

U. S. Backs Principles Of Bernadotte Plan to End Palestine Fighting

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PARIS, Nov. 20.—The United States favors the general principles of the Bernadotte plan for Palestine as a "basis for negotiations" for an Arab-Jewish settlement. Dr. Philip Jessup, American delegate, told the United Nations political committee today.

But Dr. Jessup, speaking to clarify the American position on the Holy Land, withheld any endorsement of the Bernadotte blueprint such as was given originally by Secretary of State George C. Marshall.

Britain Backs Proposal
Britain is supporting in full the settlement proposal of the assassinated United Nations Palestine mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, and has been seeking American support for the same stand.

Dr. Jessup said that the U. S. opposes any reduction in the size of the Jewish state of Israel from that established in the original United Nations partition plan, unless the reduction is "fully acceptable" to the Jews.

A special political committee voted to continue the 58-nation "Little Assembly" for another year despite the refusal of the Soviet bloc to join it.

Nanking
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was reportedly today to be determined to carry on unabated the fight against the Communists regardless of advice that he seek peace and a coalition government.

Gen. Chiang was said to have reiterated his determination in unmistakable terms to a delegation of Kuomintang elders and central executive committee members.

In the field, reports of fighting slackened. Government forces were reported battling against stiff Communist opposition around railroad towns 15 miles south and 33 miles east of Suchow.

Meanwhile, a serious rift has developed between American officials here over what policy the United States should adopt towards China in the immediate future. It was learned reliably.

The difference arose between the U. S. Navy and the Air Force on one hand and the Army and the State Department on the other. It is said to reflect a similar schism in Washington.

Tel Aviv

Samuel Mikunis, leader of the Israeli Communist Party, said today that the only way for Israel to achieve freedom was to join the Soviet bloc.

Mr. Mikunis said in an interview that acceptance of the United Nations order to withdraw from Negev positions represented an overture toward capitalism. He is the only Communist on the 37-member council of state.

U. S. Freighter To Return Home

CAIRO, Nov. 20 (UPI)—The United States freighter Flying Trader was due to leave Port Said this afternoon, informed sources reported today. The ship was detained on grounds it was carrying some 40 cases of rice and tractors consigned to Tel Aviv.

Informants said the 40 cases had been taken off the ship, and she would sail for Genoa and then the United States.

The case was discussed informally by U. S. embassy authorities and Egyptian officials, but the embassy did not lodge a formal protest.

G-Men See Right Through This Case

WEST KEY, Fla., Nov. 20 (UPI)—President Truman's spectacles were back where they belonged today, thanks to the Secret Service.

Mr. Truman, who wears glasses even when swimming, didn't duck fast enough yesterday when a breaker came along, and his spectacles were washed away. An aid hurried up with a spare set and he went on with his swim.

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Bandits Get \$595 In 3 Holdups

Food Market Worker Beaten By Pair

A food market employee was slugged and a total of \$95 was taken in three holdups last night. The employee of Reid's Market No. 2, Andrew Addison, 57, of 2612 N. New Jersey St., received severe head cuts and two broken fingers when he was slugged with a pistol butt by two holdup men.

Slugged, Robbed

Mr. Addison reported to police he was alone in the store when the men entered and slugged him before taking \$175 from a cash register. They also obtained \$25 from Mr. Addison's billfold.

He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital where 30 stitches were required in his head and eight stitches on his right hand.

Later Irwin Lebowitz, 39, of 1128 Pleasant Run Parkway, manager of the Acme Liquor Store, 949 Virginia Ave., was knocked down by an assailant. The assailant took 13 checks of an unknown amount and more than \$200 in cash from the safe.

Canada Tourist Robbed

A Canadian tourist stopping at the Beauty Rest Tourist Camp, 5145 W. Washington St., received an unpleasant welcome here when a masked man entered her cabin and robbed her.

Mrs. Mabel Henry, 61, Minette, Muskoka, Ontario, took deputy sheriffs the man took \$150 in traveler's checks, \$25 in Canadian money and \$20 in cash.

Limited-Stop Bus Service Planned

Non-stop bus services on six outbound buses of the Beech Grove-Raymond line between 4:10 and 6:15 p.m. will begin Wednesday, Nov. 24, according to officials of Indianapolis Railways, Inc.

