

PARIS CONFERENCE

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At the Paris conference of the Deputy Foreign Ministers, the U.S. charged today that the Red satellites have violated peace treaties by building up armies. This with the "connivance of Soviet Russia". American delegate Philip Jessup demanded that the question be put on the agenda of any full scale meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four, if such can be arranged. Red Bulgaria, Hungary, and Rumania massing military forces far beyond the limit provided by the peace treaties.

JUGOSLAVIA

An alarming report comes from Jugoslavia, where an official communique stated today that ~~xxx~~ trenches were being dug on the Bulgarian side of the border. Yugoslav Marshall Tito ~~xxxxx~~, is, of course, a Communist at bitter odds with Soviet Russia, and the statement today is all the more ominous because the Jugoslavs declare the trenches, the fortifications, on the Bulgarian side of the border are being constructed under the ^{direction} ~~direction~~ of Russian officers.

MARSHALL

Secretary of Defense George Marshall says he believes the world situation is "more serious now than it was last November". He made the declaration at a news conference in ~~WKKK~~ which he urged passage of legislation for Universal Military Training. He didn't go into details about the world peril, merely saying it is -- "more serious now than last November."

FOLLOW MARSHALL

Secretary Marshall also clarified the authority that General Douglas MacArthur has in Korea. He stated today that MacArthur's forces have the right to go as far beyond the Thirty-Eighth Parallel as is necessary for military security. But this does not include a sweep into North Korea. "Any general advance" said the Secretary "is a matter for political decision, not military."

MACARTHUR

(A dispatch from Tokyo states that General MacArthur offered to negotiate with the Chinese Reds - because he considered it a military affair. Which declaration comes in answer to complaints made by the ~~the~~ State Department, the diplomats contending MacArthur stepped into the political ~~xxxx~~ arena) -- when he said he would be willing to talk Armistice terms with the Communist commander on the battlefield. Well, I suppose ~~the~~ you would call that military -- since it's as old as history for two commanders to arrange a Truce.

(At MacArthur headquarters, belief is said to be that President Truman will reject any effort by the State Department to gag the Supreme Commander.)

(Last January the President said MacArthur was free to say anything he pleased about the Korean war, and the word is that relations between Truman and MacArthur are ~~so~~ cordial -- improving ever since they had their meeting on Wake island last autumn.)

KOREA

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The news from Korea is much the same -- mopping up. Along the 38th Parallel U.S. troops today were cleaning out pockets of Reds -- finishing off a Chinese Division at one place, and trapping three battalions north of Seoul. The enemy still appears to be massing forces along the Parallel for a new stubborn defense -- although on the east, the South Koreans crossed the borderline today in considerable force, encountering no resistance.

WILSON

Next Monday a report will be issued showing the progress of American ~~re~~ rearmament in the past three months. Today Defense mobilizer Charles E. Wilson said it will give an impressive picture of the ~~Swift~~ growth of American military power. "I would be frightened by that report" says he, "if I were a principal enemy of the United States. And ^{he} adds: "America~~s~~ has in sight now the might that, I think, will forestall any enemy from attacking us." In other words, enough ~~re~~ military power to deter Soviet Russia from starting a third World War. -- or, at least, so thinks our defense mobilizer.

But he warns against another enemy - inflation. ^{He} says he's discouraged by the rise of prices, and ^{that} we can be defeated by -- inflation.

ATOMIC

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Here's ~~an~~ a prediction that we will have atomic powered submarines within a year. So stated today by Senator Magnusson of Washington, who is on his way to Japan. In San Francisco, he told news men that a small model is already in operation. And that Navy men say they will have a full scale ^{sub} atomic submarine going within a year -- capable of more than twice the speed of ~~an~~ any known submarine right now.

Washington announces the award of a Congressional Medal of Honor, the sixth to be granted in the Korean war. General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will present the decoration to the hero's father -- and the reason for that is told by the citation.

Last fall, at the town of Sagu, Sergeant William Jecelin of Baltimore was leading his squad in battle. (They were making a bayonet charge, and three times they were stopped by a rain of fire. Three times the Sergeant rallied them, and on they went. Finally, they were pinned down by a murderous hail of bullets, and twenty year old Bill Jecelin was calling for another advance.)

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At that moment a Red soldier threw a hand grenade, and it landed in the middle of the squad. There was not an instant of hesitation, as the young sergeant threw himself upon the grenade, and took the full shock of the explosion -- saving his comrades.

