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British Puzzle In Palestine

GREAT BRITAIN'S announcement that she is willing to surrender her mandate in Palestine and withdraw her troops from the Holy Land has created wide confusion and produced no cheering except in the English camp.

One of the Jewish Agency leaders terms the British statement "meaningless" in view of its failure to fix a definite time limit on "an early withdrawal" from Palestine.

In the smooth diplomatic phrases of Colonial Secretary George Jones, who made the statement before the General Assembly, two things are clear. One is that the British are not going to take or share the initiative in determining the form of the Palestine solution reached by UN.

In thus holding back on the solution of the Palestine problem, the British create a situation in which the United States, the other most interested power, must take the whole lead.

Vishinsky's Scowl, Tito's Smile

STRANGE people, these Slavs. And they may be cleverer than some of us think. Russian Comrade Vishinsky's criticism of the famous American is followed by Yugoslav Comrade Tito's flattery of certain other outstanding citizens of this country.

While Marshal Tito knew all this and his invitation in no sense represents an effort at appeasement or an attempt to clear up a misunderstanding, as he describes it in his letter to six "outstanding, unprejudiced Americans," his move is an obvious effort to discredit the Russian position.

It is of course, impossible for Mr. Byrnes to object to the invitation. He would be thoroughly justified in ignoring it entirely. Nothing would be settled by a conducted tour such as Tito suggests but, beyond all that, such an undertaking in private individuals would be an affront to the United Nations, which now is sitting

English cousins have endeavored to overcome any American reluctance to proceed by telling us they will resign the Holy Land and the Holy Land has been created with no provision for a solution. They probably are kidding, as some Jewish and Arab leaders believe, but it is a well-timed bluff.

As we get it, the British want UN to take the Palestine problem off their hands but they foresee that the Assembly's decision will infuriate the Moslem world and they would prefer to have us take the brunt of that resentment.

Mr. Czech Jones' second most interesting point is that the British are keeping themselves in position to protect their influence in Palestine under any administration that would be set up by UN. His statement plainly indicates that the English think the suggested UN solution for Palestine will not be acceptable to both the Jews and the Arabs and an international police force will be required to keep the peace.

Such a reservation could well cover a great deal of ground in the Mediterranean and the Near East. In view of the English record in Palestine over 25 years, Mr. Czech Jones' statement is a warning both to UN and the United States, that British imperialism will charge part of the problem of the Holy Land.



Victor Riesel

A Study In Cross Arrogance

NEW YORK—Let me tell about the deal between Bill Hutchinson and the man who once punned him in the nose—Luntz John Lewis. This pact will permit "Hutch" to set the stages in movie studios and so control Hollywood labor; and John L. to set the stage of the AFL convention to go to control \$200,000,000 dis-

And he promised "Hutch" support for a move to kick the stage hands out of the AFL. It apparently meant little to him that this year has been in the AFL for 50 years and that his Hollywood executive asked Hutch to go to think of the way these Los Angeles carpenters, the big fellow pointed: "That is their problem."

studios. Nor will be let them shift to another union and yet retain benefits won in the carpenters' Union over the decades. Recently in Washington, when a Hollywood executive asked Hutch to go to think of the way these Los Angeles carpenters, the big fellow pointed: "That is their problem."

It isn't just a chapter in the private lives of \$400 and \$500 a week labor executives with lifetime jobs and immovable and personal affluence to carry them comfortably about the country.

It's a study in arrogance; a sickening picture of the disdain a few labor giants feel for the little fellows they supposedly lead; a color film in bright splashes of the power politics for which the change to go to control \$200,000,000 dis-

"Hutch" can afford to sit calmly back and wait. He has his security in real estate, his job, his \$200,000-a-year salary—and expenses. He figures it this way, in his own words:

In a Chicago hotel room some weeks ago Brothman and John talked over the coming AFL convention. "Hutch" pointed out the campaign to control some 300 movie set jobs was being handled by a 60,000 member union, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees.

It didn't matter to Lewis that the AFL convention was a few days away. He had the power to order all American carpenters not to build new theaters until he "has his say" in Hollywood.

"They [the Hollywood movie people] will want to do some building somewhere (theaters and studios) and when they do they will come down my alley, so I will use my jurisdiction over the disputed film set."

Little union should challenge one of the plans. He said, in effect, what does this union with only 60,000 members think it is? He'll handle them.

So they go without pay—"Hutch" won't call off the strike and allow them back into the fast one again.

He had been sure about his age lately. The day he had called his terminal leave bond had seemed the end of the world. He was pretty fit. It had been no time at all to make a dash for it. Grand Central Palace induction center to the afternoon when he had had a glimpse of himself, working little jobs as the years flew by, and from time to time cashing something, terminal leave, state bonds, led to a salary of \$100,000 a year. He had had a paper to cash. It had been going on for some time now, this being a veteran.

Where Everybody is To Blame

OUR current debate over who's to blame for high prices is beginning to show what is wrong with the world. The rate at which we are passing the buck around makes it clear that there is no chance for agreement on anything and we might as well drop the subject for good.

