

## UN Asked to End Palestine Mandate

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 21 (AP)—Egypt formally proposed late Monday that the forthcoming special session of the United Nations assembly put an immediate end to Britain's 25-year-old mandate over Palestine and declare the Holy Land an independent country.

This was the opening move in an Arab states' campaign to seek a final settlement of the Palestine problem at the session beginning next Monday instead of waiting until the regular meeting in September as Britain suggested.

Feris El Khoury, Syrian delegate to the security council and leading Arab spokesman here, indicated that he also planned to submit a proposal to give the Palestine question a thorough discussion at the special session. He refused to indicate, however, how his plan would differ from the Egyptian proposal.

## Knox to Present Xylophone Concert

Pierce Knox, blind xylophonist, will be featured tomorrow night in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Guild hall in Johnson. Between numbers a demonstration of the braille system of writing, and an explanation of how braille books are made for the blind will be presented.

Knox, who is regarded as one of the most phenomenal musicians of all time, was awarded first place of all American high schools

## Tojo Defense Angers Judge

TOKYO, April 22 (AP)—The international war crimes defense argued Tuesday that President Truman's recent "contain communism" statement was just what former Premier Hideki Tojo and the 24 other Japanese on trial "have been saying for years"—but the reference was ordered stricken from the record.

Stricken with it was a second defense comment: "One look at the map today will show what has happened to Russia's neighbors and former neighbors both in Europe and Asia."

Both remarks were made while Defense Attorney Aristides G. Lazarus of New York City was attempting to show motivation of the Japanese defendants in their prewar China and Manchuria policies.

The prosecution contended that neither remark had any bearing on the trial, and Chief Justice Sir William Webb asserted that Lazarus was "taking sheer delight in insulting" Russia by proclaiming his arguments "to the whole world, while the court is considering the matter."

at a national contest. He also played for Ripley's "Believe It or Not" at the New York and San Francisco World's Fairs.

The concert program is directed by the National Transcribers Society for the Blind of Palo Alto, California, an organization employing the blind to make braille books.

## Austria Treaty Troublesome; Ministers Stall

MOSCOW, April 21 (AP)—After nearly two hours in semi-secret session, the council of foreign ministers adjourned Monday night with only the curt announcement that they had discussed the Austrian treaty.

Asked if Austria would be brought up again on the agenda, an official spokesman said it was probable, but he declined to elaborate.

It was apparent, however, that the meeting had failed to reach any definite agreement on major issues.

### Faint Chance Seen

A high official source said there still was a faint chance some agreement might be made on the Austrian treaty.

It was the second semi-secret session of this conference.

The action was taken on suggestion by Secretary of State Marshall. It followed a declaration by Russia's V. M. Molotov renewing his opposition to including in the Austrian treaty a clause guaranteeing Austria's integrity.

## Japs Find Out War Is Over

PELELIU, April 21 (AP)—Finally convinced that the war is over, 26 Japanese soldiers and sailors formally surrendered to the Americans on this Pacific island Monday, two and one-half years after it was secured by the U. S. marines.

Seven others, still hiding in the caves around Bloody Nose ridge, are expected to surrender Tuesday.

Marine patrols had been searching vainly for the holdouts for more than three weeks, during which precautions were taken against a threatened banzai charge against the 32 American families on the island.

## Jews Cheat Noose By Bomb Suicide

JERUSALEM, April 22 (AP)—Two convicted members of the Jewish underground committed suicide in the death row of Jerusalem prison Monday night by detonating small amounts of explosives against their hearts shortly before they were scheduled to be hanged for acts of terrorism.

Clad in the traditional red garb of the condemned, the two men had been confined in death row for more than two weeks. Police said the detonation of the charges did a small amount of damage to the cell.

The suicides were announced a few hours after some 80,000 Jews in Jerusalem were placed under virtual house arrest in a rigid curfew imposed to prevent demonstrations or retaliation for the carrying out of death sentences by British authorities.

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## B-29 Crashes; Kills Sixteen

HONOLULU, April 21 (AP)—Sixteen officers and enlisted men were killed early Sunday in the crash of a B-29 at sea immediately after it took off from Kwajalein, headquarters of the 20th air force announced Monday.

The plane, on a routine flight from Kwajalein to Guam, caught fire, exploded and sank a few minutes after the takeoff. There were no survivors, the air force report said.

The big bomber was attached to the 19th bombardment group

## Il Duce's Son Found?

BUENOS AIRES, April 21 (AP)—A spokesman for the Italian embassy indicated Monday night that Italian and Argentine authorities were investigating newspaper reports that Benito Mussolini's son, Vittorio, was living in Argentina under an assumed name.

"We know nothing about it despite investigations we have been making since we first heard the rumor," the spokesman added.

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