The transit firm has announced that no stops will be made to discharge passengers between Monument Circle and the intersection of Raymond and Shelby Sts. Passengers between these points, however, may board buses to reach destinations beyond Shelby and Raymond Sts.

Passengers living between the Circle and Raymond St. will ride the regular Shelby bus during that period.

The limited-stop service is being made effective on a temporary basis in anticipation of rush hour congestion during the Christmas shopping season, and may be discontinued after Jan. 1.

Mayor to Address Utility's Workers

Employees and former employees of Indianapolis Railways, Inc., will hear Mayor Feeney discuss "The City of Indianapolis' Monday night in the Claypool Hotel during the 20th annual banquet of the utility's Twenty Year Club.

Twenty-five new members, all of whom have served a score or more of years with the transit firm, will be inducted during the evening. There are 556 living members in the Twenty Year Club.

Mayor Feeney will be introduced by Harry Reid, Indianapolis Railways president. Ernest B. Lathrop, president of the club and foreman of Highland Barns, will preside, and the invocation will be given by the Rev. Harold C. Irwin, pastor of Woodruff United Presbyterian Church.

Buick, Cadillac Prices Hiked by GM

DETROIT, Nov. 20 (UPI)—1949 model Buick and Cadillac automobiles will cost \$50 to \$112 more than the 1948 models, General Motors Corp. announced today.

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Haifa Alerted in Raid

HAIFA, Nov. 20 (UPI)—Air raid sirens sounded a 70-minute alert yesterday. Anti-aircraft guns were fired.

Barkley Sees Hope For U. S.-Russia Accord

CINCINNATI, Nov. 20 (UPI)—Vice President-Elect Alvin W. Barkley told the AFL's 67th convention today this country's differences with Russia, over Germany, Austria and Japan are not too complicated to be settled if the nations are reasonable.

Mr. Barkley said "because of the ladies of Holy Cross Catholic Church at 8 p.m. tomorrow night in the church hall, 123 N. Oriental St.

Card Party Tomorrow

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'The Most Horrible and Loudest Explosion'...



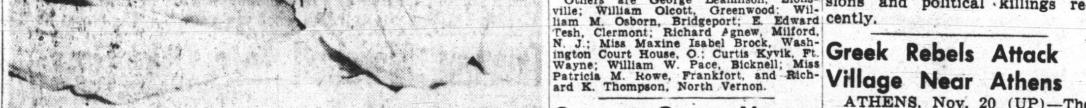
Scrap . . . was all that was left of Reddington pumping station in wake of blast.



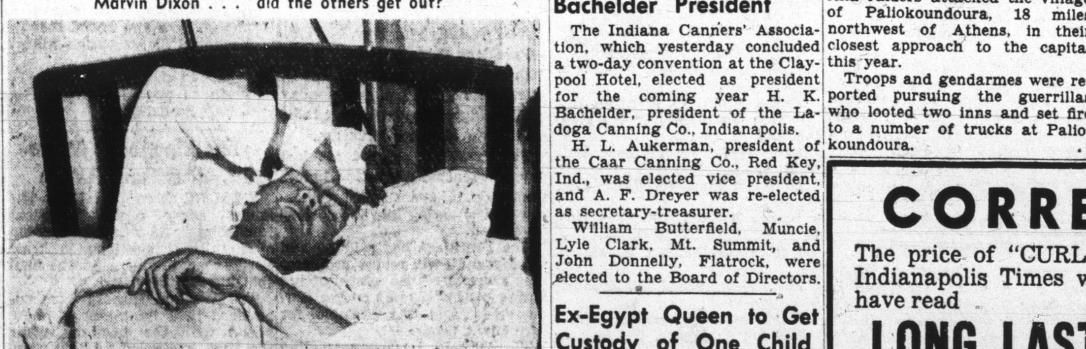
Inferno . . . like a giant flame thrower the "Big Inch" blew 350 feet skyward.



