

NEW LEAD UN

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Thunderous debate at the Assembly of the United Nations this evening -- Russia and the Western Powers fighting a showdown battle on the issue of a troop census.

The Americans, backed by the British, proposed that all countries disclose how many troops they have under arms. They want that information -- about soldiers. The Soviets have other ideas -- atomic ideas. The Soviets say they'll reveal the size of their huge army if we'll reveal our stockpile of atomic bombs. We say, "No" ~~dice~~ to that ~~proposal~~. And that's where the trouble at Lake Success started today.

Challenges were tossed back and forth, ~~like~~ ~~snowballs~~, Russia demanding the details of our atomic arsenal, Great Britain and the United States hammering at Russia to make her tell the size of her vast army.

André Vishinsky of the Soviet Delegation addressed a direct challenge to Senator Tom Connally and Sir Hartley Shawcross, British Delegate.

Vishinsky wanted to know if we would disclose our armaments, as well as all our armies.

Shawcross responded, "We'll disclose all the information as soon as an international system of inspection is set up. We'll let the Russians come to England and inspect our bases as soon as Russia permits the British, French, and Americans to survey the situation in Russia."

At that, Soviet Minister Molotov shouted something in Russian from his seat, which being translated was, "We accepted that principle long ago."

Shawcross sat down, saying smilingly, "If this were so, the Atomic Energy Commission could finish its work tomorrow."

And here's a bulletin from Lake Success, the Russians and the British have agreed to a complete accounting of all their troops and armaments at home and abroad, subject to a system of international verification.

## BIG FOUR

The Soviets have yielded a point in the issue of Trieste -- a development that came about at a meeting of the Big Four in New York today. Molotov dropped his demand for a Customs Union between Trieste and Yugoslavia. The plan is, of course, to make the disputed seaport an international zone -- and, if the Soviet satellite were granted a Customs Union, it would put Trieste under the economic control of Communist Marshal Tito. Molotov fought hard to gain his point, but today conceded -- and a Big Four resolution was passed to forbid any Customs Union with the free port of Trieste, no nation to get favored economic treatment.



IRAN

It's election time in Persia - and the troops are driving against violent opposition. It's voting time in Iran, so military operations are in full swing. **I**n the ancient land of Cyrus and Darius ~~and~~ the battle of ballots is accompanied by a battle of bullets.

The news from Teheran is that today Iranian forces were launching a fourfold drive into Azerbaijan. At four points troops of the central government are pushing into that province, ~~which has been so much a matter of dispute between Iranian Iran and Soviet Russia.~~ Heavy fighting is going on in the wild mountain country, with tanks and artillery in thundering action - and converging columns are said to be about to capture the ancient city of Tabriz, capital of Azerbaijan.

The election angle is this - tomorrow all Persia goes to the polls. That includes the northern



province of Azerbaijan, which is on the border of Soviet Russia. We recall how, for a long time, the news has been telling of an independence movement in Azerbaijan with rebel forces taking charge of that area, radical elements that favor Soviet Russia. The Soviets, in fact, with ambitions in northern Persia, are a very much interested party -- as election day comes to Iran.

The Iranian government decreed that the ~~ballot~~ balloting in Azerbaijan must be policed by government troops -- to assure a fair election, -- and now has sent its army to crush opposition. Today's battle of bullets is regarded as a prelude to the battle of ballots.

Election day is tomorrow, and there would seem to be much doubt about what kind of balloting can be held with a large scale military campaign in full operation. The echo would seem to be -- it's a deuce of a way to run an election.

In Palestine, the Zionist metropolis of Tel Aviv was plastered with placards today, signs posted everywhere - proclamations by the underground extremist organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi. ~~What was the~~

~~purpose?~~ A recruiting campaign - Irgun Zvai Leumi calling on all Jewish youths to enlist in the secret war of terrorism against the British. Irgun Zvai Leumi, appealing for members, denounced those who merely talk and argue in parlors and cafes. These it called "salon Zionists and coffee-house intelligenzia."

