

PRECEDE HISS

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Secretary of State Acheson says that he will not turn his back on Alger Hiss. In a news conference today, he made a gravely spoken statement, explaining that he once called Hiss his friend, and that his Christian principles do not permit him to go back on this - even in the face of conviction for perjury and an accusation of Red espionage.

In Congress, Senator Mundt of South Dakota called for a Congressional investigation to determine what part Alger Hiss had in the formation of American foreign policy. What "impact and influence", said the senator.

"We must bear in mind," he argued, "that many employees of the State Department were brought into positions of responsibility and importance through their connection with Hiss and his misguided friends."

HISS

Alger Hiss was calm and stoical today - when sentenced to five years in prison. Still maintaining his innocence, the former high official of the State Department told the judge: "I'm confident that, in the future, the full facts as to how Whittaker Chambers was able to carry out forgery by typewriter will be disclosed." Which referred to the fact that, when all the copious evidence was in at the trial, the story of Red espionage told by Whittaker Chambers was backed by the visible evidence of the pumpkin papers, some written in the handwriting of Hiss, and some copied on a typewriter which once belonged to the Hiss family.

So Alger Hiss, being sentenced, put the emphasis on the testimony of the typewriter - declaring that Whittaker Chambers had used it for forgery. How? No hint of an answer has ever been given, Hiss merely stating his belief that an explanation will one day come to light.

He stays out on bail - while appealing to the Supreme Court.

CHINA

The State Department renews its charges - that Soviet Russia is taking over provinces of northern China. Which repeats what Secretary of State Acheson said a couple of weeks ago - that Russia was absorbing Manchuria, outer Mongolia, inner Mongolia, and Sinkiang.

That brought a roar of denial from Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky, who accused Acheson of what Vishinsky called "Monstrous and awkward lies." The denial was the more fervent, no doubt, because the heads of the Chinese Red Government are in Moscow right now, engaged in long drawn out negotiations - the report being that there ^{is} a hitch in the discussion of ^{these} territories named by Secretary Acheson.

Today the State Department declares that in Manchuria - "Russian penetration is widespread, and economic and strategic domination is well advanced." The Soviets increasing their control over Manchurian railroads; - and, they occupy the key ports of Dairen and Port Arthur. Moreover, sixty per cent of the rich farm crops of Manchuria go to Russia - causing food shortages

~~among the Chinese.~~

On outer Mongolia the statement is: "Despite the fiction of the independent Mongolian peoples republic, Soviet penetration is complete." ~~Russian troops are stationed in the country, and~~ The pretense of independence is - ridiculous.

Inner Mongolia;- ruled by a puppet outfit, which takes its order^s from Moscow, ~~and has only dubious ties with the Government of Red China.~~

Sinkiang;- a picture of Russia trying to ~~establish domination. They want to~~ move in Soviet soldiers, and ~~are trying to~~ obtain control over air-transport, trade, and mineral resources.

MOSCOW INDONESIA

Soviet Russia recognizes the Republic of Indonesia - a dispatch from Moscow stating tonight that Foreign Minister Vishinsky has wired recognition to the Indonesian Premier.

BERLIN

Tonight, an American military convoy is rolling on to Berlin - to test the new traffic restrictions imposed by the Soviets. They are calling it - the baby blockade. Today long lines of trucks were piled up at Helmstedt, the point where the Russians inspect vehicles entering their area - inspection that now is used as obstruction, long drawn out, mere delay. So it remains to be seen what will happen when the American military convoy of trucks arrives at that check-point -- obstruction point.

STRIKE

The Chrysler strike went off today according to schedule - after neither side would give an inch in the last minute bargaining. This morning a hundred and twelve thousand auto workers walked out, and production stopped in twenty-five plants which were producing seventy-one hundred cars a day. One immediate reaction was a lay-off of twenty-three thousand workers at Briggs, where they make bodies for Chrysler cars. - And the prediction is that a hundred and sixty thousand will be off the job, if the walkout continues for two weeks.

