

Byrnes' Stand On Intelligence Service Hard To Understand
It would be interesting to know why Secretary James P. Byrnes chose recently to reverse himself regarding the functions and organizational structure of the State Department's Intelligence Division. Last fall, Col. Alfred McCormack, the State Department's chief of intelligence, was charged with the responsibility of organizing a separate and permanent intelligence unit. It was to serve as a research and analysis section on intelligence matters, reporting to the State Department and comprising one section of the President's recently organized Central Intelligence Authority.

Secretary Byrnes has now performed a left about-face. He has discarded this plan and divided the intelligence work among five mostly old line divisions. By this move, Secretary Byrnes has, for all practical purposes, dismembered and disintegrated the intelligence section. As might have been expected, Col. McCormack has resigned in indignation.

There has been an unusual situation in the belly-charged by the House Military Affairs Committee that the State Department's Intelligence Division contained fifteen "pro-Soviet" sympathizers brought to the Department by Col. McCormack. Col. McCormack vehemently met these charges with a research and analysis section on intelligence matters, reporting to the State Department and comprising one section of the President's recently organized Central Intelligence Authority.

In the pre-war years, this country was almost completely dependent upon the "leaky" intelligence provided by its diplomatic "observers" in foreign lands. It was not until the late 1930s that diplomatic protocol and time-consuming social functions, diplomatic observers abroad were replaced by a more efficient system to provide their government with little more than the news gathered during a dinner party with the Austrian Military Attaché's wife, and the 10-15 minutes of a cup of tea or a highball with the British Ambassador.

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case and that Iran report by May 20 or sooner on the real situation in Iran.

Two Earthquake Shocks Recorded
NEW YORK.—(AP)—Two "quite severe" earthquake shocks, probably caused by the explosion of the atomic bomb in Nagasaki, Japan, were recorded today on the Portland University seismograph, the Associated Press said.

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By FRANCES W. CARPENTER
NEW YORK.—(AP)—Russia boycotted the United Nations Security Council session on Iran today and the United States proposed that the case be held over until May 20 for a report on the status of the Red Army withdrawals from Iran.

Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko ignored the session called to receive reports on the status of the evacuation by Red Army troops. The Council chairman announced that no report had been received from Russia, and he is unhappy faint-hearted. It seems more reasonable to believe that the secretary of state was influenced by the career diplomats whom he has surrounded. He assumed his present post in any event, his abandoning of the vital important intelligence duty to the State Department is a regrettable and at variance with the mission he was given. He is naive, indeed, if he believes the common good will be served by such a plan.

Move For Peace Loses Loan Challenge Is Beaten Down
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Senate rejected today a proposal by Senator McFarland, Democrat, Arizona, to require Great Britain to yield title to Atlantic military bases and open other Empire assets to American commercial loans.

Westinghouse Strike May Be Near An End
PITTSBURGH.—(AP)—Hints that the 114-day Westinghouse Electric Corporation strike—longest in the history of the industry—may be near a settlement came today from both the company and leaders of the CIO-United Electrical Workers.

Texarkana Trembles In Fear As Phantom Killer Runs Amuck
By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
TEXARKANA, Tex. (AP)—Apprehension haunts every citizen in this town of 10,000 people. The phantom killer who has been slaying victims in the town of Texarkana, Tex., is still at large.

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