

Around-the-World—
Cairo Denies
Haifa Report
Of Peace

Informed Quarters
Expect Armistice
Any Day, However

By United Press
 The Foreign Ministry in Cairo today labeled "not true" a Haifa report that Israel and Egypt were understood to have signed an armistice agreement.

United Nations officials arriving in Haifa from Rhodes said they understood the long sought armistice providing a lasting peace for Palestine had been signed by Israeli and Egyptian negotiators.

The first reaction here was that nothing was known of any such development.

A little later a high official of the Foreign Ministry said the report was untrue. But informed quarters had been expecting the conclusion of an armistice any day.

The United Nations officials at Haifa, headquarters of the United Nations mediation effort in the Middle East, said they understood the agreement was signed after an envoy returned to Rhodes with an Egyptian government endorsement of a compromise proposal by Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting United Nations mediator.

London

Differences over the proposed Atlantic defense pact divided Scandinavia into troubled, uncertain camps. Norway had decided to join. Sweden, traditional champion of neutrality, refused. Denmark was trying to decide what to do.

Sofia

Bulgarian press organs reported that two of 15 Protestant clergymen had confessed to the charges on which the group will go on trial next Friday. They were accused of espionage for the United States and Great Britain.

Tokyo

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's chief intelligence officer accepted full responsibility today for information in the Sorge spy case report and said he welcomed threats of a libel suit from author A. Smedley, who was named as a Soviet spy in the report.

"While I decline absolutely to accept any responsibility for public release of the report, I do accept fully any other responsibilities involved and very gladly waive any immunities I may possess to legal or any other action that may be taken or desired," Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby said.

Called "Faux Pas"
 The Army Department's public relations office in Washington said Saturday that release of the Sorge report was a "public relations 'faux pas'" and noted that the report was based on unsubstantiated evidence and was not carefully edited. The report was issued in Washington.

Canton

Acting President Li Tsung-Jen was believed encountering heavy opposition today in his efforts to persuade Premier Sun Fo to return with his cabinet to Nanking. Mr. Li made a flying week-end trip to Canton to talk to the Premier and his supporters, who reportedly are opposed to making peace with the Communists. Some reports said that Mr. Li would demand Premier Sun's resignation if he refused to return to Nanking and join the government there in united peace negotiations with the Communists.

Compton Rites Set for Friday

Lt. Robert William Compton, 13th Air Force bombardier-pilot, who met his death when his plane crashed into a mountain during a storm while returning to its base on Luzon, Sept. 27, 1945, will be buried in the National Cemetery in New Albany following services at 1:30 p. m. Friday in the Paul Seabrook Mortuary there.

Lt. Compton, who was 26, was a graduate of Technical High School and a member of Grace Methodist Church. He entered the service Feb. 19, 1943.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Compton, 3314 E. 13th St., he is survived by a sister, Mrs. John Bier Jr., also of Indianapolis.

Seventh Child Comes To Jobless Trucker

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (UPI)—Everett Dougherty, 29, a jobless truckdriver, had still another mouth to feed today.

His wife, Harriet, 23, gave birth to her seventh child, a son, yesterday. The couple was married in 1936 when she was 13 years old, and had their first child in 1941.

"It just keeps happening," Mr. Dougherty said.

U. S. Statement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UPI)—Government expenses and receipts for the current fiscal year through Feb. 17 compared:

Year	Amount	Year	Amount
Expenditures	\$1,044,000,000	1947	\$1,044,000,000
Surplus	20,000,000	1948	20,000,000
Cash in Balance	1,807,500,000	1947	4,448,000,000
Gold Reserve	232,432,118,230	1947	284,770,230,650
Gold Reserve	24,283,600,000	1948	28,000,000,000

These figures are preliminary.

Local Produce

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Women Receive Awards for Truckdriver Husbands



Robert Stough, Hancock Truck Lines, Inc., safety supervisor, yesterday presented safe driving awards to Mrs. Martin Rhine (left) and Mrs. Walter Reynolds, who in turn gave them to their driver husbands.

Firm Eyes Safety As Family Affair

Hancock Lines Turn Attention to Wives

A new approach to safe driving has been instituted by the Hancock Truck Lines, Inc.

Already holder of one of the best safety records among trucking firms, company officials yesterday began safety meetings which include the wives of drivers. The meetings will become regular affairs, said Fred Kohout, vice president.

"If we can impress the wives with the necessity of safe driving, they in turn will impress their husbands. Safety is a family affair," Mr. Kohout said.

Attend Dinner

Some 50 local drivers of Hancock and their wives attended the session and dinner at the Antlers Hotel yesterday. Speakers included Louis Miller, Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., Louisville, and Henry Day, safety engineer, Evansville.

In a down-to-earth safety talk, Mr. Day pointed out the hazards of driving, the deaths and injuries.

"If all the dead and injured of last year's traffic could parade before you in a reviewing stand at the rate of 5000 an hour, you would sit there and watch for two and half months," Mr. Day said.

Awards for a year of safe driving for the firm were given by Robert Stough, safety supervisor, to Mrs. Martin Rhine and Mrs. Walter Reynolds for presentation to their husbands.

Aids Crippled Ship

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (UPI)—The Moran Towing & Transportation Co., reported today the tug Kevin Moran was answering a distress call from the Italian steamship Achelo, which lost its propeller 90 miles southeast of Galveston, Tex.

Local Issues

Feb. 21—

Bid Asked

Agents Fin Corp com 5 1/2 25

American States of A 35 1/2 25

Ayrbrite Col com 14 1/2 14 1/2

Delta Fin pfd per 45 100 104

Bell R & Bk Yds com 50 1/2 50

Bell R & Bk Yds com 10 1/2 13

Bobs-Merrill ord 11 1/2 13

Central Soya com 26 1/4 26 1/4

Com Loan 4% pfd 85 88

Consolidated Finance pfd 86 100

Cummins Eng com 14 1/2 15 1/2

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Delta Electric com 10 1/2 87

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Bulk of medium sausage

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in sales from \$19.50 to \$22.

Vealer prices remained steady

at \$29.50 to \$31.50 for good and

choice, \$20 to \$29 for common

choice.

DAV Plans Dance

Indianapolis Chapter 52, Dis-

abled American Veterans, will

sponsor a dance tomorrow night

in the 50-50 Club, 322 E. New

York St. The dance will launch

the membership drive and will

honor past commanders. M. E.

Hobbs is in charge of arrange-

ments.

What's Happening to American Youth?

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (UPI)—

Will Television Keep Them Home?

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