COAL

Word from Washington is that President Truman will take action in the coal strike "before the weekend", unless John L. Lewis gets the ninety thousand miners back to work. ~~(This is incited by increasing reports that the coal shortage is a real emergency, falling supplies near the danger point.)~~ It isn't clear what move the President will make - he may try a direct appeal to the miners, or he may get a Taft-Hartly injunction ordering Lewis to reestablish a five-day week. →

~~(The situation is complicated no end by the fact that the miners are on a wildcat strike against their union chief. Today John L. Lewis is said to have told his lieutenants that they must get the miners back to the coal pits by Monday.)~~

ADD COAL

Meanwhile, the strike continued to spread - as pickets in revolt against John L. Lewis made the rounds of the coal fields, and ten thousand more miners joined the walkout today.

In Washington John L. Lewis held a meeting with his union lieutenants - trying to find some way to persuade the strikers to obey the Lewis order, and go back to their jobs.

C.I.O.

The C.I.O. has expelled its California state council - charter revoked today by C.I.O. President Phil Murray . An investigating committee reported the California state council of the C.I.O. is red in color, and follows the Communist line. The National Labor Organization is busy expelling various left wing affiliates, and out goes the California council.

INTRO TO MRS VESTER

Jerusalem -- the Holy City -- is still in the headlines, almost every day -- the Israeli announcing that it has been made the capital of their new state; the Arab commander of King Abdullah's famous Arab legion, breaking with his Sovereign over the status of Jerusalem; and the insistence of the U N that Jerusalem be internationalized.

All of which reminds me of ^{at least one} a Jerusalem dream that has at last come true.

For nearly thirty years I ha^d~~ve~~ prodded Jerusalem's Number One citizen, urging her to write the story of her life, the experiences of an American protestant ^{family that} ~~who~~ has lived in Jerusalem for more than sixty years.

So, it is a ~~great~~ satisfaction to me to see ^{the} ~~her~~ book ^{at last} appear this week. The title of it is OUR JERUSALEM, An American Family In The Holy City, ~~xx~~ by Bertha Spafford Vester.

Mrs. Vester is one of the most attractive and interesting women I have ever known. Here's a curious thing about her: She never went to school a day in her life. Yet, she has written a fascinating book, and ~~on her feet~~ before an audience she is a brilliant speaker, with unusual poise and command of English.

Of course, her education has been unique; -- over sixty years in Jerusalem, through two world wars, and before that, under the Turks; And she ^{has} ~~known~~ ^{known} most of ~~them~~ ^{top} intimately, many of the ~~great~~ world figures of our time. *She even sat on the lap of "Chinese" Gordon!* Here's an idea that has just occurred to me. With this incredible background, Mrs. Vester ought to have her own regular hour on the radio. There are millions ~~of people~~ in this country who would enjoy hearing her stories of *her* sixty years in Jerusalem. ^{TR} She is in the studio this evening and I'm just going to ask her one question:

We call Jerusalem the City of Peace, Mrs. Vester, but I suppose there is no other city in the world that has had less peace. Isn't that so?

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MRS VESTER: True indeed. How tragically true!

As I recall, it was first stormed by King David's Army. His General, Abner, captured it from the Jebusites. Since then it has been destroyed more than forty times. Think of it, forty! Four times, completely, more utterly destroyed than the Japanese cities that were wiped out by the atom bomb. Titus, the Roman, had a difficult ^{time} storming Jerusalem. The siege lasted for four years. He was so angry by then that he had every stone removed. He plowed fields where Jerusalem had been, and even sowed the fields with salt so nothing would grow.

