

ISRAEL

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Word from Jerusalem, Israel - that the Ben-Gurion Cabinet has given its approval to one part of the American offer. The suggestion - that this country would make moves to keep the Gulf of Aqaba open. For navigation - by ships of Israel. In return for which - Israel would evacuate the Sharm-el-Sheikh area, ^{*the entrance to*} ~~on~~ the Gulf of Aqaba. Israel ^{*now saying -*} ~~to say~~ okay, under certain conditions.

But, as for the other half of the Dulles proposal, concerning the Gaza Strip - no concessions. Israel - refusing to pull out of the Gaza sector.

It isn't clear what this halfway acceptance may mean - if anything.

In Washington, the statement - that the United States has sent a detailed explanation of the Dulles plan - to King Saud of Saudi Arabia. Hoping - that he will use his influence in the Arab world, and support the U.S. offer to Israel. ^{*is a*} King Saud, ^{*actually - the*} key figure in the dispute ^{*That right on his border,*} over the Aqaba sector. In the blockade against Israeli shipping

two small islands played an important part - as Egyptian
gun-posts. Legally, they^are possessions of Saudi Arabia.

King Saud having allowed Egypt to occupy these islands. Which
Israel seized - in the recent attack. Obviously, King Saud
has a good deal to say about those two strategic points.

FRANCE

France offers - to pool military research with Britain. Another move - to unify Western defenses against the menace of Soviet atomic missiles. The French Minister of Defense is in London - talking over the new plan for a joint British-French scientific effort in the realm of missiles.

This follows the announcement - of a similar pooling of scientific resources between the United States and Britain. To which France would be added - if the new French offer goes through. London says - the project will be discussed, when the French Premier meets President Eisenhower in Washington, toward the end of this month.

Meanwhile, there's disagreement in London - about the statement made by British Defense Minister Duncan Sandys, yesterday. Sandys declaring - the Soviets will "quite soon" be able to strike with missiles, against which there would be no defense. **P**Which is challenged by Air Chief Marshal Sir Dermott Boyle, Commander of the Fighter Command of the R.A.F. Who, today, declared - it would be five years before the

Soviets have any such weapons. Giving that much time - to
develop a defense against them.

He is against the notion - that fighter planes are
no longer needed. Saying - "If there is a war in the next
five years, these fighter pilots would defend you - and
no one else."

OIL

American emergency oil shipments to Europe - ahead of the goal set by the government. So stated by Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton, today - in testimony before a Senate Committee. Previously, the reports had been - gloomy.

those Oil shipments abroad - lagging. But last month, the government made an appeal to American producers, ~~who~~ responded in ~~a~~ ^a satisfactory way - boosting shipments.

The goal was - that we should supply Western Europe with seventy-five per cent of its needs. Actually, to date, the figure is - eighty per cent.

All of which paints an encouraging picture of American action - to relieve European oil shortages ^{following} ~~in that emergency~~ ~~which followed~~ the Suez Canal fiasco.

MOSCOW - AMERICAN COMMUNISTS

In Moscow - expressions of approval for the proceedings of the American Communist Party. The newspaper Pravda, today, declaring - that the American Communists are still faithful to the principles of Marx and Lenin. Which may sound - a bit surprising.

The ^{here} Reds in the U.S.A. held a Party convention, ^{at which} ~~and~~ the big issue was - obedience to Moscow, or some degree of independence. The old-time Stalinists - under the leadership of American party chief, William Z. Foster. The opposition - advocating the new line, ^{that} ~~which~~ followed the degradation of Stalin. The result ~~of their fight~~ - a resolution, affirming the right of the American party to make its own decisions. Which might seem - a repudiation of Moscow control.

However, the official word in Moscow is - okay! Tass, the Soviet news agency, saying - that the Congress of the American Communist Party marked a victory over the reactionary forces.

All of which may merely be more of that Red ~~double-talk, of the Reds.~~

GOLD

A former member of the Soviet Secret Police - says that around seven hundred million dollars in Spanish gold - is now hidden in the underground vaults of the Kremlin. The testimony comes from Alexander Orlov - who was one of Stalin's men in Spain - at the time of the revolution. In fact he helped ship out the gold - which had been seized by the Spanish Reds. Orlov says that later, when he was in Moscow - he heard Stalin boast - that Spain would never see that gold again.

A strange echo of that tragedy of the 'Thirties - the Spanish Civil War. If this former Soviet official is right - the gold of Spain is in the Kremlin vaults. He thinks the present Spanish government should demand that it be ~~returned~~ returned.

BONDS

The Treasury Department is asking Congress - to increase the rate of interest on savings bonds. The series - "E" and "H":. Sending on a bill - to boost interest from three to three-and-a-quarter per cent. Actually, the measure would give the Treasury authority to pay as high as four and a quarter per cent. But they don't intend any such increase.

Under the Treasury plan, the redemption value of "E" bonds would be ~~hiked~~ hiked. In the case of "H" bonds - the dividend check would be a bit larger.

The purpose of it all - to increase the purchase of government savings bonds. The sales of which - have been dropping.

AIR FORCE

The Air Force - planning to disperse its units in the United States. Make them less vulnerable to a knock-out blow - in an atomic attack. Our Air Forces - to be spread out, all over the country.

So stated by General Thomas White, Vice Chief-of-Staff addressing a Jet Age Conference, sponsored by the Air Force Association.

General White added that one big problem is friction between the Air Force and communities near its bases. Because - of the noise. That ~~was~~ thundering uproar - made by jet planes. The noise problem to be reduced, however, as, more and more missiles take the place of planes.

