

SUBSTITUTE PALESTINE

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what appears to have been
(The Jewish forces won a signal victory in Jerusalem today. Opening a showdown battle for the Holy City, they ~~xi~~ seized the General Post Office Building, and stormed an Arab section called the Katamon quarter.)

There was a ferocious all day ~~ix~~ fight, the Arabs put up violent resistance, but were driven back slowly in a house to house battle.

Late today the Arabs, defeated in the Katamon quarter, asked the British to negotiate an Armistice with the Jews. The British Commander, General Sir Alan Cunningham threatened to ~~enforce~~ enforce the request for a truce by sending his own British troops against the Jewish militia. British guns, in fact, ~~started~~ started hurling shells into the Jewish positions. ~~But~~ ^{R. T. then,} the whole Armistice idea disappeared when the Arabs, themselves, launched a counter attack. So the battle went on, and the word tonight is that Haganah has captured the Arab quarter called ~~Katamon~~ ^{that} Katamon, and temporary quiet ~~is~~ reigns in Jerusalem, *the City of Peace -- where so often there*

has been no peace.

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colony". The Arabs joined the Reds in opposing the American ~~the~~ proposal -- declaring ~~that~~ that they would resist a trusteeship. But, meanwhile, in the showdown battle for Jerusalem, matters were being decided on the battlefield rather than at the Council table.

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KOREA

A late and ominous bulletin from the Far East -- the Soviet puppet government of Northern Korea to include the American Zone of Occupation! This is in direct defiance of the United Nations.

The Red propaganda accompanying this news is what you may expect. The Communist radio blasts the declaration that a Soviet regime for all Korea is needed to save the Koreans from what the propaganda calls "American Oppressors".

WESTERN EUROPE

We hear of a secret military agreement between five Western European nations, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. These are the countries that signed a political alliance, which some think may be the beginning of a United States of Europe.

The word is from London - telling how the military commanders of the five countries conferred in the deepest of secrecy. What the dispatch calls - "The biggest and most important military conference held in western Europe since the end of the war." In their secret confabulation, they agreed on ~~military~~ military union, with a joint general staff. The chief of staff of the West to be British field Marshall Viscount Montgomery - "Monty" of El Alamein.

FOLLOW WESTERN EUROPE

This news of a Western European military union is highly significant background for a late despatch from Washington. We have confirmation of the report that the United States government is preparing to give American military aid to western Europe. This has been talked about for the past few days, now it is official-- from Senator Tom Connely, ranking Democrat-member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate.

He stated late today that the state department has drafted legislation to be presented to Congress - legislation for authority to ship armament and munitions to the free countries of Western Europe. That is, American tanks, planes, artillery and other military equipment to go to the European countries cooperating under the Marshall Plan. Military supplies to defend the billions of dollars of economic help that we are giving to the free nations against communism - under the European Recovery Program.

MAY DAY

Tomorrow being the first of the month, the news from abroad today was telling about preparations for May Day in various countries. Behind the iron curtain they ~~are~~^{are} all set for totalitarian demonstrations to celebrate the feast that Red Labor has made so much its own.

But on this side of the iron curtain May Day will not be so totalitarian -- there will be division and rivalry instead. In Western countries the moderates of labor are not willing to see the Reds monopolize May Day, ~~and the~~ They ~~are~~^{are} planning demonstrations in competition. The result will be a lot of shouting, hard words at least -- and maybe some fighting.

This will be particularly true in Italy, where the aftermath remains bitter -- following the Communist defeat in the elections. The Reds ~~are~~^{there} are still snorting fire, and will stage hundreds of demonstrations throughout Italy tomorrow. These are expected to indicate, in some degree, how far the Reds intend to go -- in carrying out their ~~menace~~ menace of violence. ~~so the~~

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Italian authorities are all set for possible trouble,
tomorrow - May Day.

