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The Shah of Persia arrived in Baghdad, today -- on his way back to his Kingdom. Seldom has a Monarch been in exile for so short a time, and seldom has one returned with so much ceremony and public rejoicing.

Making a stop at Baghdad, Resa Pahlevi was greeted with royal honors. His plane escorted by a fighter squadron of the Air Force of Iraq. At the flying field, he was met by Crown Prince Abdullah of Iraq. A band playing -- royal bodyguards at attention. Tomorrow, piloting his own plane, he will fly to Teheran -- where an enormous welcome awaits him.

The capital of Iran is described as a scene of holiday rejoicing. The city bedecked with flags, flowers, triumphal arches. Royalist crowds parading through the streets -- with salvos of cheers. Teheran making a jubilant festival of the return of the Shah.

All Iran, today, was reported -- quiet. Under the firm control of the new Prime Minister, General Zahedi -- who led the successful revolution against Premier Mossadegh. The Army keeping order throughout that

ancient land of Persia.

The deposed Mossadegh is being held in a room at the officers' club in Teheran. Allowed no visitors, soldiers on guard outside his door. So the weeping Premier has plenty of cause to weep now.

All of which represents one of the quick, dramatic reversals of our time -- the triumphant return of the Shah, who went into exile only five days ago. The spotlight of the news now is on the young Monarch. So what's he like? What kind of personality?

For first hand information I am going to call on Lowell, Jr., who was in Iran, not so long ago. Let's see what he can tell us about the Persian monarch who lost his throne one day - and now regains it a few days hence.

IRAN - L.T. Jr.

Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlevi was twenty-nine years old when I interviewed him at his summer palace a few miles north of Teheran in the cool foothills of the Elburz Mountains. I was impressed above all by his gentle manner, his soft-spokenness. And, as we talked about Iran and his hopes for the future I also was impressed by his obvious, genuine interest in the welfare of his sixteen million subjects.

He told me about the Iranian seven year plan, a scheme of economic development shelved for lack of funds when oil revenues from the Anglo-Iranian company stopped coming in - when the Iranians nationalized the British-owned oil companys. The Shah's remarks, however, revealed some of his plans for Iran - his hopes for that Seven Year Plan which now with this new twist of events, may yet be implemented.

Here is what he told me in perfect English; his

exact words:

"The principal object of the plan is to develop Iran and make use of the country's economic potentialities with a view principally to raising the standard of living. Once the country's vast natural resources have been tapped an opportunity will offer itself to provide the population with better housing and hygiene and medical assistance, with a more widespread system of education". Then he went on:- "Many of those living on the land will feel the beneficial effect of the plan -- they will get more water to irrigate their crops and a greater surplus will be cultivated, to provide more food. The surplus population will be given work and will receive wages working on the roads and barrages, the railroads and power plants and other productive undertakings. In order to carry out the plan we shall require the help of foreign advisors and technicians.

As to the financing part of the funds needed will be raised in the country, but there is no doubt that Iran must look to foreign loans to supplement her own resources."

FOLLOW IRAN

(L.T.JR.)

One point of interest in this Iranian story has been -- the tribes. The country has a few large cities, where the Communists have been active. But most of Persia -- remains tribal. The news has been featuring the Bakhtiari. You also spent some time among them. So tell us a little about the Bakhtiari.

The Bahktiarā are one of the three principal tribes of Iran - along with the Kurds and the Kashgai. Their tribal grounds are about two hundred miles south of Teheran, in the Zagros Mountains, and to the West - on the [^]plains of the Persian Gulf. They are a pastoral people with herds of sheep and goat, living in black goat-hair tents, mountaineers through and through.

I was the guest of one of the young tribal khans for several days - Masjid Bahktiar - at the Bahktiar's summer encampment eight thousand feet up in the Zagros, and one remark he made that I remember ~~we~~ well typified the fierce independence of these people. He said "these mountains and valleys of ours, they are the heart of Iran. We consider ourselves virtually an independent nation, and as far as the central government goes, we want just to be left alone."

P Well, that attitude undoubtedly has changed a good deal ever since the Shah took a Bahktiar for his wife.