Then under the Roman Emperor ^{Hadrian} ~~Justinian~~

Jerusalem was so utterly wiped out that it even

after a few years, in the time of Justinian, lost its name, and for several centuries was called Aylia Capitolina. ^R During my lifetime in Jerusalem there has been anything but peace. A sheet from one of my beds provided the white flag for the surrender to Allenby during the First World War. ^R But, during my lifetime in Jerusalem it has grown. In area today it is ten times as ~~xxx~~ large as it was when I was a little girl. Not many years ago we always considered the population inside the Old ~~Wall~~ Wall ^{to be} ~~xxx~~ about five thousand. Today there are some thirty thousand Arabic peoples inside the wall, and they say over one hundred thousand Jews outside the wall.

LIT.

That was ^{quite a} ~~remarkable~~ tribute the New York Herald Tribune paid you on Sunday, Mrs. Vester, in that ^{(book} ~~big~~ review ~~that~~ said: "Our Jerusalem is a book no thinking American Christian should fail to read. It is inspiring."

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I would add to that that it should be
read by people of all faiths, ^{in nearly} ~~in~~ all countries.

RAIN

There has been a lot of talk about artificial rain, and various experiments have been made. But the reports in general have not been too optimistic. Today, we have an account of still another experiment, which was conducted by Dr. Irving Langmuir, the Nobel Prize winner. Dr. Langmuir, long noted for research at General Electric, is a pioneer in the study of artificial rain - and he, himself, tells the story. In a description given to the American Meteorological Society today, he relates what happened down in New Mexico - an artificial downpour, a deluge produced, a dry creek turned into a raging river.

We've long been hearing about the use of dry ice to make rain, and Dr. Langmuir has a new technique - which uses the smoke of the chemical silver iodide. This chemical smoke, generated on the ground, was sent drifting up into the clouds - cumulous clouds, the kind that billow high in the sky. The generator was put into action at half past five in the morning, and kept going for thirteen hours - using two-thirds of a pound of silver iodide, twenty dollars' worth.

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By ten o'clock there were flashes of lightning, and the downpour began. During the afternoon, an inch and a half of rain fell. It poured over a large area, and a dry creek, a western arroya, was turned into a river, rushing down into the Rio Grande. A total of three hundred and twenty billion gallons of water fell - ~~and you can compare that with the reservoirs of water short New York, which held two hundred billions.~~

The Nobel prize-winning scientist states that a thorough check was made to be sure that the downpour did not come from natural causes - not a case in which it would have rained anyway. He says it was definitely established that the smoke of silver iodide did the trick. ~~He~~ adds that new rain producing methods may change the entire face of the country.

GIRL

At Raymondville, Texas, there's a nineteen year old girl with a melodious Spanish name - Guadalupe Salazar. Tonight Guadalupe is in a hospital, being treated for internal injuries.

How did she incur these injuries? Well, her brother fell under an automobile.

Guadalupe is a farm girl, small and slight, a hundred and fifteen pounds - but she went into action in a big way when her small brother was pinned under that automobile, which slipped off the jacks propping it up. The boy would have died - but Guadalupe took hold of the back end of the heavy car, and raised it right off the ground, until her brother could crawl out. It took a mighty effort by the girl - so mighty that they had to take her to the hospital with internal injuries.

ADD GIRL

The latest - Guadalupe is out of the hospital tonight none the worse - after having been in intense pain. Gange men say she lifted as much as six hundred pounds.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT -- WOMEN

The Senate today voted to enact a Constitutional Amendment to guarantee equal rights to women. But the amendment would also guarantee the special privileges that women now enjoy - all the legal protection for their particular benefit. So there you have it, girls - it will make you equal in all things except those in which you are superior.

The vote in the Senate was sixty-three to nineteen, eight more than the two-thirds necessary for a Constitutional Amendment. The same thing will have to happen in the House of Representatives - and, if it does, the proposal will go to the states, three-fourths of which will have to okay within seven years.

Well, it should make rapid progress, since what man would not want to heap all benefits upon the ladies? And what ladies would not want to heap all benefits upon themselves? Complete equality, plus special benefits. ~~like having your cake and eating it~~

~~and you know how the girls like cake~~
Nelson - you couldn't by ^{remote} any chance
think of anything of special benefit for
the ladies now could you?