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(The Soviets come forward with a plan for atomic disarmament - and its the same old thing. At the U N General Assembly in Paris, ^(Vishinsky) some people hoped that Vishinsky might produce a surprise. A new angle. But, in a formal address today, he presented the same suggestions that Moscow has repeated all along. He (called for the prohibition of atomic weapons and the establishment of atomic control. But he skated around the question of -- inspection.) Moreover, Vishinsky put the whole thing in the jurisdiction of the security council - where the Soviets have that veto.

The proceedings at the General Assembly in Paris rose to heights of emotion today - when the Foreign Minister of Egypt presented a protest against Great Britain. Hitherto, Iranian Premier Mossadegh has held the championship for agitated oratory, but today, the Egyptian Premier, Mohammed Sala El Din, made a record for prolonged, unflagging emotionalism. He read a twenty-five page address in a state of such excitement that his voice broke time and again, and kept rising to a high pitch of shrillness.

He denounced Britain for waging war against Egypt: "It is a real war" he proclaimed in shaking tones, " a real war waged by a country claiming still to be an ally."

That was the gist of the twenty-five pages -- recited with ~~xxx~~ turbulent anger.

IRAN

Here's news about President Truman's ~~xxxx~~ reply to an Iranian request for ^{an} American loan. Premier Mohammed Mossadegh asked for an advance of one hundred and twenty million dollars - to help his government through its financial crisis. President Truman replied in a letter, saying the loan request would be given - "careful consideration". But he made no promise of the financial assistance that Iran requires -- as a result of that oil dispute with Great Britain.

KOREA-ATROCITIES

The release of atrocity figures in Korea takes a stranger turn than ever - with details of how the statement was made public. You might have thought a declaration so important and sensational, would have gone to press and radio through top-level channels at Supreme Headquarters in Tokyo. But it wasn't even given out at a news conference of average status - just passed along to Korean reporters at an obscure point.

Colonel James Hanley, in charge of war crimes information for the Eighth Army, is stationed at Pusan - which was the key point for the old Pusan beach-head. But now - that seaport at the southern tip of Korea is of so ~~little~~ little consequence that the American news ~~agencies~~ agencies don't even station American correspondents there. At Pusan they have ^a few Korean newsmen - and it was to these that Colonel Hanley gave the startling report. Today's United Press dispatch describes the occasion as "a press conference not regarded highly enough to tip off newsmen elsewhere."

~~They~~ Today, however, Colonel Hanley repeated

his contention that he was authorized by headquarters to make the release. And - he raised the figure for American prisoners of war ~~as~~ murdered by the Chinese and Korean Reds. Today he gave the total as more than six thousand.

From Tokyo, the Supreme Commander, General Ridgway, sent his publication information officer, Colonel George Welch, who was in conference with Colonel Hanley nearly all day today. It was tense conversation. When it was over, the public information officer from Tokyo looked, in the words of today's dispatch - "weary and on edge."

Yesterday, in Tokyo, Colonel Welch intimated that the figures for American prisoners murdered were exaggerated, should be revised downward. Today, he would not make any comment on that angle - refusing all information about his long talk to Colonel Hanley. He merely said a "clarification" would be issued.

ADD KOREA - ATROCITIES

The latest -- the first Red reaction to the atrocity report. The Communist radio at Peking denies the killing of prisoners, and calls the statement -- a new excuse manufactured in order to delay the armistice talks.

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KOREA-TRUCE

Tonight brings an optimistic expression about truce talks in Korea, one of our negotiators declaring: "If the situation were hopeless, we would not be going back to Pan Mun Jom tomorrow."

~~There seems little to account for optimism - today's talks at Pan Mun Jom having got nowhere. The session was the longest thus far, five hours and fifteen minutes, after which the announcement was made -- "no tangible results."~~

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KOREA-WAR

The war on the ground was at a standstill as intense cold gripped Korea today. But, as the temperature fell, the skies cleared - which made a big day in the air. The U S. Fifth Air Force flew five hundred and forty-nine ~~xxx~~ sorties against supply lines, blasting ~~xxx~~ railroads and storehouses. Enemy jets made an appearance, but there were no battles on high - the MIGS retiring to the Manchurian sanctuary, upon the appearance of American jets.

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NEPAL

Revolutionary history was made today -- in a strange corner of this earth. Nepal, the feudal ~~principlity~~ principality that lies in the Himalayas between India and Tibet. Nepal, home of the Gurkhas -- traditional soldiers of the British Empire.