*All of which was of*  
~~this was an~~ ominous portent, for ~~it~~ *what* now

amounts to a truce. Of recent days, things have been quiet in Palestine, no new outbreaks of violence, no *rattle of* ~~the~~ shooting, ~~no~~ no thunder ~~of~~ *of* explosions. The two terrorist organizations, Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang, are observing an armistice - while the World Zionist Conference is being held in Switzerland. They



don't want to disturb those far off deliberations by staging new acts of terror in the Holy Land. However, as soon as the World Zionist Conference is over, trouble is expected to break out again - unless the British stop deporting illegal immigrants to Cyprus, which they are not likely to do. Hence the ominous aspect of the posters everywhere in Tel Aviv today, Irgun Zvai Leumi taking advantage of the truce by a recruiting campaign.

The mood of armistice, which prevails at present, was emphasized by a broadcast on the secret radio of the chief Jewish underground army, Hagana. That large and moderate organization went on the air with praise - for the British. Hagana spoke in glowing terms of what it called - "a noble act of mercy." <sup>FF</sup> This pertained to the refugee ship loaded with illegal immigrants, which a storm drove ashore on a tiny ~~rock~~ island of the Dodecanese. The British Navy and Air Force



went to the rescue of eight hundred Zionists, who were stranded on a mere bit of stone that rises above the waters of the Mediterranean - British Army planes

dropping supplies, <sup>— —</sup> food and clothes parachuting down. *And the British navy landed sailors and surgeons.* The British, acting continually against illegal immigrants

~~were~~ now performing an exploit ~~exploit~~ to aid the Zionist castaways. What Hagana today called - "a noble act of mercy."

The word "Hagana", by the way, is Hebrew for "defense." Today I asked a learned Jewish friend about the meaning of "Irgun Zvai Leumi". He told me that ~~irgun~~ "Irgun" means "organization"; "Zvai" means "military", and "Leumi" means "national." In other words, National Military Organization. And he pointed out that the Hebrew word "Irgun" is derived from the same source as our word "organization". That is, from the Greek, from which we also have our word "organ." He said that

ancient Hebrew, during its contact with the Greek world  
after the times of Alexander <sup>the Great,</sup> had adopted quite a few  
Greek words, and transm<sup>u</sup>tted them into Hebrew forms.

It's easy to recognize the similarity of "organ" and  
"Irgun" - a reminiscence of dim distant days of classical  
culture.

■ In still another state, the count of the votes in the November election is being disputed, - the count for Senator. Already the Republicans <sup>have put in</sup> ~~complaints~~ complaints about the results in West Virginia and New Mexico, where Democratic Senators Kilgore and Chavez won ~~it~~ out by narrow margins. And now, Maryland also.

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In that state, Democratic Governor O'Connor was elected to the Senate, ~~over a Republican candidate~~ ~~by~~ by the narrow margin of a little more than two thousand votes, - and today that was challenged in a formal complaint filed with the Senate Campaign Investigating Committee.

If the Republicans should win out, in any or all of these disputed contests, - it would, of course, increase their majority in the Senate.



## PLANE

New and magnificent vistas opening up in the world of high-speed flying, with supersonic speed approached and perhaps surpassed in the not far distant future. At the Army's Air Base at Muroc, California, an experimental rocket plane which may revolutionize all flying had its first workout today. ~~Perhaps~~

As revolutionary a flight as that of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk. *There are some who think so.*

So far the plane is known only as the SX-One and today it swept over the Muroc Field for nineteen minutes at a speed of five hundred and fifty miles an hour, --- *with the brakes on.*

Five hundred and fifty miles an hour! -- ~~would say~~  
~~that was plenty fast enough.~~ But designers claim that ~~the~~  
~~plane~~ <sup>plane</sup> ~~is~~ is capable of seventeen-hundred miles an  
~~hour~~ <sup>at</sup> an altitude of eighty thousand feet.

The SX-One, a rocket ship, did not take off in the normal manner. It was dropped like a bomb from the belly of a B-Twenty-Nine ~~boiler~~ at a height of thirty thousand feet. Its pilot, twenty-three year old "Slick" Goodlin,

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said its performance was perfect. But it will be some time before the plane can be let out at full throttle.

Nonetheless, after a few more test flights, Goodlin plans to turn loose all four rocket tubes propelling his craft, and that will mean a mighty forty thousand horsepower blast that could send the ship from New York to Philadelphia in three minutes.

