

## TODAY and TOMORROW

by WALTER LIPPMANN

**U.N.O. IN LONDON**  
Some of the accounts from the United Nations meeting in London sound as if they had been written by an expectant father pacing the hospital corridor and unable to believe that the pangs of birth are not the throes of death. Every second or third day there has been a crisis in which the life of the United Nations has hung in the balance: On a Tuesday the smaller countries would be aligned against the big ones; on a Thursday it would be the big ones aligned against one another. At one time the new association has been about to collapse because the Big Three have agreed to dominate it; at another time it has been about to collapse because the Big Three cannot agree on anything.

The remedy for these chronic crises is to understand that they are not crises at all. They are incidents, of which there will be countless others for years to come until the profound and enormous consequences of the war have been dealt with. The United Nations organization can be used to deal with some but by no means with all of the consequences. The great readjustments which the war compels all nations to make have still to be shaped and accommodated by diplomacy. Let us be on guard lest international conferences inflate and dramatize the difficulties of the readjustment, creating a feverish atmosphere of crisis where there should be a stout-hearted and steadfast determination to see the thing through.

The London meeting has been marked by a considerable friction between Great Britain and the Soviet Union, and there is little doubt that Iran, Greece, and Indonesia are incidents of a much broader question. It is, of course, the ancient question, which has made Britain and Russia rivals for at least a hundred and thirty years, of the hegemony of the Middle East. The strategic communications, the so-called life line, which connect the British Isles with India and the Asiatic empire, run through the Middle East. To protect this vital interest Britain has always resisted a Russian advance into the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean by way of the Balkans, Turkey, and Persia.

To the Russians under the Czars and the commissars this British policy has never been acceptable. For the security of the British Empire has meant the profound insecurity of Russia. In the first world war Russia was defeated and in the second she was very nearly conquered because she did not have access to the sea. The keys to the main door to Russia have been in the hands of weak or unfriendly states which would not or

could not keep the door open. The Russian people have paid a terrible price for this insecurity.

We shall be blind indeed, our British partners will be blind indeed, if we do not both recognize that here is a problem, which, if it cannot be solved constructively, will in the end become explosive. For of one thing we may be sure: the day is past when Mr. Bevin can stand pat, and hold the line as his predecessors held it in the nineteenth century. The Soviet Union is too strong, Britain is not strong enough, and the United States could not, if it would, redress the balance.

It is, therefore, necessary to recognize the inevitability of a strategic readjustment in the Middle East. Only by recognizing it, never by ignoring or seeking to deny it, can the readjustment possibly be carried out peaceably, constructively, and with due regard for the rights of the small nations which are involved.

It should help the British to recognize it if they will remember the price they themselves have paid in two world wars because Russia was land-locked. In the first world war they fought the bloody campaign of the Dardanelles to unlock the door which their own diplomacy had in less desperate times done so much to close. In this war they had to fight their way with the Murransks convicts to open it again. It should help us to recognize the reality of this problem if we imagine how we would feel and behave if the mouth of the Mississippi, the entrances to all our harbors, and the Panama Canal were in the hands of nations which twice during great wars in which our very life was at stake had either closed them to us or failed to keep them open for us.

To recognize that there is here a problem which cannot be suppressed and must be solved, can in itself be the foundation of a decent solution. For then we can say to the Soviet government that we too wish to unlock the door, that we do not wish ever again to be cut off from her as we have been in two world wars, and that it is on the basis of this common interest, as partners and not as opponents, that we wish to find guaranties that can indubitably be depended upon.

