

FRANCE

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(The government at Paris today called eighty thousand new soldiers to reinforce the police and mobile guards in crushing the Communist campaign of strikes and sabotage. These eighty thousand were ^{summoned} ~~called~~ to the colors last week, and are now thrown into the battle against the Reds.) This determined measure followed a series of railroad wrecks caused by Red sabotage, the climax of horror being the wreck of the passenger express on the line from Paris to Lille. Twenty persons were killed, forty injured - when saboteurs removed a steel rail from the track at a curve and blocked the signalling system which would have warned the engineer in the locomotive. The train, speeding around the curve, hit the ~~same~~ ^{where} section ~~of~~ the rail that had been removed and ran off the track, ~~and~~ The two front passenger cars crushed against the locomotive.

(The ~~R~~ Red campaign turns to an orgy of sabotage, as the strikes appear to be waning. Far and wide the ~~the~~ government of Premier Schuman is using force to prevent Red strikers from using violence against workers who want to stay on their jobs

in defiance of Communist orders.)

Today, there were reports of a Red march against the National Assembly at Paris, but strong forces of police and mobile guards were stationed to prevent that - and the National Assembly, in spite of Communist uproar and tactics of delay, went ahead with the enactment of decrees to give Premier Schuman drastic authority to suppress what a Paris newspaper today called "camouflaged civil war."

terial (Late this evening, the French National Assembly *broke up a* ~~scrapped a tedious~~ Communist fillibuster and passed the third article of Premier Schuman's program designed to crush the wave of strikes by jailing the saboteurs. Drastic measures against ~~the~~ Communists passed by a majority vote of four-hundred-and-four to one-hundred-and-eighty-three.)



This new article that became law tonight empowers the French Government to impose fines of half a million francs and prison terms ranging from six months to five years on anyone interfering with the right to work; *and* fines of a million francs and prison terms of ten years for sabotage. The act also insures a right to work for all Frenchmen without interference, [^] a charter of liberty for French labor to combat the Red menace -- part of a *striking* ~~smashing~~ Parliamentary victory for the new French Government.

In London, meanwhile, Secretary of State Marshall is sending to Paris John Foster Dulles, second-ranking member of the American delegation. He goes on a mission to study the situation in France, in an effort to give Secretary Marshall an authoritative line on how things are likely to go. This is a vivid indication of the concern about the French crisis, the concern felt by our Secretary of State as he participates in the deliberation of the Foreign Ministers in London.

DE GAULLE (Follow FRANCE)

Meanwhile, in Paris, it is announced that General ~~Charles~~ De Gaulle, Number One enemy of the French Communists, has arrived in Paris tonight from Eastern France. The purpose of his visit -- to confer on Thursday with John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State Marshall's special envoy to Paris.

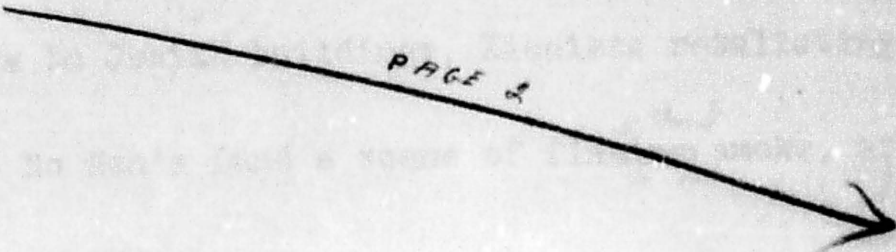
PALESTINE

Things ^{seem to} have quieted ^{down} in Jerusalem, ^{with} ~~thanks~~

to British troops ~~which~~ enforced ^{ing} a rigid curfew against riotous Arabs; ~~and took~~ strong action against Moslem mobs. ^{ff} The focus of violence in Palestine today was the Tel Aviv-Jaffa sector.

[^]In the No Man's Land between the two cities, a violent battle raged today, something like regular military operations -- between Jewish Tel. Aviv and Arab~~s~~ Jaffa. Last night we heard how Arabs and Jews had seized buildings, digging in for a battle -- and today the battle broke out. They fought from house to house, with pistols, rifles, machine guns, hand grenades.

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~~hand grenades~~. On the Jewish side, the official Zionist army, Haganah, fought side by side with its rivals, the extremist underground Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang. AT one point, a Jewish attack broke into Jaffa proper, penetrating as far as the mosque of Hassan Bey. [↑] British troops in armored cars intervened, attacking the guerrilla fighters, the battlers on both sides. They shot indiscriminately at anyone seen shooting. Armored cars dashed into the slum section of No Man's Land, British Tommies jumping out, taking cover, and ^{blazing} away at the hostile forces, either Jewish or Arab - when these made an attempt to attack or to snipe.

The battle went on in surroundings of houses aflame; Arabs setting fire to Jewish buildings, Zionists retaliating in the same way - No Man's Land a scene of flaming ^{and} smoke, as the battle went on.

^{And}, Other violence in other parts of Palestine, amid the circulation of wild rumors in the Holy Land - ^{especially at the great part of} ~~while in~~ Haifa -- while in neighboring Egypt, Cairo was a scene of bedlam ~~violence~~ today.