FOLLOW IRAN

A dispatch tonight says that, shortly before the revolt against Mossadegh, our Ambassador Loy Henderson told him - that we could no longer recognize him as head of the Iranian government. Because, Mossadegh had been ordered out of office by the Shah, whom our government held to be the legal head of the Iranian state. This American stand is said to have played a part in persuading the military leaders to act at once -- oust Mossadegh.

MOROCCO

In Africa — a new ruler.

^ The new Sultan of Morocco was enthroned today. Sidi Mohammed Moulay Ben Arafa taking the ~~new~~ place of Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef, who was ousted by the French yesterday.

The ceremony of enthronement was enacted solemnly at the old City of Marrakech, where the political upheaval began, ^{with} The Pasha of Marrakech rallying chieftains of the desert against the ~~deposed~~ Sultan, ~~now deposed. Pious Moslems charging him -~~ ~~with impiety. Allied with nationalists of ~~the~~~~ ~~Morocco~~ western minded, some tied in with Communists. ~~His successor, a devout Moslem scholar~~

FOLLOW MOROCCO

In the U N tonight, a demand for the investigation of the situation in Morocco. Fifteen countries of Asia and Africa call ⁱⁿ upon the security Council to look into the ousting of ^{the} Sultan. Calling it a "danger to international peace."

FRANCE

In France, a majority of the two million strikers have voted to return to their jobs; coming to an agreement with Premier Laniel, in spite of bitter Communist opposition. They voted, overwhelmingly, to end the strike that has tied France up so badly for seventeen days.

PHILIPPINES

A new sudden shift -- in the politics of the Philippines. Today, General Carlos Romulo withdrew from the Presidential race, and joined forces with another candidate, Magsaysay of the Nationalist Party. The two now form a coalition against President Quirino -- running for another term.

(This is the latest in a series of changes of the political picture in the islands. First, Magsaysay turned against Quirino -- after having been a member of his Cabinet, as Defense Minister. Magsaysay making a reputation in the tough campaign against the Huks, insurrectors led by Communists.)

General Romulo, former Philippine Ambassador to the United States, was a member of Quirino's Liberal Party, and sought nomination for the Presidency. But the Liberals named Quirino, and Romulo bolted -- forming ~~a party of his own~~ a third party.

Today, however, Romulo declared -- that he and Magsaysay were only splitting the vote against Quirino. So Romulo withdraws -- and takes his third party over to

PRISONERS

At Pan Mun Jom, the Communists have agreed to an investigation by neutral nations - of charges they have made. Charges that Communist Red Cross teams have been mistreated ~~in~~ in South Korea - manhandled at South Korean prison camps. ^{Red} Red Cross teams, - ~~which~~ sounds like some sort of contradiction.

Meanwhile, returning G I's tell still more stories of American prisoners who aided the Communists. Corporal E. J. Preece of Del Rio, Texas giving an account which U.S. officers describe as "one of the most clear-cut pieces of evidence."

Corporal Preece ~~declares that~~ ^{tells of} two Americans ^{who} gave their services to the Chinese - in the questioning of G I comrades.

He ~~says~~ ^{there} he was called to Red headquarters, and found an American soldier waiting for him, together with a Chinese Red who knew English. The American ~~officer~~ offered him some cigarettes, and started up a conversation.

"He talked to ~~xxxx~~ me about a lot of things, trying to get information out of me" relates the Corporal. "He tried to find out about ^{a camp} ~~an~~ organization we had against ^{those} progressives," [^] ~~the~~ Americans who listened to Communist propaganda.

He says the two Americans were assistants to the Chief of the Communist "thought police", A Chinese ~~xxxx~~ propaganda official, whom they called "mule face". The Sergeant says "they were mule face's poodle dogs."

American officers ^{say:} ~~declare:~~ "If the story can be proved, it will constitute a clear case of treason."

At Inchon Harbor, today, a military transport put out to sea with three hundred and sixty seven returning prisoners aboard. ~~One - Sergeant John G. Johnson of La Porte, Indiana. Who has an unhappy mission to carry out. He's to tell a mother - about her son. Killed in action? Worse - in a way. Her son is remaining behind, turned Communist. "He made me promise I would tell his mother," says ~~xx~~ Sergeant Johnson. "I don't know how I'll say it, but I'll try."~~

H-BOMB

London says that Britain may now have to make a hydrogen bomb. Hitherto, the attitude of the London government was - they'd experiment on the scientific side of hydrogen, but wouldn't bother about a bomb. Too much money and labor needed.