These guaranties can be found if we put our minds to it. For it is within the power of Great Britain, France and the United States to enter into an arrangement, which might well include a United Nations base, which would open not only the Dardanelles but the Mediterranean. It would do the Soviet Union little good to hold the Dardanelles alone, especially if in getting them she antagonized Britain and America which together command the sea. What she really needs is a guaranty that neither the Dardanelles nor the seas beyond will be closed to her, that Britain and America will join with her in seeing to it that they are kept open.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 31  
7:30 AM - Family Altar.  
7:45 - Musical Clock.  
8:00 - News with Martin Agronsky.  
8:15 - Louis Massey and the Westerners.  
8:30 - Musical Clock.  
8:45 - The True Story.  
9:00 - Betty Crocker.  
9:15 - Hymns of All Churches.  
9:30 - The Listening Post.  
9:45 - Breakfast in Hollywood - Tom Breneman.  
10:00 - Kellogg's Home Edition.  
10:15 - Ted Malone.  
10:30 - Glamour Manor.  
10:45 - Club Matinee.  
1:00 - Baukhage Talking.  
1:15 - "Musical Interlude".  
1:30 - "News" - Wilmington News.  
1:45 - "But Not Forgotten".  
2:00 - John B. Kennedy - News.  
2:15 - Eitel and Albert.  
2:30 - Bride and Groom.  
2:45 - Pearce.  
3:00 - Ladies Seated.  
3:15 - Jack Berland and Boys.  
3:30 - The Fitzgeralds.  
3:45 - Time for Women.  
4:00 - Hop Harrigan.  
4:15 - The Pirates.  
4:30 - Wesleyan Methodist Church.  
4:45 - "Salute to the Hits".  
5:00 - "Organ Serenade" - H. W. Lee.  
5:15 - "Kierman's News Corner".  
5:30 - "Before you Buy a Farm".  
5:45 - "News" - Sport.  
6:00 - "News" - Wilmington Star.  
6:15 - "Your Richfield Reporter".  
6:30 - "Let's Dance".  
6:45 - "Musical Edition".  
7:00 - Raymond Swing.  
7:15 - Professor Quiz.  
7:30 - Evening Request Program.  
7:45 - Earl Godwin - News.  
8:00 - America's Town Meeting of the Air.  
8:15 - Detect and Collect.  
8:30 - Coronet Front Page.  
8:45 - "March of Dimes Dance Program" - (Remote).

