

IRAN

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The British will not fight Russia over Iran.

Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, made that clear in the House of Commons today. Nevertheless, the Attlee Government is ~~terribly~~ ^{plenty} worried about the whole business.

"It is difficult," he said, "for His Majesty's Government to understand the present policy of Soviet Russia in this matter. ^{And} ~~It is~~ more difficult still to believe that all the assurances from the Soviet Union are not going to be fulfilled." ^{That} "London is anxiously awaiting the Soviet reply to questions that have been sent to Moscow."

Bevin said further that he had received the most categorical reassurance from Generalissimo Stalin and the Soviet government that ^(they) ~~he~~ would respect the integrity of Persia and that they had no intention of taking aggressive action there. Bevin understood distinctly from Molotov that there was no difference of opinion as to the date by which Allied troops would be withdrawn, March Second, Nineteen Forty-Six. What's more,

Molotov asked Bevin to bear in mind the exceptional importance which the Soviet government attached to the strictest fulfillment of their obligations.

A spokesman for the ^{London} Foreign Office said the official attitude in London ^{is} ~~was~~ that there ^{is} ~~was~~ no reason to believe that Russian troops ^{are} ~~are~~ marching on Iran, and that on the contrary, ~~xxxxxxx~~ they are still inside their occupation zone. ^H Some people think the Russian troop movements have a purely political motive, ^{that} ~~is~~ the Kremlin is trying to stir up ~~things in~~ Persia to the point where the Left Wing Tudey Party in Iran will be able to seize power and then negotiate the kind of agreement the Soviets want. The ^{London} Foreign Office also said there were definite ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ indications that the Russians have withdrawn from three cities east of Teheran.

Moscow today definitely denied the charges made by our State Department ^{on} Tuesday, charges that Russian

troops were on the march towards Teheran. The denial came in the form of an official statement distributed by the Soviet Government news agency Tass, ~~which was~~ ^{— and also} broadcast.

The official announcement reads: "Statements to the effect that movements of Soviet troops are taking place in Iran toward Teheran and towards the Turkish frontier, have no relation to reality whatsoever."

If this is true and the Soviet Government has been misled, it may be due to the excessive suspiciousness of the Russians, who ^{allow} ~~can't permit any~~ foreign correspondents ^{to go} ~~almost nowhere and see nothing,~~ ~~anywhere near them.~~ A dispatch from Iran reports that the ^{military force} ~~troops~~ in Azerbaijan have ³ grown from thirty thousand to sixty thousand in the last sixty days.

The Russian Government ^{today} newspaper IZVESTIA, came out with another blast against the Iranians, ~~today~~. An editorial charged ^{ing} that Iran and foreign reactionaries are trying to undermine relations between Britain and Russia

and to promote war between the Soviet Union and other powers.

IZVESTIA made the further charge that ever since the First World War, foreign powers have been plotting with certain people in Persia to obtain territory belonging to the Soviets. At the Versailles Conference, continues IZVESTIA, Iran demanded almost half ^{of} the Caucasus, all of Russian Azerbaijan, Baku, Soviet Romania, and Dagestan. Those demands were not even considered, said the Russian newspaper. Nevertheless, the Iranians have ^{gone on} ~~been~~ intriguing along those lines at the instigation of foreign politicians. *So says Moscow.*

At the same time, the RED STAR, organ of the Russian army, reported that plans of the American War and Navy Departments show that the United States intends to keep, in the peace, period extremely large armed forces, such as ~~has~~ had never been known ^{before in American} ~~in the country's~~ history. *That's a laugh!*

~~That is not what our own generals say. For~~

~~instance,~~ ^{IP} General Ira Eaker ^{says we haven't} ~~declared that we do not have~~

a single squadron in our Air Force capable of carrying out a major military mission, effectively. And General

Eisenhower declared that demobilization had ^{degenerated} ~~become~~

^{into} ~~disintegration.~~ The Aircraft Industries Association

reports that in January we turned out only a hundred and

sixty-three military aircraft; a hundred and seventy-five

^{Navay authorities have told us of the disintegration of the Navy.} in February. ~~At the present rate, we are producing less~~

~~While the Russians have twelve~~ ^{than two thousand a year, whereas the British are}

