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INDIA

Word from India is confused, but seems to indicate that the violent mutiny of the Indian Navy may be on its way out. Today white flags were flying over ^{the} mutinous warships - and this, at first, set going a rumor that the revolting sailors had surrendered. Which was a wrong interpretation - the white flags merely signifying that negotiations for a surrender were going on.

One war ship did surrender, the navy sloop Hindustan at Karachi.

That came about after a violent gun battle. British artillery on shore opened fire on the Hindustan, and the guns of the ship replied - shooting back. The aim of the shore gunners was much the better, and the ship was hit, several mutineers killed. After twenty-five minutes of shooting, the Hindustan raised the white flag and the mutineers came ashore, surrendering.

In the cases of other vessels, matters are still in abeyance, with negotiators for the revolting sailors demanding that these, after surrendering shall be permitted to go back to their navy duties.

The same thing goes for mutineers who are holding out in the Castle Barracks at Bombay. They want easy terms of surrender.

In London, Prime Minister Attlee stated today that no terms would be made with the mutineers, they would have to surrender unconditionally

- which would submit them to the stern penalties for mutiny, death and heavy prison sentences. However, it is doubtful that the British authorities will go to any such extremes - the situation in India being what it is.

Of much importance is the attitude of the Indian Nationalist Party.

The prime minister in London declared today that the Nationalist leaders were against the Mutiny. *Q* And this is amply confirmed by News from India. The Nationalist congress today issued statements urging the mutineers to give in, surrender. And so did a prominent Lieutenant of Mahatma Gandis - virtually putting ganghi on record as being opposed to the mutineers.

One ominous phase today was the joining of civilians with the mutinous navy men - masses of civilians rallying to their support and going on the rampage. Rioters stormed through big cities like Bombay and Calcutta, smashing windows and wrecking places. Everywhere the shout was - "Jai hind", meaning "Victory for India."

The outbreaks had a distinctly anti-foreign cast. Indians in European costume were seized and made to take off their western hats and neckties. British civilians were forced to join the rioters in their shout of "Jai hind", "Victory for India."

Today it might have seemed as if the Navy mutiny had turned into a national insurrection - but the Indian Nationalist party is opposed, and the British raj is moving reinforcements of troops and warships to the focal centers of the revolt. So the chances are that the week end news will disclose a subsiding of sedition and revolt in India.

~~India, China, French loan, Cardinals, Jugoslav, Clerics, Gunder Hagg,~~

~~Hawaii, Flag, Housing, Runaway, Bites.~~

~~The best stories to drop would be Housing or Hawaii, or both.~~

CHINA

The anti-Soviet demonstrations in China turned into disturbances today- with mobs of striking students and professors marching through the streets shouting slogans and carrying banners. They were protesting against Soviet demands in Manchuria, the plan to cart off to Russia about every sort of industrial property that can be moved. That, and Soviet demands for economic privileges in Manchuria, concerning factories mines and such.

At Chungkin^g the newspaper of the Chinese Communists was wrecked. That paper is one of the few that has failed to denounce the actions of the Red Army in Manchuria. The striking students were milling and shouting in front of the building, when some of the Reds inside hurled stones down at the crowd. Whereupon the mob stormed the newspaper shop and smashed everything in sight.

Today the Soviet embassy was heavily guarded, and so was the headquarters of the Chinese Communists - as hundred^s of thousands of peoples cheered the student marchers, who plastered the whole town with anti-soviet signs. Student slogans openly talked about a possible china war with soviet Russia. One poster today read; "Russia is worse than Germany and Japan." Another in^htimated; "Stalin is larger than Hitler plus Hirohito."

The student view is set forth in a manifesto signed by Top chinese educators - a manifesto denouncing the yalta agreements and the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Chinese view is that at the big three conference at Yalta, China was sold out to the Soviets, and that ^{the} late President Roosevelt is blamed for this, for conceding ² everything to Stalin. The Chinese charge that because of secret agreements at Yalta, Soviet Russia is now making its demands in ⁴ Manchuria.

FRENCH LOAN

France is going to ask for two and a half billion dollars. ~~That~~

^{So}~~was~~ announced by the French foreign office today, which stated that negotiations would soon begin for a two and a half billion loan from the United States. The negotiator ^{— as we have heard —} will be former Premier Leon Blum, who will come to our shores to present the French request for the money.

Today's dispatch from Paris speaks of what it calls; "A heavy propaganda barrage, to influence the United States Government and American public opinion in favor of the loan." The president of France has scheduled a press conference for an appeal to America. And a French "yellow book" will be issued to argue in favor of the loan. The purpose of the propaganda will be to persuade Americans that France is not coming on " a begging mission", but wants the money to make a proper contribution to world reconstruction.

REMARK

JUGOSLAV CLERICS

The government of Yugoslavia is going to put on trial the arch bishop of Croatia and a hundred-and-fifty - five roman catholic priests - on trial as war criminals. The Yugoslav government is, of course, headed by Communist Marshal Tito, and the trial is likely to make a sensation as a head-on clash between the red regime and the roman catholic church.

Before the developments of the war, Croatia was a disconnected part of Yugoslavia - with revolutionary movements demanding autonomy, or even independence. When Nazi Germany attacked and conquered Yugoslavia, Croatians aided the invader. This was primarily the doing of a secret revolutionary society called "Ustasha."

And the charge is that the Croatian arch bishop and the hundred-and-fifty-five Catholic Priests to be put on trial were connected with the Ustasha.

The archbishop, Dr Ivan Sarich, will be tried in absentia. The government of communist marshal Tito states that Dr Sarich is believed to be out of Yugoslavia, in some other country. There he is said to be the head of what the Yugoslav reds call - "The Croatian democratic intelligensia". Presumably this means educated Croatian Democrats who are opposed to Tito, the communist.