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In Rome, ~~today~~ a prominent newspaper stated

that an airplane has been parachuting men, weapons and ammunition into the mountains of Northern Italy. This is said to have occurred in the province of Emilia, so Leftist that they call it - "Red Emilia." The Rome newspaper declares that the airplane cruised over and dropped parachutists and supplies. Police rushed to the scene, and found automatic weapons manufactured in Red Czechoslovakia.

The newspaper adds that the Italians have picked up a message from a Red radio station in Jugoslavia -- which, in a broadcast, acknowledge the receipt of a plea from the Italian Communist Boss, Togliati. Togliati asking the support of Red Marshall Tito for what the newspaper calls - "A Communist enterprise." The enterprise, we are told, amounts to a guerrilla outbreak in Italy, similar to the Red Civil war in Greece.

This disclosure in Rome today increased public nervousness -- on the eve of Red May Day tomorrow.

RAILROADS

~~There is a~~ ^{Another} deadlock in the negotiations for ~~the~~ ^a settlement of the railroad labor dispute. Late this afternoon the federal mediator announced: "Both sides are still unyielding." It's a question ~~for~~ of wages, and the unions have set May Eleventh as the deadline for a railroad strike. ~~The~~ present attempt at federal mediation seems to be the only possibility of averting a walkout - so let's hope the deadlock is broken.



FOLLOW RAILROADS

At the same time, the auto workers union announces a strike for May Twelfth against the Chrysler Corporation, unless a settlement is made by that time.-- And the electrical workers are talking strike.

ALCOHOLICS ANNONYMOUS

Today the agents of Alcoholics Annonymous went into the Blue Ridge Mountains -- the region of the Moonshine and White Mule, where revenue agents have feared to tread. The organization of reformed addicts of Demon Rum is out to convert the mountaineers to the doctrine that corn liquor is an evil and the white lightning they make is a curse. Revenue agents have been known not to do so well among the illicit stills of the mountains. It now remains to be seen how well Alcoholics Annonymous will do with their crusading -- in the land of the moonshine.

DEATH VALLEY

Among the other battles in this trouble-ridden world is the battle of Death Valley: -- between the big horns and the wild burros. Out there in the wilds of the west you can still find the big horn mountain sheep. A number of them in the Death Valley country. And they are now in a death struggle with a herd of wild burros - the legendary jackass of the old west. A battle fought for water holes. The fish and game authorities declare that the big horns haven't a chance -- the burro being hardier, more tenacious, he drinks up all the water.

What to do about it? Well, there is talk about declaring open season on the burros and thereby saving the big horns -- which are much prized by students of nature. But then, there is a sentimental attachment for the wild burros -- they are so much a symbol of the old wild west. The wild life authorities are trying to figure out -- what to do.

SUBSTITUTE ALGEBRA

In New York detectives have solved a mystery of terror and violence - the case of Algebra ~~EE~~ examinations. The arrests^s were made yesterday, and today the story was disclosed in full, when the police arraigned in court a band of six high school boys, headed by a fourteen year old ring leader.

They were afraid they were going to flunk in Algebra when the teacher asked "how much is the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ square of a-plus-B?" What was x, the unknown quantity, so far as they were concerned? Today in court the fourteen year old ringleader explained:- "I was afraid ^{of} what my ~~xxx~~ father would do if I flunked".

As you have heard no doubt,
~~was~~ The young mathematicians, began^{to} stealing some guns from a shooting gallery at Coney Island, target rifles. Then they planned to have one of the gang telephone to the teacher in her home -- Miss Margaret Jokiel, young, blond, and pretty. But it happened that she wasn't home that evening, so her

mother answered the telephone, and heard a blood curdling threat: - unless the teacher passed everybody in the mathematics class she would be "pushing up daisies". That really was ominous, that old sinister gangster phrase "pushing up the ~~xx~~ daisies".

As the teacher's mother listened to this murderous menace a volley of shots rang out and shattered every window in the front of the house. The gang, driving up in an automobile, was adding terror to the telephone threat by shooting up teacher's house.

In court today, it was stated that as they approached the house, the fourteen year old ring leader growled to his gang - "don't be chickens! - "shoot"! So they opened fire with the 22 calibre target ~~xxx~~ rifles they had stolen at Coney Island.

