

PALESTINE

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There were two quick developments in the Palestine problem today. (The government of Israel announced its acceptance of the new truce ordered by the United Nations -- and King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan issued a cease-fire order at Jerusalem.)

The other Arab states are still to be heard from, but Abdullah of Trans-Jordan lost no time in yielding to the ultimatum issued by the United Nations -- the war in Palestine to end or there will be economic sanctions and military intervention. The Moslem forces in Jerusalem are from Trans-Jordan, the Arab Legion -- making the first cease-fire order effective in the Holy City, which is appropriate. ^W With King Abdullah giving obedience to the truce order, it is believed that other Arab states will follow suit - making the success of the strong U.N. policy a virtual certainty. *The latest: - Count Bernadotte has set a deadline for ending the war in the Holy Land -- that deadline, Sunday.* In Palestine today the forces of Israel won another striking military success - by capturing Nazareth, ~~where the Saviour was born.~~ They likewise hurled a damaging air raid at an important Moslem flying

field - while, at the same time, Tel Aviv was bombed again.

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GERMANY

The Berlin dilemma takes an ugly turn today with the Soviet announcement that squadrons of ~~med~~ fighter planes are going to start training in the corridors that are now the life-line. The fleets of big transport planes that ~~fly~~ fly on the food-run to keep Berlin from starving are assigned to definite air-lanes. These are now threatened. They are ~~named~~ named as flying areas for Soviet fighters in training. It is obvious what this could mean - swarms of fighters flying around in the corridors the big food planes are compelled to traverse. It could mean a blocking of those air-lanes, -- almost a sky equivalent of the Soviet food blockade on the ground.

Thus Moscow is continuing its pressure, and the Berlin situation becomes more tense. In addition to which the Soviets are making ~~protests~~ protests against the planes on the life-line run - charging today that American aircraft had fired rockets at a Soviet ~~fly~~ flying field. American air officials made an investigation, and say - there's nothing to it.

At this stage of the crisis, sixty American superfortresses are on their way to Europe -- two great squadrons of B-29s. They are ~~xxxx~~ flying to England -- and the Air Force announces it is just routine. But the word from Europe is that the sixty fortresses will be under the command of General Curtis Le May - who in Germany, already has thirty B-29s. He will now have ~~sixty~~ sixty more - attached to his ponderous bomber squadron in Germany.

ITALY

In Italy, Premier De Gasperi is going to put through drastic legislation against Red strikes. This he announced today, saying: "either we preserve democracy, or we go back to dictatorship." The way to avoid dictatorship, in the view of De Gasperi, is to forbid the kind of political strike the Communists employ as a means of pushing their policies.

Today in the Italian Parliament, the Reds raised an uproar when the anti-political-strike-measure was announced. But De Gasperi is now in a strong position, after the collapse of the general strike that the Reds ordered in retaliation for the attempt to assassinate their leader, Togliatti.

The medical report on Togliatti was bad earlier in the day, stating that he had developed pneumonia - was being given penicillin. Later on, this afternoon, the word was that he was holding his own - and his position as good as could be expected.

OLYMPICS

News of the Olympic Games has a note of Red Guerrilla War and the drama of international Communism. Tonight Greek soldiers have taken positions around the site of the ancient Olympic games -- for fear that Red insurgents may try to capture the Olympic torch, when it is lighted tomorrow.

In the days of antiquity, the classic athletic competitions of ancient Greece were held at Olympia, on the west coast of the Peloponnesus - the southern Peninsula of Greece. There, some fifteen centuries ago, great shrines and temples were to be seen in all the beauty of Hellenic architecture, columns, porticos. For the Olympic games had a religious meaning for the Greeks -- athletics in honor of the Gods. Today, at Olympia, the ruins of the shrines and temples are still to be seen -- at the place where the Olympic torch will be lighted.

The surrounding mountains are haunts of Red Guerrillas, and the word got out of a Communist plan to capture the Olympic torch. The ceremony

was to have been held two days ago, but was delayed -- until the Red menace could be checked by a mobilization of government soldiers. This now has taken place, with troops on guard at Olympia tonight -- ready for the ritual to be enacted tomorrow, when the torch will be lighted by the rays of the sun, sunlight focused by a burning glass. The torch will then be carried by relays of runners - (each new runner kindling his torch from the torch of the preceding runner. The first lap is from Olympia to the port of Katakolon, a distance of eighteen and a half miles -- the route guarded against Communist guerrillas.

It's three thousand miles from Olympia to London and for that distance relays of runners from various nations will carry the torch - with two brief jumps by ship across a water. It will take about two weeks -- until the last runner comes dashing into Wembley Station at London, carrying the Olympic torch for the beginning of the games.)

