

BAGHDAD

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Date line - Baghdad!

A meeting began, today, of the members of the "Baghdad Alliance". ^{The line-up} ~~Expanding up~~ of Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, and Great Britain. An anti-Communist barrier - extending from the Black Sea to the Himalayas. Delegates of the five nations - gathering in Baghdad.

Today, they made a plea to the United States - asking this country to join the "Baghdad Alliance". Right now, *we* ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~we're~~ ~~being~~ playing the part of a friendly observer. But they want us to become - a full member.

Much of the discussion, today, concerned the Israel-Arab crisis. All the more important - because one member of the alliance, Iraq, is an Arab state. Today, the Premier of Iraq ^{- what he has said before -} told the meeting that his country would go to the aid of any Arab state, in case of aggression by Israel.

Which stand, by one of the members of the "Baghdad Alliance", would further complicate the Middle Eastern situation.

ISRAEL

Israel, today, accused Egypt of fomenting incidents, not only along its own border. But also - ~~along~~ along the border of Jordan. In Jerusalem, an Israeli spokesman ^{insisted} ~~declared~~ that the Egyptians are training Jordan guerrillas. To go back to their own country, and make raids in Israeli territory.

In Washington, Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Moshe Sheratt of Israel ^{said, again, that} ~~declared~~ his country will buy weapons from Soviet Russia, ~~if~~ - unable to get armament from the United States.

MOROCCO

New violence in Morocco, today - after a weekend of terrorism. Twenty people killed - eighty injured. The trouble came, today, when Berber tribesmen besieged a French military headquarters. Threatening a massacre - before they were persuaded to retire.

Meanwhile, the newly restored Sultan, Sidi Mohamed Ben Youssef, is trying to form a cabinet - a strong regime to ~~bring about~~ ^{enforce} order.

MALAYA

The authorities in Malaya have ordered a resumption of warfare against the Communist guerrillas. A campaign to be launched against the Reds - in Central Malaya. Recently, there was hope for peace. Negotiations going on - between Malaya and British authorities on the one side, and the Communists on the other. A sort of armistice - supposed to be on. But this was interrupted by a Communist attack - the largest in many months.

The Reds - assailing a place in the highlands north of *central* *Malayan city of* Kuala Lumpur, ~~the~~ capital of the ~~Malayan~~ Federation. So now, in response - a new drive against the Reds.

INDIA

mobs estimated at

Wild riots in Bombay - ~~mobs~~ ^{of} three hundred thousand raging through the streets, ~~Burning~~ ^{and} buses fighting the police. Who opened fire - four times. At least one rioter - killed, seventy-eight arrested.

The police had to use drastic measures, because the mobs not only bombarded them with stones. But, also, threw acid.

The reason for the maddened violence - a strictly political decision. The Nebru government ~~is~~ - dividing the old Bombay state into three provinces. The mobs - protesting against this reorganization.

- a state called

One of the new provinces ~~the~~ Maharashtra ~~State~~.

is the/ itself
Another - Bombay, that ~~huge~~ ^{city} to become a state, ~~by itself~~ *apart from*
old Bombay province,

Most of the people in Bombay - are ~~under~~ ^{of} the Maharashtra group.

So they want the city to be included in that state.

The sedition broke out yesterday - incited, we are told, by Leftist elements. Today - the mad rioting.

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Well, Bulganin and Khrushchev are in India - getting

a big reception. The two Soviet leaders - to make a tour of

Hindustan. The Nehru government - picking the spots. ^{They} ~~But I will~~

~~were expecting to go to Bombay. But I~~
~~bet they won't pick Bombay for Bulganin and Khrushchev to do~~

~~any sightseeing.~~ wonder if they will?

MOSCOW SUBWAY

In Moscow, a big meeting has been called for Saturday - a meeting of the architects of the Soviet Union. They^are to comeⁱⁿ from all over; ~~and~~ gather in Moscow - for a review of the Soviet architectural program. In particular - the question of mass construction of buildings. This - following criticism that Soviet architects have run wild, with ornate and expensive elaboration. Too much - trimming.

Today's Moscow dispatch says - it's believed there'll be a purge of architects. The volume of criticism - increasing. Reaching finally, for a climax - ^{down into} ~~at~~ the Moscow subway.

Which certainly must ~~have been~~ a shocker for the citizens of Moscow. Those^{worthy} proletarians - immensely proud of their subway. Calling it - the most beautiful in the world.

Foreign visitors admit - the Moscow subway is really handsome. Especially compared with the New York subway - ^{which} shabby, ugly, dirty, and a horror for the straphangers. Almost any other subway would be fine by comparison, and the ^Moscow

subway - a dream. However, foreign visitors have remarked that it may be - too dreamy. So full of ornament, it's in bad taste.

Today, Deputy Mayor Promyslov of Moscow, in an article, writes - "Looking at certain stations, the question naturally arises: Why so much sculpture, bar reliefs, panels, and mosaics?" Some of the stations look like misplaced art galleries, or - underground palaces.

The Moscow Deputy Mayor says it's the result of - a "fashionable malady" of ornamentation. Too much trimming, altogether.

BRAZIL

Brazil plunged into a new political crisis today. President Cafe' giving notice - that he has recovered from his illness. And so - is resuming the presidential office.

Affairs in Brazil are complicated. The political troubles - going back to a presidential election. Candidate Kubitschek - winning out. Becoming - the President-elect.

President Cafe' was ill. In his place, an Acting-President, Carlos Luz. But the Army deposed the Acting President, Believing - that he might prevent the President-elect from taking office. So they installed a new Acting-President -- Ramos. Now - in office. With ailing President Cafe' declaring - he's okay. Assuming the office of President, again.