The next morning they went to school, figuring that the teacher certainly would pass everybody in the mathematics class, asking no ~~xxxxxx~~ questions. In due time the teacher showed up, she

looked a bit pale. But beside her was a ~~man~~ detective, and he started questioning the pupils - and that was worse than algebra. Instead of the cube root of x divided by y it was the old third degree.

So ~~xxx~~ today the gang was facing the judge of the juvenile court. I don't know what the legal penalty will be, but I suppose the worst will be- going home to Dad. He is likely to do more than merely ask -- ~~xxxxx~~ "what is the square root of a-plus B." "

BEATTIE FOLLOW ALGEBRA

Washington announces the appointment of a Chief of News Operations for the voice of America. He is Edward W. Beattie, long time foreign correspondent of the United Press, who covered thrilling assignments during World War Two. Ed Beattie now takes direction of the news programs which ~~xxx~~ are featured in the American answer to the howling propoganda of the ~~xxx~~ Soviets and their puppets.

I phoned Ed Beattie today, and asked him ~~about~~ what he intends to do. He replied that ^{he} plans to push along with square, truthful American programs of news - the facts as against the fake distortions of red propoganda.

I asked him how far the news programs beamed abroad would cover the light and the human side of the American scene - ~~xxx~~ according to ^{the} American tradition of news. For example, that story we just had of the high school mathematicians shooting up the teachers house. How would that go for foreign consumption? Ed Beattie replied that the voice of America programs have to

be a bit careful about some of the livelier forms of Americana - because foreigners might not understand. They might be mystified at some of our American goings-on, and it might take too long to explain.

As an example of this, he pointed to a story on the front page of the New York Telegram today, and cited it as an example of something that might be quite incomprehensible in Korea, Indo-China or Siam. See if you agree with this:-

The story relates that at Denver, an airliner was taking off. The hostess giving the familiar direction, called out to the passengers: "fasten your safety belts."

There was one fat man who paid no attention to the order.

The hostess went to him and repeated: "fasten your safety belt."

To which the fat man replied with dignity: "I don't have to, I wear suspenders."

Nelson, do you think they'd get that - in Korea, Indo-China or **Siam**?

PALESTINE

The latest from Jerusalem is a report that the Arabs have asked for a truce in the battle of the Holy City. This is from Jewish sources, which state that, at the end of a day of violent warfare, the Arab Commandos asked the British to negotiate an Armistice. ~~The result a meeting of Arabs and Jewish Representatives, who right now are conferring for a truce.~~

Today the Jews opened a show-down battle for Jerusalem. The Jewish militia launched a general offensive, and began with an easy success, Haganah seizing the general post office building. They drove into the Arab section of the old city called the Katamon quarter, and there encountered violent resistance, house to house conflict, the Arabs, resisting stubbornly, were slowly driven back. They called for an armistice to take away their dead and wounded, and the fighting stopped for two hours - Haganah bringing up reinforcements.

Then the battle was renewed with full fury. There was a bitter struggle for a cemetery, ~~in~~ through which the militia of Haganah advanced - from ~~tombstone~~ to

tombstone. By the end of the day, the Jewish forces had won the victory in the fight for the Katamon Quarter - and then word came that the Arab command had asked for an armistice, *which sounds like a surrender.*

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Holy City alone.

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Previous to that, the new United Nations attempt for a Jerusalem truce, ran into a snag. Both the Jews and the Arabs at the U.N. had agreed, but now the Jewish ~~representative~~ representative stated that any truce would have to give the Jewish population of ~~Jerusalem~~ Jerusalem the right to leave and enter the old city. To which the Arab delegates replied that the Armistice proposal is off, because the Jews were laying down ~~their~~ conditions. But, meanwhile, in the showdown ~~battle~~ battle for Jerusalem, the Arab defenders have asked for a truce - things being decided on the battlefield rather than at the council table.

