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CHARGES FALSEHOODS

BYRNES REPLIES TO PRESIDENT

By ED CREAGH WASHINGTON (AP)—James F. Byrnes today accused President Truman of spreading falsehoods about him and of substituting "fiction for history" in describing U. S. Russian relations in the dangerous months of the developing cold war.

The South Carolina governor, who was Truman's secretary of state from 1945 until early 1947, replied in a scathing article published in Collier's magazine to statements President Truman made about him in the recent book "Mr. President."

BYRNES REPRIMAND Byrnes went beyond denying—as he has done before—that he got a personal dressing down from the President after the Moscow Conference of 1945. By President Truman's account, he read Byrnes a memo saying he was tired of "babbling the Soviets." Byrnes said he never heard of any such memo, and then:

1. He charged that President Truman was guilty of using "atrocity language" against the Russians but "did not provide the iron fist" to back up his words.

2. He said "the Soviets will welcome" the President's statement that this country was "almost forced to agree" at the Potsdam Conference—right after Truman later, in recognition to Russia, occupation of East Poland and Polish occupation of Germany east of the Oder.

3. He denied that the U. S. was eager at Potsdam to get Russia into the war against Japan. Byrnes said he hoped the Japanese would surrender before Russia could enter the war. President Truman, he said, "led me to believe he shared my view."

RESIGNED FOR HEALTH Byrnes denied quitting as secretary of state because of any scrap with the President. He said he resigned solely because he suffered from a heart ailment. And he said that for at least two years later, his resignation to Truman, he said, "led me to believe he shared my view."

Byrnes said he was "not a medical record of his heart condition—described as coronary arteriosclerosis—and three letters from President Truman to him, designed to show that the break between them did not come until Byrnes opened fire on the President's domestic policies in 1946.

"The evidence seems plain," Byrnes said, "that he became offended with me not because of anything I did or did not do while secretary of state, but because I opposed some of his domestic program."

"He appears determined to construct a record against me, without regard for the facts. But without the President of the United States has the right to substitute fiction for history."

"Time after time Byrnes—once a Jew-fetted and Jew-enthralled agent of the President—lied against statements made by Truman in Byrnes' 'Mr. President' book. In an earlier book, Jonathan Daniels' 'The Man of Independent Mind'...

These statements added up to an impression that Byrnes, in President Truman's view, was being firm enough with the Russians and wasn't keeping the President informed on diplomatic developments.

Byrnes' Truman busting, by Byrnes' account, began in a "Dear See BYRNES on page 7-A"

NEW YORK (AP)—Sen. Clinton Anderson (D-N.M.), former secretary of agriculture, said last night that President Truman gave former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes "a very stiff curtain lecture" shortly after the 1945 Moscow conference.

Anderson told the story during discussion of the book "Mr. President" on WABD and the Dumont Television Network's program "The Author Meets The Critics."

Byrnes, who was secretary of state in the Truman Cabinet from 1945 until early 1947, has denied in an article in Collier's Magazine that he got a personal dressing down from Truman right after the Moscow conference. Jonathan Daniels, in his biography "Man of Independent Mind," wrote that the President read the "riot act" at Byrnes' return from Moscow.

"I sat in the cabinet all the time Jimmy Byrnes did," Anderson said, "and I know that when he came back from Moscow the..."

FLOOD CAUSES BIG HEADACHE FOR TOLLERS

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia.—There were plenty of headaches after long hours on the Missouri River levees, and one foreman told amateur radio operator Joe Cornell to send out a call for 100 aspirin.

"I put out a call to the Red Cross for 200—just hoping for a hundred," Joe related last night.

"The next thing I know, the Red Cross had sent a thousand aspirin and a doctor to administer them."

"They figured there must be something seriously wrong wherever so many aspirins were wanted."

Sawyer Talks With Industry, Union Leaders All Involved Mum On Steel Situation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, boss of the seized steel industry, conferred separately today with industry leaders and CIO President Philip Murray—but nobody would talk afterward.

Sawyer was generally believed to be pressing hard for a Government-imposed wage increase deal for Murray's 600,000 steel workers.

It was possible, though not considered likely, that the Secretary still was trying to arrange an industry-union agreement that could enable return of the seized steel mills to their private owners.

