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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY!

In France, an appeal to de Gaulle - asking him to use his influence in settling the crisis. Step in - as mediator between the government in Paris and the refractory generals in Algeria, who are calling on de Gaulle - to take power.

Today's appeal - not made by Premier Pflimlin. But - almost. Ex-Premier Pinay, Chief of the Right Wing in the National Assembly - calling on the General at his village home a hundred-and-fifty-miles east of Paris.

Before he left, Pinay was in conference with the Premier, telling him - what he intended to do, acting on his own, and not committing the cabinet. The report is that Premier Pflimlin was doubtful of the prospects of getting de Gaulle to mediate. The Premier - afraid of a rebuff, so he didn't give his official backing - to the Pinay mission.

The conference lasted for an hour-and-forty minutes, with no disclosure - of what the General replied. Whether or not - he is willing to use his moral authority with the commanders in Algeria. Which would actually mean - de Gaulle mediating between the government and the adherents of de Gaulle.

When he left the village meeting, Pinay went back to Paris - and into conference with Premier Pflimlin. Reporting - on his "peace" move.

In Algeria - meanwhile - now demands that the politicians in France accept the leadership of the French hero of World War Two. Saying - they must choose between de Gaulle and the Communists.

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All this - while conditions are tense along the border of Tunis and Algeria. The Tunisian government -

charging aggression by the French, the clash - we heard about
last night. Also claiming - that French planes bombed the
Tunisian air field at Gafsa. The bombing denied - by
French military authorities.

LEBANON

Lebanon - is making an appeal to the United Nations.

Calling - for an urgent meeting of the Security Council, to take up a complaint against the United Arab Republic. Which means- Nasser.

Lebanon charging - that Syria fomented the recent rebellion in the ~~the~~ small Republic, which - is half Christian, half Moslem. Syrian soldiers - joining the insurgents. Egypt - sending boat-loads of ~~arms~~ arms and ammunition to support the insurrection. The complaint - ~~is~~ now to be taken to the Security Council of the U N.

The dispatch also tells of a bomb explosion in Beirut - another sign that trouble still simmers in Lebanon.

MOSCOW

The Moscow radio ~~is~~ sprang a surprise today. In a broadcast - attacking the religion of Islam. Communism, of course, opposes all religion - except its own. But the Soviets - have been wooing the world of Islam. Inciting - Moslems against the West.

Today's anti-Moslem broadcast - all the more surprising, because it follows the visit of Nasser to Moscow. The chief of the United Arab Republic - ~~giving~~^{given} a tremendous reception for ten days. The Kremlin - trying to win Nasser over to the Soviet side.

Today, however, Moscow radio accused Islamic religious leaders - of "keeping Moslem workers oppressed by the exploiters." And - of siding with the Imperialists.

~~What~~ Has this any significance - in point of policy? Who knows?

INDONESIA

At Jakarta, Capital of Indonesia, today, U S

Ambassador Howard Jones - had a guest for lunch. A visitor - who arrived, smiling, beaming, exuding friendship.

Sukarno, President of Indonesia, who recently, has been snorting fire against the United States. His government - charging that American aid was being given to the rebels of Sumatra and Celebes. Anti-Americanism rampant, at Jakarta.

But now - a sudden turn. Relations - much improved.

With Sukarno making a graphic gesture - visiting the U S Ambassador with all expression of cordiality.

At the same time, Sukarno's Foreign Minister made a statement - that American-Indonesian relations were "improving". He spoke at ~~the~~ a ceremony, concluding an agreement for the Indonesian purchase of more than five million dollars' worth of American rice.

At Jakarta, the sudden warmth of good feeling is attributed to a statement made by the American Secretary of State on Tuesday. John Foster Dulles - ~~disclaiming~~ disclaiming

any notion of American interference in the political affairs
of Indonesia.

PANAMA

A strange outbreak - in the Republic of Panama.

The insurrection - of students with wild fighting today,
in Panama City. Police and soldiers - battling with student
mobs. Seven killed, sixty wounded - with bullets flying
all over the place. Student riflemen - or hooligans - taking
shots at the police. The police replying - with machine gun
fire.

All of which was the sequel to the minor student
outbreak, on Monday, which was suppressed - by the police.
The students - thereupon demanding the ouster of the Minister
of Education and three high officers of the National Guard.

They sent an ultimatum to President de la Guardia.
Ultimatum ignored - and today's insurrection followed.

ARGENTINA

In Buenos Aires today, the Argentine Chamber of Deputies voted a bill - granting amnesty to all Peronistas. Which would include, Peron, the former dictator himself. President Frondizi, newly in ~~off~~ office -- will sign the bill promptly.

So will Peron go back to Buenos Aires? He's now in the Dominican Republic -- having wandered around in exile ever since his overthrow in Nineteen Fifty-Five.

However, what would the Argentine armed forces have to say - about a possible return of Peron? They are bitterly hostile to the one-time strong man.

Today's amnesty would absolve all Peronistas of political crimes. But certain criminal cases- are ~~excepted~~. Which might provide a way of keeping Peron out. There is an accusation against him in the courts - concerning his affair with a 'teen age girl.

In any case, Peron's own political party will now resume ~~in~~ legal activities. Giving the question a more acute interest - will Peron return?