ARab students began a parade of protest against the United Nations decision which set up a Jewish state in Palestine, a parade which promptly turned to wild rioting. Mobs went storming through the streets attacking shops indiscriminately - assailing all and sundry in an indiscriminate orgy of terror, as if the infuriated rioters had gone crazy. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Denouncing American leadership in the U.N. decision to partition Palestine, they howled, "Down with America!" They tried to stage a march of destruction against the American Embassy - but were stopped by strong forces of police.


~~Latest tonight note at Harfa~~

~~At United Nations headquarters in America, meanwhile,~~

~~a British spokesman intimated today that Great Britain might delay the withdrawal of British troops from Palestine. He said specifically that London would refrain from naming a deadline for the withdrawal, until the United Nations Commission on Palestine gets organized. for its task of going over there and supervising the establishment of Jewish and Arab states - a mission certain to be packed with trouble. Also, the British~~

ADD PALESTINE

In Washington it was disclosed today that the Palestine troubles are giving grave concern to the general staff of the United States Army. A high military officer predicted bluntly that Soviet troops will occupy Palestine within a few months under the ^{pretext} ~~pretext~~ of putting down the conflict ^{between} ~~of~~ Jews and Arabs. He said the Soviets will move in easily with airborne troops and thereby establish a position on the Mediterranean; which seems to be ^{a number one objective of} ~~an important factor in~~ Soviet strategy. ^{The} ~~The~~ ^{United States} Army is alarmed about this Palestine possibility -- Soviet military intervention.



WASHINGTON (To follow ADD PALESTINE)

~~But~~ that statement by an American high military officer saying that the Soviet troops will occupy Palestine within a few months seems to have caused a behind-the-scenes row between State Department officials and the Army.

Tonight, responsible State Department officials, who insist on remaining as anonymous as the U. S. Army officer who made the statement, discounted ~~these facts~~ ^{all this} emphatically. Such statements, say the State Department officials, amount to a needless stirring up of trouble.

And Congress is split too -- almost evenly.

Some members deploring the Army officer's statements; others heartily agreeing with them. ~~Congressman~~ ^{Congressman} ~~Representative~~

~~Francis P.~~ Bolton of the House Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee which visited the Holy Land this summer says the only conceivable reason Russia joined in the U.N. Plan to partition Palestine was to get into that area in some superficially legitimate manner. ~~Congressman~~ ^{Congressman} ~~Representative~~ George J.

Bates, Republican of Massachusetts, says any Russian

desire to move into the Holy Land will be frustrated. ^πWhile State Department sources again insist that any Soviet move to enter Palestine will be a clear violation of the United Nations Charter. To which the high military spokesman replies that the Red Army would move in within a few months under a cloak of legality. Divergent opinions on the Soviet attitude towards events in the Holy Land.

OLYMPICS

It looks as if the United States might withdraw from the winter Olympic games. A resolution to that effect was passed today by the American Olympic Committee -- unless the team of the Amateur Hockey Association is kept out of the competition. The charge is that the Amateur Hockey Association, which our own athletic organization does not ~~recognize~~ recognize, is controlled by commercial interests -- which gives it a professional slant and makes it ~~ineligible~~ ^{ineligible} to appear in amateur competition.

Well, I happen to know that the question of amateur and professional is one that has bothered the American Olympic Committee a good deal. They've told me that in various winter sports, the European idea of what constitutes an amateur does not agree with ours. In skiing for example, our Olympic officials have felt that ~~we~~ ^{we} have been decidedly tolerant in okaying European skiers who over here might be considered to be slightly touched with professionalism. So now things have come to a head in the realm of hockey --

the U.S. Olympic Committee threatening to withdraw all entries from the winter games in Switzerland if the A.H.A. team is permitted to compete.

EMERGENCY BILL

Here's Congressional action on the Emergency Relief Bill to aid France, Italy and Austria in the battle for freedom. This afternoon the Rules Committee of the House of Representatives okayed the House Emergency Measure -- Five-Hundred-and-Ninety-Million-Dollars; which followed a warning from Veteran Congressman Eaton of New Jersey that Soviet Russia could take all of Europe by military invasion -- within twenty-four hours.

Here's a statement of philosophy that's worth noting - American business philosophy. It was made today by J. Howard Pew of the Sun Oil Company, in an address before the Annual Congress of American Industry in New York. ^{He was speaking} ~~J. Howard Pew spoke~~ as National Vice-President of the Association of Manufacturers, and set forth the following ideal for American industry.

"The primary objective of any business enterprise," said he, "should be to serve the public welfare, and it should pursue policies to that end. Inherent in such policies," [✓] ~~he~~ ^{Howard Pew} went on, "are warm human relations with and a fair deal for all employees - a constant effort through efficiency to improve products and services at lower costs for the consuming public; ^{and} participation as a good neighbor in the civic betterment of the communities where the enterprise does business."

All of which seems a well spoken summary of the aims that American industry should pursue.

