

LEAD

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- a few minutes ago -

[ The news has just come in that the Soviets are closing their consulates in New York and San Francisco, *- the only consulates they have in this country.* This announcement emanates from the official Moscow news agency, Tass. It is all a part of Russia's reply to the American complaint in the case of the two school teachers -- Washington demanding that Soviet Consul ~~km~~ Lomakin be recalled, because it is of his actions particularly in the case of Mrs. Kosenkina. Soviet Russia rejects our protests, and justifies Lomakin in every respect, saying that he acted properly in the face of American toleration of what the Soviets tonight call "criminal acts". That is, the alleged kidnapping of Mrs. Kosenkina.

So the situation is this: Moscow justifies Lomakin, *whose recall we had demanded,* ~~but we have asked that he be recalled,~~ So the Moscow answer is to close *their* ~~Lomakin's~~ consulate, ~~and also the Soviet consulate in San Francisco.~~ This would seem to be Moscow's way around the whole thing. ~~Being compelled to recall Lomakin they just shut the doors in New York and San Francisco,~~

MOSCOW

London gives us a summary of the results of last night's meeting at the Kremlin -- London having a way of getting out word from behind the scenes.

We are told that the western envoys, going to Stalin, were prepared to break off negotiations. In all their talks with Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister took a rigid position, stubborn, inflexible. So the western powers felt there was no use trying to go on negotiating, unless Stalin assumed a different attitude.

That's what they told the big boss of the Kremlin in that long talk last night -- nearly four hours long. The American, British and French envoys informed Stalin they had nothing more to say -- it was up to him to say something. If he didn't, if he took the same unyielding stand of Molotov -- there would be no more conferences.

So what did Stalin answer?

Today's dispatch, derived from diplomatic sources in London, states: "It would probably be too

much to say that Stalin climbed down. However, he ~~apparently~~ apparently did take a position sufficiently conciliatory, for talks to continue, and raise hopes that a start toward an agreement was in sight." The one certain fact is that the Moscow talks will continue. The news today is that the negotiations will go on. There have already been eight meetings with Molotov or Stalin, ~~each~~ or both, and now there'll be still more. The London word is that a four power statement to the world may be made within the next ten ~~or~~ days.

In Berlin, meanwhile, negotiations began today to ease the local Berlin ~~phase~~ phase of the cold war. The tense, menacing situation in the German capital has brought about a series of incidents, and might well produce one to blow the lid off.

The western commanders conferred with Soviet General Kotikov, discussing a proposal to move military forces of both sides from the danger area. That is, the border line where the city zones of the western powers meet with the Soviet section. ~~Especially at Potsdamer~~ <sup>Platz</sup> ~~square, a sort of Berlin Times Square, where the American~~



## MOSCOW-ELEPHANT

In Moscow today, the headlines were large -- but they had nothing to do with last night's meeting at the Kremlin. There was a mere brief announcement of the conference of the Western Envoys had with Stalin, the way the Soviet News Bureau has been handling the Kremlin talks all along. But anyway, the Moscovites today had something more important to consider, a bigger headline - baby elephant at the Moscow Zoo.

For some days now, Russian public attention had been focused on the birth of an infant pachyderm at the local zoological gardens -- and today, for the first time, the people were admitted to see the baby elephant. They came in droves.

~~(There is, to be sure, something odd ~~about~~ about the recent elephant genetics.)~~ The mighty pachyderm seldom ~~breeds~~ breeds in captivity -- a rare thing. But now there are two cases. The news has been telling of the birth of a baby elephant in Rome -- considered something of a wonder. So now a second case -- in Moscow.

In addition to all that, Russians have an



especial reason for marveling. I suppose it's because of their long contact with the lands of Asia, like India, home of the elephant. In any case, the Russians know how rare it is for an elephant to be born in captivity. They know it so well, that there's a classical expression in the Russian language. To indicate that something phenomenal has happened, they say: "An elephant was born." Well, an elephant really was born, in the Moscow Zoo.

