

World Report—

# Iran Spurns U.S. Plan To Keep The Oil Flowing

## Thailand to Try Rebels; Easy British Divorces?

PREMIER MOHAMMED MOSSADEGH has rejected another American proposal designed to keep Iranian oil flowing to the West, U. S. Ambassador Henry F. Grady announced today. Mr. Grady told a press conference he presented the compromise proposal to Mr. Mossadeh this morning.

He said the compromise would have made it possible for British tankers again to load oil from the world's largest refinery at Abadan.

The refinery, owned by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., has been seized by the Iranian government under a nationalization law.

(In London, the Iranian embassy warned that Iran might appeal to the United Nations and to the Security Council because of "threats" by British forces near Iran's frontiers.)

**Thailand**

THE government prepared today to try by military court all persons connected with the week-end naval attempt to overthrow Premier Phibun Songgram.

Premier Phibun, kidnapped Friday, was released Saturday night. He resumed his administrative duties yesterday.

The last organized resistance by the naval rebels ended yesterday morning with the surrender of the naval garrison at the Bangkok radio station, a half-mile from the U. S. Embassy.

**Greece**

PREMIER SOPHOCLES VENIZELOS will meet today with Greek political party leaders in an effort to hasten his government.

He tried to resign his post as premier and minister of defense, but King Paul asked him to continue in office and attempt to broaden his government.

**Britain**

BRITAIN'S Labor Government prepared today to take a long and searching look into the secret lives of thousands of men and women to determine if it would be wise to grant "automatic" divorces to separated couples.

A royal commission will be named Wednesday to look into the causes of unhappy marriages and to determine why some men and women seek to grant their mates divorces after years of separation.

Britons have complained this forces many men and women to live shadowy lives.

Both the Catholic Church and the British Married Women's Trust have vigorously opposed automatic divorces. Mrs. Helena Normanton, an executive of the trust, called the bill "the seducer's charter."

**Personalities**

U. S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS.

## Hoosier Tells Czech Court He Was a Spy

Oatis Implicates American Envoy

PRAGUE, July 2 (UP)—Associated Press Correspondent William N. Oatis, of Marion, Ind., admitted espionage at the opening today of his trial for anti-state activities, and implicated a long list of western diplomats, military attaches and newspaper correspondents.

Mr. Oatis was followed to the stand by one of his three co-defendants.

There are no American, British or French representatives of western news agencies or newspapers in Prague. Mr. Oatis is being covered for the United Press by Ivo Bernousky, a Czechoslovak national employed by the UP in Prague. His copy is not subjected to censorship, but as a Czechoslovak citizen, he is subject to Czechoslovak laws.

defendants, all former employees of the Associated Press Prague Bureau, who said he carried out espionage under the directions of successive Associated Press chiefs of bureau in Prague.

Co-defendant Tomas Svoboda took the stand after Mr. Oatis. The others on trial are Peter Muntz and Pavel Wodjinek.

The trial is being held in Pankrac prison where Mr. Oatis has been held. The picked audience seemed bored. Some slept or ate sandwiches while Mr. Oatis testified for hours.

Mr. Oatis and his co-defendants are charged with political, military and economic espionage and with complicity in the murder of a Czechoslovak officer.

United States Ambassador Ellis O. Briggs led the list of those Oatis implicated.

**Man Sues Wife, Welfare Agency For Baby Girl**

A 25-day-old girl today became the innocent object of a court battle between a husband, a wife and the Marion County Welfare Department.

Ernest Hillier, 37, of 1442 Prospect St., filed a habeas corpus petition in Circuit Court for possession of the newborn baby he claimed is his daughter.

**Charges Action Illegal**

His suit accused his wife, Marie, 27, and the Welfare Department of "unlawfully" keeping the child from him after it was born June 7 in General Hospital.

But Mrs. Hillier, living with her mother at 3433 Parker Ave., swore in a Juvenile Court petition that the child's father was a man named Tague, now living "somewhere in Illinois," to whom she had been married before her wedding last Aug. 21 to Mr. Hillier.

Welfare authorities don't pretend to know which man is the child's father.

**In Foster Home**

"We've placed the child in a family foster home on an inter-lodger order pending investigation," said Miss Minnie Alper, head of the Child Welfare Division.