Sawyer told reporters all concerned had agreed to say nothing about the talks. He said he may have a statement later in the day, but was not sure.

One company official told a reporter after the session with Sawyer that to him the situation looked as black as ever.

Price Stabilizer Ella Arenal, who has turned down the steel price board the industry says it needs to offset Government's price controls, called a sudden news conference. He did not say in advance what he wanted to announce.

The steel executives were headed by Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the U. S. Steel Corp. Other companies represented were Republic, Bethlehem, Jones & Laughlin, Wheeling, Youngstown, Inland and American Rolling Mill.

Sawyer has been in constant touch with President Truman, it was learned.

Prison Revolt Staged By 232 U. S. Convicts



Marie Louwrensburg of Mills Valley, Calif., (far right) whose son, Marine Sgt. Joseph Mueltenkopp (left) is fighting in Korea, is facing deportation to her native Holland before her son comes home from Korea on rotation about June 1. She has been unable to secure an extension of her visitor's visa and can stay in the States only if she can get a job at the Netherlands consulate in Seattle. The sergeant's request for emergency swimming team prospect who will be able to remain in the States if a special act of Congress goes through making her a citizen. (United Press Telephotos).

Rampaging Missouri Strains At Omaha-Council Bluffs Dikes

OMAHA (AP)—The mad Missouri opened its flood-veins east into the narrow Omaha-Council Bluffs levee channel today and an angry, brown-flooded under floodplains on the river in its strait-jacket of dikes.

The critical hours began before dawn when the slow-moving flood crest began surging into the seven-mile long funnel of silted dikes protecting the lowlands of the twin cities of Omaha and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The next 48 hours may determine whether the tremendous water pressures will burst through levees and cause more agony and damage along this river which has become a monster of destruction.

All night long soldiers and civilians worked—many from 21,000 men—around the clock to plug the holes in the dikes and to hold back the low levees of the river's crest.

Water crept through soggy levees and through spongy earth beneath them as danger signals. Levee patrol men sent workers into these points as quickly as they were spotted.

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For 30 miles upstream, the river averages 10 miles in width or 52,800 feet. But in the narrowest channel the funnel is only 1,200 feet wide. And the tide must be passed through this slender bottleneck before the danger is past.

There was no wall of water or battering waves. The river crest was a monstrous, creeping thing that moved slowly and with tremendous power. It strained against the dikes here with a pressure of 200 tons per square foot.

Through the night workers rushed sandbags to weak points. The water crept to the top of the levees at some points and then splashed against the boards built to hold back the low levees of the river's crest.

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Nine Guards Being Held As Hostages

By ALBERT FULLING & FRANCES LEWINE RAIWAY, N. J.—(AP)—A rebellion of more than 200 convicts raged at Raiway State Prison farm today in sympathy with a four-day mutiny at Trenton State Prison 40 miles away.

A band of 232 unruly prisoners grabbed control of a two-story dormitory wing last night and held nine prison guards as hostages. It was the fifth prison outbreak in New Jersey in three weeks.

Prison guards, reinforced by state police, regained control of the ground floor of the wing this morning by a ruse.

The convicts yelled down that one of their number had saved his term and was due to be released today. They asked if he would be released if they let him out of the dormitory.

Prison officials told the rioters to send the man down to the ground floor of the barracks at the entrance to let him out.

When the rebels did this the guards broke through the weakened barricade and swarmed into the ground floor of the building. The rioters retreated upstairs and piled up more barricades. The stairways made of broken beds, mattresses and debris.

Prison officials were unwilling to use tear gas to quell the mutiny because of the nine hostages.

The farm superintendent was asked by newsmen if the man whose term was up would be released on schedule. The superintendent declined to comment himself, saying "naturally, the prisoners are upset."

At Trenton—where the suburban rioters were demanding the firing of the warden and a revamping of the parole system—40 convicts barricaded in the prison printing shop let one of their four prison employ-holders go after he had a mild heart attack.

The Raiway convicts hung huge bedsheet signs on the shattered windows this morning, with croch-knife lettering:

"We want a new parole system. We want the parole board. We have radios in here. The parole board isn't fair. We want a change."

