

The West German Parliament today voted to accept the Paris Agreements - which would rearm West Germany, and make her a partner with the West. The most bitterly contested clause - the one dealing with the Saar. ^{This} ~~The Parliament~~ reflecting the opposition of many Germans - to the agreement that places the area under a neutral commissioner. However, even the Saar agreement was accepted today - and the bill was sent to President Theodore Heuss. *Whereupon*

The President announced that he would withhold his signature for a while. And West German sources declare that the reason is - the President wants to wait until the French Parliament has put its okay on the ~~Paris~~ Agreements.

Moscow
~~The Soviet Government~~ has again warned France not to ratify ~~these Agreements~~. The Kremlin, threatening to scrap the Franco-Russian Treaty of Friendship - unless France turns down the rearmament of West Germany.

TRADE

A British report that Russia is trying to get out of orders she placed for British goods. Orders up to thirty million dollars. A Soviet trade delegation in London, saying it is likely the orders will be cancelled.

Probably reflecting the change in the Soviet government. The fall of Malenkov, who was for more consumer goods. These orders were mainly for consumer goods. Now with Malenkov's policy out the window ~~xxxx~~ and the new policy of accent on heavy industry, the welfare of the Russian people is not emphasized.

LABOR PARTY

The Labor Party won an election today in the town of Wrexham, Wales. The victory was expected - Wrexham a Laborite stronghold. But the interesting thing is, that the margin of victory was ~~out~~ thirty per cent ^{what it was in} below ~~that of~~ the last Labor victory of Nineteen Fifty-One. The conservative ~~share of the~~ vote ~~fell~~ off ~~by~~ about the same ~~amount~~.

Where did the votes go? They went to a Welsh Nationalist. Wales, too ^{pro-} Laborite to vote conservative - but evidently upset by the expulsion ^{by the Party,} of Native Son Aneurin Bevan. ~~From the Labor Party.~~ ^{So} That's the way British political experts are interpreting the Wrexham election.

JAPAN

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The new Prime Minister of Japan is, as expected, Ichiro Hatoyama. His Party won the election - and today he was voted into office by the Lower House of the Japanese Parliament.

But, a Liberal was elected Speaker of the House - defeating Hatoyama's candidate from the democratic party.

Tokyo observers believe ^{it} ~~that~~ means - Hatoyama will have a rough time in the coming session of Parliament.

VIET NAM

The Premier of South Viet Nam ^{prophesies} ~~declares~~ that the Communists will be defeated in the all Viet Nameese elections next year; ~~These~~ elections ~~are~~ to decide whether the ~~nation~~ will be united under Democracy or Communism.

Premier Dien told the United Press today that the forces of freedom will win - ~~just as long as~~ ^{if} the elections are really free. ~~The Premier~~ ^{And he} wants a secret ballot - to make sure that the Reds don't intimidate ^{the} voters.

Premier Diem admitted that the Communists have been working hard - infiltrating South Viet Nam, and spreading propaganda. But even so, he's sure ~~that~~ the people will vote Communism down, as long as they are free to do so.

ARUBA

From Helsinki, Finland, a spokesman for the Finnish Seamen's Union said tonight the crew of the tanker Aruba would go on strike if asked to take the ship beyond the Nicobar Islands in the Indian Ocean.

The owners of the Aruba have ordered the captain to proceed toward Red China as long as its rebellious crew "continues to work."

B. Johansson, Secretary of the Seamen's Union, said he had received a radiogram from the crew of the Aruba today in which its members declared they had unanimously decided not to "stay aboard the vessel even as far as the Malacca Straits."

The last report on the Aruba? From the Nicobars, about three hundred miles west of Ceylon, in the Indian Ocean.

The Nicobars are northwest of Sumatra.

Senator Knowland charges that President Roosevelt came close to making a false report on the Yalta Conference. The California Republican, ^{saying} ~~saying~~ that ~~statement~~ on the floor of the Senate - referring to the publication of the Yalta documents. Knowland argued that F.D.R. did not tell the truth, because he said at the time that the Yalta Conference was not concerned with the war in the Pacific. But we know now, that Stalin agreed there to attack Japan - in return for concessions.

So Senator Knowland thinks F.D.R. misled the country. **But Democrats point out that the war was still on - and we would have revealed Allied strategy to Japan, if we had made public the fact that Russia was going to join the war in the Far East.**

HARRIMAN

The publication of the Yalta documents is bound to affect the reputations of the men who were responsible for the decisions taken there. But there's another side to the problem - what about the men whose advice was not taken? That question is important for at least one man - New York's Governor Harriman.

Harriman was our Ambassador to Moscow at the time.

Next to President Roosevelt and Harry Hopkins, Ambassador Harriman was the most important man in dealing with the Soviet Union. Today he's Governor of New York - and many political experts believe he'll be the Democratic candidate for

President in Nineteen Fifty-Six. *In which case* ~~That is why~~ the Yalta documents *will be doubly* ~~are so~~ important to him.

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How does Harriman look now? So far - the Yalta

documents are making him look very good, *indeed.* It seems that he was

against the concessions that were made to Stalin, Harriman,

declaring that we should *have had* ~~get~~ what we wanted, without ~~these~~

concessions. Stalin requested a loan of six billion dollars, to be repaid over thirty years. Harriman

called that request "unreasonable. And then he added, at that time, he didn't like Communist bargaining methods.

Harriman also opposed the Morgenthau Plan to reduce Germany to an agricultural nation - a plan backed by Harry Dexter White, accused by the F.B.I. of being a fellow traveller. And, Harriman opposed giving big areas of Poland to the Soviet Union.