I had a call today from the United States

Marine Corps, and was told that the American Olympic water polo team includes three leathernecks. One is Major Frank Walton, who served in the war with ~~x~~ Pappy Boyington's black sheep, that legended air squadron which performed prodigies in sky battles of the Pacific.

Another is a Marine Corps flyer who, during the war, broke his back. Captain De Vere Christiansen had to bail out of his plane at low altitude, and hit the ground so hard that he fractured his spine and was in the hospital for nine months. After which he ^{again} flew in air battle - always ~~x~~ having to take special precautions to protect his damaged back -- while piloting his plane. Today He's on his way ~~xx~~ to compete in the Olympic games -- as a member of the American water polo team.

JET PLANES

(The first trans-Atlantic flight by jet planes has just been completed -- six British ~~Wm~~ Vampire jets landing late this afternoon at Montreal. They flew via Goose Bay, Labrador, where they met sixteen American F-eighty-jets, bound for Germany -- flying the Atlantic the other way. The American planes were delaying at Goose Bay -- and that was why the British were able to make the crossing first.

The American jet squadron of sixteen remained grounded in Goose Bay for hours, deliberately -- in order to allow the British to have the honor of making the first trans-Atlantic crossing under jet propulsion.

POLITICS

On the subject of President Truman's call for a special session of Congress, we have a statement from Senator Olin Johnston of South Carolina. A top ranking figure in the southern revolt against the President, Senator Johnston threatens to call for a quick adjournment of Congress. which points to the fact that, while the President has authority to summon Congress for a special session, Congress in turn has the right to decide when to adjourn.

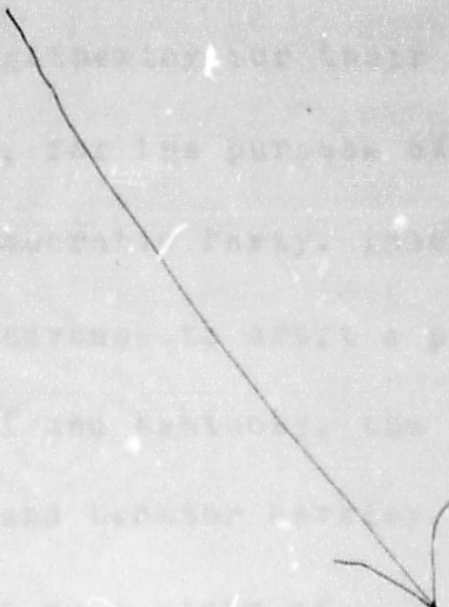
In Washington today, Senator Johnston said he would wait to see what President Truman has to say in the message he sends to Congress. The Senator from South Carolina wants to find out how much politics there is in the whole business. He puts ^{it} ~~that~~ in these words: "If it's a purely political call, as it appeared to be from the President's convention statement, I will move to adjourn as soon as we've heard the President."

A dispatch from Washington gives the opinion that Senator Johnston, as a top ranking southern

Democrat, will make a move for a quick adjournment - if President Truman asks Congress to pass laws for racial rights.

Here's the latest. Senator Ellander of Louisiana declares that, if the President calls for legislation on racial rights -- he, the Senator, will stage a filibuster. He puts it in these words: "I will start a filibuster, and I am ready to go for fifty hours."

In South Carolina, meanwhile, the matter of equal voting rights for negroes came to a new turn today - when the Federal Judge ordered the Democratic Party in South Carolina to admit negroes. In the last election colored voters were allowed to cast their



ballots in the Democratic primary - which, ^hitherto had been a white democratic primary. The change was in accordance with the Supreme Court decision. But, while the negroes voted in the primary, ~~thems~~ they were not taken in as members of the Democratic Party -- not allowed to participate in party affairs. Moreover, before voting, they were required to take an oath stating that they favored racial segregation. Today, in a stormy court session, Federal Judge waties gave an angry warning to South Carolina Democrats, and ordered them to admit ~~negroes~~ negroes for membership in the Democratic Party of the state.

In Birmingham, the revolting southern insurgents, the Dixiecrats, are gathering for their convention, which opens tomorrow, for the purpose of organizing a secession of the Democratic Party. This afternoon a caucus assembled in advance to draft a program, and decided to invade ~~the~~ Missouri and Kentucky, the home states of President Truman and Senator Barkley. ~~The~~ Birmingham rebels are getting up a slate of

Dixiecrats, electors to be put on the ballot for the Presidential election, and their idea is to enter this insurgent list in the home states of the nominees on the Truman-Barkley ticket.

