

Some of the House Democrats are cheered by Mr. Truman's speech at Kansas City this afternoon. That informal talk to local businessmen in which he said that there is hope for world peace if we can come to an understanding with Soviet Russia.

Congressman Sol Bloom of New York who will head the house of Foreign Affairs Committee in the next Congress says it is ~~xxx~~ about time someone here spoke to the Soviet people in a way they could understand. And that if the Soviet government will allow the world to have peace and security, such a peace can only come about by such straight-forward expressions ~~as~~ as those made by Mr. Truman today.

Congressman Mike Mansfield of Montana added his praise. ^{Said} ~~He says~~ he thought it wasn't a bad idea when Mr. ~~Truman~~ Truman proposed sending Chief Justice Vinson to Moscow on a peace mission. And he still wants some one to go ^{and} ~~to~~ talk directly to the head

man of the Kremlin.

As you probably heard, Mr. Truman turned up unexpectedly at a Kansas City luncheon to Eddie Jacobson. His old partner in that haberdashery business. Mr. Truman told the audience of Kansas City businessmen that Russia has kept ~~in~~ none of the specific agreements made at Potsdam and Yalta. This, said he, is because "our great ~~is~~ ally of the North " that's how he described Soviet Russia -- "has a system of morals that are not morals."

~~Then continue with the story beginning "he said he was very sorry for all that."~~

PRESIDENT

At Kansas City, Missouri, today, President Truman accused the Soviet Union of being a stumbling block to peace in the Near East. Perhaps I should have said "neighbor" Truman, ~~because~~ The President spoke at a neighborly affair in Kansas City. A testimonial luncheon to Eddie Jacobson, who was his old partner in the ² Haberdashery business. ~~the Pres.~~ Truman arrived at the luncheon unexpectedly. And he spoke off the cuff to an audience of Kansas City business men.

He told them that Russia has kept none of the specific agreements made at Potsdam and Yalta. This, said Mr. Truman, is because "Our Great Ally of the North" - that's how he described Soviet Russia - has ~~a system of morals that are not morals.~~ ^{TP} The Muscovites said he, just don't respect contracts. And he was sorry for all that, because he feels that the Russian people are a great people. And he's quite sure, ^{do continued} ~~with~~ the President, that if they - the Russian people had a voice in the Government of their Country, we would

have no trouble with Russia.

Then he went on to tell the thrilled Kansas City ~~xxxx~~ business men that he thought there were certain leaders in the Russian government who are exceedingly anxious to have an understanding with the United States - ~~and~~ an understanding on which peace can be worked out.

The President was in a real optimistic mood today. He told the Kansas City businessmen that he thinks all our differences with the Soviets ~~xx~~ can be adjusted. And he pledged himself to spend ~~his~~ his time in the next four years, his years in office, to ~~xx~~ reach an understanding with the other nations of the world - bring about real world peace.

From Washington we hear that the President's speech was rebroadcast shortly after he had spoken - sent out via the ~~xx~~ State Department's Voice of America. Evidently a summary of the Presidential

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remarks - beamed to the Russians - and to the
world -- as a news story, with no comment.

CARDINAL

(In Budapest, the Red government has arrested
the Cardinal, ~~Mindszenty~~, the Roman Catholic Primate of
Hungary -- on charges of high treason and espionage.
The Cardinal is accused of attempting to overthrow the
Red Regime,) also ^{of} ~~with~~ espionage and abuse of the
currencys laws.

The Communist secret police forced an entrance
into the Cardinal's palace ~~at Esztergom~~, which has been
the home of the "Cardinals" of Hungary since the middle
ages. They arrived at eight o'clock after dark, and
demanded to see his eminence, who was resting. ~~And then~~
They arrested him, and carried him off to a secret prison.

