>R</sup> statement on this vital subject. But Forrestal added a caution. He warned that the atomic bomb alone would not necessarily turn the tide of war, <sup>R</sup> if war should come. He went on to say that possession of the atomic ~~te~~ bomb had undoubted power to dissuade from aggression any nation that might believe Uncle Sam has not sufficient military strength to put this ~~weapon~~ <sup>bomb</sup> <sup>R</sup> to effective use. To drive home his point, Forrestal compared the aggressions of Hitler and those ~~undertaken by Soviet Premier Josef~~ <sup>R</sup> Stalin since World War Two. He reminded the Senators, with grim insistence, that the last war might have been averted if Nazi Germany had been made to realize in time that the United States would fight. <sup>R</sup> "It is my belief," said he, "that if we make it plain and clear that the United States will not tolerate the destruction of the Western Civilization of Europe, we shall have peace - peace

because for once in world history an aggressor will be forewarned of our determination, backed up by our strength.

*Grim*  
~~could~~ fighting words by our Defense Secretary; ~~that America means business~~ - in the interest of world peace.

Forrestal's program calls for the draft of non-veterans between nineteen and twenty-five, to raise our effective fighting manpower to one million, seven hundred and thirty-four thousand; *also* Universal military training ~~has~~ as a long term plan to build up civilian reserve; *also* ~~and~~ three billion dollars *for* ~~in cash and contract authority to pay for the~~ military expansion.

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NIGHT SHOW  
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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Science students to be deferred under the  
new draft <sup>the draft</sup> for non-veterans, <sup>ages</sup> ~~from~~ nineteen to twenty-five.

~~So says~~ Chairman Chan Gurney of the Senate Armed  
Services Committee, <sup>announced this</sup> in Washington tonight, after ~~his~~ <sup>the</sup>  
~~committee~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~day of~~ hearing our top ranking military  
experts <sup>who made</sup> ~~make~~ a series of urgent appeals for a draft  
law -- now. ~~The draft, for men between nineteen and~~  
~~twenty-five,~~ and an extra three billion dollars for  
our armed forces. <sup>In order</sup> ~~to~~ to convince Russia - before it's  
~~is~~ too late - that Uncle Sam will fight to halt  
aggression.

Of particular interest is ~~Chairman~~ Chairman Gurney's  
statement that science students will be deferred, as well  
as theological and medical students, <sup>and</sup> married men, and  
those with dependents. We frequently hear that ~~scientists~~  
properly trained scientists are becoming more and more

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essential to modern <sup>war,</sup> ~~military effort~~. Also, we <sup>have been</sup> ~~hearing~~  
<sup>that</sup> we haven't enough young scientists. ~~coming a long~~. So  
<sup>were</sup> ~~too~~ many <sup>were</sup> drafted in World War II, their talents wasted,  
and, their <sup>education</sup> ~~progress~~ delayed. This time, we are taking  
no chances - science students to continue their  
training. - ~~till they <sup>are</sup> qualified to help in the~~  
~~war effort, or course if we have to make such an~~  
~~effort.~~

SUBMARINES FOLLOW DEFENSE

Navy Secretary Sullivan followed his chief, ~~Defense Secretary Forrestal~~ to the witness stand. And the evidence he gave seemed to startle the Senators; as the other military witnesses, ~~Symington~~ Secretary for Air Symington, and ~~General Spaatz~~, Air Force Chief, <sup>Gen. Spaatz</sup> sat there, ~~they~~ <sup>See.</sup> alone knowing what Sullivan was about to disclose.

Recently, said the Navy Secretary, submarines not belonging to any nation west of the Iron Curtain, have been sighted off our shores. The effect ~~it~~ of that statement on the Senate Committee was stunning.

When they asked for further details, the Navy Secretary said he would supply that in secret session, give ~~the~~ times and places, and by whom the submarines were sighted. But not, said he, at a public hearing.

The Navy Secretary added that he was not prepared to discuss the significance of this. "But," he went on, "we all recall that an early step of the Germans in Nineteen

Seventeen and Nineteen Forty-One, was to deploy submarines off our coast." He went on to say that Russia now has two hundred and fifty undersea craft in operation, and he compared that fleet of two hundred and fifty submarines with the Nazi undersea navy of less than fifty U-boats at the opening of World War Two. "And yet," he said dramatically, "the Germans nearly won the battle of the Atlantic."

Sec. Sullivan <sup>revealed to</sup> ~~went on to tell~~ the Senators that Russia obtained ten new German submarines, four of them of the ~~very~~ latest design; that she controls four German shipyards which produced U-boats for Hitler and has an abundant supply of German blueprints, spare parts, designers, engineers and technicians.

A full hand for the deadly game of undersea warfare.