CARDINALS.

The new College of Cardinals expanded by the world wide additions had its first meeting today. Pope Pius the twelfth summoned the enlarged sacred college for the secret consistory.

There was a ritual-presenting of official rings, and of the sealing and unsealing of lips - symbolizing a pledge to secrecy and a promise to give good counsel. And, at the secret consistory, the pope formally assigned new cardinals to their churches in Rome - the Cardinals being electors who technically represent the churches of the city of Rome in Papal elections.

This is an ancient survival dating back to early times when the Popes as Bishops of Rome, were elected by the Clergy and people of the city. The local roman churches are now represented in Papal elections, theoretically - by high ecclesiastics from all over the world.

HAWAII

At Honolulu they're planning a great reception for a man from Mississippi. He is to be greeted with all sorts of ceremony and a giant feast, a Hawaiian luau, the traditional polynesian banquet in the Islands. The reason is that earl Finch of Hattiesburg, Mississippi did so much to befriend Japanese American soldiers from Hawaii.

Back in nineteen forty-three, Finch, a rancher and business man, saw a lad with a Japanese face and an American uniform gazing forelornly into a drug store window. Finch knew the difficulties that loyal Japanese Americans were having, enduring discrimination and hatred - ^einvitably during the war. He took the lonely soldier from Hawaii home with him for a chicken dinner. The next day the soldier returned with a heap of roses for Finch's mother. Two weeks later, the business man rancher took a hundred Japanese-American soldiers to his three hundred and forty acre place, and gave them a "watermelon bust". Later he entertained them at a rodeo.

Earl Finch ^{then became} ~~now was as warmly~~ involved in the cause of the loyal Japanese-Americans. Several were beaten by a new York policeman.

Finch had the cop suspended. He found that in New Orleans, Japanese-American soldiers, visiting from Camp Shelby, were refused rooms in hotels.

Finch bought a small hotel in the French quarter, for their use.

His activities were so widespread that his corresponden^{ce} with Japanese-American soldiers throughout the world grew to a file of fifteen thousand. They deluged his Mother with gifts - pictures, statues, gallons of french perfume.

And now the man from Mississippi is going on a visit to Hawaii.

When he lands, the traditional lei of flowers will be looped around his neck by private Omiya, who was blinded in battle in Italy and to whom Finch presented a seeing-eye dog. The culmination will be a giant luau, the greatest of feasts for the Mississippi friend of Japanese-Americans.

GUNDER HAGG

The world's greatest runner will not flash his spikes in the Olympic games to be held in nineteen forty-eight. Stockholm announces that it is definite and final now - Gunder Hagg has lost his amateur standing.

There has been much talk about the suspension of swedish athletes, fifteen of them, headed by Hagg - who set a new world's record by almost running the long awaited four-minute mile. He was a mere one and four-tenths of a second over the four minutes. Also suspended was Arne anderson, so close a rival to Hagg.

Today in Stockholm, the president of the Swedish Athletic Society told the result of an investigation into the question of money received by Hagg for running in races - money labeled "Expenses." The Athletic President stated; " We considered his expenses, and he still had a lot left over."

With this comes the publication of two letters that Hagg wrote to the Athletic Association. The first was a sarcastic denial of the charge that the money he got made him a professional. The second letter was an apology for the first letter; the great mile-runner making a plea.

Gunder Hagg described himself as follows-"A poor boy from the

small village of Albacken, who suddenly and quite ^Bsurprisingly became famous". And he asked; "How does a moneyless boy act when offered money by many clubs to take part in meets throughout the world?"

The Swedish Athletic exposé is provoking new controversery concerning the merits of the current system of amateurism in atheltics - a controversy that will be sharpened by the news that Gunder Hagg, the great runner of the mile, will not be entered in the next atheltic games.

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BRATTLEBORO

How did the ~~Lx~~ Brattleboro ski jump turn out that I spoke about last night? Well, Art Devlin, veteran Air Force aviator ran off with the top honors. His number one rival, Merrill Barber was not in the meet, but did do some exhibition jumping. Devlin on his two ~~official~~ official jumps totated four hundred feet -- Barber three hundred and ninety seven. In the veterans group Torger Tokle's older brother Kyree came in first.

To me the most amazing event of the afternoon was the jumping done by a girl, the only girl ski jumper in the country, in the Class B group. Dorothy Graves of Greenville, Massachusetts jumped one hundred and seventy three feet, and was beaten by only two men in ~~Class~~ Class B. If you were a girl can you imagine yourself hurtling through the air for one hundred and seventy three feet, two thirds of the length of a football field?

RUNAWAY

At Buffalo, New York, the police have picked up a runaway boy from Monee, Illinois. You'll sometimes find a runaway has peculiar reasons for leaving home, and thirteen year old Raymond Jean relates a little classic.

At school, a one-room country schoolhouse, his sister laughed at him, whereupon Ray took revenge by stepping on her toes. The teacher sent him home for that misdemeanor - but, instead of going home, Ray started hitch-hiking. Destination - Scranton, Pennsylvania. Why Scranton? Today Ray explained that out there in Illinois, he heard that in Scranton - "They were" as he said, "paying big money for milking cows." So Ray set out to make his fortune - milking cows.

Tonight he is being sent back home to Monee, Illinois, and the lad has certain misgivings connected traditionally with woodsheds and a strap. "We don't have a woodshed," said he today, "but we do have

1/2 a cow barn, and I might have to visit it with pop." *An appropriate item for Wash. Birthday.*

9 And now Hugh, who likes George, also never tells a lie.