The arrest of the Cardinal climaxes the feud
between the ~~Roman~~ ^{of Rome} Church and the Communist regime in
Hungary. Last June the government seized all church
schools, and nationalized them. The Cardinal opposed this
bitterly, and ~~he~~ issued a scathing indictment of the Reds.
So they arrested his secretary. And later they took
away several members of his staff.

The Cardinal himself expected to be arrested. He

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has been expecting it for some time, we hear, but he kept up his fight against Communism. He said that he considered himself the only real voice left in Hungary and that he would keep on talking to defend his faith. This Christmas, however, he issued no pastoral letter, and took part in no public services. Instead, he remained in his great castle - from where, ^{in the} ~~last~~ night the police took him away on an order signed by the Budapest peoples' court.

The Red action has drawn a solemn protest from the Vatican. Where a spokesman says there is a possibility that the Pope will announce the Excommunication of all Hungarians concerned with the arrest of the Cardinal.

CHINA

The news from Nanking tells of the new Nationalist Cabinet under Premier Sun Fō, deciding to fight what he calls "A war for peace." That is they will resist the Communists until they can get an honorable peace. He says this decision is backed by the Generalissimo who intends to ^{stay} and see it through.

He went on to say that there will be no immediate effort to reopen peace talks, or to find a mediator. Instead, the Nationals will go on fighting a defensive war; hold the Communists in check until they are willing to negotiate.

Here's a news dispatch from Peiping, ancient Manchu capital of China, now under attack. It tells how newspaper correspondents can move freely between the Nationalist and the Communist lines. How the Communists are polite, in fact hospitable to newspapermen. Also, that the Reds are allowing the American endowed Yenching University to carry on. It was captured recently by the Reds. Yenching is six miles outside the city walls. A U. P. Correspondent wanted to find out what was going on there. The

Chinese Nationalist Commander gave him the okay to walk across No Man's Land. He says that when he got to the other side he was greeted by Communist soldiers, well armed and warmly clothed. When he told them he wasn't an American, they waved him on.

In Yenching University he found everything normal. The Dean told him the Reds were allowing students and teachers complete freedom. Only one thing unusual had happened. A Red Commissar ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ turned up one afternoon and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ delivered a lecture on the virtues of Communism.

The local Red Commander told the U. P. Correspondent that foreign press representatives would always be welcome with him. Then he invited him to a sumptuous meal, and gave him ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ comfortable sleeping quarters. When the correspondent was ready to start back to the Nationalist lines, the only thing the Red Commander asked of him was that he would not give away any military information.

PALESTINE

(The news from Palestine tonight tells of the Egyptian Army in the Negeb, ^{retreating} ~~Desert~~ being slowly forced to ~~abandon its positions~~. Before the ~~furious~~ assaults by the Israeli legions.)

U N ~~XXXXXX~~ sources say ~~that~~ the Egyptian positions in the Desert cannot be held much longer, ^{that} because King Farouk's men are trapped, with the Israeli Army blocking the only road along which reinforcements can pass.)

^{IP}
~~Meanwhile in a GBS radio talk~~ Tonight U N
~~— over this network~~
Mediator Ralph ~~A~~ Bunche, said that in ~~this~~ his opinion the Holy Land war is almost over. He described the recent outburst of fighting in the Negeb as the by-product of a tense and easy truce -- a truce that has run too long. Also, said he, outbreaks of this kind are unavoidable. ~~And~~ He admitted that the State of Israel has become firmly established, ^{and} ~~that it~~ has made remarkable progress in the

organization of the intricate processes of government.

He ^{also} spoke of the final issues ^{to} ~~that~~ must be determined

before Palestine is really ^{can have} ~~at~~ peace. — Boundaries,

the status of Jerusalem; whether it is to be

international or not; And the ~~status of these six-~~
hundred-thousand Arab ^{refugees.} ~~refugees. Important issues,~~

~~which according to Doctor Bunche, must now be~~

~~dealt with by that new conciliation commission~~

~~set up by the U.N.~~

UN AMERICAN

Congressman Mundt and Nixon ~~xx~~ are reported to be working on a plan to improve the investigating procedures of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. We hear they are worried over the innumerable criticisms levelled at them, because of all the publicity given the spy investigations.