But ~~now~~ following the Moscow announcement that the Soviets have exploded a hydrogen bomb, the matter is being reconsidered. ~~Prime Minister Churchill~~

~~including personnel who have been in the States since 1945.~~

COMMITTEE - H*BOMB

The congressional Atomic Energy Commission was briefed today by the Central Intelligence Bureau - on the subject of Soviet Russia and the hydrogen bomb. They were told that the United States is well ahead of the Soviets in both ~~H~~ H-bomb and A-bomb developments - "and will continue to be" - that was the assurance.

PRINTING OFFICE

The Director of the Federal printing office denies charges made against his department. Philip Cole declares that he knows of no secret documents stolen by Communists. He says ~~that~~ the security in the printing office is good - no laxity. He questions the "credibility" of a former printing office employee, who gave evidence before the McCarthy sub-committee. Miss Cleeta Guess - who testified that she saw bookbinder Edward Rothschild, accused of Communism, take secret material from the office.

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Senator McCarthy ~~is~~ now hints that his investigation will deal with Red espionage and the hydrogen bomb.

WATERFRONT

Governor Dewey describes the New York waterfront Commissioner in these words: "As tough as a tough job requires." Well, its a tough job all right --

Lietenant General George Hays named as head of the drive to crush racketeering along the New York docks. Acting -- in collaboration with a New Jersey Commissioner.

General Hays was Deputy High Commissioner in occupied Germany -- after holding important commands in World War Two. But, for real toughness, let's look at his Congressional Medal of Honor, which he won in the First World War. The citation sounds almost ridiculous nowadays -- he had seven horses shot from under him. Which is a reflection of how primitive things were in those days of Pershing's doughboys in France.

The young Lieutenant was carrying information from the front line trenches back to the artillery -- information to direct the fire of the guns, [—] giving the targets. He made those trips back and forth -- on horseback. The terrain was under heavy fire, and Lieutenant Hays, himself, was wounded repeatedly. His

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mount was hit. -- He got another! Then another! And
so on -- until he had compiled that record of seven
horses shot from under him.

CONVICTS

The prison riot in the State of Washington ~~has~~
~~ended~~ ^{is over -} one-hundred-sixty-five convicts yielding
quietly, today, after having been in revolt all last
night. They burned a number of prison buildings, and
held out on the baseball field -- in the state
reformatory at Monroe. There was shooting - one
prisoner killed, three wounded. ~~The disturbance~~ ^{Back to normal now,}
~~ending today.~~

ROBBERY

The F B I has made arrests in a headline mystery - dating back two years ago.

The sixty-thousand dollar robbery at the Naval Air Station ^{at} Quonset, Rhode Island. The prisoners ~~xxx~~ include a navy sailor, just back from service in Turkey. ~~xxx~~ And a former sailor - who, after the robbery, became a policeman at Newport News, Virginia. The former is said to have sent forty-thousand dollars in a trunk to ~~xxx~~ his father in Florida. The father is under arrest, together with another man - charged with receiving stolen goods.

It was suspected, at the time, that, the crime was an inside job -- and this, declares the F B I, was the case. The two sailors were stationed at the Quonset base at the time of the robbery.

RESCUE

The Air Force is giving a salute to a farmer's wife and her daughter. Mrs. John Zimmerman and Miss Darline Zimmerman who live near Dayton, Ohio.

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Today, a B-25 bomber, with two air officers aboard, crashed on the Zimmerman farm. The two flyers were pinned in the wreckage -- which, mere seconds later, burst into flames. But here's ~~xx~~ what happened. meanwhile:- "I saw the plane circling the farm," relates Mrs. Zimmerman. "Then it hit a tree and crashed about three hundred feet from where I was standing."

She ran to the crash, expecting the worst. "I thought both men were ~~xx~~ dead," she says. "But, then, I saw an arm move - and I knew I had to pull them out."

Her daughter came running, and she helped. They smashed a window of the wrecked cockpit, and pulled out one injured flyer. They were getting the other out, when several men arrived and helped. Next, the explosion - but all were clear by then.

So, Mike, no wonder the Air Force is giving a snappy salute to the farmer's wife and the farmer's daughter.