

IRAQ

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Dispatches from Baghdad are most uninformative - about the attempt on the life of Premier Kassem, today. A would-be assassin taking a shot at him - as he was driving through a street in the capital of Iraq. No word - whether or not the gunman was captured. Or - what the motive of the assassination-attempt might have been. ⁹~~P~~ Conditions in Iraq ~~are~~ so disturbed that the attempt on Kassem's life might have been the doing of an Arab nationalist. Seeking vengeance - for the mass executions a couple of weeks ago. Or, ~~possibly~~ a disgruntled Communist. Or, a member of ~~the~~^a rebellious Iraqi tribe.)

Kassem - hit in the shoulder. Eager to give public assurance - that he was not injured badly. Making a balcony speech from the hospital - where he was treated. Addressing a huge crowd - and then delivering a harangue on the Baghdad radio.

Vigilant precautions taken - against a possible uprising. Baghdad - under a strict curfew, tonight.

U.N.

At the U.N., an anonymous threat of death - against the Minister of State in Saudi Arabia, who is attending - the General Assembly of the world organization. Ahmad Shukary, told he would be killed, unless he stops his attacks against Israel.

Yesterday, in a bitter speech, he assailed the Israeli government. Today, somebody called on the telephone, and spoke to his secretary, making - the threat.

Tonight, a special security guard ^{was} assigned for the protection of the Saudi Minister of State while he's in this country.

KHRUSHCHEV

Khrushchev thinks - a summit conference will be held within the next few months. He made the statement at Vladivostok - on his way back to Moscow. After intensive talks - with the leaders of Red China, in Peiping. The actual words of the Soviet Premier were as follows:-

"The summit meeting, which may, apparently, be called this autumn or winter - will continue the exchange of views on problems agitating the peoples."

Obviously, he considers a top level parley - a continuation of the talks he had with President Eisenhower.

STRIKE

The steel strike negotiations - are off again. With a collapse of the emergency talks - one which President Eisenhower insisted. The Steel Workers Union - abandoning attempts to settle the eighty-five day walkout. At least - for the time being.

Today, David MacDonald, President of the Steel workers stated that, if President Eisenhower decides to take action under the Taft-Hartley Law, the Union will fight it - in the courts. But, if an injunction is granted, the steel workers - will abide by it.

Meanwhile, the Taft-Hartley action in the strike of longshoremen - is proceeding according to schedule. The presidential Fact-Finding Board - holding a hearing, today; preparing the way - for President Eisenhower to seek an injunction; which would halt the strike - for an eighty day period.

QUIZ

Two publicity men, who worked for the old TV quiz show, "Twenty-One", state that they were advised - to testify falsely before a grand jury; which was investigating the charge - that the quiz show was fixed. The two publicity men - well aware that contestants had been given questions and answers in advance.

Appearing before a Congressional Committee, today, Arthur Franklin and Alfred Davis said the advice was given to them - by Edwin Slote, an attorney for the producers of "Twenty-One."

All of which is denied by Lawyer Edwin Slote. Who claims - that the testimony today was motivated by "personal animosity."

At the hearing, two other witnesses declared - that, in appearances on the quiz show they were given questions and answers in advance.

LANZA

The death of Mario Lanza, in Rome today, raises an ~~odd~~ ^{concerning} ~~immediate~~ question - ~~of~~ the cause of his untimely demise.

Succumbing to a heart attack at the age of thirty-eight. ^PThis immensely popular tenor in the movies - famous for his ups and downs. ~~Especially~~ ^{Including} - ups and downs in the matter of poundage. Heavy - then, abruptly thinning down. Could that - have affected his heart?

~~Maria~~ Mario Lanza - with a gargantuan appetite for spaghetti and ravioli, ~~Putting~~ on - a huge lot of weight between pictures. ~~Then~~ dieting - and losing an equal poundage. They say that in preparation for the last film he made, he lost - fifty pounds.

Ups and downs - that might well impair health.

PAINTINGS

At the railroad freight station, Flagstaff, Arizona - a crate was lying around. A box - that had come in from Los Angeles. Nobody - claiming it. Then, it was picked up by somebody - from the Navajo Indian Reservation. Which lies - across the Arizona-New Mexico line. The medical dispensary there - expecting a shipment of medical supplies. So they supposed - these might have come along in the crate.

But, when they opened the box - no medical supplies at all. Instead - eighteen paintings. With them - some Italian newspapers, published in Naples.

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So they sent the paintings along to the New Mexico Museum of Art, at Sante Fe, where they examined the pictures, and said - they seemed to be Italian works of art of the Seventeenth or Eighteenth Century. Possibly - very valuable.

The assumption is that the paintings were smuggled out of Italy - which, by law, forbids the export of precious

art works. The consignment, in the course of smuggling operations - getting to Flagstaff, Arizona. And there - picked up accidentally by people from the Navajo reservation.

POLICEMAN

In Detroit - a couple of indignant policemen, who were on duty - at the wrestling matches in the Coliseum, when they were called upon to protect - the villain of the show, Rassler Ali Bey - a Moslem, who uses foul tactics.

Of course, everybody should know that those groan-and-grunt alleged contests - are strictly show business. That ^{old} ^{ie} mean Moslem, Ali Bey - probably an Irishman from Boston. Nevertheless, the crowd wanted to tear him - limb from limb.

So the two cops were escorting him from the ring. When somebody threw a chair - at the malicious Mohammedan. Ali Bey ducking - and the chair hit Patrolman Barry Wright. Who staggered - nearly flattened.

Whereupon, another infuriated customer hauled off - and took a swing at Ali Bey. Who - ducked again. The haymaker - landing on the jaw of Policeman William Berecki. Flattening him - I suppose.

The ^{muslimen muslimen} ~~murderous Moslem~~ emerging unscathed - followed by two damaged policemen. - Dick

BASEBALL

In Chicago - a ~~ridiculous~~ hero. Who was laughing at himself today. Ridiculing - his exploit ~~of~~ yesterday, at Los Angeles. Sherman Lollar - the heavy hitting catcher of the White Sox. One of the ~~very~~ few home-run muscle-men -- on the team of "hitless wonders." Lollar, yesterday - driving in the only run of the game. As the White Sox beat the Dodgers - one to nothing. He drove in that lonely run, by hitting - into a double play. With nobody out - the runner on third, scoring.

Lollar laughs and says: "That's the White Sox for you. We've learned how to squeeze - the most out of the least."

Quite an exploit, that. Winning a
~~A good enough description for that exploit of~~

World Series
~~winning the~~ game by hitting into a double play.