BEAK NEWS A prison source said the embattled convicts listened to news broadcasts of the riots on tiny crystal set radios they fashioned out of magnetized steel and tin tobacco cans.

At a spring dawn pale petals searched through the massive stone walls of the dormitory wing, the prisoners inside set a mild heart attack.

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Cairo Jews Tar Heel Editor in Egypt

By C. A. McKNIGHT Editor, The News (By Airmail—Delayed)—The venerable Haim Nahum, Grand Rabbi of Egypt and once Grand Rabbi of the whole Ottoman Empire, is nearly 80 years old. His vision has been failing for years. He lives in semi-retirement, seldom receiving visits.

But he made an exception for three members of the American Christian Palestine Committee study tour, and he has this message to the Jews in America, and also for those of the country of which they are "Rabbi."

Haim Nahum is a wonderful character. A short little man with the enthusiasm and liveliness of his congregation.

LIKES AMERICANS He likes Americans, having seen much of the U.S.A. He likes newspapermen, and he especially likes Roger Baldwin, former head of the American Civil Liberties Union, who was one of the trio to interview him.

We went to see him to find out how Jews are faring in Egypt, one of the Arab nations still technically at war with Israel. Many of the refugees who have fled to Israel since 1948 have come from Moslem countries, and we were curious to know how many of them left Egypt and why.

That he told us is to the lasting credit of Egypt—a nation that has apparently developed a very high level of religious freedom.

Some of the Jews in Egypt want to go to Israel. They are mainly the younger Jews who are not Egyptian citizens.

WELL TREATED IN EGYPT "Of the 60,000 Jews in Egypt, those who are citizens are quite satisfied," the Grand Rabbi said. "There is no persecution against our people. During the Israel War, only 300 Jews were interned in the 'free-camps' where they were not treated as prisoners at all. And they were mostly non-citizens."

"There has been only one attack on a synagogue—and that was before the war broke out. And we have 23 synagogues here in Cairo. The attack occurred in 1946, and the Government promptly expressed its apologies. A few bombs were thrown in the Jewish quar-

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Interior Views Of Renovated White House



MARINE'S MOTHER FACES DEPORTATION



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Big Airliner Falls, Burns In California Passengers' Fate Not Determined

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A non-scheduled airliner carrying 23 passengers and a crew of three crashed and burned, the sheriff's office reported, in suburban North Whittier Heights.

Sheriff's officers said a rancher located the ship, missing more than six hours, and said it was "down and burning."

There were no immediate reports of fatalities nor of how the crash occurred.

The ship was last heard from at 6:33 (EST) when it was in contact with the Los Angeles International Airport control tower, presumably attempting an approach and landing in murky weather.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration said the ship was operated by North Continent Airlines and the flight originated in New York, with stops across country at Cleveland, Amarillo, Tex., and Phoenix, Ariz. The CAA said the "main body" of the passengers, presumably the 23, boarded at Cleveland.

EVERING PRAYER Give us the gift of true brotherhood, our God; the kind that quietly and effectively gains impetus from practice; that can believe Thy Good Spirit operates at richer depths in human life than the superficialities of creed, color or caste. Amen.

WHAT'S INSIDE Classified Want Ads — \$8-13B Comics — 8B Crossword Puzzle — 9B Editorials — 10A Radio Program — 12A Serial Story — 11A Sports — 5B-7B Theaters — 11A Washing Well — 11A Women's Pages — 2B-4B

LOCUSTS SWARM ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)—A dense locust swarm yesterday covered an area two by four miles in the southern outskirts of Addis Ababa. The insects were so thick they bent the branches of trees.

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FBI Releases 2 Suspects In N. C. Bank Robbery

GREENSBORO (AP)—Two men, questioned after the \$50,000 bank robbery in Lenoirville, yesterday were released early this morning, according to Rockingham Sheriff Leon Worsham.

A pretty, blue-eyed bank teller, only witness to the hold-up, said she did not identify the pair as the men who bound her and left her on the floor of the bank.

"She said they were positively not the men," Sheriff Worsham stated today. "Apparently it was just one of those things."

Comic Dictionary PEDESTRIAN The man who has failed to keep up his payments on the car.

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