## RUNYON

Damon Runyon, one of America's best known newspaper men and best loved humorists, died in Memorial Hospital in New York tonight. He was sixty-two years old.

Runyon made his name and his fame in New York, but he was a product of the West. Born in Manhattan, Kansas in Eighteen Eighty-Four, he spend most of his youth in Colorado, at Pueblo. Young Damon quit school at fourteen -- too poor in his studies, particularly English.

His first newspaper job was as a ten-dollar a week reporter on the Pueblo "Chieftain", and then he went on to The Denver "Post." After some twelve or fourteen years as a reporter in Colorado, he left just at the time that I became a reporter in Colorado. He was one of my idols in those days. In 1912 he landed in New York, and since then became world famous.

Damon Runyon's short stories of New York life were peopled with such characters as "Harry, the Horse" and "Louie, the Lug." Characters right off Broadway. And if the ~~mx~~ names weren't real, the characters were.



Both a top flight sports reporter and political reporter, no great sports eveny or national convention seemed complete without Runyon.

In the years ~~first~~ following the first Workd War, as I went about the World, I found that one of our most widely read authors was Colorado's incomparable Damon Runyon.

TEX O'REILLY

Tex O'Reilly, a Soldier of Fortune of the old Richard Harding Davis school, was buried today in the Adirondacks, at Saranac. His passing takes from the scene one of the colorful figures of our era. <sup>A one time</sup> ~~An~~ officer in the Texas Rangers; a Knight of Isabella, as a result of his service with the Spanish Foreign Legion; a Mandarin of the old Chinese Empire in the days of the Empress <sup>Dowager;</sup> ~~Regent;~~ an officer of the International Police in Shanghai; a leader of a Venezuelan Revolution; the man who saved the life of one-armed General Obregon in Mexico; a leader of forces under Pancho Villa; and a soldier both in the ranks <sup>as</sup> and <sup>A</sup> an officer with our forces in Cuba, the Philippines and Europe -- as a Soldier of Fortune, Edward S. (Tex) O'Reilly was the Number One adventurer of all the fighting men I ever knew.

A tall, gaunt Texas Irishman, with deepset eyes, a soft drawl, always a smile, and with a glint in that Irish eye that bode no good for any man who crossed him, Tex always seemed to me to be a composite

of Daniel Boone, Kit Carson, and Wyatt Earp, the Arizona Sheriff.

In his memory I'll tell a part of his own favorite story, the one he told to his pals in so many lands. It's the story of Tim McGuire, who had fought both with and against Tex in Mexico. Later they met in the Spanish Foreign Legion, fighting the forces of Abdul Krim, in North Africa, in the mountains of the Riff.

The Moroccans were fanatical fighters, and their fanaticism always reached its peak whenever a special flag was brought up, a flag in which <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ sewn some human hairs, supposedly ~~the~~ hairs from the beard of the Prophet Mohammed. In <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ battle near the Moroccan town of Tetuan, in a wild melee, Tim and Tex became separated. In the distance Tex saw Tim. He had reached that sacred flag, and had hold of it. Before the Moroccans cut him down he shouted: "Tex, Tex, I've got the whiskers of God!"

That night they buried Tim there on the battlefield where he fell.



And now Tex O'Reilly has gone to join his  
pal Tim McGuire, and all the other Richard Harding Davis  
Soldier-of-Fortune types with whom they fought on four  
continents.

And now a final word from  
3/4 You, Nelson.

## COLUMBIANS

The Attorney General of Georgia makes public two confessions by members of the Columbians - that anti-negro anti-Semitic organization <sup>which is a</sup> ~~that is the~~ storm center down South. Together with the confessions, we are given the story of how they were obtained - a melodramatic tale of under-cover work that features a beautiful <sup>blonde</sup> ~~girl~~ on a secret job.

There's an organization called the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, which combats intolerant organizations, like the Ku Klux Klan and the Columbians. This anti-Nazi league was investigating the doings of the Columbians, and contrived to get several of its workers into the ranks of the hate-preaching outfit. One of these was a young woman, Renee Forrest - described in terms of beauty and charm.