Besides that, Harriman warned repeatedly about Russian intentions. The Yalta documents make it clear that he thought we should be very careful in accepting Stalin's promises - because those promises could easily be broken. Today, of course, we know how Stalin did break them as soon as the war had been won.

In other words, the Yalta documents show how right Harriman was. Which will be a strong talking point for the Harriman supporters at the Democratic Convention next year.

DOCUMENTS

The State Department announces that it will publish the secret documents of all the great World War Two conferences - Casablanca, ~~Tehran~~, Potsdam, and the others.

Department Spokesman Henry Suydam, says that the entire series will be made public between now and June of Nineteen

Fifty-Seven. He added, ~~that~~ the "White Paper" on China, issued by the Truman Administration in Nineteen Forty-Nine, will also be published. That "White Paper", one of the most controversial of all - because it put the chief blame for the loss of China to the Reds, on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

CIVIL DEFENSE

President Eisenhower is asking Congress for ~~an added~~ ^{another} twelve million dollars - to help ~~prepare~~ ^{to} ~~this country~~ ^{against} in case ~~of an~~ atomic attack. Part of the money will go into research - to determine the best way of counteracting radioactive fall-out from hydrogen bombs. The rest of it, to be used for preparing shelters and other necessities in case our civil population has to be evacuated from their homes in a hurry.

The presidential request comes on the heels of a congressional committee report - that there has been too much waste and confusion in the civil defense program, because that program is distributed among too many agencies.

STOCK MARKET

Two Senators had a heated wrangle today - during the investigation of the Stock Market. Chairman Fullbright of ~~Arkansas~~ ^{again} clashing with ~~Senator~~ Capehart of Indiana.

The exchange came after the President of General Motors, Harlow Curtice, had testified - that there is no need to worry about any monopoly in the automobile industry. The industry, too competitive to be dominated by any single company.

After listening to Curtice, Senator Capehart protested that the investigation was getting, as he put it, "far off the beam." And then the Indiana Republican went on to say that the Banking Committee seems to be harrassing the Eisenhower Administration, rather than investigating the Stock Market.

At that, Chairman Fullbright became angry. He said ~~that the~~ members of the Committee ^{were} spend ^{ing} too much time attacking the Chairman. And ~~he remarked~~ that he had hoped the investigation would be non-partisan - but ^{that} apparently some members of the Committee want to play politics. Senator Fullbright suggesting, that the hearings will be futile.

Afterward, he criticized Senator Capehart, and remarked to newspapermen: "You can't make anything clear to Capehart."

*Just a /
proper*

row, between ~~the~~ two dignified Senators of the Banking Committee.

HOCKEY

In that Montreal riot last night we now hear twenty-five were injured. Seventy-four arrested. Vandals, breaking into stores and looting them.

All this, because the hockey czar suspended the greatest player in the history of the game. President Clarence Campbell suspended Maurice Richard, after the player had started a fight during a game in Boston last Sunday. Richard, of course, is the idol of the French-Canadians - who are enthusiastic about their Montreal hockey team.

At the game last night, between Montreal and Detroit, President Campbell was attacked. Rioters, hurling tomatoes and eggs at him. A tear gas bomb exploded, and then the crowd poured out onto the streets of Montreal - where the riot spread through the city, leading to the vandalism, the injuries and the arrests.

Police finally managed to get President Campbell to safety - and to a doctor. To be treated for cuts and

bruises. While Campbell calls the riot "disgraceful," the Mayor of Montreal blames him - says he shouldn't have suspended Maurice Richard.

Which shows how seriously they take their hockey in Montreal. A real Donneybrook.

LYSISTRATA

Today the Post Office Department released a rare copy of an old Greek classic. A copy of "Lysistrata" by Aristophanes.

Book Dealer Harry Levinson of Beverley Hills sent the famous play through the mails - and the Post Office seized it as pornographic. Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield telling the owner that the comedy about the rebellion of the Athenian women against their husbands - is, in the Postmaster General's words, "well calculated to deprave the morals." The Postmaster General also objected to illustrations by Norman Lindsay.

Owner Levinson sued, and now the Post Office Department declares that it is not going to fight the case - a single book, not worth the effort. The Department apparently doesn't back down on its claim that "Lysistrata" is pornographic. But a spokesman says that the Department will turn its attention

continuous mass of more lurid
to the ~~mass of pornographic~~ material being sent through the mails - instead of fixing its attention on Aristophanes' ~~old~~ masterpiece *of ancient Greece.*

CLOCK

Time is standing still in the Italian town of Cavedine - all because the town sacristan is on strike. What's the connection? ~~Well, it seems that~~ The sacristan has the job of winding the town clock. And the villagers of Cavedine can't get along without the clock. Because few of them have watches or clocks of their own. They depend on the town clock for the time - its booming chimes, ^{telling} ~~informing~~ them when to get up, when to go ^{to} ~~for~~ lunch, when to attend mass, ^{when to dine,} ~~and~~ when to go to bed.

With the sacristan on strike, the clock doesn't sound any more. And ^{all id} ~~so they're all~~ confused ⁱⁿ in Cavedine. - ~~they say~~ they have no idea of what the time is, but the dispatch doesn't say why they don't tell time by the Italian sun, which shines very bright in Cavedine.

Nobody knows when the confusion will end - because the sacristan wants more money for winding the clock. He gets six thousand lira ^{a month -} - which sounds like a lot, but actually adds up

to less than ten dollars. He says that it's hard work to keep the clock going, also that the ladder to the clock tower is so rickety you have to be a trapeze artist to climb it. Also that the clock requires a lot of tinkering and attention, besides winding the heavy mechanism.

So the sacristan wants more than his six thousand lire. Until he gets it, Hugh, he's willing to let time stand still in Cavedine.