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IRAN

Relations between Iran and Russia reached a new low today. The cabinet at Teheran announcing that the Soviet's claim to have withdrawn its forces from three cities in eastern Iran is false. The Russians have not evacuated any place, said an Iranian cabinet minister. The Persian government sent a force of fifteen hundred troops to reoccupy the three cities in the east - these within sixty miles of Teheran - when a superior Red Army force stopped them and made them withdraw. Furthermore that the Russians have been arresting officers of the Iranian Army for sailing to have properly counterisnged passes in eastern Iran.

In heran itself, street fighting continues between the Tudeh, the communists, and the Right Wing. Three persons killed and five wounded today, including a newspaper editor.

Iranian Prime Minister Ghavam has just left Moscow and the indications are that his visit was a failure so far as getting Soviet ~~yr~~ troops removed from Iran. The general belief is that he had to yield to all Russian demands.

ADD IRAN

The note includes these words; "The government of the United States understood that it was the intention of the Soviet Union to withdraw all Soviet troops from Iran not later than March 2, 1946, six months after the surrender of Japan."

And then it goes on; "The decision of the Soviet government to retain Soviet troops in Iran beyond the period stipulated has created a situation with regard to which the government of the United States cannot remain indifferent."

ADD IRAN

Uncle Sam took a hand in the squabble today. A note was sent to Moscow, asking ^{Russia} that the Soviet Union immediately ^{to} withdraw every Soviet soldier it has in Iran. Furthermore, the state department has good as charged ^s the Kremlin with bad faith. ^{Saying that} The presence of Red forces on Iranian territory is a breach of the ^{agreement at} declaration of Teheran, ^{the} agreement between ^{issued by} Stalin, President Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill.

The note was handed to the Commissariat of Foreign Affairs by the Diplomatic Officer in charge of our Moscow embassy. The note was, of course, couched in diplomatic language. ^{of course, and} ~~It expressed the~~ ^{the note} ~~expressed the~~ earnest hope that the government of the Soviet Union, by withdrawing its troops immediately from Iran, will do its part to promote that international confidence ^{so} ~~which is~~ necessary for peaceful progress among the peoples of all nations. It then went on to call the attention of the Soviets to the particularly heavy responsibility resting upon the big powers to observe their obligations with respect to Sovereign Rights of other peoples. In other words, the note was polite but strong in tone. ~~///~~

SPIES

From a new source today comes charges that a Soviet Russian spy

ring has been operating between New York and Oak Ridge, Tennessee,

~~where one of the atomic bomb plants, is located.~~ *site of that great* *This came today from* ~~The statements~~

~~were made today by~~ the Chairman of the Committee on Un-American

Activities, in the House. He said there might even be some Americans

involved, ~~American Communists, of course.~~ *unists.* The Chairman did not specifi-

cally mention Russia, In fact he declined to name any country, But,

the word in Washington was ~~it was said around the Capital~~ that there could be only one foreign

nation involved in this ~~ring, and that was Russia.~~

Only yesterday the department of justice told the Senate's Atomic

Committee that if we want to protect our atomic bomb secrets,

Congress will have to pass stricter laws. *That under* ~~Under the~~ present laws,

espionage is possible on a wide scale throughout *this country* ~~the United States.~~

INDIA

More trouble in India. This time at Delhi, New Delhi.

A nationalist demonstration. A protest against the celebration of victory week. They attacked the town hall, in old ~~Delhi~~ Delhi, and set fire to public buildings. They also did some looting. The rioters threw the city into darkness.

The police fired into the mob., killing five and wounding twelve. They arrested thirty seven. Two of those killed were children who were reported to be trying to set fire to the Delhi railway station. Business is at a stand still in the old city. By the old city is meant the Delhi that was there before the British built their massive new red sandstone palaces and office buildings a few miles away. Delhi has been built and rebuilt many times - at least nine Delhis in all.

