

The latest Jewish attacks in Palestine have caused heavy damage - - and brought about a great manhunt by the British. Jewish terrorists assailed three British Airfields in the area of Lydda. That's twelve miles south east of Tel Aviv, which city has been the centre of most Jewish demonstrations. On Sunday, fifty thousand Zionists marched in a funeral parade honoring four terrorists killed in attacks against British troops.

*TP* The raids against the air fields were carefully planned - - carried out by a hundred terrorists, who were equipped with knapsacks filled with explosive and armament that included machine guns and mortars. At each air field a party of terrorists fought violent gun battles with British air force troops. They destroyed planes, either by infiltrating during the battle and blowing them up with dynamite, or by riddling them with machine gun fire. At least twenty R A F warplanes parked on flying fields, planes that included eleven heavy bombers, were either destroyed completely or damaged so badly as to be beyond repair. An official British announcement today put the damage at - - two million dollars. The loss of life was not great, no British casualties, and only one of the terrorists killed.

Today an announcement was made by the Secret Radio of the Zionist extremists, which claimed credit for the attacks on the air fields. A spokesman for the terrorists gave the reason for the assaults - - because R A F planes based on the three fields, "operated against our immigration.", as the spokesman said.

From which we gather that the flying fields were bases for air scouting to detect vessels that smuggle Jewish immigrants in <sup>to</sup> to Palestine, against British regulations.

There is one report that a number of illegal immigrants landed secretly somewhere on the coast of Palestine last night - -

the suspicion being that the attacks on the air fields may have had the purpose, in part, of diverting British attention from the landing of immigrants.

To all of this, the British reaction has been vigorous - - the greatest manhunt thus far in Palestine. Armed forces, British air borne troops, promptly closed in on the area where the attacks were made, towns and villages the scene of hunting and searching.

During the investigation, a curfew was imposed, Jewish people ordered to remain within their houses - - a curfew so drastic that orders were given to shoot anyone who came out of a house.

There was a mass round-up - - five-thousand Jews arrested. And the British have imposed a ban on civilian motor traffic at night. This applies to all Palestine, and paralyzes night time traffic - - in an attempt to put an end to the terrorist attacks.

INDIA

The re's a threat that the Navy Mutiny, in <sup>the Indian Navy,</sup> India may break out again - - this following the removal by British authorities of fourteen members of the mutiny committee to an unknown destination. The British authorities have ideas of inflicting penalties on the mutiny committee. Today the commander-in-chief in India, General Sir Claude Auchinleck, announced flatly that leaders of the Navy insurrection would be punished. That has aroused anger among the sailors of the fleet, and they are threatening to start the mutiny all over again - - if anything severe is done to their mutiny leaders.

Meanwhile, trouble has broken out at Madras, where rioting civilians are on the rampage. Disorderly crowds have been st<sup>o</sup>ning British troops, and today held up the Indo-Ceylon express - - stoning the first class passengers. Armed police arrived on the scene, and dispersed the rioters.



RED ARMY

New and powerful word comes from Moscow about the unification of military command in Soviet Russia - - Stalin taking charge of one single armed force, as "supreme commander"- - chief" for land, sea and air.

Today Soviet press and radio hailed the unification as a way to achieve greater military power - - and especially the development of new types of armament, the latest military tricks of science.

The official communist newspaper, Izvestia, today stated; "the red army is being led toward new achievements in military science by the greatest military leader of all times and countries - - Comrade Stalin."

## SPAIN

The French government is going to close the Franco - Spanish border - - this as a measure in opposition to the Franco government. The news from Paris tells of heavy left wing pressure for action against the regime in Spain, which is denounced as fascist. And the French cabinet has agreed to this extent - - a decision to close the Spanish border on March first.

We also hear that the government at Paris intends to refer the question of Franco to the security council of the U N O - - in an attempt to oust Franco. The word from Paris is that the left wingers want France to break relations with Spain, but this is resisted by the cabinet - - which refuses to act alone. There will be, we hear, a French attempt to persuade the United States and Great Britain to join France in a break of relations with Franco.

## MANCHURIA

In the quarrel about Manchuria, Moscow announces that the red army will not evacuate that province until all American troops are out of China. The Soviet radio declares that most of the Russian soldiers have left, but the red army will not withdraw from Manchuria completely as long as any American soldiers remain in China.

This is accompanied by statements made by the Soviet Commander at Mukden, who spoke frankly to newspaper correspondents about the Soviet removal of machinery and factory equipment from Manchuria. That's one of the chief causes of contention between the Soviets and China and the Russian General said; yes, machinery had been removed. He stated that this was in accordance with an agreement made between the Big Three - - an agreement at Yalta or at Potsdam. He said he couldn't remember which.

Meanwhile, the popular protest in China is mounting, with hundreds of thousands of people staging demonstrations in a whole series of big cities, Chungking, Peiping, Nanking, Hankow. Students have declared strikes, and are joined by masses of workers and middle class people. For example at Hankow, where a hundred thousand staged demonstrations today. The shouting of anti-russian slogans becomes an almost universal chorus in China - - with continued denunciations of the Yalta agreement of the Big Three.

## ISLAND

As if there were not enough reasons for disputes and quarrels between the nations, we also have a new volcanic island - appearing suddenly out of the depth of the ocean. The island, which arose from the abyss with a cloud of steam and smoke has been careless enough to pop up at an exceedingly strategic point - where it <sup>just</sup> would naturally become a ~~be the most likely~~ matter of controversy.

