


The British Government has asked the governments of other countries, to help prevent a mass movement of Jewish Refugees to the Holy Land. Fifteen thousand are already on the way, and it is reported ~~that~~ a hundred thousand more are waiting to follow them.

Downing Street has appealed to Moscow, to Paris, and to Rome for cooperation. But even if those other ~~gag~~ governments were willing to help the British out, it would legally be difficult. For almost invariably the Jewish emigrants have some sort of passport visa, such as Mexican, Costa Rican, or Panamanian. According to international law no government can stop them from sailing, even when it is suspected that they are ultimately bound for Palestine.

In Germany both the American and the British zones have been blocked off from any immigration by Jewish refugees from the East. The purpose is to stop the growing tide of illegal immigrants who want

to go to the Holy Land. These refugee movements are well organized, ^{says} ~~according to~~ General McNarney, Commander of the American Zone. ~~It is being done, he says, by~~ ^{All arranged by} a well financed world organization. The general points out that the United States never has adopted a policy of making the American Zone a way-station on the way to Palestine or any other place. ^{Gen.} McNarney added that he has been accepting people who are persecuted and given them temporary haven, but he refuses to accept organized movements of unlawful immigration.



ADD PALESTINE

The British say that American money is financing this entire mass exodus to Palestine. That it is carefully organized, with a large percentage of the immigrants consisting of young men and women, and the organizers make a point of choosing twenty percent of women who are about to have children.

The British say that already six hundred thousand Jews have migrated to Palestine, all in opposition to the Palestinian population. That if any more turn up Civil War between Jews and Arabs in the Holy Land will be inevitable, which will leave the British in the ~~xxx~~ middle. Therefore, Downing Street has ordered a mass blockade by sea and air of the Palestinian Coast. The Admiralty has sent more warships to the Mediterranean, the Army has sent planes and troops. In other words, the blockade will be on a wartime scale.

The dispatch from London reports that undoubtedly this decision by the British Government was accelerated by the bombing of ~~Rix~~ British Headquarters

in the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, which killed more than a hundred people.

TRUMAN

One of the services organized by the American legion ^{is} to select boys from every state in the union ~~and~~ and bring them in a party to Washington to let them see their government in operation. This year the legion brought a hundred and seventy-one of the lads. Among other things they visited the White House and met the President. Mr. Truman told them that he was confident the American form of government is good for at least a thousand years.

~~After that~~ The President held ² ~~his~~ press conference ^{today} and replied publicly to the complaints of the British because ~~he~~ he had not backed up their plan for partitioning Palestine under a federal government.

Mr. Truman explained that he had not made up ~~his~~ his mind about it yet, and intends to do nothing, at least over the weekend.

He took occasion to dispute a contention made public in the New York Times that he had not the constitutional power to approve the British plan.

The New York Times ~~has~~ suggested that this plan involves changes in an existing treaty and that therefore the President cannot approve it without the consent of the Senate. To that Mr. Truman said the Palestine situation had nothing to do with the convention made with Britain in Nineteen twenty-four covering the mandate of the Holy Land.

The President also denied that he had received any specific recommendations from ^{the three} ~~the three~~ man commission he had sent to Palestine, the delegation headed by Ambassador Henry F. Grady. Grady and his colleagues publicly endorsed the British plan, but Mr. Truman said he was not aware of that. ~~CP~~ The General opinion in Washington is that the President does not approve of the British Federation Plan.

CONFERENCE

The Peace Conference in Paris today, as everybody expected, outvoted the Russian Bloc on Molotov's motion to change the rules. The Conference by sixteen to five adopted a liberal voting procedure against the protest of the Russians who wanted a two-thirds majority rule.

Aside from that, the high spot of the meeting was another speech by Secretary Byrnes. ^{Mr. Byrnes} deplored the lack of unity, the spirit of friendship. To make peace, he pointed out, they must be inspired by the spirit of peace.

