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The new French government may place obstacles in the way of international cooperation. That's the word from Paris tonight. The reason given is that Premier Rene Mayer has formed a right-of-center coalition cabinet. ~~And he has selected a new~~ Foreign Minister - ~~George~~ Bidault <sup>to</sup> replaces ~~Robert~~ Schuman.

Schuman is an internationalist. He believes in European unity. He wants cooperation <sup>on the part</sup> of all the nations of the Free World, including Germany, <sup>to</sup> oppose the expansion of Russia. <sup>With that in mind</sup> ~~and so~~ he drew up the famous Schuman plan - the plan for pooling the coal and steel production of six nations in Western Europe. <sup>on the other hand</sup> Georges Bidault is much more nationalistic than Schuman. Serving as French Foreign Minister once before, he tended to resist cooperation with the Germans. In Nineteen Forty-four he signed an agreement with Russia to meet any future aggression by Germany.

So Allied observers fear ~~that~~ the Mayer

government will take a stand against making Germany a <sup>full</sup> partner in European defense. <sup>All of which mean</sup> ~~this~~ could be a major problem for John Foster Dulles, when he takes over the State Department <sup>on Jan. 20</sup> ~~after the twentieth of this month.~~

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The members of the Cabinet will be among General Eisenhower's closest associates in the new administration. So the President-elect wants them to take over their jobs as quickly as possible. The earliest date possible would be Inauguration Day - the day the General becomes President. But, several obstacles to this developed today - so we learn in a Washington dispatch from U P correspondent Lyle Wilson.

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change over from a Republican to a Democratic administration -- from Herbert Hoover to F.D.R. Now the G O P takes over again. And it seems as if the Senate ought to grant Eisenhower the same privilege it accorded to Franklin D.

Lyle Wilson's dispatch points out another obstacle. Remember when Mr. Roosevelt was accused of packing the Supreme Court? Well, in Nineteen Thirty-Seven, the President appointed Senator Black, of Alabama, to a court vacancy. Black was promptly confirmed by the Senate. Only later was his fitness attacked -- the main accusation being that he had once been a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Since then, says Lyle Wilson, the Senate has had a strong inclination to inquire into any nominee's fitness for office. Therefore he thinks ~~may~~ this will happen with the Eisenhower cabinet. Of course the delay is not likely to be long - perhaps only one day. The Senate is not ~~expected~~ expected to oppose the men who have been selected - even if the Senators do insist on the right to investigate them.

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In the meantime, the head of the Senate Republican policy committee - Senator Knowland, of California - states that his group is considering the problem, and that an announcement on their findings will be made in a day or two.

## BARUCH

Bernard Baruch is ready to carry on with ~~xx~~ his familiar role as advisor of Presidents. The famous elder statesman has been consulted by every President since Woodrow Wilson. Recently he fell from favor with the White House - his friendship with President Truman broken during the latter part of the Fair Deal era.

Baruch supported General Eisenhower during the campaign. Now he is asked ~~xxx~~ whether he will be available as advisor to our next President. He responds with the words: "I certainly will. I've always been available, and wouldn't be less available to a close and old friend of mine."

Bernard Baruch - onemore eminent statesman on whom Eisenhower can rely during his administration.

## KOREA

In Korea, more ground fighting. Some of it fierce. Raiding parties striking into no man's land to attack Red strong points and supply centers.

Near Pan Mun Jom, where the truce talks have been going on, a platoon of picked men smashed their way past the Communist defenses, invaded series of bunkers, and showered the Reds with grenades and high explosives. The whole action took less than an hour; with the raiders returning to their own lines, after killing or wounding many of the enemy.

South Korean troops also invaded the Communist zone - their objective a tunnel on which the Reds were at work. The South Koreans mined the tunnel with T.N.T., and blew it up, along with some forty of the Reds.

Another South Korean raiding party made its objective an enemy ammunition dump; which they blasted, along with a Red mortar position.

Meanwhile, American planes were bombing and strafing a truck convoy -- a large-scale convoy, more than fifteen miles long that was rushing supplies up to the front. Roaring up and down the convoy the planes blasted it with bombs, rockets and bullets. Returning pilots estimate that more than fifty of the trucks were destroyed. All this in sub-zero weather.



PILOT FOLLOW KOREA

<sup>Now</sup>  
~~Here's~~ a story about one of <sup>a</sup> ~~our~~ pilots in  
Korea. <sup>with</sup> a story ~~that has~~ a happy ending, ~~luckily, for~~  
<sup>that</sup> ~~it~~ came close to being a tragedy.

Lieutenant Roel Tudor of Yuma, Arizona, was on  
a bombing mission. His target- a Communist <sup>(railroad</sup> ~~XXXXXX~~  
in northwest Korea. Lieutenant Tudor dropped his bombs  
on the target. Then, suddenly, a burst of anti-  
aircraft fire <sup>rocked</sup> ~~smashed into~~ his plane. His plexiglass  
canopy was shattered. Fragments of glass lacerated his  
face, blinding him in one eye, damaging the other. His  
eyesight almost gone, he was conscious of nothing more  
than a murky pattern of light and shadow.