In reply to a question, <sup>he admitted</sup> ~~Sullivan replied~~ that the United States has not developed <sup>full</sup> ~~perfect~~ counter-measures against <sup>the</sup> latest type <sup>U-boats</sup> ~~submarines~~, and he added that present research indicates a complete solution to the submarine menace will be most difficult.

## FOLLOW SUBMARINES

Later in the afternoon, the Navy Department announced that three foreign submarines have been operating off the West coast since January. One, identified by the Navy, simply as "not ours", was sighted by a merchant vessel two hundred miles off San Francisco about a month ago. Another unidentified U-boat ~~appeared~~ near the Aleutians, a third off Palmy<sup>a</sup><sub>a</sub>, eight hundred miles from Pearl Harbor.

We should keep in mind that submarines are like other ships. They are free to prowel the high seas. The Russians have the same rights that we have.



PALESTINE (rewrite)

( At a White House Press Conference today, President Truman denied that the United States has abandoned the partition idea for the Holy Land in favor of a ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ trusteeship by the United Nations. This trusteeship, *he said,* ~~says the President,~~ represents an effort to fill a ~~XXXXXX~~ vacuum which will ~~be caused by~~ *come with* the British withdrawal on May F...teenth.) ~~Mr Truman~~ ~~The President~~ indirectly blamed)

America's sudden

switch from partition to trusteeship on the British decision to quit Palestine on May Fifteenth instead of August Fifteenth. He said that he did not know why the British did this, but, said he, the British departure from the Holy Land meant<sup>5</sup> there ~~would~~<sup>will</sup> be no ~~public~~ authority <sup>in Palestine</sup> ~~there~~ after the British forces withdraw. <sup>Which</sup> ~~This~~ could only mean violence and bloodship, ~~descending on the Holy Land~~, said Mr. Truman.

The President then called for a truce between the Arabs and Jews, ~~in Palestine, these who are fighting each other as a prelude to a full scale war.~~ This truce, he said, must be reached if we are to avert tragedy ~~in Palestine~~, and he insisted that such a truce is a practical possibility. <sup>He seems</sup> ~~visioning~~ <sup>to see</sup> a peaceful settlement <sup>coming out of</sup> ~~resulting from~~ the truce, ~~and the~~ <sup>followed</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>U.N.</sup> trusteeship. ~~of the U.N.~~ He then revealed that he has instructed Warren Austin, the American delegate to the U.N., to request the Security Council ~~at Lake Success~~ to summon representatives of the Jews and Arabs to the council table.

On the matter of ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> trusteeship, the presidential

statement was;- "The United States is prepared to lend every appropriate assistance to the United Nations in preventing bloodshed and in reaching a peaceful settlement." This, said Mr. Truman, would not necessarily involve the use of American troops. But, he added, if the U.N. decides to impose its trusteeship on the Holy Land, America will have to take her share of the necessary responsibility.

REACTION FOLLOW PALESTINE

(Congress reacted <sup>quickly</sup> ~~sharply~~ to the presidential statement  
Congressman Arthur ~~&~~ Klein of New York <sup>said</sup> ~~charged~~ Mr. Truman  
had not explained why he reversed himself.) Senator James Murray  
of Montana branded what he called "the administrations' weak  
and vacillating policy" as a surrender to Arab aggression.

In Cairo, the Grand Mufti, the militant Arab leader,  
passionately rejected any form of trusteeship for Palestine,  
the Grand Mufti making <sup>today</sup> ~~ing~~ it clear that the Arab states would  
oppose the American proposal as vigorously as the Jews <sup>are</sup>  
~~opposing it.~~

In New York, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the elder statesman  
of the Zionist movement, and former President of the Jewish  
Agency in Palestine, threw his support behind the Jewish  
Agency's intention to ignore the American abandonment of the  
partition plan. Weizmann accused the United States of  
encouraging the Arabs by scuttling the partition program, and  
<sup>he</sup> castigated the British for allowing Arab troops to cross  
freely into Palestine to <sup>get all set</sup> ~~prepare~~ for war, ~~at leisure~~.

Shortly after <sup>the</sup> ~~Mr.~~ Truman's statement, Secretary of

State ~~George G~~ Marshall, at his news conference, vigorously defended the President's contention that the United States has not abandoned partition. <sup>Sec.</sup> Marshall was bombarded with questions, but he refused to answer any ~~bordering on the~~ <sup>suggesting</sup> ~~allegation~~ that the United States has been seeking to avoid any arrangement for Palestine which might involve the use of Soviet troops in an international police force in that strategic area. The trusteeship plan advocated by Mr. Truman <sup>avoids</sup> ~~does~~ this, because the Soviet has scrupulously boycotted the U.N. Trusteeship Council ever since its inception. Which might be held to be an error of judgment in Russian strategy at Lake Success.- the Soviet<sup>s</sup> thus having barred <sup>themselves</sup> ~~itself~~ from participation in any form of <sup>Palestine</sup> trusteeship.