The Congressman say their handling of all this may have merited honest criticisms. But they insist they have a tough problem to solve - just how is the best way to ~~xx~~ conduct such investigations. They say that when the committee held secret sessions then they were accused of star chamber procedure. Then, when witnesses were ~~xxxxxx~~ heard in public, with radio and newsreels present, they were called headline hunters.

The two Congressmen conclude that the committee can't help making news, unless it operates in secret - which it doesn't want to do. So, it will

ask the new Congress to approve of some new procedures such as a preliminary closed session, this to find out whether witnesses are willing to answer pertinent questions, a sort of rehearsal to learn what can be expected at the open hearings to follow.

Also, all witnesses to have the right to be legally represented at both closed or open sessions. And, each individual accused by the Committee to be allowed to submit questions to the Committee Chairman, for the Chairman in turn to put to the accuser. Also, witnesses questioned by the committee to have the right to make a written or verbal statement at the end of the hearing. The right to speak up for themselves and have the last word.

Congressman Mundt and Nixon also recommend that Congress increase the ~~penalty~~ penalty for contempt

inflict greater punishment for witnesses who refuse to answer questions. The maximum penalty for this now is one year in jail, and a thousand dollar fine.

The doctor says that the medical records show that the patient was in excellent health up to the time of his death. He believes, however, that the patient suffered a heart attack. The doctor added that he has been treating him for a heart condition for the past several years.

Those close to the former diplomat say that the patient was exceedingly disturbed by the sudden death of Lawrence Logan. Logan was his close personal friend, as well as his neighbor. He had written to the Mayor, suggesting a thorough police investigation into Logan's death. He said that the former state department employee could not possibly have committed suicide. However, he is also said to have been considerably upset by the anti-American activities

SUMNER WELLES

Former Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles is still in a serious condition, in a Washington hospital. ~~He is~~ suffering from severe shock and frost bite, after laying all night in a field on his Maryland estate.

His doctor says that the ex-diplomat ^{still hasn't} ~~has not so~~ recovered enough even ^{far} ~~been able~~ to explain how he happened to be found unconscious and almost frozen to death. He believes, however, that Sumner Welles suffered a heart attack. ^{The doctor added} ~~and he says~~ that he has been treating him for a heart condition for the past eighteen years.

Those close to the former diplomat say that Sumner Welles was exceedingly disturbed by the sudden death of Laurence Duggan. Duggan was his close personal friend, as well as ^{a long time} ~~being an~~ associate ~~of his~~ in the state department. ^{He had written to} ~~Sumner Welles, as we know, wrote to~~ New York's Mayor O'Dwyer, suggesting a thorough police investigation into Duggan's death. He said that the former state department employee could not possibly have committed suicide. Sumner Welles is also said to have been considerably upset by the House Un-American Activities

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Committee publishing testimony containing charges that Duggan had given state department secrets to ex-Communist Whittaker Chambers. His contention was that Laurence Duggan was completely loyal.

Today the Maryland police stated that they could find no evidence of foul play in connection with the Sumner Welles case. But many are pointing to what seems to be a jinx in connection with the Washington investigation of Red espionage. To date three persons connected with that investigation have died. Last summer Harry Dexter White, a former assistant secretary of the treasury, collapsed with a fatal heart attack a few days after questioning by the Committee. Then Marvin Smith, a government attorney, ~~jumped~~ ^{fell} five floors to his death in the Justice Department. He having figured briefly in the case. Now, the mysterious death of Laurence Duggan ~~is~~ followed by the ~~unusual mishap~~ ^{strange story} of Sumner Welles found nearly frozen in a Maryland field and still unable to tell anything about what ~~the~~ happened.

