

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Mendes-France is out! Overthrown by his opponents in the French National Assembly. The vote against him :- 319 to 273.

The ex-premier went down fighting. All day long, he struggled to line up a coalition of parties. Which he needed because his own party was not strong enough to secure victory, especially since his own party was split.

The dynamic Frenchman received support from that elder statesman of French politics - Edouard Herriot - who appealed to the Radical Socialists not to abandon the Premier.

But even so it was hopeless. His adversaries needed three-hundred-fourteen votes to overthrow him - and it was estimated that from the start they could count on two-hundred-and-sixty .

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SUBSTIYUTE MENDES FRANCE 2

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can - but, ~~that he~~ will back down before ~~it~~ launching any
attack on our naval forces around Formosa. The point being,
that he has nothing to match our Seventh Fleet.

EDEN

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Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today that a Communist Chinese attack on the islands of Quemoy, Matsu, and Tachen would endanger world peace. The Foreign Minister's statement, interpreted as a warning to Mao Tse-tung - not to launch an invasion of those islands.

The statement is interesting too, because Eden repeated that the British government believes that the islands ^{do} belong to the mainland - and so the Communists have a right to them. Edens only point being, that no attempt should be made to take them by force. In other words, he favors giving them to Mao Tse-tung -- but only as a result of negotiation.

Meanwhile
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is rushing

reinforcements to the island of Quemoy. So announced in Taipei, following a Communist artillery barrage that attempted to knock out the fortifications of the island at the south end of the Formosa defense chain. And we hear that some Americans are already on Quemoy - probably to stay, unless Chiang decides to evacuate ~~that~~ island.

There's no decision yet on the fate of the Tachens. Nationalist planes ranged over the area today - blasting Red strong points and shipping. Returning pilots say ~~that~~ the anti-aircraft barrage was intense - but no planes were shot down.

Another shipload of refugees from the Tachens has arrived in Formosa. They ~~declare that~~ *say* they were chased by four Communist junks - ~~which~~ *that* had to be driven off with gunfire.

An American destroyer was on hand ~~all the time~~ - but, did not get involved ~~with the junks~~. Admiral Pride ~~reveals that his~~ *says this* Seventh Fleet has not exchanged shots with the Communists - *so far* although all kinds of ships from the mainland have been sighted in Formosa Strait.

ADAMS

One of the controversial figures of last summer's Army-McCarthy hearings - resigns his position. Army Councillor John Adams, saying he will leave his job at the end of March.

Until recently, Adams had persistently denied that he would resign - even though one member of the Subcommittee, Senator Potter of Michigan, had urged his resignation.

In his letter to Army Secretary Stevens, John Adams remarked that he took the job in Nineteen-Fifty-Three, with the intention of holding it for about a year; that the projects he launched are now well under way - and no longer require his personal attention. So, he wants to go back to private life.

Secretary Stevens accepts the resignation with appreciation of the support he had from Councillor Adams.

The Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee today subpoenaed Harvey Matusow. The Sub-Committee ^{now} wants him to ^{go} ~~testify about~~ ^{over} every word he uttered in earlier appearances.

~~He~~ ^{self admitted flip-flop} Matusow, being the turn-about witness, ^{who} ~~he~~ testified

^{giving false witness} against many defendants - notably Owen Lattimore. ~~Then he~~

~~turned around, and admitted that he gave false evidence against Lattimore and against others being investigated by the Sub-Committee.~~

^{The Incoming Sen.}
^{Chairman}

Eastland of Mississippi, says he and his colleagues want to know just what Matusow was up to. Also,

they ^are interested in his activities during the Nineteen

Fifty-Two election - when he spoke against Democratic candidates

for the Senate in Montana, Utah, and Washington. Chairman

Eastland adds, ^{that it has} ~~it is~~ not yet been decided whether the

sessions with Matusow will be public or private.

CORPORAL

The American Corporal who fled to Russia^a a few months ago - is staying there of his own free will. The report comes from two of our officials who visited him.

Corporal William Turner of Coffeyville, Mississippi, fled to the Soviet Zone of Austria in November of Nineteen Fifty-Four - and then was reported to have said that he preferred a land where real freedom existed. We asked if American officials would be allowed to talk with him. And permission was given to Frank Siscoe of Plainfield, New Jersey, and Captain William Stroud, a military attache. Both Siscoe and Stroud being connected with our Embassy in Moscow.

They learned that Corporal Turner was studying at the Automotive Institute in Kharkov. So they traveled down to that city to see him.