<sup>was conscious and</sup>  
But Lieutenant Tudor had enough presence of  
mind to radio for help. His S O S ~~xxx~~ was heard by  
his flight leader, Lieutenant James Larue, of Houston  
Texas. Lieutenant Larue swung ~~in~~ his plane in close  
to Tudor's, and <sup>what we have heard of before -</sup> ~~he~~ began to give Tudor instructions,  
telling him when to turn and when to keep going  
straight ahead, when to use more power and when to use  
less ~~xx~~ and so on. In this way <sup>Lt. Jim</sup> Larue managed to guide

his wounded comrade's plane back to ~~their~~ base.

By this time, Lieutenant Tudor's eyesight had cleared a bit. But he still could hardly see the runway. In his words, "When Larue got me lined up, I had no idea of distance or altitude."

Three times Tudor tried to land, under Larue's <sup>used</sup> directions. And, the third time he made it - a belly landing just off the end of the runway.

~~Now~~ ~~Now~~ ~~Lieutenant Tudor is~~ <sup>IP</sup> ~~at~~ the hospital. ~~And~~ the doctors say that they <sup>hope</sup> ~~probably~~ <sup>IP</sup> ~~can~~ save the sight in both ~~of his~~ eyes. A happy ending to <sup>another</sup> ~~one of the most~~ miraculous rescues <sup>in</sup> ~~of the~~ Korean ~~war~~ ~~or of any war.~~

LOVETT

Should the U N try an all-out offensive to end the Korean war? Outgoing Defense Secretary Lovett has an answer to this question. And he says - no. He believes it would cost more casualties than it would be worth.

Secretary Lovett testified today before the House Armed Services Committee, in private. After the session the head of the committee, Congressman Dewey Short, gave out a summary of the points the Defense Secretary had emphasized.

Congressman Short said Secretary Lovett is optimistic about defense production; also optimistic concerning the State of our armed forces. But, not so optimistic about ending the Korean war. In the committee chairman's words: "He doesn't have the answer to the sixty-four dollar question, any more than we do."

The Congressman reporting on the Defense Secretary's testimony added that Lovett "thinks the

world situation is practically the same today as it has been for the past several years. And that it's ~~not~~ no time to relax."

So, the outgoing Defense Secretary's opinion on the world situation differs just a shade from that of President Truman. The President - also Winston Churchill - stated recently that the prospects for peace have improved.

Bob Lovett will soon pass his heavy burden on to Charles E. Wilson, head of General Motors, who will take his place after January twentieth. The retiring Defense Secretary, by the way - was - is - a Republican.

## PAKISTAN

Educational rioting in Pakistan, that largest of all Moslem countries. At Karachi, Pakistan's capital city, on the Arabian Sea. The rioters? students who say they are charged too much - college fees too high.

It all started when the students left their classes. First they put on a demonstration at the home of the minister of education although the Minister didn't appear his wife promised that she would urge him to heed their demands. Whereupon the demonstrators dispersed. It all seemed over.

But Karachi newspapers took up the issue. They criticized the students behavior. The newspapers unsympathetic. So the belligerent students went on a rampage again, this time in front of the newspaper offices. They refused to disperse; and retreated when the police charged them. Then the students counter-attacked, with ~~xxxxx~~ stones. The police replied with tear gas. But the gas grenades were picked up and hurled back.

During the melee the Minister of Interior

appeared. His car was overturned and set on fire, the Minister barely escaping with his life.

Finally, the authorities had to call ~~SM~~ in the army. Nine truck loads of soldiers rushed to the scene and ~~XXXXXX~~ restored order. Tonight police cars are patrolling the streets and gatherings of more than four persons are prohibited. All loiterers ordered home.

As for the students the authorities are making sure they remain in their classrooms.

## SUB AVANTI

Tonight, good news of the Swedish tanker, Avanti. Or, at least, good news of her crew. The ship was hit by a violent storm in the waters between Japan and Okinawa. Under the pounding of heavy seas, she broke in two. The bow and the stern drifting apart. The crew separated. Eight stranded on the bow section. Eleven on the stern. Twenty-one managed to get into a lifeboat.

Rescue vessels rushed to the area. And now a dispatch from Tokyo tells us that all of the Avanti's crew are safe - first the survivors on the wreckage, then those in the lifeboat, all taken aboard ships that had come to their aid.

Altho<sup>^</sup> the ~~fighting in~~<sup>story of</sup> Korea has been grim, for the most part, ~~but~~ sometimes ~~it shows~~<sup>there has been a</sup> humorous angle, a queer twist of events that is pure comedy. For example, here's one they tell in our Seventh Division. A group of G I's were having a poker game. They were using an old helmet to hold the pot. During one hand Corporal John Perocoso, of South Belvid, Illinois, was dealt a spade flush. So Corporal Perocoso was all set to play his hand, and rake in the pot.

At that moment, a mortar shell landed squarely in the helmet holding the bets. <sup>Luckily</sup> The shell didn't go off! But, the players hadn't waited to see what would happen. They dived for safety in different directions. And Corporal Perocoso's cards went spilling into the dirt. <sup>Nelson, he</sup> ~~He~~ never got the chance to play that spade flush.

~~A comic situation, thrown up in the~~

~~Maelstrom of war.~~