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Soviet Russia makes a counter proposal -- in the negotiations for ~~holding~~ a conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four in Washington. This has been deadlocked because of a Moscow demand that the agenda ~~must~~ include the North Atlantic Security Pact and American bases in Europe.

A few days ago a joint note from the western powers rejected the ~~new~~ demand. ~~So~~ now Moscow replies by saying - that Russia is willing to have its own treaties with Red satellites put on the agenda. ~~The form of~~ The Moscow proposal goes like this: "We don't mind having our treaties on the program, so we cannot understand why you ~~should~~ should refuse to have yours put up for discussion."

This was handed by Soviet Deputy Gromyko to the Deputy Foreign Ministers in ~~the~~ Paris today. The Paris dispatch calls it "horse trading". If so, the nags are not likely to be swapped - a western spokesman stating that the North Atlantic Pact is a

treaty between twelve nations and all these would have to be represented in any debate on the subject.

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SUB LEAD IRAN

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→ Great Britain will do whatever is necessary to protect British lives in Iran. That was stated in the House of Commons ^{again} today by Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison. We hear that the ~~the~~ London government has an emergency plan, but nothing official is being said about it. There might be a mobilization of commercial airplanes to take the civilians out, and Royal Air Force planes might help.

~~Today Foreign Secretary Morrison said that, so far as he knew, no Iranian attempt ~~has~~ has been made as yet to seize the great properties of the oil company - although the seizure was ordered today by Premier Mossadeq at Teheran. He issued the command a few hours before the negotiations finally broke down.~~

~~But~~ In Teheran it is pointed out that the taking over of the great plants of the Anglo-Iranian oil company would be a big job, needing both time and preparation.

(In Washington today, Secretary of State Acheson spoke in grave tones about the way ~~that~~ this Iranian ~~is~~ oil crisis has been going, and ~~he~~ urged

the Teheran government to reconsider its rejection
of the latest British proposal.)

KOREA

There is little news from the land of Korea.

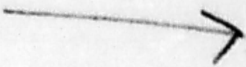
The action today was mostly in the sky ^{over} ~~of~~ Korea.

On the ground, the Reds have done another disappearing act. Yesterday, there was little sign of them, and there was less today. The Communist^s even abandoned their stronghold called the "punch bowl", a strategic basin on the eastern slopes of the Korean mountains. For ~~xxx~~ ten days they had fought bitterly to defend the punch bowl, a concentration point for reinforcements and supplies. But last night they simply faded away, as General MacArthur would say.

~~As if to make up for their disappearance~~
But they're
~~on the ground, the Communists have~~, been stepping up air action. For four days, increasing numbers of planes have been coming down from the "sanctuary" in Manchuria, and today fifty flew roaring into air battle. About a hundred planes, counting both sides - jets as usual, also propeller - driven aircraft.

American Mustangs, of the vintage of World War Two, were making low level attacks on Red supply

lines south of the border, the Yalu River. When, from behind the Yalu came a swarm of propeller-driven yak fighters and bombers. They attacked the Mustangs, which knocked out one yak and two bombers. Another enemy plane probably destroyed -- and two damaged -- in the propeller-driven phase of the battle.

Whereupon, from the "sanctuary" north of the Yalu, enemy jets came speeding - to hit the Mustangs. But, flying cover high above, were American jets, and these joined the fray. Four enemy jets were hit, and limped back beyond the Yalu -- and that was the end of the ~~xx~~ air battle. 

ADD KOREA

The latest -- two American planes have been lost in the four days of sky fighting and another ~~xxx~~ is missing. One of the planes shot down was a sabre jet. In that four-day period the Reds lost nine planes.

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PICTURE

Berlin reports the latest Red propaganda stunt -- and it's a beaut. Today, Communist newspapers in the Soviet zone printed a picture of General Eisenhower, and the caption says the photo was ~~xx~~ taken -- when General Ike heard about the results of the recent election in France. His face ~~is~~ twisted in a grimace of astonishment. -- ~~General Ike looking as if he had just heard the most amazing news. Which ties in with the Communist claims of election victory in France. Actually, the Reds lost a good deal, but their propaganda is -- they won. Which, according to the picture, was reflected in the face of General Ike.~~

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MACARTHUR

General MacArthur will not give testimony before the Senate committee again. He turns down the invitation. In a letter to ^{the} Chairman, Senator Russell of Georgia, he said he has told the committee all he has to say. No useful purpose will be served by another personal appearance.

Along with this, the former Supreme Commander ■■ accuses President Truman of muzzling administration witnesses - who refused to tell of White House talks in connection with the dismissal of MacArthur. He states, likewise, that the Administration witnesses displayed what the General calls -- "a lack of accuracy."

Today's witness at the hearing was former Ambassador Patrick J. Hurley, who blazed out against the decisions at that famous Yalta conference in Nineteen Forty-five. He says that concessions granted the Soviets at Yalta paved the way for the Communist conquest of China. Hurley, who was Ambassador to Moscow, says that Stalin told him personally in

Nineteen Forty-two that Soviet Russia would enter the war against Japan. So, he argues, the Yalta concessions, three years later, were not necessary to get the Soviets into the Far Eastern war.