~~The news is that, mother and baby are doing fine -- and there seems to be a normal family life. which is in contrast to the news from Rome -- where the mother elephant displays hostility toward the Baby Elephant. But it's different in Moscow, the story today relating how the papa elephant became too familiar with the little fellow. Whereupon Mama beat the dickens out of Papa. -Domestic life -- normal.~~

## BEAR

From Munich, Bavaria, a story of two G.I.'s in trouble. Over in Germany we have been having a lot of difficulty with the Russian Bear, and that should be enough. But now its a case of ~~XXXXXX~~ several brown bear in the Munich Zoo -- making life tough for those two G.I.'s.

The soldiers were having fun watching the big shaggy fellows romping and tumbling around. One G.I. was using his cap in a frolicksome way - and the next thing you know his cap fell into the bear pit. Whereupon he started down to retrieve that headgear so necessary in the army. The bear had just been fed, and were feeling playful -- they greeted that visitor with enthusiasm. They chased him around.

In the pit was a pool, and they chased him right into the water. He took a desperate dive. The bear went in after him and they had no end of fun - pawing the G.I., ducking him, holding him under water. He was nearly drowned.

The other G.I. up above, was frantic and

did everything he could to save his pal -- everything but venture ~~intaxing~~ down into the pool, where the ducking was going on. He took off his shirt, and held it down to his Buddy, intending to pull him up. The bear seized the shirt with their claws, and ripped it to pieces. Then -- heroism. The G.I. took off his pants, and held his army britches down to pull his buddy out. The bear seized the pants and ripped them to shreds.

(~~x So there were the two G.I.'s in desperate trouble -- the one being ducked and about to drown - the other in his BVD's.~~)

I don't ~~max~~ know ~~ix~~ how tragically the story might have ended, if the German bear trainer hadn't ~~not~~ come along just then. He chased ~~ix~~ away the playful animals, and soon the two G.I.'s were on their way back to their company headquarters, one waterlogged, the other without his trousers.



## SOLDIER

Plenty of people know what it is to have -- a terrible shock. So they'll sympathize deeply with Corporal Marion Williams of the Army. He had two terrible shocks.

The first came a few days ago in Germany, where he was on duty with the occupation forces. A message came through --- his wife had died. That was utterly unexpected -- because, the last the Corporal knew, his wife Grace at Indianapolis was in the ~~best~~ best of health.

The Army acted nobly, as the Army does in such cases. Corporal ~~Willix~~ Williams was put on a Trans-Atlantic plane, to take him home for the mournful event -- his wife's funeral.

He landed in New York, and immediately put in a long distance call to Indianapolis, to find out when the funeral would be held. He telephoned to his home - a tragic time to phone home. Then came the second shock, a ghostly shock. - When he got the Indianapolis number his wife answered. She was feeling

fine, no ghost at all - everything home was okay, the children, flowers in the garden, even the cat and dog.

Today the Army was explaining - some mix-up of names. The Army acted nobly in hurrying the Corporal to his wife's funeral, only it was all a mistake.

FORRESTAL

The riot act was read in Washington today -- read by Secretary of Defense James Forrestal. The dressing down was administered to three hundred senior officers in the Army, Navy and Air Force -- in the presence of the Chiefs-of-Staff of the three services. Secretary Forrestal told them to stop the wrangling, bickering and quarreling -- put an end to the inter-service war, which has been especially raucous between the Air Force and the Navy.

~~xxxx~~ Yesterday we heard that the secret parley held by the joint Chiefs-of-Staff at Newport had to do with dissensions within the Armed Forces, and today Secretary Forrestal followed up by serving notice on three hundred of the high brass that they would have to abide by the program laid down under the unified command -- and stop the argument.



HYDERABAD

The United Nations is faced with ~~x~~ still another problem -- that of Hyderabad. Which today filed an appeal to the Security Council, a demand that the U.N. take action to keep the new dominion of India from seizing the princely state. Nearly all of the potentates of Hindustan have yielded and joined up with the dominion -- but not Hyderabad. A state of war has been threatening, and now that <sup>huge</sup> principality in southern India appeals to the U.N. -- asking for international intervention.

GAEKWAR

From India:-- the Gaekwar of Baroda retains his throne. Or rather, he retains part of his throne. They've taken out a lot of the padding, the silken stuffing of the bejeweled cushions. Some of the diamonds and rubies are missing, not to mention a few yards of the cloth of gold.