Sec. Byrnes then recalled that it has been more than a year since our fighting men, fighting together, dying together, won the war. They were friends and comrades. "Let us work together for peace as they fought together for freedom," *said he.*

Sec. Byrnes then turned his attention once more to the Russian attitude. He recalled that the New Zealand proposal for a simple majority vote was defeated in the Rules Committee by a bare eleven to nine

votes. But no one then complained, said Mr. Byrnes, that the Soviet Bloc was responsible for that rejection. However when the Soviet proposal on voting procedure was defeated by the overwhelming ballot of fifteen to six, the Russians charged that the Anglo-Saxon Bloc brought about the defeat.

Then, said Sec. Byrnes, "What loose and wicked talk is this?" And he continued, "We want to work with all nations, we are not going to gang up on anynation." "We have been willing to make concessions, but we do not intend to make all the concessions."

"He went on to say that the fighting men who cooperated in winning the war will never understand all this wrangling about questions of procedure." Then he appealed once more for the conference to get on with its work, to get on with the peace."

ADD CONFERENCE

Russian Delegate Vishinsky, contributed to the disharmony when he uttered caustic comments on the way the French have managed the conference. He said the secretariat was incompetent, the arrangements inefficient, ~~the~~ and today's agenda badly prepared. All of which wounded the feeling of Prime Minister Bidault of France, who considered this a reflection on his country and on French hospitality.

Maybe it's the custom in Russia to tell your host that his caviar tastes like birdseed and that the vodka tastes like a hair tonic.

UNRRA

At Geneva the Russian Delegate to the meeting of the Council of UNRRA begged for a continuance of relief to Europe for another year. He said the need for helping starving peoples would last at least that long. The Russian also abused Director General LaGuardia for criticizing the activities of the Red Army in Austria. *Several* ~~you may recall that a couple~~ ~~of~~ days ago LaGuardia reported that the Soviet Army had *seized* ~~grabbed~~ all Austrian oil and *already* sold some of it to Czechoslovakia.

The next complaint came from the delegates of White Russia and the Ukraine. They declare that the industrial equipment which UNRRA sent to White Russia and the Ukraine was not always in good quality. Some of the equipment was not complete, parts were missing, and some of the food and clothing was of low quality.

What was that proverb about looking a gift horse in the mouth?

IRAN

The British Government made an announcement today which will throw considerable dismay into the United Nations. A spokesman for Downing Street says that if British lives or interests in the Persian oil fields are endangered, Britain will have no hesitation in moving troops into Southern Iran without consulting ^{the} U.N.

~~In Khuzistan are the largest oil wells in the Middle East. They belong to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, of which the government owns the controlling interest. It is there, you may recall, that labor troubles cropped up. According to the British story the strike was promoted by the Iranian Communist Party for political reasons.~~

^{Persia}
^{British}

SPAIN

For weeks the kinsfolk of political prisoners in Spain have been appealing to the Allied Countries against the treatment of their men in Franco's prisons. Delegations of women have visited the Embassies of Britain, and the U.S.A., and other countries, bringing stories of the brutalities of Falangist Prison Guards, the Falangists being the equivalent of what the Nazis used to be. The women said that their menfolk, although not criminals, but political prisoners, were being deprived of water until they consented to wear striped prison garb just like felons, and that only one instance of the cruelty of the Franco Regime. Franco's answer was to throw a lot more people into jail. In several of the larger cities of Spain, including Madrid, there has been a new epidemic of political arrests.

GI POLITICS

What happened at Athens, Tennessee, last week ^{now has its counterpart} ~~was almost duplicated~~ in Arkansas. As in Athens, returned veterans decided that they had not fought to win a great war in order to return to communities run by political machines. Groups of them at Batesville, Arkansas, and ~~several other places~~ got together and organized. They put tickets into the field to run against old established political machines in the Arkansas primaries. As one veteran of the Battle of the Bulge put it, "We just want to get a foot in the door of these country Tammany machines." Another of them said that what happened in Athens, Tennessee, last week, would be mild compared to what would ~~happen~~ happen in Arkansas if the machine politicians ^{and} ~~was~~ tried the same crooked ways of counting the vote.

So far ~~where~~ there has been no trouble, although in most counties the GI tickets lost. But in Independence County, a community of veterans re-counted the ballots and discovered there had been a mis-count in the vote for County Treasurer. That meant that the

GI candidate should have been elected. The county machine leaders accepted the re-count so there was no trouble.