It is the same way in virtually all our affairs, both national and international. There simply are too many men and special interest groups in the world who are anxious to certain blame for all the answers and are convinced they are 100 per cent right while the other side is completely wrong.

Another Voice

BANK deposits in North Carolina show a sustained and gratifying gain. During the past year, according to the Federal Reserve Bank, there was a drop in bank deposits in the country in general but a rise in North Carolina. Indeed North Carolina had an increase of approximately 12 per cent in that time, the second largest of any nation. South Dakota having the largest. Our increase amounted to about \$200,000,000 and brought our deposits to a total of \$1,858,302,000. This is a 47 per cent increase over our deposits at the end of 1935.

may indicate inattention and mental sluggishness as much as anything else but we like to believe it means that this proportion of Americans still have the skeptical attitude in all things.

However, the Poll shows that 50 per cent of all the subject people are of the opinion that by far too many Americans are leaping to conclusions, taking dogmatic stands and filling the air with injured cries. The extent to which the people are forming false and half-baked judgments is shown by the large number that place all the blame for high prices on Government, or business and industry, or Labor, or the Bourbonlians, or the Farmers or "somebody else." But he knows it all, the only ones who show that they are exercising their reasoning powers and have a glimmering of the truth are the 7 per cent who find that everyone is to blame.

What this Poll plainly indicates is that those people need to be encouraged to take more time for study and reflection, and that something should be done to muffle the special pleaders and propagandists who are so much in evidence.

What North Carolina Needs

Carolina Today" by S. H. Hobbs Jr., and Marjorie Bond, "manufacturing has been the backbone of the North Carolina economy, just as agriculture has been concentrated in two crops." There are 446 different kinds of industry in the United States; California has 377 of them; Indiana has 368; Virginia has 362. In North Carolina, however, only 150 factory workers as Virginia has only 191.

People's People

Cheer For CIO Co-Op

IT is encouraging to learn that the CIO will operate a Co-Op store to combat the present high cost of living here in our own State. The movement and highly respected by the CIO, the store is already operating in many of our Eastern states.

Good Work For Festival

THE large margin of profit? Certainly not to be farmer. —D. M. H. MOUNT HOLLY. Editors, The News: I have joyous your great appreciation of your generous co-operation in publishing the events of our secret agents traveling through Lebanon, Syria, Egypt in large measure the success of the Festival was due to the fine newspaper publicity.

Dr. E. S. Miller

Next week one of the little jobs would be to get the five seen by spare money. He could buy a pipe. There was one he wanted, a pipe that was not just any pipe, it was a dollar fifty before the war, maybe two, now it's five. But he had five.

Drew Pearson: Russia Hopes To Defeat Marshall Plan

WASHINGTON THE British Secret Service, recognized as one of the most efficient in the world, has just submitted a confidential report to the Foreign Office regarding the inner details of the Soviet Politburo's 14-man council which really rules Russia.

This British report indicates that the Soviet Union has decided a historic decision, namely to give up all pretense of friendship with the United States. The report which goes into detail regarding the new Soviet policy, also indicates that the Soviet Government will be strong in the future.

urgent American imperialism" to be used, according to the new Assistant Handbook, as the theme for all Russian opinion-making efforts. The Russian Politburo has decided to concentrate its forces in the labour-movements of Western Europe in order to consolidate the entire continent (of Europe) under Moscow domination. The threat of atomic war from the United States is to be used as a fear propaganda to weaken the forces in the peoples of Western Europe who tend to adequately perform their daily task on an efficient, planned long-range basis.

Working The Arabs

IT is judged likely that the Soviet Government will now make increased impassioned efforts to develop new and stronger ties with the Arab world. This will be done through negotiation by Soviet diplomats and secret agents traveling through Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq. Russian diplomats at the United Nations will conform with this pattern in negotiations concerning Palestine.

Molotov's Views

MR. MOLOTOV, in his report, said his information indicated that the American Congress would never vote billions for a Marshall Plan. He believes, he said, that America's Russia policy is to establish a unitary, Soviet bloc world, which contains within itself a powerful anti-Russian coalition with cash and weapons if the people of the United States fell war was a possible alternative.

It Was Also in the Conversations

It was also in the conversations that Mr. Stalin is to refrain from making any further optimistic speeches or gestures towards the United States. He has been talking since the end of the last great conflict. This decision implies a united Soviet policy of vigorously pursuing its dynamic offensive for a Communist Europe on a united, determined basis.

Friendship Written Off

THE Soviet authorities have now reached several decisive decisions, following an extended series of plenums of the Politburo in August and September. It has now been decided by the policy makers of the Kremlin that the United States is to be written off as a possible friendly power.

Propaganda Efforts

Propaganda efforts will be directed solely at using the United States as a sample of the evil influence of a re-

Marshall Plan

power was joined in the Marshall Plan by the Soviet group of nations, they would be able to abandon their differences, thus establishing a unitary, Soviet bloc world, which contains within itself a powerful anti-Russian coalition with cash and weapons if the people of the United States fell war was a possible alternative.

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