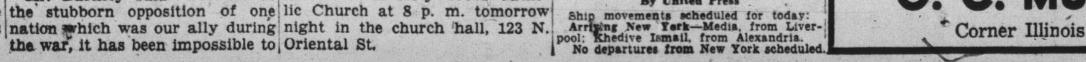
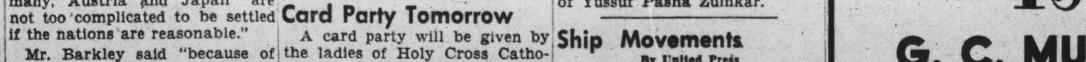
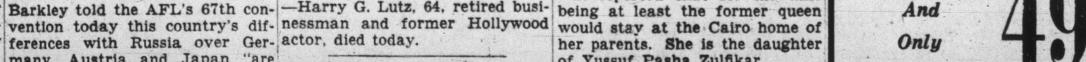
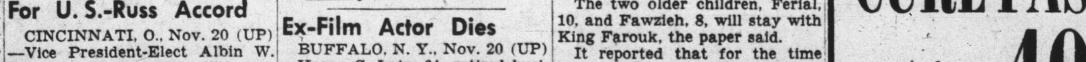
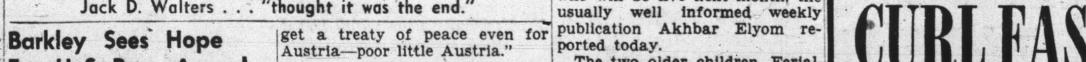
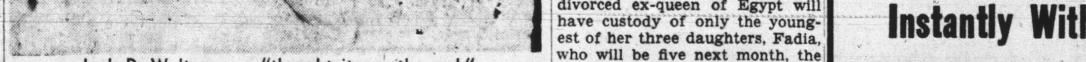
Charles Beineke . . . "somehow found strength . . ."



Marvin Dixon . . . "did the others get out?"



Jack D. Walters . . . "thought it was the end."



Rush to Restore Service After \$2 Million 'Inch' Blast

(Continued From Page One) comprising the station for any employees who might have been trapped in the holocaust. All, however, are believed safe.

Mr. Williams said that it will be at least 48 hours before anything definite can be learned of the disaster and an accurate estimate made on property damage and cubic feet of gas lost.

Part of Line Shut Off
Meanwhile, only half of the giant serpentine line stretching 1470 miles from Texas to New York City is in operation. All gas is shut off from Medora, Ind. east.

Although the Little Inch may not have blown, it immediately was put out of operation with destruction of pumping facilities. The two lines lie side-by-side within a 100-foot path. Cut-off valves were shut off all along the line to halt any spread of fire.

Mr. Williams described the fire and explosion as by far the worst in the history of the company.

"We never have had anything to equal or even approach it," he said.

Indiana State Police at the Seymour post, eight miles from the scene, said a similar explosion rolled its thunderclap across the countryside last February but no fire resulted.

Yesterday's first ear-shattering blast was recorded at 5:45 p.m. just 15 minutes before quitting time. Most of the persons on the scene were employees of Brown & Root, an Evansville construction firm, which was installing automatic electric cut-off valves. They were to replace a manual type. A welding operation was reported in progress when the explosion occurred.

As the flames shot skyward, the men dashed for freedom. Only a few could reach the gate, for the gate was blocked by searing flames. A 35 to 40 mph westerly wind hurled the fire eastward within the station where the majority of men were working. They had no alternative but to scale the fence.

As they ran for safety, a second blast roared and some of the workers were hurled from the compound by the force.

From his hospital bed in Seymour, Charles Beineke, an oiler of Texas Eastern, described the scene.

"Everything Rocked." "I'm on the night shift and was going about my duties. The Brown & Root men were about ready to leave. I was in the east building when suddenly everything rocked. It was the most horrible and loudest blast I've ever heard."

"Flames shot through every door and window in the building. We were surrounded by fire. I ran to a door but I couldn't move. I faced a wall of death."

"There was nothing I could do. I had to make a break for it. I ran into the yard. The wind was blowing the flames against my back and I could feel them burn."

"Then the second explosion came and it knocked me down. I got up and started to run again for the fence. I didn't think I could get over but others were I tried and fell back."

"I thought that it was all over for me. Then I tried again, and somehow found the strength to make it. I dropped to the ground and started to run. I just ran across fields until I came to a road."

"Brighter Than Daylight." "It was at least two miles that I ran and almost all the way I could feel the heat from the fire. It was brighter than daylight. Automobile headlights made no impression."

"We were mighty lucky to get out," Mr. Beineke said.

Others lived through the same nightmare. Each has a story of his own.

Hospital attendants said a phenomenal feature of the burns was that their clothing was not

recently.

A Religious Center With a Civic Circumference

CAIRO, Nov. 20 (UPI)—Informed sources reported today police have swooped down on what was called "the biggest terrorist organization in Egypt," arrested many of its members, and seized