The news: - Nepal today installed a new Prime Minister, and his name is not "Rana." Moreover, he is a commoner, not a member of any of the noble Gurkha clans, of whom the Ranas have always been the proudest.

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All ^{is} rather dim and mystifying in a feudal Asiatic state. But the Chinese Reds have taken the Roof-of-the-World, and Nepal is a strategic land of mountains between Tibet and India. So there may be something more than exotic strangeness in this overthrow of the great Gurkha family, the clan of Rana, at Katmandu.

CAUDLE

(President Truman has fired Assistant Attorney General T. Lamar Caudle. Reason -- "outside activities.") That is how the President phrased it; -- the Assistant Attorney General having been questioned by a Congressional Committee in connection with outside associations and business transactions. (There were suggestions of - going easy on the prosecution of tax fraud cases.) So late this afternoon the announcement was made -- Caudle's resignation requested, and received.

Extra

Eric Johnston is begging for somebody to take his job. In a news conference today, the retiring Economic Stabilizer stated that President Truman has not been able to line-up a successor. (The post was offered to Price Administrator Michael Di Salle, but he refused. We hear that Di Salle wants to run for the Senate in Ohio next year. Several others have been approached, top ranking business executives, But, they said -- no.)

The post pays twenty thousand dollars a year - but it is -- a hot spot. All you have to do is figure out controls to check inflation, and persuade Congress to give an okay -- also the public.

It is a well known ^{and old} problem for the government - trying to get top-ranking people to take federal posts. Which now comes to something of a climax, with an appeal - please! take the job of economic stabilizer.!

WARREN

Governor Warren of California comes out tonight as a champion of the liberal wing of the Republican party. In his first campaign speech ~~for~~ the nomination he called for a series of measures including price support for ~~the~~ farmers, unemployment compensation, old age insurance, housing, medical care ^{on} ~~in~~ reasonable terms for all citizens, financial and military aid to nations ~~in~~ fighting communism, and a by-partisan foreign policy.

This, declares Earle Warren is all Republican doctrine. Although there are those Republicans who do not agree with him. They call these Socialism. ~~None of them represents socialism. They do represent social progress.~~

So that's the platform on which Governor Warren seeks the Republican nomination.

SAN FRANCISCO

Here's a puzzle ⁱⁿ figures -- at San Francisco. You try to figure it out.

The San Francisco police, through the year, hand out, on an average, ~~of~~ two-thousand-and-fifteen traffic tickets a day. Now, it is disclosed - that the figure dropped to thirteen-hundred-and-one on Monday a week ago. On Tuesday, another big drop - to a mere eight-hundred-and-ninety -- little more than one third of average. But the next day, Wednesday, the figure soared back to two-thousand-two-hundred-and-thirty-one nearly three times as many.

The key to the puzzle is that Tuesday was election day, with citizens of San Francisco voting on a proposal to increase the pay of the police. The pay hike was -- defeated.

So now you know why, on days before the election, the traffic arrests were fewer and fewer. And why, the day after election they nearly tripled -- cops disgruntled by the defeat of the pay hike.

TRAFFIC

The National Safety Council hopes that this Christmas will not bring a round figure of - ~~xxxx~~ one million. Today they give the total number of traffic deaths in this country since the invention of the automobile. The figure is nine-hundred-and-ninety-five-thousand ^r six hundred. So the million mark is near at hand, and they are afraid it will come this Christmas time - which would be a tragic irony. So the National Safety Council appeals for caution on the highway: - don't be the one-millionth fatality!

TRIAL

At Yanceyville, North Carolina today, the jury disagreed in the case of a negro sharecropper -- tried on a charge of assault. The accusation was that he intended to harm a blond teenaged girl, though he never was closer to her than seventy-five feet. But that could constitute assault, under North Carolina law. The girl said he leered at her and followed her.

On the jury were eight whites and four negroes -- ten for conviction, two for acquittal. Two negro jurors voted for acquittal, while the other two joined with the white jurors, insisting on a verdict of guilty.

Disagreement - and there will be another trial, if the State continues to prosecute the case.

MISSING

Here's an old story - one of the sadest:

Marion "Jerry" Traendly, age seventeen, daughter of a prominent Norwalk, Connecticut family, and her roommate Nancy Steck, of Seagirt, New Jersey mission. Disappeared from school, Penn Hall, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on Monday at three o'clock. The police of six states are looking for them. All would be forgiven if they would return home.