~~million men under arms,~~ ^{building twice as many.}

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TRUMAN

President Truman is not worried about the international situation. ^{At any rate so} ~~That's why~~ he told newspapermen at his ^{press} conference today. ~~He does not think it is~~ ^{Not} so fraught with danger as some ^{fear} ~~people think~~ it is. And on that he allowed a direct quotation. A reporter asked him whether he thought we would be able to work out of it. ~~He is sure we can work out of it.~~ ^{He said he was sure it would be done.}

Mr. Truman then went to work to squelch the rumors concerning differences between himself and State Secretary Byrnes. ~~In fact,~~ ^{He} went out of his way to do ^{this —} ~~it~~ said he wanted to make it as emphatic and strong as possible. ~~There is~~ ^{No} disagreement between the President and his Secretary of State; never has been; and, he hopes ~~there~~ never will be.

Where could such rumors originate, asked a correspondent?

The President's only explanation was that it was

either spontaneous combustion or someone wanting to tell a deliberate lie.

Then he proceeded to answer a number of questions. "Do you think it was proper for Winston Churchill to carry on an international argument with Stalin from the United States?"

No comment.

Concerning
~~to say~~ Churchill's radio talk tomorrow night,
said to *advance* *also* —
the President has no information. There are no plans
for another meeting of the Big Three. As for the scare
about Soviet troop movements in Iran, - no comment. *At this*

The President of the United States has no official
information. Like the late Will Rogers, *he said* all he knows
is what he reads in the papers.

Has he had any personal communication with Stalin recently?

No.

How about the Stalin interview calling

Churchill a liar and a hypocrite and a war monger?

No comment. The President cannot read Russian,
and consequently cannot be sure that the translation
available here was accurate.

SPAIN

Quai d'Orsay
The French ~~Government~~ came ^{up} ~~to bat~~ today ^{with} for a new proposal for dealing with Franco! - ~~The idea is~~ that France, and Uncle Sam, and John Bull and ^{the} other United Nations ~~get~~ together and slap an economic blockade on Spain. So we are told in ^{an unconfirmed} a story from Paris, ~~but it isn't official.~~

TRIAL

~~But Hermann~~ Goering on the witness stand today.

And he
added some hitherto unwritten pages to history. ~~He told~~
~~the War Crimes Court in~~ ~~Auschwitz~~ fresh details about the ~~difficult~~

differences of opinion between Hitler and his leading gangsters. For example, the Reichsmarshal was not in

favor of the invasion of Poland. At the same time, he

thought Germany should have had Danzig in Nineteen

Thirty-Nine as the price of peace. As for the Norway

business, he did not even know ~~it was going to happen~~ *about that one*

after until the decision had ~~already~~ been made. Hitler hadn't

~~not~~ kept him informed, ~~in fact~~ did not consult the

Air Force until the last moment. Goering indicated ~~that~~

~~there had been quite~~ *he had had* a row *with* ~~between him and~~ Hitler *over*

this. ~~that account.~~ The way he put it was: "Since the Air Force

had a major part to play, I expressed my resentment," ~~in~~

~~not friendly fashion."~~

He accepted full responsibility for the Nazi

action in Spain and for the Austrian Anschluss. Said he had urged intervention in Spain for the sake of giving his newly created Air Force technical experience and a chance to develop skill in tactics.

As for Austria, he had been even more keen about it than Hitler, who held back because he wanted a good legal excuse. Goering insisted they should move in at once; Hitler wanted to wait until he received a request from Arthr Seyss-Inquart, the chief Nazi in Austria.

In January, Nineteen Thirty-Nine, Goering was on a vacation on the Riviera. It was cut short by an urgent message from Hitler, saying he had made up his mind to eliminate Czechoslovakia as a danger point in central Europe. Goering hurried back in time for a conference with the President of Czechoslovakia. Goering told him he would be sorry if he had to bomb beautiful Prague. No such bombing had been contemplated up to then, but Goering thought the threat would influence the Check President. The Nazis simply

marched in the next day.

Goering also revealed the reason for the long interval between the conquest of Poland and the invasion of France. The original plan was to attack both France and the Low Countries in the Winter of Nineteen Thirty-Nine, but the weather was too bad. That's why it was postponed until May Tenth.

Goering retracted none of his beliefs. He still believes in the Fuehrer principle, thinks democracy a wash-out. Russia, he contended, could not have won if the Soviets had not been ruled by a dictator.