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COMMUNISTS

The twenty-one Communist leaders indicted today represent the top figures in the party. Seventeen have been arrested, four being sought.

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STRIKE

The National Mediation Board has asked President Truman to intervene in the strike of airline pilots. Nine hundred are out, completely ~~tying up~~ tying up United Airlines. Today the mediation Board called on the union to send the pilots back to their planes. The request was ignored - so now the board asks the White House to intervene.

CONTROLS

The Banking Committee of the House has just approved of a one year ~~an~~ extension of wage-price and rent controls. The bill would kill the remaining two rollbacks in the price of beef, and the committee would permit landlords to raise rents twenty percent above the levels of June thirty, Nineteen Forty-Seven. —————>

ADD CONTROLS

The latest tonight- Price Controller

Michael Di Salle charges that such action by Congress, cancelling the Price rollbacks on beef, would boost inflation, and force prices up.

MICKEY COHEN

In Los Angeles Gambler Mickey Cohen was found guilty today -- convicted of evading income taxes. At the end of a twelve day trial, it took a jury of seven women and five men, only about thirty-five minutes to bring in a verdict. After having deliberated several hours yesterday.

~~In the trial one witness testified that he had lost something like Eighty-five thousand dollars in bets to Mickey Cohen -- who declared, however, that he had received only about Eighteen thousand dollars of the sucker's money. The rest - divided among the bookmakers ~~of~~ who used his office as headquarters.~~

The prosecution charged that he had cheated the government out of one hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars in taxes. ~~making a false statement about his income and expenditures.~~

~~Mickey Cohen~~ ^{He} can be given up to twenty years in prison.

INDICTMENT

In California Mrs. Margaret G. Ryan was indicted today -- and at the same time, sued for two hundred and twenty-seven thousand dollars. Both of which cases arise out of the shooting of twenty-two year old Leonard Ray.

Mrs. Ryan is the widow of financier Basil Ryan, and her story is that Ray was a trespasser who invaded her ranch in Lopez Canyon.. She says he got into an argument with her Mexican foreman, who called her, and she responded, armed with a pistol. Ray, according to her story, threatened her with a rifle and she fired, wounding him fatally.

However, at San Luis Obispo, a Grand Jury indicted Mrs. Ryan -- today ~~indicted Mrs. Ryan --~~ while the victim's wife, simultaneously, entered a damage suit for two hundred and twenty-seven thousand dollars for the death of her husband.

PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR

A native of these United States arrived in Washington today - which may not sound like news. But he is the President of Ecuador. Senor Galo Plaza and his wife -- and they were received with all due ceremony. President Truman at the airport to meet them, a dinner of State in their honor tonight, ovations all along the line - as the President of a South American Republic returns to the land of his birth.

Senor Galo Plaza first saw the light of day in New York -- the son of an Ecuadorian diplomat stationed in the United States. He went to school in California, at Berkeley -- where he played football. But his gridiron career was brief. His father insisted that he give up what poppa called -- "that dangerous Yankee game."

So he did, and went on to what might seem an equally dangerous game - that of being President of a Latin-American Republic. But that's hardly the case in Ecuador, where President Galo Plaza has put across a program of modern improvement - bringing agriculture

up to date and raising standards of living among the people. Our own country wants to honor him for that - which is one reason why he has arrived, at the special invitation of President Truman.

BRAZIL KIDNAPPING

Down in South America, they've solved the great Brazilian kidnapping mystery -- and the answer is an equally big surprise. The case made a sensational headline in the land of the Amazon -- the abduction of the son of one of the richest industrialists of Brazil. Francisco Matarazzo - a multi-millionaire who owns no end of factories, mills, packing houses, banks, plantations, shipping lines.

Last weekend, at Sao Paolo, the Nineteen year old son of the fabulous magnate disappeared. The family received a kidnap note, demanding half a million dollars. Directions were given for payment -- the ransom to be handed over to a "contact man" who ~~was~~ would be waiting at the entrance of a nightclub. A map was sent, showing the exact spot where the payoff was to be made. These directions were followed, but nothing happened -- no "contact man" showed up.

The suspense became greater and greater -- until, this morning, the youth was found bound and gagged near a suburban park in Sao Paolo. Which sounds

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like a happy ending. But the police were suspicious -- and at length, the youth broke down. He named the kidnapper -- himself. He had staged his own abduction, had gone through the whole rigamarole of kidnapping. Why? What did he want? That's the funny part of it. He wanted to get out of college ^{S.}~~examinations~~.

Not so diligent in school - and, same old story. Father was angry about it. The millionaire threatened to cut off junior's monthly allowance, if he failed to pass his exams. Today Junior said he was sure to fail, because he had skipped classes most of the year. So he ~~did~~ kidnapped himself to escape those miserable, ^{horrible, nightmare} ~~exams~~ college exams, Nelson.