

BRITAIN

L.T.-OLDS. Wed. Jan. 30 - 63.

The British have no intention of giving up -- their special relationship with the United States. Prime Minister MacMillan made that clear today - in the Commons. Telling the M. P's that the alliance across the Atlantic - is one guarantee of world stability; And, no threat whatever to the other nations of the Atlantic alliance. Said the Prime Minister of Anglo-American friendship; "I cannot see why it is a grievance to our continental friends." ^{Which} ~~That~~ observation brought the Commons to their feet amid a burst of cheering. Not one of the M P's taking the line that London should weaken the ties with Washington -- to make General DeGaulle less intransigent.

DRIVER

The oddest casualty of the Common Market fiasco - Henry Phillips of London. Henry was stopped by the bobbies - when they ~~stopp~~ spotted his car weaving back and forth across the highway. They hauled him into court - on a charge of drunk driving.

Drunk? Not at all. Said Henry Phillips of London - "when I heard the news about the Common Market, it went to my head."

Said the Judge - "twenty pounds for driving while under the influence." — *Of what?!*

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REACTION

A day later, how does Europe feel about -- DeGaulle's opposition to British entry into the Common Market? Some are saying the President of France - is trying to live in the past, and others, that he is trying to move into - the future.

The Belgian press is satirizing DeGaulle - as a contemporary of Louis the Fourteenth and Napoleon - that is hoping for French glories that vanished at Waterloo.

The Finnish press, on the contrary terms DeGaulle --- "a visionary who thinks he can turn today into tomorrow." He is accused of thinking - that the Russians are about to throw Communism overboard and return to their old place in European councils - for fear of the Chinese Reds. DeGaulle, according to one Helsinki newsman considers this the moment to propose an alliance between the Common Market - and Moscow.

DEGAULLE

For ~~Charles~~ DeGaulle - another victory, — *also*,
another defeat.


Victory - in Luxembourg. The French delegate,
forcing suspension of the talks - aimed at bringing
Britain into the continental coal and steel pool.
Defeat - in Baden-Baden, West Germany. The other
members of the Common Market refusing to discuss
French proposals -- for a curtailment of Anglo-
American investment on the continent.

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DEFENSE

The testimony of the Secretary of Defense before the House Armed Services Committee - was realistic and optimistic. Secretary McNamara, not under estimating - Soviet military ~~xx~~ strength. ~~But,~~ pointing out that we have - a big superiority in retaliatory arms. Namely, nuclear striking power based on six hundred and fifty bombers, ^{also} ~~and~~ over three hundred missiles. ^R A second strike capacity that could ^{Rubioverize and} devastate the Soviet Union - even if Khrushchev pushed the button first.

Cuba? McNamara admitted that Moscow has sent an arsenal to the island - tanks, artillery tactical missiles, and so on. But, our Secretary of Defense repeats - that Castro has not received any offensive weapons since Khrushchev pulled out the ones already there.



ADD DEFENSE

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Red China? Secretary McNamara believes that Peking and Moscow - may have reached the point of no return. Khrushchev, cautious - because the Soviet Union has so much to lose. Mao, bolder, because Red China has little to lose.

"More belligerent, more reckless," *is the way that is*

~~now~~ the American Secretary of Defense describes the strong man of Red China.

PATRONAGE

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One bill introduced into the Senate today -
is something that many political scientists have been
calling for. Subject - political patronage, and
how to ~~eliminate it~~ ^{pare it down.} Specifically, in the appointment
of postmasters.

Senator William Proxmire proposes - an end
to Senate confirmation of applicants. ^{Have} All postmasters,
~~to be~~ selected ~~in~~ under a merit system. In the words
of the Wisconsin Democrat - "let's take the post-
masters out of politics."

BOOK

In my reports from the Antarctic I failed to tell you many of the things our men do down there, at the South Pole. Some of them enjoy what my son once referred to as the greatest luxury of all. He said this after being on an Arctic ice field for more than a month. And, it's the same at The South Pole. There they enjoy the luxury of catching up on their reading.

In the Antarctic I carried a thrilling book by Gerald Dickler. Title - "Man on trial". A history of great trials - from Socrates to Oppenheimer.

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While those cold Antarctic winds howled at The Pole, I was deep in the prosecution of President Andrew ~~Johnson~~ ^{Johnson} Remember how America's Chief Executive during reconstruction was impeached? Called by northern radicals - unfit for the Presidency? Saved by one ~~vote~~ ^{vote}! I found ~~the~~ ^{this} book a real thriller even at The South Pole - where ~~thrills~~ ^{thrills} are all a part of the day's routine.

EUROWEATHER

Ah, a new word:- euroweather? An ugly neologism wouldn't you say?

Euroweather is what they now call the weather across Europe from Spain to Russia. How is it? It's bad. Those wolves of Hungary are now not only roaming the Carpathians and the plains of Hungary, they are raiding mounta in villages in Jugoslavia, Italy, Spain, and France. Wolves driven by hunger out of the mountain passes - of the Balkans, the Pyrennes and the Alps. The toll of livestock - beyond counting. Oh yes, and snow on the lovely isle of Capri. Euroweather - almost like Youranother - Dick

MARINES

Two marines are alive tonight - because they went in for water polo in High school. John Mahan and Jim Cristler - both of Whittler, California.

Saturday, their troop ship left Pearl Harbor, for Okinawa . Suddenly John rushed to the rail --- for the usual reason. But he rushed so hard he went over the side. Jim, who saw this - dove in after him.

The ship - disappeared. There were the two marines - three miles from land - alone at sea. But, they were water polo veterans. So they eased out of their uniforms as they tread water and then began to swim. Three hours later they staggered ashore, and tonight are on their way again to Okinawa, by air. Wonder if John Ma han will get air sick.