BRITISH FLEET

Here's a remarkable statement from London. The British government will build no more battleships until future decisions have been made, decisions which depend on many factors. The House of Commons heard this today from the First Lord of the Admiralty ^{who} ~~He~~ went on to tell the Commons that at present there is only one battleship under construction in British yards. ^{TP} ~~quite~~ ^{quite} early in the war the British government decided to proceed ^{no further} with the nineteen-thirty-eight and nineteen-thirty-nine programs for building capital ships. ^{and} ~~So~~ there is no intention of proceeding with them now. ^{But} ~~However,~~ probably those now under construction will be finished.

^{TP} The First Lord of the Admiralty Alexander ~~denied~~ that the atomic bomb had brought about this sudden change in British naval policy. ^{He went on to say that} ~~He said that~~ the effectiveness of the atomic bomb against ships at sea so far is unknown.

"We've only seen it used against land targets, in conditions of complete surprise and virtually without opposition," ~~he said~~ ^{he}.

^{TP} ^{he} While Alexander was talking, a British squadron sailed from the ^{British} ~~seaport~~ ^{of} Portland for the Mediterranean, to carry out some interesting exercises. ^{This squadron} ~~It~~ consists of one battleship, three cruisers and a flotilla of destroyers. The purpose of the cruise is to answer

important scientific questions; ^{so} the admiralty announced. In other words, the ^{British} ^Asquadron is probably going to test some new equipment and new tactical ideas.

JAPAN

More about that new constitution over in Japan. Those who know MacArthur, say it shows decided traces not only of his ideas but also of the famous MacArthur phraseology. In fact, the chairman of the General Affairs Committee of the Japanese progressive Party is complaining about just that. That Japanese notable, by the way, is a graduate of Yale. It appears to him, so he says, that the Japanese text is just a translation of the original text in English - the original having been prepared by Supreme Allied Headquarters. However, in general, this elder Tokyo statesman, who once went to Yale, welcomes the new constitution as in thorough keeping with the democratisation of Japan. So he's only unhappy about it having been written first in English.

The proposed new Japanese Constitution is
★ In one respect, ^{it's} the most remarkable constitution in the world, more remarkable even than our own, long regarded as a model for a republic. Not only do the Japanese forswear war, they even renounce the right of self defense. In the preamble are these words: "desiring peace for all time and fully conscious of the high ideals now stirring mankind, we have determined to rely for our security and survival upon the justice and good faith

of peace-loving peoples of the world". And that you will agree is a remarkable declaration. The ~~xxx~~ preamble also says: "We recognize and acknowledge that all peoples have the right to live in peace, free from fear and want". And further: "We hold no people responsible to itself alone, for, the laws of political morality are universal."~~xx~~

Emperor Hirohito has put out an imperial rescript, commanding ratification of this new constitution; insisting upon its adoption.

Of course the communists don't like that new constitution. A communist party spokesman says it's just a sop ~~aa~~ to Japanese public opinion and to the public opinion of democratic nations abroad, particularly the United States. He derides the clause rejecting war, and says war cannot be prevented by inserting a clause in a constitution.

Japanese newspapers, as a whole, are commenting favorably. One saying that it surely ought to prove to the world the true feeling of peace loving Japanese.

LABOR

As you know, no

~~We were spared the Telephone strike; and, shall have no interruption of service for at least a full year. But it was a narrow squeak.~~

A T and T signed with the union only half an hour before the walkout

was to begin, ~~all over the country.~~ In fact, some of the young ladies *on switch boards here and there didn't* ~~did not~~ receive word soon enough. ~~that the strike was off, so there~~

~~was trouble in a few places.~~

The new agreement gives the long distance operators; ~~in fact~~ two

hundred and fifty thousand employees of the Bell System; a raise *that*

averaging ^{ee} ~~seventeen and a half cents an hour. This also ended the~~

~~strike at Western Electric.~~

We hear that,

~~it's a good thing this was done because, from reliable accounts,~~

the the strike would have been exceedingly thorough, long distance

service would have been paralyzed, ^{as well as} ~~and even~~ some local service.