The prosecution lawyers asked him about the famous blood purge of Nineteen Thirty-Four, and here again the mountainous Marshal accepted full responsibility. At the same time, he said there had been exaggerated stories about the number of executions, which actually were somewhere between seventy-two and seventy-six. But he gave a new version for the

the reason behind the purge. It was all a matter of a radical difference of opinion between Hitler and Roehm over the seizure of power in Germany. Roehm wanted the Nazis to bull their way with extreme and revolutionary methods; Hitler wanted a legal plausibility.

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BUTTER

The butter business is almost a thing of the past.

So said the President of a large dairy concern in

Minneapolis today. ^{said} He put the blame on government

bureaus. Their decisions, he said, have often been based

on political rather than economic judgment. Also,

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SURPLUS

A man employed in a naval supply depot at New York was arrested today. He was charged with having stolen a poncho, a pair of galoshes and an axe. These articles were part of a pile of things that he had been ordered to burn. They were perfectly good, still by order they were going into the furnace.

The man arrested explained to the federal prosecutor that it broke his heart to see some of the and did not see why they should not be made useful, things they throw away. Nevertheless, he stands charged with having stolen.

TERMITES

The builders of America received a warning today from Uncle Sam's Bureau of Entomology, ^{a warning} ~~which deals with~~ ^{that this} ~~is~~ is the mating season for termites. Billions of them, warmed by the spring sun, are getting ready to reproduce billions more. And, this is ~~also~~ the time when the cosmic urge impels them to go eat houses.

The ^{info} information comes from Robert L. Furniss of the Bureau of Entomology, ^{who} In Nineteen Forty-Three, ~~he~~ was the ^{victim} ~~hero~~ of an ^{ironic} interesting episode. That was a great year for termites. ^{And} one weekend they got into ^{Entomologist} Furniss's office and ate up all the ^{entomological} books explaining how ^{get rid of} ~~to kill~~ termites.

KIDNAPPING

A kidnapping in Colorado, ^{A regular} ~~and in~~ Western movie

thriller, ~~style~~ Mrs. Josephine Justice of Buena Vista,
not far from Leadville, ^{and the Continental Divide,} ~~the heart of the mining country,~~

informed the sheriff that four men had kidnapped her
nineteen year old daughter. They came in a car with Ohio

license plates, and drove up to a mining claim which

Mrs. Justice is operating. All four men jumped out, one
of them grabbed the girl and threw her into the car.

The other three went to Mrs. Justice's car and pulled the
wiring from it. Then they not only drove off, but ^{they}

also stole the truck belonging to the lady.

BROOKLYN

~~Here is a story that is going to cause a
commotion among Brooklyn baseball fans.~~

★ In the once attractive German watering place of Wiesbaden is a fifteen year old lad, Ralph Weidner, born in Brooklyn. When he was nine years old, ^{Ralph} he went to visit his grandparents near Wiesbaden. He was there when the war broke out, ^{and} went to school through most of those terrible years. All along he had been promised that he would be sent back to the U.S.A. as soon as it was ~~all~~ over.

The U.S. Hundredth Division captured the town where Ralph was living. He had been hiding in an air raid shelter for two days, and rushed out to greet the G.I's when they entered the place. The doughboys gave him some chocolate bars and turned him over to the Military Government section. The officers discovered that his fluent German made him invaluable as an

interpreter, ^{and gave him} ~~so he got~~ a job not a very good one at fifteen dollars a month, ^{with} still, it included room and board. He was at headquarters in Weisbaden. ~~XXXXXX~~

A correspondent asked him whether he was anxious to go home on a fast plane. Ralph wants to go home fast, but not until the G.I.'s, who are his friends, go too. ~~He~~ He wants to go with them.

Newspapermen asked him whether he would recognize his parents. "Sure I will," said he. "They're wonderful." Then he added: "My mother is kinda fat, but don't write that because my father will paddle me." Father is taller. They're the best people in the world."

~~Then, what will shock Brooklyn fans? A new man~~

^{him} from the Brooklyn Eagle asked whether he was anxious to see the Dodgers play?

Ralph stared, looked back, and replied: "The Dodgers? What are they?"

From Brooklyn - and never heard of the Dodgers!

And now H - what do we hear from you?

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