A couple of weeks ago, we heard how the Gaekwar of Baroda had gone on what was called -- a ten million dollar spree. Which consisted of a trip to Europe and America -- a wild spending jaunt. (~~He didn't exactly blow in ten million dollars on one big bust.-- That would be a little expensive even for a prince of fabulous Hindustan.~~)

The money figure derived from the fact that, while the Gaekwar was having high ~~ix~~ jinx abroad, the news got out that he had taken ten million dollars ~~xxxxxxx~~ from the Treasury of Baroda -- without any proper accounting. So the Legislature of Baroda decided to depose the Gaekwar, and ~~ix~~ toss him out off his golden throne. whereupon he hurried home, to

face the music -- and Hindu music can be excruciating, ~~ix~~ if you've ever listened to it.

Today's dispatch from New Delhi relates that the Gaekwar had a showdown with <sup>deputy</sup> Premier Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He promised to repay the ten million dollars, to do which he'll have to mortgage his princely properties. Vast properties -- -- since the Gaekwar of Baroda is reckoned the second richest man in the world, second only to that other glittering Maharajah, the Nizam of Hyderabad.

Moreover, the Gaekwar has had to grant full governing powers to the assembly of Baroda, headed by Premier Kivraj Mehta. The Gaekwar will now be a sovereign in name only, a figurehead Maharajah, a puppet Gaekwar -- all because of the ten million dollar ~~ex~~ spree.



## GENERAL MOTORS

Another widespread pay boost in American industry -- General Motors announcing an all-around wage increase for its three hundred and thirty-three thousand employees. (~~To the vast majority of these it means a hike of three cents an hour.~~

~~This is because of the rise in the cost of living,~~) General Motors carrying ~~in~~ out its contract with the union -- the recent ~~in~~ contract that ~~it~~ provided flexible wage terms, a sliding scale. It was agreed that wages would be increased if the cost of living went up.

Today the labor bureau in Washington issued a report that prices hit an all-time high in the middle of July, one and two-tenths per cent over the top figure for June. So General Motors acts accordingly.

At the same time, a decrease of meat prices was registered today, (~~hogs showing a decline of from twenty-five cents to a dollar per hundred pounds. This, reported in western livestock centers, was~~) the second drop in two days.

The reason -- consumer resistance. A spokesman

of the Department of Agriculture attributes the sharp decline to the refusal of housewives to pay the high prices for meat. (~~This expert expert says, "there just doesn't seem to be the demand to support the kind of hog prices we had last week."~~)

## BABE RUTH

It is announced tonight that part of the money that Babe Ruth set aside for children will be applied to the ~~fight~~<sup>fight</sup> against cancer -- the malady from which the Babe himself died. The Home Run King was the idol of youth, and this he repaid by his rough devotion to what he called - the kids. He put part of his huge earnings into a foundation for the benefit of children. Now, it turns out that the Babe Ruth Foundation will participate in cancer research -- money to be provided for the treatment of child patients.



## EMERSON

Some of us who have read the works of the great New England philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson, may have wondered how he got that way - so transcendental. Today some light on the question was shed by a discovery in the world of literature and scholarship, - which may explain the lofty intellectual and spiritual heights of Emerson. Maybe he was born that way.

At Concord, Mass, carpenters were working in an old house, once the residence of both Emerson and Hawthorne. They ripped up ~~x~~ the attic, and found a packet of letters. These have been investigated, and one is found to be a letter from Emerson to his Aunt Mary in Boston.

At the time of writing, the future ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ transcendental philosopher was thirteen years old - a boy writing to his Aunt. At the age, that is, when most lads are thinking about digging up some worms, getting out hook and line -- and let's go fishing. ~~x~~ But the thirteen year old Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote as follows: "My Dear Aunt Mary, the sun has not ~~x~~ yet

illuminated the arch of heaven, nor begun to display his brilliant beams. This, I suppose, is the time to feel inspired," he wrote.

Then his inspiration takes the form of giving Aunt Mary some ~~such~~ observations about <sup>a now almost</sup> ~~passionaria~~

<sup>gotten</sup> French ecclesiastic of the Seventeenth Century, famous for his ~~pop~~ pulpit oratory.

<sup>And then</sup> The letter concludes: "But night, with sable wings, approaches, and compels me to bid you adieu."

~~The~~ So maybe that explains how Emerson got that way. -- Born that way.

And now Nelson as night with sable wings approaches!