The Dixiecrats got encouragement today from Governor Strom Thurman of South Carolina, who was reported to be a bit lukewarm. But he now announces that he will attend the Birmingham Convention.

In Georgia today, a Democratic publication - went Republican. Ever since Eighteen Sixty-Nine, the days of the reconstruction after the Civil War, the Harris County Journal has been a voice of the Democratic Party in Georgia. So now, after seventy nine years, that influential weekly publication announces: "We can't follow Truman on civil rights. We out-Republicans the Republicans." The Harris County Journal comes out for the Dewey-Warren ticket.

PRICES

The United States Steel Corporation is increasing -- wages and prices. Today, that huge concern announced a nine per cent pay boost for a hundred and seventy thousand employees. The company, on its own initiative, reopened the question of wages with the union -- offering the raise. At the same time, U.S. Steel will raise its prices -- how much is not known, not yet decided.

This marks the abandonment of an effort by the United Steel Corporation to hold down inflation - by keeping wages level, and cutting prices. Last April the company ~~announced~~ ^{announced} the policy - of giving no wage increases, and of reducing prices. But now that means of combatting inflation has failed. with the workers in other industries getting pay boosts to meet the increased cost of living, U.S. Steel now follows suit - and joins in the third round of wage increases in a major industry since the end of the war.

~~In the retail grocery field, there's advice to housewives. They ~~must~~ are told of one sure ~~xxx~~ way to~~

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Later news tells of Republic Steel granting an identical pay raise to its employees -- forty-five thousand. Other steel companies -- announcing the same. It is expected that all the corporations in the basic steel industries will fall in line -- which will mean pay boosts for a total of five hundred thousand workers.

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to beat the high food prices? - "stop paying them," says the National Association of retail grocers. Mrs. M.M. Kiefer, secretary-manager of the association, puts it this way: "Americans have larger appetites than they had before the war, and they seem to prefer luxury foods." To which she adds that, if they'll purchase less foods, and more of the cheaper varieties - that's the way to beat high prices. Buy fewer steaks, chops and roasts, and more of the cheaper sorts of meat.

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ADD PRICES

While retail figures climbed, there was another break in wholesale prices today. In the markets of the west, livestock quotations showed a decline for the second straight day. The figures per hundredweight for hogs were fifty cents lower, and cattle on the hoof sank as much as fifty cents. Of course, it takes an interval for wholesale reductions to reach the retail market. ~~The prediction is that food prices will grow worse during the next few days, and then presumably they will take a dip downward.~~

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The Dodgers this afternoon celebrated the exit of Durocher and the entry of Shotton by winning from the Cincinnati Reds -- four to two. They beat the pitching ~~xxx~~ sensation -- Blackwell.

RESCUE

From Boston a pathetic story of rescue -- it is pathetic alright. A Fishing boat off Graves Light spotted two men clinging to a log. The fishermen did a fine job of rescue, and hauled aboard the two castaways, weak and shivering. Given food, hot coffee, cigarets they said they were out fishing when their boat tipped over. They had been in the water for twenty four hours.

The Boston police were notified and went into action to complete the work of rescue. They sent a special police boat out to take the two rescued men ashore, and then rushed them to a hospital in an ambulance. The ~~pi~~ police dug up clothing for the castaways, and gave them money to get home. Newspaper photographers took pictures -- everything done in style, as things should be done in a work ~~adxxxx~~ of rescue.

The two left in a taxi cab provided by the police. Then shortly afterward they were identified as two fugitives who escaped from prison on Deer Island in Boston harbor. The fugitive convicts aided on their way in spectacular style -- by the police.

GENDARME

In a courtroom in Paris today, they held a trial for speeding. A French motorcycle cop appeared.-- He was on trial. While pursuing a speeding motorist, the cop exceeded the speed limit -- and that's against the law ^{over there.} All of which would seem to be a peculiar development of that famous French logic.

The testimony today showed that motorcycle gendarme Jean ^{Easton} Hennerie spotted a car racing along at a dizzy clip. In fact, the speeding car nearly ran over the gendarme.-- ~~Who~~ started in pursuit. He was charged today with hitting fifty miles an hour -- also hitting a pedestrian, who was knocked down and injured. That, of course, was no thing to do. But in Paris, apparently, there's no law about hitting somebody -- it's only about speeding.

The gendarme pleaded that he was only doing his duty, in trying to catch the automobile that was burning up the road. But he was fined four dollars for breaking the speed limit while doing so. The conclusion, according to that famous French logic, would

seem to be that -- if an automobile is doing about sixty
a motorcycle cop catching him must go at about thirty.
The mathematics is beyond my comprehension.