The location - twenty miles south of Japan, another of those outpost islands that guard the approaches to the conquered empire. As it happens, the British have a reasonable claim to make - because the new island was sighted originally by British warships, twelve days ago. They reported the volcanic mass pushing upward above the surface of the ocean - "like a sea monster", as the British described it.

However, the Americans contend that the island is in the American zone of control and will be occupied by United States forces - after it has cooled off, <sup>of course - and assuming it's</sup> ~~supposing that it~~ still is there. Right now, the volcanic mass consists of hot mud, and nobody knows how long it will last. There is a bit of dispute about that.

Americans are inclined to think the island may remain permanent because of the precedent set by - Iwo Jima. That island famous for battle and heroism during the recent war, was born of a volcanic



eruption - a mere hundred years ago. The same sort of thing is true about other islands that dot the waters of the volcanic shore of Japan.

However, Japan's number one expert on the eruption of submarine volcanoes has a different idea. Professor Takahiro Hagiwara of Tokyo predicts that the new island will last only a few days, then will sink back into the ocean. He states that in that area submarine eruptions occurred and islands appeared in nineteen-six and again in nineteen-fifteen - but the islands lasted only a couple of weeks and disappeared without trace.

The Japanese professor states that its a question of whether the volcanic mass hurled above the level of the sea consists of hard stony lava or of pumice, which is softer. He says that if it's lava, the island will last. If it's pumice, it will be washed or blown away.

American geologists in Japan are preparing to investigate the new island to determine whether it is likely to stay there - and become a possible subject for international argument. - *surely not a very important argument. But an odd one.*



SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

A surprise nomination for Secretary of the Interior - - J. A. Krug, who during the final year of the war was Chairman of the War Production Board. His name had hardly been mentioned for the post left by Harold Ickes - - who resigned after a bitter argument with President Truman over the Whitehouse appointment of Edwin Pauley as Under Secretary of the Navy. <sup>R</sup> The President stated this afternoon that he had considered a number of possible candidates to replace Ickes - - prominently, for example, Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming. However, he felt that O'Mahoney was too valuable in the Senate to be taken into the Cabinet. So, Krug it is.

His name goes to the Senate, where a prompt okay is expected.

<sup>TP</sup> As Secretary of the Interior, J. A. Krug, will be the youngest member of the Cabinet - - thirty-eight years old. His predecessor, Ickes, was the oldest - - seventy one.

## PACKING HOUSE WORKERS

Packing house workers are to get an increase of sixteen cents an hour - - this is announced in Washington, together with the added fact that the packing companies are to get a price increase which will help to make up for the boost in pay. They are allowed to increase the cost of meat by one and one-half per cent.

Price administrator Chester Bowles informs us that he agreed to one-and-a-half per cent raise in prices only with extreme reluctance, and adds that there will have to be in addition, government subsidies paid to the companies, to give them further means to pay the increased wages.

## SERVICE PAY

In all the talk about wage increases, here's one for the armed forces of the nation. Congress has been asked to boost the pay of officers and enlisted men in both the Army and the Navy, by twenty per cent. The request was made today by Secretaries of War and Navy Patterson and Forrestal.

The pay boost is, of course, in line with the need of obtaining more enlistments - - in the face of the difficulties of keeping the Army and Navy up to needed strength.

## RACE RIOT

The bitter race riot at Colombia, Tennessee, seems to have been the result of a mere misunderstanding - - a scare rumor. The origin of the trouble was a brawl, in which a negro woman and her son had a quarrel with a white radio repair man, a Navy veteran. They attacked him, pushed him through the plate glass window of his store, and assailed him with jagged pieces of glass. He was only slightly injured.

This was an ugly incident, but it was no cause for the rumor that spread like wildfire through the negro quarter of the town, the rumor that white lynching parties were being formed. Negroes were terrified, and gathered in armed groups, while others barricaded themselves in their homes. The police, upon trying to intervene, were driven off by a hail of bullets. That caused parties of armed white civilians to form, and soon the negro quarter was a pandemonium of shooting - - which lasted all night long.

Today the trouble was quelled by national guardsmen and the latest word tells of uniformed war veterans patrolling Colombia, Tennessee. A number of negroes have been arrested for the shooting. The black population in general has been assured that the fears of a lynching party were groundless. And quiet has been restored - - after the worst race riot that Tennessee has known in many years.



## COMEDIAN

A story from London celebrates the glory of a favorite comedian named - Syd Field. We are told that Syd, with his turn of british humor, appears to be scheduled for a career of triumph in the United States.

To illustrate the way he can convulse people with laughter, we are told about the visit that Royalty made the other night to the London Theatre where Syd is playing <sup>and</sup> laying them in the aisles.

The king and the Queen and the Princesses were in stitches, laughing at the jokes that Syd related.

Today's dispatch gives an example of the whimsies that exerted the Royal disabilities.

Here it is-

For the King and Queen and the Princesses, Syd put on a favorite act of his - a golfing skit. In this he plays the part of a duffer who slices the ball and is in the rough all the time and takes lessons from a tyrannical professional.

The twist of humor that sends London into roars comes when the Tyrant professional turns to the duffer and yells; "Address the ball!"

Whereupon Syd looks down plaintively at the golfing pellet and says;



"Dear ball."

According to the news dispatche that laid the Royal Family in the aisle!- ~~it didn't say from what. "Dear ball?"~~

And now Hugh, dear Hugh, it's  
up to you!