

FRANCE-PREMIER L.T.-W. Thuro - June 17 - '54,

In Paris one of the biggest political upsets since the war. Pierre Mendes-France, becoming Premier - by a majority of more than one hundred. He was expected to have a hard struggle. But instead - he sweeps to a great victory in the Chamber of Deputies.

And the new Premier won in spite of his rejection of Red support. He told the Chamber that he would not accept the premiership - if the Communist deputies gave him his margin of victory. The Reds voted for him anyway. But his margin is so safe that he will not have to depend on them/

Observers in Paris predict that Mendes-France will form a left of center coalition - including new faces, unfamiliar in the politics of France.

So ends six days of crisis - caused by the fall of Joseph Laniel. And France has her twentieth government since World War Two.

TUNISIA

A dispatch from Tunis, telling how the anti-French terrorists in that North African country have been infiltrated by Communists. The dispatch says that three days ago - a pro-French leader was found murdered. On his body, a note reading, "long live Red Tunisia."

The Reds working with the people who have been causing so much unrest. They call themselves - "soldiers of liberation." They have a battle flag - a star and crescent on a field of red and green. Today's dispatch says they are equipped with radios and modern weapons.

French civilians in Tunisia are asking for more protection. Hence the paratroopers who were flown in from Dakar - twenty-five hundred miles away. The paratroopers, now on duty in Tunis.

Meanwhile, the Tunisian cabinet is in the midst of a crisis. The Cabinet is reported to have offered its resignation to the Bey of Tunis - because the members don't want to be identified with the French move to put down ,the

Nationalists. There's also a report - that the cabinet
ministers have received threatening letters from terrorists.
The latest report is
~~curious. But French sources believe~~ that the Cabinet will
stay on - until the French resident General has conferred
with the Bey of Tunis.

AID

The House Foreign Affairs Committee votes to ban military aid to France and Italy - ~~we~~ until those nations join the European Defense Community. The vote was overwhelming - eighteen to two. *This of course is* ~~This~~ a reaction to the way the French and the Italians have stalled on E.D.C.

One committee member terms the vote part of an "agonizing re-appraisal" of our foreign policy. The reference being to a statement by Secretary of State Dulles - that we would have to change our relationship to the nations of Europe - if France refused to ~~we~~ ratify the European Army plans.

The vote today does not effect economic aid - or aid for the Indo Chinese war.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee also authorized President Eisenhower to increase aid to the nations that are developing a collective defense against Communism/

CHINESE

Communist China - to send a diplomatic representative to London. So stated by Churchill in the Commons,

on the ~~the~~ Mao Tse-Tung, ending ~~the~~ official snub - that has gone on for four years. In Nineteen Fifty, the British were ~~wanted~~ ^{ready} to establish diplomatic relations with ~~the~~ ^{Red China.}

London, sending a charge d'affaires to Peiping. But Mao Tse-Tung refused to send any representative to London.

Now - Churchill reveals - that the leader of the Chinese ~~committee~~ ^{Reds} will send a diplomat, soon. But, ~~to~~ ^{this will}

^{not} mean full diplomatic relations between Britain and China; because there will be no exchange of ambassadors.

The new development emphasizes ^{that} a difference of opinion between Britain and America. Because we are ^{still} determined not to deal with Mao Tse-Tung. At the same time, British officials point out that ~~this~~ this does not mean - that Churchill will ~~propose~~ propose the admission of Red China to the U N - which is something that we flatly oppose.

SEARCH

A dispatch from Washington announces that we are asking the free nations - for authority to search their ships on the high seas. The reason - to keep guns out of Guatemala. We heard all about that

recent ~~two months~~ big consignment of weapons went from Poland to Guatemala - aboard a Swedish vessel. ^{Now we} ~~we want~~ - do it by checking to prevent anything like that happening again ~~by searching~~

all foreign ships that stop at Communist seaports ~~en route~~ to this hemisphere.

It was also stated in Washington that Navy patrol ships have been alerted in the Caribbean. ~~The ships include~~ submarines, - and ~~all have been~~ ordered to ^{keep a watch} ~~watch suspected~~

for vessels that might be gun running.

HEARING

Well, the final day brought a loud political note. This is a Congressional year, and the big TV show was too good an opportunity to miss - for final blasts of politics.

Army Counsel Welch ended his cross-examination of Senator McCarthy with a neat twist. He read a statement from Army Secretary Stevens - telling about his much debated meetings with Senator Symington and Democrat lawyer, Clark Clifford, former advisor to President Truman. Stevens declared that he met Clifford for a mere twenty minutes in the Senator's office. Then, on another occasion, he transmitted through Clifford a message to Senator Symington.

Having read that, Counsel Welch abruptly rested his case for the Army. Which was followed by another round of speeches from the Committee members. Senator Dirksen remarked - it was like graduation day at college, with everybody saying goodbye. And then the television extravaganza was over.

Tonight many will be thinking back and wondering - what was it all about? The New York World Telegram gave a

devastating opinion in a headline ^{tonight. It} which reads: "Probe going to ~~the~~ roost, like any other turkey." ^{That is} Well, I suppose ~~it was~~ a turkey - so far as bringing out the truth was concerned.

Plenty of perjury was committed, one would think, Senator Potter says he thinks the staff on both sides should be fired. but - little that can ever be pinned down, apparently. My guess is that the Republican members of the ~~same~~ committee will make a report distributing mild blame for both sides.

The Democrats - criticizing the way the proceedings were held and giving both the Army and McCarthy a heavy scolding.