DIAMOND

From India, ~~we have~~ word that the new government of the Dominion of Hindustan is going to make another demand on Great Britain. They are going to ask for -- the brightest jewel in the British Crown. Well, that phrase has been a popular expression for India itself -- which for so long was the prize possession of the British Empire, fabulous Hindustan. ^R In a more literal sense, the prize jewel of the British Crown is something else -- a diamond, the famous Kohinoor, ^{no less.} ^R The British Crown Jewels include a number of ~~large~~ magnificent ~~brilliant~~ stones, but undoubtedly the most brilliant in renown and glitter is -- the Kohir or. The history of that gem can be traced ~~as far back in India as the~~ ^{as far back in India as the} Fourteenth Century -- the great diamond presented to Queen Victoria by the East India Company in 1849.

^R I don't know what reply the British will make, but the word from New Delhi tonight is that the new government of Hindustan will demand that the Kohinoor be removed from the British Crown and sent back to India.

JOB

The Senate of the United States has acquired a new "reading clerk" - a functionary who recites legislative bills and documents before the assembled lawmakers. He is Edward E. Mansur, a thirty year old Navy veteran from Jefferson City, Missouri - succeeding the eighty-three year old John C. Crockett, who has retired after forty years on the job.

The new "reading clerk" won out in a competition, the finals of which were held in Washington today. After various eliminations in a series of trials, three contestants were left, and they engaged in a mighty contest to qualify. Who was the best at reading aloud the kind of prose that a Senate clerk is required to read - dull, complicated and full of statistics; legislative bills and documents being that way. The prize of the verbal marathon went to the Navy veteran from Jefferson City largely because of the way he rattled off the figures, smooth and correct, never missing a digit.

Well, I congratulate him, and am mighty glad that I didn't have to enter that competition - especially reading off

the figures. I can always pull a boner while reading something, and am especially good at balling up the figures. Once on this program, I recall, I told a story about a midget, a tiny midget, he was two-feet-six inches tall - but I got that balled up and said he was a midget who stood six-foot-two. [#] I'm also clever

at leaving out the word "thousand" now and then, saying for example that the attack in the battle was made by a powerful force of fifteen men. Just the other day, I varied that by adding the word "thousand", where it should not have been.

In a story about the adoption of the Palestine Partition Plan by the United Nations, the news told of ten Zionists standing against the wall in the Assembly Hall - as if at the ancient Wallir Wall in Jerusalem. I got twisted on that, and told of ten thousand Zionists standing at the wall. *in the "N. hall."*

So, if I were reading clerk in the Senate, I might inform the legislators that the ~~in~~ public debt ~~of~~ the United States now amounted to two-hundred-and-fifty-eight dollars - instead of two-hundred-and-fifty-eight billion. Whereupon I'd get fired.

WOLF

In New York State they ~~are~~^{are} having an argument about wolves. The Conservation Department in Albany is in a controversy with Lewis County. -- When is a wolf not a wolf? Lewis County, ⁱⁿ the rural regions away upstate, -- claims that packs of timber wolves are roaming the forests of the Adirondacks, such a menace that the County has put a bounty on wolves -- twenty-five dollars for each one killed.

To this the State Department of Conservation replies that there are no wolves in New York State. "We get these reports of wolves periodically," said a spokesman today, "but the last authenticated wolf killed in ^{the} ~~New York~~ State was back around the turn of the century. There hasn't been a genuine one seen in the state in nearly fifty years."

Yet up in Lewis County, Josuah Tooker, local hunter, walked in and claimed a twenty-five dollar bounty, ~~is~~ displaying the pelt of what he called "a brush wolf." But Conservation authorities make a scornful ~~reply~~ retort, saying the critter was probably a dog, ^{or} ~~and~~ what they

call -- "a dog-coyote hybrid." That is, a cross between a dog and a coyote.

They explain that dogs, probably German shepherds, which ~~would~~ look like wolves, may have heard the call of the wild and gone back to savage nature. Also, young coyotes may have been brought to New York State from their native habitat in the West, brought in as pets -- and then run wild. The coyote, by the way, is not rated as a wolf. It's a kind of American jackal. ^P Maybe, they are cross-breeds, ^{of} dog and ^{coyote.} ~~fox~~ ^{TP} In other words, when is a wolf not a wolf?

Nelson, would you know?

MEAT-OF-THE-WEEK CLUB

In Denver, Colorado, Butcher Kuehn has come up with a new one -- a meat-of-the-week club -- ~~his idea to lick high meat prices~~ an anti-inflation program for customers who can't afford ~~the~~ current sky-high prices for chops and steaks.

And how does Butcher Kuehn work his meat-of-the-week club? It's quite simple. Each week, each customer buys a membership card for One Dollar, this card entitling him or her to meat at wholesale prices, and then each month, there's a meat dividend^d -- a free cut of meat for the lucky members of the meat-of-the-week club.

And ^{he is} ~~Kuehn is~~ sure it will work -- so sure that in his window, he has a card over a piece of round steak, saying, "Look, seventy five cents a pound now -- Monday, it'll be forty cents a pound. Join the meat-of-the-week club!"

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Shall we sign up, Nelson?