This news from Arkansas seems to be an omen that veterans all over the country are going to take a far more intimate interest in politics than they ever did before they went to war.

PLANE CRASH

At Great Falls, Montana, there was a big crowd at the State Fair Grounds where the State Fair is going on. A couple of army attack bombers came flying in formation over the fair grounds. Without ~~any~~ warning they collided and crashed. More than twenty-seven ~~people~~ were killed. One of the planes, smashed into a ~~horse~~ barn where twenty-five farmers ~~and breeders~~ were getting their ^{horses} ~~animals~~ ready for a race. The barn caught fire and burned to the ground. The death ~~list~~ ^{list} may be ^{higher,} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~large as thirty seven.~~

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MEXICO

Some of
much
~~rightly~~ Our neighbors south of the Rio Grande are
over annoyed ~~by~~ Mickey Owen, erstwhile catcher for
the Brooklyn Dodgers, erstwhile Manager of a Mexican
baseball ~~in~~ team. Since *Mickey came* ~~he ran back~~ home, begging to
be forgiven, he has achieved the dual result of annoying
American managers, vexing the spirit of baseball
commissioner Happy Chandler, angering fellow ball
players, and infuriating the Mexicans. What seems to
have ~~been~~ irked our neighbor Americans most ~~is~~ was
what Owen said about Mexican food and Mexican
hospitality. Newspapers in Mexico City and other
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league ball players went south for *some of that easy* ~~more~~ money, than
~~any American manager ever dreamed of paying.~~ Those who
stayed behind scorning Mickey Owen's example, say that
he's talking through his hat. A couple of ex-St. Louis

Cardinal players say they aren't even thinking about leaving Mexico-- that they like the people and the hot tomatoes too. A former veteran of the Detroit Tigers ~~xy~~ says he is one of the happiest players on the continent. That his wife and son like it as much as he does now that they are accustomed to the climate and the difference in food. One player offered a suggestion He said that Pasquel, the Mexican baseball magnate, should send his men around ~~xx~~ at eleven o'clock every evening when the boys are on the road, to bring them away from bars and night clubs and get them to bed early.

GAMBLING

Off the Coast of Southern California near Long Beach, there are a thousand people afloat aboard a spacious vessel equipped with every luxury. In fact, all the comforts that home never dreamed of. According to latest reports they ~~are~~^{are} likely to be there quite a long time; but they don't seem to mind the prospect. Some of them ~~do~~^{do} want to go home, but the law won't let them.

The vessel on which they are having this immovable cruise is the good ship ~~lux~~^{"Bunker Hill"}. The law does not approve of her ~~thinks she's~~^{thinks she's} a bad ship. In addition to all the other appurtenances of a vessel, ~~the~~^{the} "Bunker Hill" equipped with wheels that turn while the little marble goes klunkety & klunk until it lands in the hole that you haven't bet on. It also has a plethoric supply of those sets of two ivory bones "with ebony dots, that oft lead to cemetery lots."

The law, of course, frowns upon those pastimes, and yesterday arrested the owner of the ~~lux~~^{"Bunker Hill"} nicknamed "Admiral" Tony Stralla, arrested him and his

associates. The California Deputies also arrested a number of ^{the} operators who drove the water taxis which carried the pleasure seekers from the shore to the "Bunker Hill" and back, arrested them and confiscated their craft. Furthermore, the officers announced that all small craft tied up to the "Bunker Hill" will be impounded if they come a shore bringing any of the customers now aboard the "Bunker Hill." Admiral Stralla's position is that, since the law impounded those water taxis, let the law see that the people aboard the "Bunker Hill" get ashore.

The customers themselves, so far from being dismayed, accept their lot not merely with philosophy but with hilarity. The social halls aboard the ship resound to the shouts of "Come on Phoebe Dice," "Ada from Dedatur;" or "Five's my point;" -- while the roulette marble ~~fx~~ clicks merrily as the wheel turns. There's plenty of food aboard, with an expert staff of cooks, and they say the wine stewards are

not idle.

Still the question remains -- how are the customers going to get ashore after the house has all their money? And that question brings us to you Hugh.