

IRAN

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Net. Tremblant.*

Negotiations between Iran and Soviet Russia have broken down. Diplomatic talks ending in an outbreak of bitterness.

Moscow made proposals of Soviet aid , for the purpose, obviously - of getting Iran out of the Baghdad pact. So a Russian delegation went to Teheran, and the palaver was on.

No details about the conversations are given - except that there was an angry dispute. Which came about - when Russian foreign minister Semenov accused the Iran government of being a satellite of the West. To which the Iranian foreign minister, Ali Ashgar Hekmat replied: "as guests of this country, it is not proper for you to make such allegations."

The talk became heated, and the Soviet Iranian conference ended - with Seminov packing up and going home. Leaving Teheran yesterday - with no exchange of compliments.

TUNISIA

In Tunisia, the charge that friendly diplomatic officials have been using their diplomatic immunity - to protect a French spy ring. So stated by Tunisian President Bourguiba, today.

A new crisis ~~exists~~ between France and her former North African colony. Tunisia - firing forty-three French employees of the Tunisian postal, telephone and telegraph service. Their dismissal - now bringing to light the fact that they were feeding Tunisian government secrets to Paris. Aided - by French diplomatic officials. So says Bourguiba.

ISRAEL

Israel would like to export - an interesting commodity. Doctors - physicians. Israel oversupplied with M.D.'s.

Having one doctor ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{to each four-} hundred and fifty inhabitants. In the United States - one physician to every seven-hundred and ~~xx~~ ninety people.

In Jordan, next door to Israel, the figure is - one M.D. to every ⁷⁴⁰⁰ ~~seventy-four~~ hundred Jordanians.

The oversupply of medical men in Israel - easy to understand.]

^ Among Jewish refugees from Europe, many doctors. In addition to which - Israel has a flourishing medical school.

Actually, the super-abundance of surgeons and physicians - will increase in the next few months. Israel - expecting a large influx of refugees from Communist Romania. Among them - a considerable percentage of doctors and medical students.

So, today, the Israeli government stated -

they'd like to export men of medicine. Especially, to parts of Asia and Africa where medical talent is needed.

CHURCHES

At Geneva, the world council of churches, today, issued a statement. Concerning that ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic church, called - by Pope John the Twenty Third in behalf of christian unity.

The council states - there's "wide spread interest among the one hundred-and-seventy one Protestants, Anglican and Orthodox denominations in fifty countries which it represents. Interest - in the move made by the Vatican. To which it adds - "progress through unity is made when churches meet together on the basis of mutual respect."

The council says - there's no detailed information about the proposed ecumenical council, no explanation of how other churches may be invited to attend. So a specific decision cannot be made right now - on what the churches that are members of the council may ~~want~~ desire to do.

RACKETS

The Senate Rackets committee this afternoon heard a singular story -- about the notorious crime convention at Appalachin, New York. Called -- a conference of the chiefs of the underworld syndicate. Lieutenant James Mooney of the New York Police force told a committee that the New York police have information that a racketeer was being held in a garage outside -- the country home of Joseph Barbara, where the meeting was held. This racketeer in the garage was supposed to be killed. But the crime leader, in the convention let him off with a fine. The racketeer named Lombardézzi said to have been trying to muscle in on the jute box racket, for which reason he was condemned, then reprieved by the crime syndicate.

LINCOLN

Lincoln's birthday - hailed all over the world. In various countries, tributes honoring the great emancipator, On the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of his birth.

Even Moscow - chiming in. The official Soviet newspaper, Isvestia, stating: - "Americans may be justly proud of their great fellow countryman." But, Isvestia can't keep out a Russian angle. Noting - that this year is also the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and the United States. The old Russia of the Czars - exchanging envoys with the new Republic of the West.

Back in Eighteen Nine - the year Lincoln was born.

DULLES

Secretary Dulles will be operated on tomorrow morning -- about eight a.m. The State Department ~~xxxxxxx~~ says he has been resting and building up strength during his three days in the hospital, and is in fine shape for the surgery.

TRAIN

Three hundred passengers took a bouncing around - when a Washington to New York express ran into a mishap, North of Baltimore, thirty-two injured, none seriously.

On the Pennsylvania line, a steel beam eight feet long - fell off a freight train. Hit a rail on the track along side, and knocked the rail out of line. When along came the passenger train - doing eighty miles an hour. Six passenger cars running off the track bouncing over the ties. The passengers inside - tossed around like ~~a batch of~~ popcorn in a pan. *But only injuries - none fatal.*

WEATHER

The little town of Grand Rapids, Ohio is dramatic example of what's happening in a large section of the middle west. Down the streets, a rush of ice. Frozen masses -- smashing down telephone poles. Crushing automobiles - a destructive invasion of ice.

The Maumee River -- in flood. The stream -- a mass of ice floes. So, when the river poured into the town, it hurled along masses of ice.

All of which is multiplied many times along the Wabash. That large river, a fantasy of ice and flood. Huge ice jams - forming. And, mark if they break and are hurled along downstream -- they'll carry away a series of bridges. The deluge plus icebergs.

JAMES STEWART

Today, President Eisenhower - tried again. Seeking to create a Brigadier General - in spite of a lady Lieutenant Colonel, who blocked his efforts two years ago.

The President - wanting a promotion for movie actor James Stewart, who served in World War Two - emerging a Colonel. Then - becoming a reserve officer.

The lady Lieutenant Colonel - Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine. Also, an officer in the Reserve. In Nineteen Fifty Seven - she blocked the promotion of James Stewart, when the President sent it along to the Senate for confirmation. The lady lieutenant colonel ~~is~~ arguing - that, from the time since the end of World War Two, the movie actor had put in only nine days of actual training in the reserve.

However, President Eisenhower is trying all over again and we don't know what the Senator will do this time. Ike, himself, is quite a General.

Don,

But I suppose Hannibal, Caesar, or Napoleon might have had ~~xxxxx~~ trouble with a Lieutenant Colonel in skirts.

CUBA

In Cuba - a protest against the Castro regime. A loud complaint - against the beards and long hair.

Who's doing the squalking? You guessed it. The barbers. Business - declining in the barber shops. With all sorts of Cubans, wanting to look like Castro's insurgents.

So, today, the barbers union held a public meeting, and adopted a resolution. Stating - it was all right for Castro's guerrilla fighters in the mountains to go - without shave or haircut. But, now that the revolution has won out, the correct style should be - close shave and crew cut.