The army citation ~~is~~ says: "His incredible

courage, and willingness to sacrifice himself for his comrades, so embued them with fury that they completely eliminated the enemy force." You can imagine the way those G I's went at the Reds to avenge the Sergeant who gave his life for them -- and is now awarded, posthumously, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

NARCOTICS

Testimony was given in Washington today that Red China is pouring opium into the world market, the Communists exporting dope for illicit sale in the countries of the west. ~~Re~~ Federal narcotics commissioner Harry Anslinger stated this to the Senate Crime Committee, and added that Chinese opium will be smuggled into the United States by way of Japan. The scheme of the drug-peddling Reds is to get their vicious cargoes into Japan, and then sneak them across the Pacific.

(Saying this, the narcotics commissioner, urged Congress to take action for a stronger crackdown on the drug sellers in the United States -- heavier jail sentences, more federal agents to hunt down the ~~me~~ merchants of dope. He said drug addiction is ~~ixi~~ increasing, particularly among - "young hoodlums." They become addicted, and then go into crime to get the money for marijuana and heroin - which are expensive.)

TEXAS CRIME INVESTIGATION

Texas began its crime investigation today, and led off with Colonel Homer Garrison, head of the Public Safety Department of the Lone Star State. He says that Eastern racketeers have moved into Texas, and are running their usual kind of underworld. But *that* this has happened only since the Second World War.

"Before the war," says the Colonel, "those eastern racketeers thought Texas was a land of cattle and cowboys." So they stayed out of what they thought was the wild west - but, since then, they have learned that Texas is a land of money.

(The head of the public safety department told a crime investigation committee that in Nineteen Forty-Six, the Capone gang from Chicago tried to invade - and, in Dallas, offered bribes to the Sheriff-elect Steve Guthrie. They wanted him to open Dallas to gambling. But the Sheriff-elect ■■ refused, and one of the visiting racketeers got a term in the State penitentiary. There were two of them, and the other left promptly for Chicago.)

Colonel Garrison then went on to the subject of Mickey Cohen, the Los Angeles gambler, who has been in the Texas headlines from time to time. He said that ~~Mickey~~ Mickey Cohen went to Houston last year to contact a former partner of Bugsie Siegal, the Los Angeles gambling boss who was murdered a couple of years ago. Cohen was accompanied by a henchman, who had in his possession thirty-three thousand dollars in cash. Just what the money was for, the Colonel didn't explain. - ^{he} But said the alleged Hollywood gambling boss found things in Houston much too hot. He left hastily without making the contacts he planned.

~~All of which is background for the fact that~~

TR The Texas crime investigating committee has called on Mickey Cohen to appear, and testify. But Cohen, in Los Angeles, says he can't make the trip to Texas, hasn't the carfare - flat broke. Nevertheless, the crime investigators at Austin took action today, voting unanimously to cite the West Coast gambler for contempt. That, if they get him, could mean a large fine and a year in ~~state~~ *state Texas jail.*

CRIME INVESTIGATION

It is disclosed now that Senator Tobey was under guard at the hearings by the Senate Crime Investigating Committee in New York - when the Senator from New Hampshire, with his vigorous words and gestures, was ^{one of the stars of the show,} ~~a star of that famous television show.~~ The Senator says he was "guarded constantly", after he had received threatening letters. He got three, all anonymous -- menacing him with bodily violence because of the prominent part he was playing in the quiz on crime.

In Washington, ~~meanwhile,~~ Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder says he is establishing a special section in the Treasury Department to look into the income tax returns of what the secretary calls -- "major league criminals." Establishing a "fraud section" to do a job on the tax returns of gamblers and racketeers. Object -- to send them to jail for tax evasion/

SPORTS

A blast against college sports comes from a Senator, once a college star. Senator Fullbright, some years ago was a triple-threat ~~xxx~~ half-back on Arkansas football teams -- later a college President. Today he told the Senate why basketball games are fixed. He blamed the alumni.

He said the alumni have, in his words -- "become so intent upon winning football and basketball games that they use any means to gain their ends. They hire players ~~xx~~ who are not bona fide students, thus making a mockery, a farce of the whole concept of amateur sports.

All of which makes college sports a big money game -- and this, said the Senator, "leads naturally to betting and other shocking episodes of widespread bribing of basketball players in New York.

"I find it difficult to blame the players", he declares.

"They are but following a logical sequence of influence ~~xxxxxxx~~ beginning with the corruption of

the sport at its source, by pressure from the alumni.

The former Arkansas football star and college President gave the alumni an unmerciful lashing.

"They corrupt, not only the hired players" said he, "but also the entire student body, who learn from their elders the cynical, immoral doctrine that one must win at all cost."

This was stated as Fullbright urged the Senate to set up a commission to study what he called "the problem of ethical standards of conduct in public affairs."