BECK

A Senate Committee is asking for the financial records - of Dave Beck. Calling on the head of the Teamsters Union - to account for his income for the past seven years. The Chairman of the Committee, Senator McClellan of Arkansas, telling Beck in a letter that the records are essential to the investigation of industry and labor. The McClellan letter, a reply to one from Dave Beck - saying he would testify when he returns home from his European tour.

In Japan, Toichiro Fuchushima has a long memory. That's why Toichiro Fuchushima is in jail tonight. Accused - of waving a sword at Mrs. Musu Kuroda.

The scene - a Japanese thriller. Toichiro Fuchushima ~~was~~ making passes with the shining blade. A samurai sword, no doubt. It seemed ~~to~~ as if ~~he~~ ^{she} were going to decapitate Mrs. Musu Kuroda, as he hurled an accusation against her. She jilted him - after promising to marry him.

PToichiro Fuchushima, seventy-two years old. Mrs. Kuroda - seventy-five. She broke their engagement - fifty years ago. Eloping with another man, in the early Nineteen Hundreds.

Toichiro Fuchushima - ~~he~~ never forgot. Expressing his indignation with a waving sword, half a century later, ^{and} now ~~he~~ ^{she} is in jail.

IMPOSTER

At Elmdale, Kansas, last Sunday - the Reverend Dana Burton preached a sermon in the local church. An eloquent sermon, ^{Then, the} ~~you can depend on that. The parson - having something of a genius for preaching. Then, shortly afterward, the~~ Reverend Dana Burton - was arrested.

Charged with being - an imposter, not a clergyman at all. But - an ex-convict. His police record - formidable. ~~Showing arrests~~ for Twenty-six felonies, including car theft, robbery, and burglary. The name, the Reverend Dana Burton - one of eighteen aliases. His real moniker - Calvin Laskey.

Four months ago, the ex-convict was working on a highway construction job in Kansas. when he learned - there was a vacancy at the Elmdale church. The congregation - looking for a new Pastor. So he applied for the post - and got it. He must have known plenty about religion - to pass himself off as a clergyman, the way he did.

His preaching - an immediate success. Under-Sheriff Roy Moore stating: "He won his way into the hearts of a lot

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of people around here."

In eloquent sermons, the Reverend Dana Burton related - how he was a prisoner-of-war in Korea, for thirty-two months. His terrible suffering - pathetic. The Under-Sheriff saying: "He made a talk, south of Cottonwood Falls, about his experiences as a prisoner-of-war - and, when he was finished, there wasn't a dry eye in the crowd. He was a smooth operator," says Roy Moore.

His undoing came about - because he's a native of Canada. The Immigration authorities - checking on him. Which disclosed - the real identity of the Parson.

Today, the news tells - how he has been given a sentence of six months in the county jail. ~~and~~ The legal charge against him - well, that's the most pathetic part of it all. Misrepresentation - because, as a fraudulent clergyman, he had married a young couple. ~~It's~~ Illegally - of course.

So today Under-Sheriff Roy Moore says: "I don't know what that young couple is going to do when they find out about this."

"TEACHER" FOLLOW IMPOSTER

On the island of North Haven, Maine, they've just exposed a man called by the police, "the master imposter". Ferdinand Demara, who is well known in the police records - as everything from a ~~surgentixis~~ surgeon to a monk. He has posed as both, in the past. This time, he was found posing as a teacher - using forged credentials.

Demara ^{who} arrived in North Haven last fall, ~~he~~ became very popular, ^{and} he even organized a Boy Scout Troupe - ^{also} ~~and~~ taught Sunday school.

But Demara talked a little too much. He boasted about his career as a surgeon in the Royal Navy. And that made some of the islanders suspicious.

They guessed he might have a police record. So they carried a beer can with his fingerprints on it - to police headquarters. And sure enough - Demara's prints were ~~down~~ ^{there} in the records. The "teacher" turning out to be the "master imposter," ^{who also is known to be} a man of real talent - - ^{many talents,}

GERMANY - MARRIAGE

At Hildesheim, in Germany, Johann Sulzinger died several years ago - leaving a widow and fifteen children. Certain legalities cropped up, and it became necessary to produce a copy of the marriage certificate of Mr. and Mrs. Sulzinger. So the eldest daughter of the family asked the town registrar, in Hildesheim, to go back into the records. Which they did - with no result. No record of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sulzinger. Although the widow told - how the wedding had been performed, a civil ceremony before three officials. Registrars in black robes.

Well, the puzzle - has now been solved. Twenty-five years ago, Sulzinger didn't want to spend the money - for a wedding performed by real registrars. Instead, he persuaded three of his friends to pose as the proper officials - black robes, and all. Sulzinger - an economical Bavarian. But he had another reason, too. He was already married, and a proper legal ceremony would have made him liable - to a charge of bigamy. Hence the fake wedding - averting that.

Well, the couple went on for twenty-five years, having fifteen children - Henry. Nobody suspecting - until the widow and the fifteen children had occasion to look up the record.

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: A year ago today, the doctors gave their verdict on President Eisenhower. In the case - of the heart attack. At Walter Reed Hospital, they had given him a thorough-going check-up. Then the decision - that the President was in first class condition. Quite able, said the doctors - to serve another term in the White House. Which left the question up to the President - would he, or would he not, run for a second term? We all know the result -including what happened in the election. And the nation rejoices in all the news that comes from day to day telling how vigorous the President is.

And So Long Until Tomorrow.