The President ~~Truman~~ found time at his news conference today to talk politics - mostly in answer to questions by ~~the~~ inquisitive *reporters.*  
~~newsmen.~~ Yes, said the President ~~very~~ firmly, he intends to go ahead with his plans to seek the Democratic presidential nomination. Certainly, he has no intention of quitting the race because of attacks on him by rebellious Democrats. The party revolt, he told his relentless questioners, does not disturb him one little bit. As for the Southern revolt, not even that shakes his <sup>M.</sup>~~determination.~~  
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Mr. Truman said that he preferred to wait until November, to give the Democrats who have strayed, a chance to come back to the fold. And speaking in a prophetic tone, he said that his party will be victorious in the fall elections. Nothing, the newsmen gathered, in the present political situation, ~~bubbling with antagonism and rumor and spiced with the novelty~~  
~~of a third party,~~ *seems to* ~~can~~ disturb *the present incumbent* ~~Harry S. Truman.~~  
*at the white* ^ *House. So he says,*  
Which led one newsmen to ask the chief executive

whether he would rather be right than <sup>BE</sup> president. At which Mr. Truman preferred to laugh rather than to answer.

FINNS.

Word from <sup>Moscow</sup> ~~XXXXX~~ tonight is that the Finnish delegates are all set to begin negotiations with <sup>Kremlin</sup> ~~the Russian officials~~ on the proposed mutual-aid treaty between the two countries. The preliminary wining and dining is over, courtesty calls have been exchanged "according to strict protocol" says this Moscow dispatch. Now ~~xxxxxxx~~ comes the hard business - Finnish representatives <sup>ag</sup> ~~ag~~uing with their powerful neighbor - on his territory.

PROJECT X

In Washington today, the talk has been about Project X -- a hush-hush project about which everyone seems to know; and which has the endorsement of the Administration's top diplomatic and military officials. Is Project X a multi-million dollar American program to finance anti-Communist underground forces, behind the Iron Curtain? That seems to be it. The idea being that we should do something practical and effective to help our friends in Red territory, any who are willing to fight for their freedom.

Project X -- a gigantic underground organization dedicated to liberty and justice, -- financed by America. This underground <sup>to</sup>work on lines somewhat similar to our wartime Office of Strategic Services, which proved itself the equal of the finest secret service agencies of enemy and allied nations.

~~The first tip-off on Project-X came in a Senate speech made yesterday by Chairman Styles Bridges of the Appropriations Committee. Senator Bridges told the Senate that the United States should encourage an~~



~~underground behind the Iron Curtain and seek to undermine Communist tyranny in areas the Soviets have conquered.~~

According to those well-informed circles always ready to provide information when well-founded rumor comes out into the open, Project X will be financed by Congressional appropriations not earmarked for specific purposes. Just as the secret atom bomb project was financed during the war.

Project-X to be under the direction of Secretary of State Marshall, who will be free to use the funds for such purposes as supplying non-Communist political parties with newsprint, for underground publications, short wave radios, and, in certain cases, arms and ammunition. All this aimed as a positive step to ~~the~~ check Red political aggression and consolidate the benefits Uncle Sam expects to reap under the Marshall Plan. We to use the same weapons as the enemy in the present cold war; the fighting in the so-called "twilight zone" where Communism makes its greatest gains.

## SPAIN

In Spain, Franco's liberalized parliament is busy passing new laws. One measure approved today restores the titles of nobility, who lost them under the Spanish Republic. Another prohibits the manufacture of toy guns that look like real ones. So, the nobles get back their titles in Spain.

And the day of the Spanish Don -- hasn't gone!

GEISHA GIRL

From ~~distant~~ Japan, ~~the erstwhile~~ land of cherry blossom and legend, <sup>comes</sup> a story, which illustrates how democracy ~~not~~ <sup>only</sup> is marching on - ~~and incidentally~~ <sup>but is even</sup> kicking over a few ancient traditions. Japan now has a labor law, which decrees an age ~~limit~~ limit for retirement - ~~even~~ of ~~the~~ geisha girls. These graceful willowy entertainers, who serve you ~~with~~ tea and make things pleasant with music and dancing, <sup>now</sup> ~~are~~ subject to compulsory retirement. <sup>all of which</sup> ~~And this~~ is bad news for Kura Nagoaka. Kura has been a geisha girl for seventy years, entertaining in the smart restaurants of Tokyo, the friend and confidante of the rich and famous, a celebrity in the genteel tea shop life of the capital. The most famous geisha in Japan - and, the oldest.

Kura is eighty. And with the new idea sweeping Japan, she is now considered too old for a worker on a job, even for a professional hostess. And so she has to retire, and the habitues of the tea shop will be deprived of the charms of the oldest geisha in the world. Tonight she is probably

singing her plaintive songs alone <sup>(— twanging her samisen)</sup> and shedding a tear into  
the jasmine tea cups--too old at eighty.

And now my young friend - Nelson Case,