FOLLOW SPORTS

The latest -- New York (three more basketball players were arrested tonight. Three members of the team of the City College of New York are accused of taking bribes to throw games. They are members of last year's championship team.) One is also a member of this year's C C N Y basketball outfit. District Attorney Hogan calls it a "brand new" basketball scandal.

JUDGE

Albuquerque, New Mexico gives us a singular story -- the drama of a judge. They're preparing to try a woman physician. Dr. Nancy Campbell, on a kidnapping charge -- and today Judge Waldo Rogers withdrew from the case. ~~(The attorneys for both~~

~~prosecution and defense want him to stay and preside over the trial, but the Judge says: "In view of the notoriety I have received in the past few days I thought it best if I did not participate in the case."~~

The "notoriety" to which the Judge refers is ~~the strange story~~ -- the Judge ~~xxx~~ himself having been a kidnap victim when he was a small child. Forty years ago back in Nineteen Eleven, it was a New Mexico sensation -- three year old Waldo Rogers abducted, and held for a twelve thousand dollar ransom. After much headline excitement, the little boy was recovered, the kidnapers were arrested. They turned out to be an uncle of the ~~child~~ and an escape^d convict.

Both were put on trial and ~~xxx~~ convicted of -- burglary. That was because, in New Mexico at

the time, there was no law against kidnapping on the statute books. Curious omission - and it was brought forcefully to public attention by the abduction. So at the next session of the legislature an anti-kidnap law was enacted -- and this is the same law under which the woman physician will be tried.

So you see the drama of the judge - when a curious turn of life and coincidence called upon the one-time kidnap victim to preside over a kidnap trial, and administer a law passed as a result of his own childhood abduction. Too much drama for Judge Waldo Rogers, who hands the case over to another magistrate.

SWALLOWS

Here's a bit of news that may be embarrassing to California. The swallows of San Juan Capistrano may have got lost this year -- as indicated by a dispatch from Texas.

— Texas —

At the town of Edinburg, a local citizen named J. A. Tiffin has been having his troubles. He reports the arrival of some two thousand swallows, ~~and~~ ^{with} the birds ~~decided~~ ^{determined} to make his chimney their home. They packed themselves in solidly. He pulled out four or five hundred, but there were a lot more.

Whereupon he did just what you would expect. He lighted a fire, hoping to smoke the birds out. But the swallows wouldn't budge. ~~(They merely blocked the chimney, and the Tiffin family got smoked out.~~

~~So now they are trying it all over again, wearing gas masks - and, at last reports, more than a thousand swallows were driven out by smoke. But several hundred still remain, The hope is that they will be chased out today.~~

The Texans believe the swallows are the

migrating flock famous for returning each year to the mission of San Juan Capistrano in California. (If so, something has gone wrong with the celebrated birds -- and I wouldn't want to hurt anybody's feelings by suggesting that the swallows of Capistrano have become unfaithful to California, and prefer to remain deep in the heart of Texas.)

LION

They had a lion hunt down at Palm Springs, California today - with a crowd of nimrods consisting mostly of social register blue bloods and film stars from Hollywood. They staged a safari, with a climax that would make a hit in any motion picture.

A three ring circus was imported by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hopps - Mr. Hopps a Rhode Island insurance executive. They planned a circus party on the lawn of their winter home at Palm Springs. So three lions were brought from the California jungle compound, and were being transferred from their traveling cage into a large circular cage for the animal act. As this was being done something went wrong, and one of the animals, a lioness, managed to squeeze out - and off she went into the desert. Her name is Martha, which sounds mild ^{enough; but} ~~and~~ she is one of the largest lions in captivity.

The whole Palm Springs area was thrown into an uproar, and the lion hunt was on. Among those who took part ^{in the safari} were Sonie Henie, William Powell, Gordon Macrea. Allen Jones -- not to mention other ^{Hollywood hunters.} ~~people~~

~~from Hollywood.~~

The lioness was cornered against a wall, whereupon the celebrities were mobilized, and each given a chair -- according to the old way that animal trainers ~~xxx~~ have in fending off an attack. They formed up in two rows, leaving an aisle for the lioness to get out -- at the other end was her cage. All the while policemen stood by with high powered rifles, in case Martha should happen to charge the movie stars. Then the professional animal trainer shooed Martha along and into her cage.

Later he said: "She was probably more frightened than any of the guests. She just wanted to get back home to her cage." Movie stars terrifying *the* Queen of Beasts. Sounds odd, but anyway, the Lioness didn't even stop for an autograph. After which the circus party went on.

And now from Sun Valley, Idaho, we switch back to you, Nelson.