~~too, except in areas served by dial phone.~~

TP ~~And now we have~~ *to worry about, it's*
~~The next trouble ahead of us is~~ the railroad strike, ^{set for six}

o'clock Monday morning. Under the railway labor act, the president

has power to appoint a panel, ^{which} ~~and this~~ ^{will} automatically obliges the

unions to postpone ^{any} ~~their~~ ^{for} walkout from thirty to sixty days. The

White House ^{has} announced that Mr Truman will appoint that board, ~~quite~~

~~and that~~ ^{of it} ~~seen, in fact the news may be on the wire~~ ^{tonight,} ~~at any moment.~~

^{Truman}
~~The~~ President had a talk today with John L. Lewis of the mine
^{with}
workers, and [^]william L. Hutchinson of the carpenters. They ~~wouldn't~~
~~tell the newspapermen what it was all about,~~ and White House
Secretary Charlie Ross said it was just a routine affair, in line
with the President's custom of frequent conferences with National
Labor Leaders.

PAULEY

Harold Ickes, and others like him, are unfair to oil men, says the much discussed Edwin Pauley. Not meaning himself in particular - just oil men in general.

Then he went on to say that he was proud to be identified with the oil industry, and that people would like to know what there is about them that disqualifies them for government jobs; why all this stuff and nonsense that if you've ever been an oil man, you should be barred from public office? Then Pauley went on to recount how men in the oil business were good enough, experienced, skilled, energetic and patriotic enough to hold high ~~ex~~ government posts during the war crisis. So why not in time of peace?

The Navy Department, far from being closed to former oil men, said he, sorely needs one of them, though not necessarily himself. For instance, the Navy permitted a hundred and fifty million barrels of oil to be drained off from the oil fields it owns in Elk Hills, because it didn't have ~~any~~ sense enough to put down "off-set wells" to protect its ~~own~~ holdings.

Then he said further that while the Soviet Union has vast unexploited reserves to draw on, the oil reserves of our own Navy are pitifully inadequate, vastly over-rated. Just a drop in

the bucket", said Pauley. "What America needs is an organized national petroleum reserve under the joint control of the Secretaries of War and Navy and Interior. Those were his words. Something he says he has been advocating for years.

HOUSING

For eight days, the lawmakers have been arguing and squabbling over Congressman Patman's Housing Bill. At the eleventh hour, there was an attempt to kill it by sending it back to committee. But that attempt was beaten, three-hundred-and fifty-seven to twenty-four.

A claim was openly made by the President's advisors on housing, that a mammoth lobby of real estate men was at work in Washington, intimidating Congressmen, trying to wreck the bill. And, the opponents of the measure did succeed in weakening it by cutting out provisions which the President described as most important.

However, today the bill passed, and now goes to the Senate.

It provides for an administrator, a housing czar, with power to see that regions where building is needed get priority on building materials. Also it provided for another billion dollars to insure the mortgages on homes, and assures the builders of a ceiling price which will give them a margin of profit.

Cut out was a provision putting a ceiling on homes already built, plus a six hundred million dollar subsidy to stimulate the manufacture of building materials.

CHAPLIN

In case you are interested, a

A baby boy arrived last night at the home of Mr Charles Spencer

^{Chaplin, And there's}
Chaplin, Charlie ~~to you~~ And there's much argument as to whether

it ~~is~~ ^{is} either the fourth or ^{the} fifth.

~~You will recall, of course, that last year there was much to do about the little daughter of a lady named Jean Barry. The lady declared her little girl should have been named Chaplin, and Chaplin said not so. But the second jury voted with the lady. The comedian has been paying off on that verdict ever since, but the case is still under appeal.~~

~~Charlie~~
~~So he stoutly~~ maintains that the baby born last night to his latest wife, Oona O'Neill, daughter of the great playwright, is only his fourth.

KIBITZER

You may recall that a couple of months ago, I told you about a pinochle game in New York which broke up in rather dramatic fashion. Standing behind one of the players was a kibitzer who remarked to the player, "you played the wrong cards". Whereupon the player, somewhat annoyed, shot the kibitzer.

What happened to the pinochle player? Today, in New York, a judge with a note of regret in his voice, handed down the sentence. Said he: "Kibitzers are generally considered public nuisances, but there is no open season on them. I am sorry," continued His Honor, "but I must send you to jail". So, the pinochle player who shot the kibitzer goes to prison, for twelve months. Where he'll have one consolation. A favored pastime in prison, I hear, is pinochle.

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And now Hugh, again, will you say my e-l-u-t-m for me?