FAYE EMERSON ROOSEVELT

In Poughkeepsie, New York District Attorney Vincent Grady announces that he is investigating the circumstances under which Faye Emerson Roosevelt cut her left wrist and index finger with a razor blade. In the bathroom of the family home early yesterday morning. Grady is investigating, he says, because wounds inflicted by sharp instruments come within the scope of his official duties. The doctor treated the actress wife of Elliot Roosevelt at the Vassar Hospital, ^{where} she was ^{entered} ~~brought in there~~ at five A.M. Sunday morning.

The Poughkeepsie District Attorney also says that he has requested Elliot Roosevelt to call at his office tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. ~~He~~ The District Attorney ~~says~~ ^{first} says he ^{first} heard of Mrs. Roosevelt's injury ~~first~~ from newspapermen. So he contacted the doctor, ^{who} ~~and he~~ told him that Faye Emerson Roosevelt had cut ~~her~~ her left wrist with a razor

blade in the bathroom. And, the doctor added that there had been a family discussion. Following this Mrs. Elliot Roosevelt retired to the bathroom. That is what the doctor said. Whereupon the District Attorney called in Sheriff Fred Close, ^{who has} ~~and he is~~ taking ^{er} ~~over~~ the investigation. ~~That is all we know tonight.~~ No comment at the hospital; and no comment from the Roosevelt family house at Hyde Park, ~~That~~ ~~is~~ where Elliot and ~~John~~ his wife did a record business this year, selling Christmas trees grown on the hundreds of acres that were first forested by F.D.R.

BRIDE

From Milan, Italy, a story about a bride who was left waiting at the telephone. She waited for seven and a half hours, and then she went home to mother -- and perhaps changed her mind. All because the bridegroom didn't call. ~~Yes, you've gussed it, he is an American G.I.~~

This morning at ten o'clock, Italian time, twenty one year old [✓]Dina Macchetta sat by the telephone in the United Press Bureau in Milan. There were flowers, and champagne, and relatives. Everybody waiting for the telephone bell to ring, waiting for an overseas call from Fort Worth, Texas. Where a Baptist Minister was to have performed a marriage ceremony by telephone. The bridegroom, Sergeant John ^{- in Texas,} Kent. But there was no call. At first [✓]Dina waited patiently. Perhaps Johnny had the wrong number. Perhaps Johnny's commanding officer wouldn't let him call. Perhaps the Christmas rush was too much for Johnny.

But five hours later, with the relatives getting thirstier and thirstier, [✓]Dina began to cry. And then

her Uncle Joe got mad and said that if Kent did call he'd hang up on him. Dina said no, she'd wait. But, at five o'clock in the evening, she too gave up. She tore her damp handkerchief into shreds, and went home to mother.

And where was Sergeant Kent? Why he was asleep - ten a.m. in Italy is three a.m. at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, where he's stationed now. He says he proposed to Dina by cable all right. Sure he did - but she did not tell him that he was supposed to get up at three o'clock in the morning to be a bridegroom.

"I feel kind of discouraged about it all," he said. "*And then he added, slowly: —* but, I'm ready to call her, and start it all over again."

~~But, the question is: - how does Dina feel about it~~
~~now~~
~~that~~ and Uncle Joe?

COSTA RICA

From Costa Rica we have news of a savage episode in that strange undeclared war down there. On Christmas Day the tiny Pacific Port of Puerto Soley was invaded by a gang of armed men, who posed as Costa Rican soldiers. They looted and burned the whole town, and left only ten of the garrison of sixty alive.

The attack was made at dusk, when the Costa Rican garrison were lined up for chow. Few of them had their weapons with them. Then there was an explosion, and shortly afterwards the whole town became a flaming torch.

Late news establishes that the attackers came from the direction of Nicaragua. And that perhaps they were a band of political exiles from Europe, operating as a unit of armed freebooters -- without political connections. - *perhaps a part of that mysterious Caribbean Legion of which we heard a few days ago.*