"Mrs. Hillier told us a man named Tague was the father," Miss Alper continued. "She signed the Juvenile Court petition and left the child in the hospital. We had to put the baby somewhere pending a study of the case."

Judge Lloyd D. Claycomb today set Friday as hearing date, at which time possession of the baby may be decided.

**Parents Live Apart**

According to Charles D. Rogers, attorney for Mr. Hillier, it was illegal for the Welfare Department to take charge of the baby without written consent of the father—in this case referring to Mr. Hillier as the father.

Attorney Rogers said Mr. and Mrs. Hillier are not living together because of the housing shortage. He is staying with friends, she with her mother.

**Illinois Man Killed When Horse Stumbles**

PRINCETON, July 2 (UP)—Vernon Spencer, 38, Crossville, Ill., was injured fatally yesterday when his horse stumbled during a Lion's Club horse show relay race and threw him from the saddle as 1500 spectators watched.

Mr. Spencer was riding in the last event on the relay race program when his horse and another collided. He died without regaining consciousness early this morning in Gibson General Hospital. The body was taken to Carmi, Ill.

**Woman in Hospital After 2-Car Crash**

One woman was cut above the eye and received possible internal injuries and another woman suffered shock in a two-car collision today at 38th St. and Capitol Ave.

Mrs. Carrie Stewart, 51, of 923 S. Capitol Ave., is in fair condition in General Hospital. She was riding in one of the cars.

An ambulance doctor said a passenger in the other car, Mrs. Bertha Grobin, 51, Jamestown, N. Y., suffered shock but she refused hospitalization.

## Paratrooper's Mother Gets First State Bonus Check

ON THE WAY—Cigar chomping State Auditor Frank Miller huffs and puffs as he lugs a mail bag loaded with 34,000 state soldiers' bonus checks destined for disabled veterans and next of kin of Hoosiers killed.

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## Western Union Workers Expected To OK New Pact

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Agreement came late yesterday—about 12 hours before the strike deadline at 7 a. m. local time today. Company officials and the Commercial Telegraphers Union (AFL) Western Union division, led by Adolph Brungs, agreed to the 17-cent increase. The union membership must vote on the raise.

The agreement fell short of the union's demand for a 25-cent hourly hike.

**Expect Higher Rates**

The new wage terms, which unquestionably will result in higher message rates for telegraph customers, provide a 13-cent boost for operators, clerks and technicians effective yesterday, and an additional 4 cents effective Sept. 1 if the Wage Stabilization Board approves.

Foot and bicycle messengers, who comprise about 8000 of the 25,000 employees represented by the CTU, won an immediate 7 1/2 cents raise and another 2 1/2 cents in September—also subject to wage board approval.

J. L. Wilcox, a Western Union vice president, estimated the increase for all employees represented by the CTU would cost \$12.5 million a year. He said tie-in raises for salaried employees and company executives would add more.

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## Man's Case Continued In Slaying of Decker

A rooming-house proprietor accused of killing the youngest of the fighting Decker brothers appeared before Judge Joseph A. Howard in Municipal Court 3 today to answer a murder charge.

Judge Howard continued the case to July 12.

Police said Porter Jordan, 47, of 1347 Deloss St., who is also in the grocery business, came to headquarters and admitted shooting Richard Decker, 20, of 923 Harrison St., in front of Jordan's rooming house at 822 Harrison St.

The shooting followed a drinking party early yesterday.

Jordan said the Decker youth lunged at him. He added that he shot him because he was afraid he would rob him.

Three other witnesses—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Wright, 820 Harrison St., and Mrs. Vera Jones, Decker's 23-year-old divorcee girl friend—told police a different story. They said the slain man did not lunge at Jordan. Jordan had fired a shot into the air, Decker went to the front yard to investigate, they said, and that's when Jordan shot him.

**Had No Gun Permit**

Jordan admitted firing the shot into the air but "didn't know why." Police said he had no permit for the 32-caliber revolver.

Jordan said he went home after the shooting, took the two empty cartridges out of the gun, then gave both the gun and the cartridges to one of his six children, Christine, 22.

In the past 10 years Jordan has been arrested on 10 other charges, according to police records.

Decker's police record shows nine charges in less than three years. He and his two older brothers, Clyde and Albert, became known as the "battling Deckers" after a series of fights with police. In one of them Detective Sgt. Jack Alkire was hit on the head with a beer bottle when he came to the Decker home to question Albert about a stolen car.

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