### OVER THE NETWORK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31  
Eastern Standard Time P.M. - Substantially One Hour for C.S.T., 2 Hours for M.S.T. Changes in programs as listed are due to corrections by networks made too late to incorporate.  
5:30 - Just Plain Bill, Dramatic - NBC.  
Cimarron Tavern Serial Story - CBS.  
The Jack Armstrong Serial - ABC-east.  
Captain Midnight's Story - MBS-west.  
5:45 - Front Page Farrell Serial - NBC.  
Sparrow and the Hawk, Serial - CBS.  
Tennessee Jed, Dram. Serial - ABC.  
Harrison in Repeat - other ABC.  
Tom Mix, Serial Serial - MBS-west.  
6:00 - News Report for 15 Minutes - NBC.  
6:15 - Minutes of News - CBS.  
Dancing Music Orchestra - other CBS.  
Walter Kierman and News - ABC-east.  
Repeat of the Serial "Skit - ABC-west.  
Answers, Repeat - MBS-west.  
6:15 - Echoes of Tropics: Sports - NBC.  
Patti Clayton Sings Some Songs - CBS.  
Repeat from Dick Tracy - ABC-west.  
Repeat Superman Serial - MBS-west.  
6:30 - Encore Appearance Concert - CBS.  
Jack Armstrong in Comment - ABC-west.  
Repeat of Capt. Midnight - MBS-west.  
6:45 - Lowell Thomas & Newscast - NBC.  
World News and Comment - CBS.  
Cal Hinesy Commentary - ABC-east.  
Tennessee Jed, in Repeat - ABC-west.  
Tom Mix, Serial Repeat - MBS-west.  
7:00 - Jed's Super Club - NBC-east.  
Fifteen Min. Sponsored Series - CBS.  
News Commentary & Overview - MBS.  
7:15 - News & Comment of World - NBC.  
Tenor Jack Smith Sings - CBS-east.  
7:30 - Raymond Swing and Comment - ABC.  
Dancing Music for 15 Minutes - MBS.  
7:30 - Bob Burns' Comedy - NBC.  
Mr. Keen, 30 Min. Drama - CBS-east.  
Dancing Music Orchestra - other CBS.  
Prof. Quiz Back on the Air - ABC.  
Arthur Hale in Comment - MBS-east.  
7:45 - Kallenberg Comment - NBC-east.  
8:00 - Bill Brandt in Comment - MBS.  
8:00 - Geo. Burns & Grace Allen - NBC.  
8:15 - Suspense Mystery Drama Show - ABC.  
Lums and Abner Comedy, Skit - ABC.  
8:30 - One Night Stand, Drama Series - MBS.  
8:45 - Earl Godwin in Comment - ABC.  
8:55 - "Harrison's Open House" - NBC.  
The FBI in Peace and War - CBS.  
America Town Meeting Forum - ABC.  
8:55 - Five Minutes News Period - CBS.  
9:00 - Frank Morgan Music Hall - NBC.  
Music from Andre Kostelanetz - CBS.  
Gabriel Heatter and Comment - MBS.  
9:15 - Real Life Stories, Drama - MBS.  
9:30 - Jack Haley's Variety - NBC-east.  
Hobby Lobby by Dave Eiman - CBS.  
Defect and Collect by a Quiz - ABC.  
Weekly Concert from Antonini - MBS.  
9:45 - Five Minutes News - NBC.  
9:55 - Abbott & Costello Comedy - NBC.  
Island Venture, Drama Series - CBS.  
Curtain Time, Drama Series - ABC.  
You Make the News, Dramatic - MBS.  
10:30 - The Rudy Vallee Varieties - NBC.  
The Danny O'Neil Song Theater - CBS.  
Dance Music for Dancing Tunes - MBS.  
Orchestra with Dancing Tunes - NBC.  
11:00 - News for 15 Minutes - NBC-east.  
The Supper Club Repeat - other NBC.  
News, Variety, Dance 2 h. - CBS & ABC.  
News; Dance Band Shows 2 h. - MBS.  
11:15 - Variety and News to 1 a.m. - NBC.

**GREEK MINISTER LEAVES**  
ATHENS, Jan. 30 - Premier Themistokles Shoupoulis announced today that Constantine Rendis, new Greek Foreign Minister, would leave for London to head Greece's delegation to the United Nations organization.

**MACARTHUR GETS REPRIEVE APPEAL**  
TOKYO, Jan. 30 - (AP) - The mother of condemned PFC Joseph E. Hicswa, "stunned and broken-hearted," appealed to General MacArthur to save her son from a firing squad, and the General has assured her that final authorities in Washington would give "thoughtful consideration" to her plea.  
Making public today, the exchange of letters, headquarters said Mrs. Anne Hicswa, Wallington, N. J., wrote on Jan. 16: "I implore you to act immediately to request a review of the U.S. Army court martial proceedings under which my soldier son, PFC Joseph E. Hicswa, was sentenced to death in Japan for the alleged fatal stabbing of two Japanese."  
He was "torn away from his home to serve his country at the age of 18," her letter continued; he was "taught to kill, had heard of many of his friends being killed, and was under the emotional strain of a delayed homecoming—all factors to which might be attributed, to some extent, the cause for such abnormal conduct as is reportedly alleged in his case."  
"Certainly they should be considered before an American soldier receives a death sentence."  
MacArthur on Jan. 28 replied that "your letter moved me deeply, as I am fully conscious of the distress occasioned you by this great tragedy."  
"There is no manner in which I can intercede in this matter, as the record of the trial will go direct from the division commander to the war department for review, the right of final action on cases involving the death penalty being no longer within my prerogatives."  
"I can assure you, however, that all of the circumstances which you mother's love instinctively raises in defense of your son will receive the thoughtful consideration of those who sit in final judgment upon his case. This is in keeping with our American high sense of justice."

**GETS HAVEN**  
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