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countries gathered for a momentous council of war at Amman, the capital of TransJordania. Tonight's bulletin states that they've decided against a blitzkrieg. They won't try any swift overwhelming attack, when the British mandate expires on May fifteenth. Instead their program is for a war of attrition - a long drawn-out struggle to wear down Jewish resistance. They decide against a blitzkrieg because they lack the masses of well trained troops and mechanized equipment for lightning-speed operations.

At the same time, the Arab Council of War took note of the possibility that the Jews themselves might launch a ~~blitz~~ blitzkrieg, as soon as the British mandate expires. So the military leaders of the Arab states have planned a ~~campaign~~ campaign, the first move of which will be to reinforce and hold strategic Arab positions in the Holy Land. Then, from there on, they will wage long term warfare, over a period of years perhaps - a war of attrition. Such, at least is the word we have tonight.

ALGEBRA

In New York, the detectives have ^{completely} solved ^{that} a mystery of terror and violence - the case of the algebra examinations. ~~A young woman high school teacher received blood curdling threats, and her house was shot up - as a result of a desperate plot by a half a dozen high school boys, who wanted to make sure of passing their ~~XXXXXX~~ exams in algebra.~~

~~The arrests were made yesterday, and~~

Today the story was disclosed in full, when they were arraigned in the juvenile court - the gang of six headed by a fourteen year old ringleader. ~~They are~~ pupils at the Fort Hamilton High School, in Brooklyn, who were afraid they were going to flunk in algebra. When the teacher asked how much is $A^2 + B^2$ - that was the unknown quantity, so far as they were concerned. At the same time, the parents at home had bright expectations of how their young hopefuls would shine in algebra. Today the fourteen year old ringleader explained: "I was afraid of what my father would do to me if I flunked."

Their teacher in mathematics was Miss

Margaret Jokiel, young, blond, pretty and pleasant. But they knew the kind of marks she'd give them if they showed a complete ignorance of $A^2 + 2AB + B^2$. So what to do about it? ^PWell, the six young mathematicians began by stealing some guns from a ~~xxx~~ shooting gallery at Coney Island - target rifles.

Next, they selected a mouthpiece - to make a threat over the telephone. You know how it is in gangster thrillers -- the ~~xxxx~~ menacing voice on the telephone. For this they picked a twelve-year old - because he still had a soprano voice. The others were breaking into baritone and bass, and they figured the voice of the twelve year old would be taken for a girl's voice. That would throw off suspicion, the young heroes willing to throw the blame on the girls.

The final point of perfection in the plot was the enlistment of the honor student in the class, who knew all the algebra. He ~~xxxx~~ was capable of quadratic equations even. They planned to have the honor student do the exams for them - and they would frighten

the teacher into standing for it.

The way they timed it, the twelve year old mouthpiece would be talking on the phone to the teacher in her home - when the guns went into action. But it happened that Miss Margaret Jokiel was not home that evening - she was in Manhattan attending a concert. So her mother answered the telephone, and heard the soprano voice of the twelve year old, announcing that unless Miss Jokiel passed everybody in her mathematics class, she would be "pushing up the daisies." That really was ominous; ~~terrifying~~, the old sinister gangster phrase - "pushing up the daisies."

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In due time teacher showed up, and the pretty blonde, Miss Margaret Jokiel, did look a bit pale. But beside her was a city detective, and he started questioning ~~gm~~ the pupils, one after another - ~~and that~~ ^{and that} ~~and that~~ ^{tougher even than} was ~~no~~ algebra. Instead of the cube-root-of- x -divided-by-two, it was the old third degree, ~~so~~ ^{so} the gang must have thought.

Which one broke down? You guessed it, the honor ~~x~~ pupil. He was better at Pi R Square than at gangster ~~xi~~ ethics. He squealed, and today the gang was facing the Judge in the Juvenile Court.

I don't know what the legal penalties will be, but I suppose the ~~x~~ worst will be ~~gmix~~ going home ^{to Dad.} ~~to see~~ ^{In this case} that should be something or other to the nth power.