The severest condemnation, perhaps, would come from - a grammarian. If - a grammarian happened to be listening, those long thirty six days, his ears would have been wrecked by the way the English language was massacred by the statesmen. The way - they got their ^{pronouns wrong} ~~pronouns~~ and committed wonderful mispronunciations.

Wonderful, indeed, was the way those boys could - after all, the ~~boys~~ split an infinitive. If they wanted to say - I want to

do this ~~at~~ now. You'd just as likely hear - I want to now do this. Sometimes, you'd hear the infinitive split by a whole parenthesis. Maybe like this - "I desire to, if it is proper at this time, declare my intentions."

A time or two, by the way, I thought I heard Roy Cohn, the Harvard prodigy, pronounce the verb "saw" with an "r". You know, that good old New Yorkese - "I sore him do it."

The positive results of the hearing, in terms of statecraft, may be dubious. But it was - popular

entertainment. It was verbose, repetitious, agonizingly

long winded. But the magnitude of the quarrel and the

headline character of the personalities -- sustained the

dramatic interest.

It was ^a good show, and that may count for something.

Affairs of government can provide - popular entertainment.

After all, the great American sport is - politics.

HELICOPTER

The "helicopter age" began in Britain today - when London's first commercial "heliport" opened for service.

The "heliport" - a circular band of concrete on the bank of the Thames. Its first egg-beater came down the Thames this morning, ~~floated~~ ^{past} between Westminster Abbey and the House of Commons, and then settled down ^{at the new heliport} ~~on the concrete~~.

Next year, British airlines ^{will} ferry passengers from the airport ^{into} London - by helicopter, to eliminate the ~~long~~ bus ~~route~~ through London traffic. And one airline

^{adds that} official ~~believes~~ there will be regular helicopter ^{service to} ~~routes~~ ^{and from} the continent within a few years. As ^{he} ~~the~~ ~~official~~ put

it, "all we're waiting for ^{are} larger helicopters." ~~And~~ ^{he} ~~adds~~ that ^{before long} ~~potentially~~ the flying windmills operating ~~intend~~ ^{at}

London's "heliport," will ~~be~~ carrying ~~up to~~ fifty passengers ~~per~~ helicopter.

JULIAN

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The Black Eagle of Harlem - wants to be stripped of his citizenship. Colonel Hubert Fauntleroy Julian, says so ~~later~~ after his passport was seized at New York's Idlewild Airport.

Black Eagle
The ~~renowned aviator~~ was born in Trinidad. He came to this country. Took up flying. And ^{then} became known as the Black Eagle of Harlem.

— for a short time —
He was once commander of the Ethiopian Air Force.

And during the Second World War - he challenged ~~an~~ Goering to an air duel over the English Channel. The Black Eagle

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of Harlem ^{doing the} always spectacular. *For several years we heard nothing of him. But, he was busy, but for the past few years he's been helping*

Guatemala get ~~some~~ military supplies. One report stating that

Colonel Julian is responsible for more than a million dollars

in arms getting to Guatemala
~~worth of arms~~ since Nineteen Forty nine. Last November

our customs seized a consignment of Italian ammunition that

the Black Eagle had rounded up
~~he had procured~~ for Guatemala.

Today His passport was seized, ~~today~~ because the State Department wants ^{to} to know about his movements in the

future. ^{So,} ~~But~~ Colonel Julian replies - that he wants to be denaturalized - if that's how ^{Uncle Sam} ~~this country~~ feels about him.

At the same time, he declares he's never been a Communist. In his words; "I am not a Communist sympathizer.

I am just a small business man - trying to do business in a legitimate way."

It's funny anyway ^{But - gun running for the Reds} his business may cause him to lose American citizenship. ~~and~~ Harlem ^{to} see the last of its "black eagle."

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HOFFMAN

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At the White House today, President Eisenhower presented an award to the Father of the Year. Paul Hoffman, former Aid Administrator, and now Chairman of the Board of Studebaker. Hoffman went to the White House with Alvin Austin of New York, head of the Father's Day Committee. Mrs. Eisenhower was present in the President's office for the presentation. Hoffman, the father of seven children - used the opportunity to praise his wife. Said he - "my advice to all fathers - is to let the mother take care of the children."

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FIGHT

The winner in tonight's rirteen round heavyweight
right is Marciano, by a unanimous decision -- no knock downs.
The right going the distance, Marciano - still the world's
heavyweight champion.

BANDIT

From Petersburg, Indiana, a story involving a gunman, known as the "Green Masked Bandit."

William Bender, given that nickname - because he wears a green mask during robberies. He was in an Illinois jail and escaped by pretending to commit suicide. Acting as if he were about to hang himself in his cell, he ~~surprised~~ overpowered a guard who rushed to stop him. He seized a pistol, and ~~an~~ a machine gun, and fled in a prison car.

The Green Masked Bandit then boasted that he would never be caught alive. A few miles from the prison he wrecked the car, and stole a second which was later found near Vincennes. Finally, the Indiana police were tipped off that William Bender was aboard a freight train near Petersburg, Indiana. Sheriff Wilmer Whitehead and State Trooper Howard Lytton were sent to get him.

The two split up, on opposite sides of the train. Suddenly the bandit jumped down, on Trooper Lytton's

side, gun in hand. But the Green Masked Bandit lost his nerve - and surrendered.

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TAPAREK

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What did he say when he woke up? After sailing six thousand miles in two hundred days, then to wake up unexpectedly at Miami Beach? His comment was: "How ridiculous." And he, adds Harry, that he's shoving off as fast as he can. Still insists on going to Virgin Islands.