It was a ~~very~~ brief meeting - only fifteen minutes. Corporal Turner, refusing to answer questions. Siscoe and Stroud say he made an oral statement - that had obviously been

prepared in advance. ^{and} All during the ^{in brief interview} ~~meeting~~ ^{a couple of} Soviet officials were present.

Siscoe and Stroud describe Corporal Turner as in good physical condition - with no indication of any great mental strain. The two officials sum up their impression in these words: "As far as could be determined - he is ~~there~~ ^{there} of his own free will."

ROUMANIANS

Rember that story last week about the Roumanian fiddler who escaped from his dance troupe in Paris - and was granted asylum by the French? Well, it seems that ~~the~~ the fiddler's escapade frightened the leader of the dance troupe. Besides the Fiddler wasn't the only one. That group left Roumania with one hundred and forty-two members - and soon it was down to a hundred and thirty! So the leader decided to get his group back to Roumania as quickly as possible while the 130 were still with him.

They were hustled aboard a train then across Austria on the way behind the Iron Curtain. The last stop at Vienna. A dispatch from the Austrian capital describes the platform there "swarming with Communist secret police". On both sides of the train. To prevent newsmen from talking to the Roumanians through the train windows. And making sure no more of that dance troupe decided to bolt! And there the story ends.

142 sallied froth. 12 chose freedom. 130 returned behind the Iron Curtain.

LANDING CRAFT follow WEATHER -
Europe Sale.

Europe, ~~too, is being~~ lashed by high gales - all the way from Britain to Sicily. An American Army landing craft sank today, in the Bay of Biscay. The L.C.T., swamped ~~by the~~ ^{by} tremendous waves. Fortunately, it sent out an S.O.S. in time - and all fifteen of the crew were rescued.

On the Mediterranean island of Malta, the Weather Bureau reports the strongest winds in twenty-four years. The storm, so bad that the headquarters of the Royal Navy ordered two aircraft carriers to stand out to sea, to avoid the risk of being hurled onto the beach.

WEATHER

Here at home today's weather story is summed up by what happened to the School Superintendent in Lenox, Iowa. The Superintendent decided to test the roads - to see whether the school busses could run. During the ~~xx~~ test, his own car got stalled in a snowdrift. So he decided to give the youngsters a holiday - which they would have had anyway, because most of them would never have made it through the snow to the school. That in the prairie country. And a blizzard has been raging all over the great plains. At Horton, Kansas, thirteen inches of snow reported. At Wichita, Kansas, schools closed down, and Boeing Aircraft, told its workers to stay at home. In St. Joseph, Missouri, the City Airport closed ~~ix~~ - great snowdrifts on the runways. Falls City, Nebraska, streets clogged, automobiles stalled

And it's still Winter in the East, ice floes are clogging the Hudson - delaying the liners coming up to dock. A coast guard cutter helping helpless ships in Chesapeake Bay - helping them break out of the ice.

ESKIMOS

And here is a dispatch from Fort Richardson, Alaska, where it's really cold. It's about one of the worlds most colourful military outfits. A new one. The Eskimo Scouts - trained to help hold our part of the Arctic Circle in case the Russians just across the Bering Strait start to move in the Direction of Alaska.

The Eskimo Scouts are of-course the natives of the area who usually spend their time hunting seal, polar bear walrus, mink, wolverine, tarmagin, white fox and so on. Now these hunters of the north, these masters of the kyak and the oomiak. In their fur parkas and mukluks. Their crest, a blue thunderbird on a silver shield.

Their Commander. Lieutenant A.B. Bruck of Juneau, who says his Eskimo Scouts are formed into two battalions of about six hundred men each. One to cover the territory bordering on the Arctic Ocean. The other to guard the coast along Bering Strait - only seventy miles from the Russians across that Strait.

He says the Eskimos consider themselves Americans - and, are intensely patriotic. Infact, they

have a re-enlistment average of more than seventy-five per cent -- which is high. On patrols they carry radios.

The most unusual outfit, in the American Army.

The Eskimo Scouts of the ~~Arctic~~ Arctic Circle.

MARGARET

Princess Margaret, now an ardent calypso fan. So says a dispatch from Port -of-Spain, Trinidad. The younger sister of the Queen has been entertained with calypso wherever she goes. And today she invited five of Trinidad's top experts for a command performance. Among them, the grand master of the calypso chant, Vernon Roberts, a basso known as the "mighty panther" of Trinidad. The "mighty panther" promptly had composed a chant for the Princess- and sang it to her.

But Princess Margaret has been doing other things. Driving all over the island - visiting the people. Also - present for the opening of the new "Princess Margaret Highway" over which maybe you'll drive on your Winter holiday!