But, we hear - the Army will reject this. Believing - that President Cafe' would also try to block the inauguration of the President-elect. Today, Army forces surrounded the presidential palace in Rio, and took control of other strategic centers. Brazilian politics ^{often are} ~~can be~~ complicated. - ~~and~~ ^{this time} even more so.

ARGENTINA -

There's a report that, in Buenos Aires, the body of Eva Peron was found "on a table in a room at the headquarters of the Federation of Labor. Covered with a white shroud, and perfectly preserved." The beautiful Evita, surrounded by ~~ver~~ evergreen plants.

The report is printed in "Time" magazine today, and recalls a statement by Peron that his wife eventually, would lie beneath a monument larger than the statue of Liberty.

POPE

The Vatican confirms the statement in an Italian magazine - that Pope Pius had a vision of the Saviour. As he lay near death - in December of last year.

The story is that, at the crisis of his illness, the Pontiff lay alone. He thought his end was near at hand, and was whispering a prayer. "In the hour of my death, call me." As if in response, the figure of the Saviour appeared at the bedside. In, what is called, "traditional form". Which would seem to mean - the form in which Jesus is pictured, ~~conventionally~~ conventionally, in religious paintings.

The account says - the vision lasted for several seconds. After which - the Pope grew better. And in time, made a good recovery.

The Vatican gives no details. Merely confirming the story - as published.

DUKE

Here's a situation to give any movie producer a headache. You invite a distinguished guest, to a premiere of your latest picture. So, when he sees it, what does he say? He makes a criticism that causes you to shoot a new sequence - at a cost of ^{more} ~~some five~~ ⁵⁷ thousand dollars.

It happened in London. The film - "Cockelshell Heroes". The distinguished person at the premiere - the Duke of Edinbough, husband of Her Majesty, the Queen.

Well, the Duke sat watching the picture - which presented an episode of the Second World War. A commando raid by British marines, in Nineteen Forty-Two. ^{Paddling in canoes,} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ slipping into a French harbor - and blowing up German cargo ships, by attaching mines to their hulls.

When it was over, ~~he~~ Duke spoke to the producer, and said: "Jolly good film. But I suppose you chaps do know why this raid was really made. I'm surprised you did not go the whole way - and tell the world the whole reason."

The producer replied - he understood the raid had been

made to stop fast Nazi cargo vessels from breaking through the British ~~brigade~~ *blockade*,

"Not just that," said the Duke of Edinburgh. "Those ships were to take radar equipment to the Japanese."

That was the point - the Japanese having no radar, at the time. In the history of ~~ix~~ the U.S. fleet, you'll find - American warships were able to score surprising successes in battle at night. In pitch darkness, they were able to spot Japanese warships by radar. While remaining invisible to the Japs - who didn't have radar then.

In London, the word is today - that the movie producer has ordered the shooting of a new scene to cover that radar angle.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower, today, presided over his first important government conference, since his illness. A meeting - of the National Security Council.

This was held at his Maryland camp - in the Catacton Mountains. The President - driving by car from his Gettysburg farm. Seventeen high officials, including Vice-President Nixon, flew from Washington - ~~six~~ in Army helicopters. ~~The camp, covered with snow, and the helicopters came down in quick succession. After which, President Eisenhower went into top affairs of government - with the National Security Council.~~

COURT MARTIAL

At Fort Lewis, Washington, the Army, today, began the trial - of the first West Pointer ever to be court-martialed on a charge of collaborating with the enemy. Lieutenant Colonel Paul von Liles of Birmingham, Alabama, a much decorated officer.

His defense is that he acted friendly toward the Reds - only because he hoped he could plot a mass helicopter escape from a prison camp in North Korea.

The Lieutenant Colonel graduated^a from West Point in Nineteen Forty-One - and was captured while serving as a military adviser to a North Korean regiment.

STORM

Nova Scotia reports - the worse^t November blizzard in history. A foot of snow, blown by winds up to sixty miles an hour. ^{Piling up} ~~which piled~~ enormous drifts - that isolated small towns and villages. Roads blocked- communications down. A nightmare - of snowdrifts.

SHIP

Yesterday, at Plymouth, Massachusetts, a rescuer said: "It was an awful decision to make But it was eight lives-against two." A tragic thing to say - for two men had to be left to their fate. Left - to be swallowed by the engulfing sea.

The schooner "Snow Maiden" was sinking in the storm, off the coast of Massachusetts. A Coast Guard boat with four aboard, went to the rescue. ~~in~~ Aboard the doomed sailing ship - a crew of six.

In a raging sea, the Coast Guard boat was able to save four of the six, taking them aboard. But that was all.

The storm was growing worse, and there were now eight - in the Coast Guard boat. Which was all it could hold. Two remained aboard the schooner - and they had to be abandoned. Trying to save them would merely have meant - the loss of everybody.

Hence the tragic statement: "It was an awful decision to make, but it was eight lives against two."

The schooner "Snow Maiden" sank - down to Davy Jones - and, back in port, there was mourning for Frederick White of Cohasset, Massachusetts, and David Fulton of Montreal. They were the two, left to their fate - victims of sea and storm.

Then

^ today, who should show up - but Frederick White and David Fulton. Safe and sound - and cheerful.

As the schooner sank, they managed to get off in a

But they were not swamped, and
dory. Which they couldn't row - the sea too wild. ~~But~~ the wind

and the tide carried them - until the dory bumped against the

at Plymouth. Where!
town dock. ~~They~~ were pulled out okay - returning, it seemed, *Hugh,*

2 from a watery grave.