FOOTBALL

Harvard University rejects a free dormitory "for athletes". The offer was made by Benny Jacobson, who has a laundry on Harvard Square - and hob-nobs with the football coaches. He purchased a four story building and furnished it - to keep Harvard athletes from having to pay rent. But Dean Wilbur Bender says that Harvard will never let athletes get something for nothing. In a few cases, they are provided with rooms at the Varsity Club in return for jobs at which they work. But that is all. No free dormitory. Harvard football is too purely amateur for that.

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COLLEGE

At Cornell, they've been having ^{an} investigation of -- cribbing. Recently the student council circulated a questionnaire, and forty percent of those answering admitted -- yes, they had cheated in passing exams. Whereupon, the campus newspaper, the Cornell Sun, hiked the figure, making it -- fifty-one percent.

Today, the University was shocked by the publication of a letter signed by twenty-five students. They declared that the figure for cheating in the Department of Architecture was -- ninety-nine and three-tenths percent. They wrote: "four boys do all the work, and the rest of us crib from them."

Which certainly made things look bad at Cornell, until a discovery was made. Of the four students, from whom all the others cribbed, it was found that three names are not listed in college at all. One being -- Frank Lloyd Wright, veteran architect of world fame. Maybe he wrote a text book -- and they cribbed from that. Anyway, the scandal turns

out to be -- a joke. Same old thing - students with a misplaced sense of humor.

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The Judge - Nelson

At Houston, Texas, a judge, passing sentence today, indulged ⁱⁿ a bit of -- college humor. Which was appropriate, because the defendant was one of those door-to-door magazine salesman -- and you know their favorite line:- Student - working his way through college!

Knocking at one door, he found a fifteen year old school girl at home -- her parents away. He walked in, told her he was working his way through college, and imprinted a kiss on her cheek. Today in court she said she was so scared, she bought a subscription ~~in~~ as fast as she could -- to get rid of the salesman.

The Judge, passing sentence, was facetious. "I am giving you", he said, "thirty days in the sheriff's business college. You can work your ~~xx~~ way through that." *So said the Judge - Nelson.*

INTRODUCTION

for repeat show

~~I'm giving this program tonight -- at a reunion.~~

~~An anniversary gathering -- of a band of adventurers as~~
~~as any in the 2nd W.W. have been holding a reunion,~~
~~rememberable as any in the Second World War.~~ } The American

Air Commandos of Burma, who staged the first all-air invasion -- in collaboration with the legendary British General Wingate. The same Wingate who, before the war in Palestine, by the way, founded the present army of Israel. In Burma, the Air Commandos, with planes and gliders, seized jungle clearings -- as bases from which Wingate's British jungle troops operated.

~~The reason that I'm attending this reunion,~~

~~makes an odd story.~~ During the Second World War, General Hap Arnold, U.S. Air Force Commander, at a banquet, told about that Air Commando exploit -- which had begun with an odd experience for him. Wanting to select a commander for the adventure, he dispatched an order through Air Force channels -- send in candidates.

So, presently, said Hap Arnold, in came what he called "the toughest little Irishman I ever saw."

"He nearly snapped my head off," Hap Arnold added.

Which was really - something. A young officer nearly snapping off the head of the Commander of the U. S. Air Force.

That was Phil Cochran, already famous - in a comic strip. He was the original of Flip Corkin, in Milton Conniff's "Terry and the Pirates." His trouble was that he didn't want the command of some outfit operating in Burma. He was a fighter pilot, ^{who} ~~she~~ had been flying in air battle - and wanted to keep on doing just that.

General Arnold, however, persuaded him that the job he was offering - was even more of a thriller. So Colonel Phil Cochran got the command -- in partnership with his old-time Air Force buddy, Colonel Johnny Alison - and, together, they led the Air Commando adventure.

Right in the middle of his remarks that night,
General Arnold turned to me and said that he wished I
would get the full story and put it in a book. At last
that has been done. It is called BACK TO MANDALAY,
published by Greystone. And the Air Commandos, Cochran
and Alisen; Colonel Bill Taylor, their glider commander;
Dr. Cortez Enloe, the flight surgeon - and others,
have made the book ^{their} an excuse ^{for} ^{my} to hold their first reunion
since the time when they flew an army by night
behind the Japanese lines in Burma -- on the road
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