She went from New York to Atlanta, where she represented herself as an agent for a Fascist group in

the north - a sort of glamor girl of intolerance. The Columbians down in Georgia fell for this, and gave Renee a job as secretary in their office. This was in an obscure Atlanta hotel, a rickety room fitted out with a desk and a typewriter. (~~There Renee, the supposed Fascist from the North, took her place as secretary for the Columbians. She saw and heard a lot, doing a clever under-cover job.~~)

There were two members of the Columbians with whom she struck up a particular acquaintance. One was James Ralph Childers, who was quite a hero among the purveyors of hate. Childers wore - the badge of honor, a decoration granted by the Columbians. He had won this badge of honor by taking part in a Columbian exploit - the flogging of a negro. This paladin of the brotherhood of intolerance was eighteen years old. The other, associated with the glamor-girl secretary, was Lanier Waller, twenty-one years old.



They had long talks, ~~the young woman Fascist~~  
~~from the North and the two Georgia Columbians~~ and she  
noticed a deeply interesting thing about the ~~two~~ two  
young Georgians <sup>They</sup> had, in fact, joined the Columbians under  
the impression that it was simply a patriotic ~~organization~~  
organization - and, since joining, they had become aware  
of a number of disturbing things. ~~These were things they~~  
~~had got into and didn't like - the organized beating of~~  
~~negroes, the anti-Semitism, together with ample evidence~~  
~~that the Columbians were a Hitlerite outfit, with Nazi~~  
~~plans for the United States.~~

Renee Forest gained the confidence of the two  
youths to such a degree that she was able to enlist  
them in her own real cause - disclosing to them her ~~own~~  
identity as an agent of the anti-Nazi league, and  
persuading them to make full disclosures of what they  
knew about the Columbians. <sup>TP</sup> She took them on a secret

trip to New York, and there Childers and Waller made signed confessions to James A. Sheldon, head of the anti-Nazi league. In these they gave evidence about violence against negroes in Georgia, telling of floggings and plots to burn down and dynamite negro houses. They disclosed that leaders of the Columbians had given an order to seize and whip Ralph McGill, editor of *The Atlanta Constitution*, which is fighting the Columbians - and Assistant Prosecutor Dan Duke, who a few days ago, in an Atlanta courtroom, knocked down the <sup>Columbian</sup> President of ~~the Columbians~~ Emory Burke. They stated that the ultimate purpose of the organization was a scheme, modeled along Nazi lines, for the seizure of the government of this country <sup>with a slaughter of minorities -</sup> ~~this~~ to be done with weapons smuggled from conquered Germany.

Such were the confessions made public in Atlanta today by Georgia's Attorney General, Eugene Cook.

He stated that, on the basis of the statements, new indictments would be sought from the grand jury - which would be asked to drop all other matters and begin a formal investigation of the Columbians on Friday.

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Such ~~is~~ the story of *the blonde on* ~~finish good looks and~~  
~~feminine charm on~~ the under-cover job.

And ~~here~~ the aftermath. While the confessions were being revealed in the office of the Attorney General, somebody visited the Governor's office just across the hall - and, in the reception room, plastered up some big posters of the Ku Klux Klan. - Posters showing a white robed Klansman riding on a white horse. Which put a finishing touch on a day of melodrama in Georgia.



There was thundering speech at the Assembly of the United Nations this afternoon -- with American delegate Senator Connally of Texas doing the oratorical thundering. His topic was a disclosure by the nations of how many troops they have under arms. The Western Democracies propose that all countries give this information -- about soldiers. Soviet Russia has other ideas -- atomic ideas. The Soviet proposal is to reveal the size of the huge Russian Army, if the United States will say how many atomic bombs we have -- make public our atomic bomb stockpile.

This Senator Connally rejected, with stentorian emphasis -- keeping the discussion to the original point, the size of armies. He referred to the Soviet masses of troops in these words:- " The vast land armies of soldiers with guns in their hands and reserves ready to rush to the colors when the bugles blow. These are the threats to the peace of the world," he stated with loud emphasis.

To which he added that the United States will

publish its atomic secrets as soon as the nations  
have adopted and put into effect a workable disarmament  
plan -- and not until then.