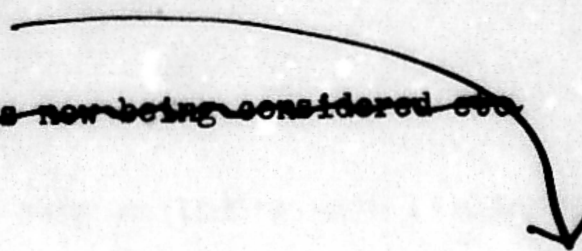
SUB LEAD SAFETY

President Eisenhower, today, took prompt action - to remove the danger of collisions between jet planes and commercial airliners. Issuing orders - putting some flights of military jets under civilian control.

Jet planes, in certain cases, to file flight plans in advance - with the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Jets flying over civilian ~~air~~ airways - to be under civilian control on the ground. Five safety precautions in all - ordered by the White House.

President Eisenhower took action, today, after a meeting with Congressman Preston of ^{Georgia} ~~Alabama~~ of the Congressional Committee, which is preparing a bill to create over-all control of military and civilian planes - to keep them out of each other's way.

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A Congressional committee is preparing a bill to create an agency which would have over-all control of ~~both~~ military and civilian planes. To keep them - out of each other's way. The committee - calling on President Eisenhower to take emergency measures. The President responding - ~~to~~ with an order to his air coordinating committee. Telling them - to take what act' n they can.

Among the proposals now being considered - is one to create "sky boulevards" for airline traffic. Broad lanes at high altitude, from which all other air traffic would be excluded. Especially - jet planes.

All this follows the loss of sixty-one lives, recently - because of jet fighters colliding with airliners, - And - a near disaster last night, when a big jet bomber - nearly hit an airliner with sixteen persons aboard. It

happened over Ohio. The bomber sweeping in front of the passenger plane, only five hundred feet away.

SUB MISSILES

A spectacular series of explosions - at a missile base near New York City. Seven rockets - blowing up like a string of giant firecrackers.

Leonardo, New Jersey, one of the bases for the protection of New York against atomic air attack. Armed - with Ajax missiles capable of shooting down planes at sixty thousand feet.

Today, the tall missiles were not in launching position - not standing upright. They were lying on the ground. Not equipped with atomic warheads - but conventional T N T, which is powerful enough.

A crew - working on one. When, for some unknown reason - the missile, the T N T, exploded. Whereupon the others went off - one after another. Seven -thundering ~~xxx~~ blasts.

At least seven lives lost - possibly ten. The detonations - rocking the countryside.

ECONOMIC

Economic news, continuing the paradox - of increasing prices and increasing unemployment.

The government reporting - that, in April, the cost of living went up two-tenths of one percent. Food prices - nearly seven percent higher than a year ago.

At the same time, Secretary of Labor James Mitchell told a congressional committee - that the figure for unemployment may rise past the six million mark in June.

The April figure - a little more than five million. The increase is expected - because of students leaving school, and looking for vacation jobs. Swelling the number - of the unemployed.

PAINTING

President Eisenhower offered an interesting ~~fit~~ gift. By a German woman - Mrs. Katharina Williams, owner of shipyards in Hamburg. The gift - ~~is~~ a painting by the great Renaissance artist Corregio (co-ray jo)

The German woman - cabling the President: "I cannot think of a better way to show my appreciation for everything you do for persons like me - who ~~ink~~ look to you for the safety of mankind, Than to offer you - this Corregio."

Mrs. Williams bought the painting recently from a German Princess. Its value - estimated at a hundred thousand dollars.

The proposed gift is all the more appropriate - because President Eisenhower, himself, is a painter. Though he'd hardly call himself - a Corregio.

BASEBALL

There's a story, now being featured on the sports pages - a baseball story so pleasant, so good, that I'd like to repeat it, in the simplest possible way.

Nearly forty years ago - the great baseball scandal, occurred - when players on the Chicago White Sox threw the World Series. *of that White Sox team* Most of the Chicago players [^] were "Black Sox."

But there was a shining exception - a little left-handed pitcher, Dickie Kerr. Who won two games - after the "Black Sox" found they'd been double-crossed by the gamblers, and started playing for keeps. Dickie Kerr - an honest hero.

But, later on - his pitching didn't stand up. The game can be hard-boiled - they have to have a winner. So Dickie Kerr disappeared - from the big leagues.

Some twenty years later, we find him at Daytona Beach, Florida - managing a class D minor league team. Deep - in the bushes, on his team - a young ball player bitterly discouraged. Something wrong -- with his arm. Manager Dickie

Kerr, now in middle age -- helpful, sympathetic. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr - taking the boy into their own home to live. Treating him - as if he were a son of theirs.

So the lad remained in baseball. His name - Stan Musial; today one of the greatest hitters the game has ever produced. "Stan-the-man" of the St. Louis Cardinals, who recently made headlines - by getting his three thousandth hit. So how did he celebrate? By presenting a fine home in Houston, Texas, to Mr. and Mrs. Kerr. Fortune had not exactly smiled on Dickie Kerr, the honest hero of the "Black Sox" baseball scandal. He and his missus can use that new handsome home, Don.

Grateful gift - from "Stan-the-man."

FORMOSA

Odd it is! - just in case you folks think that you have trouble - consider the city of Taipei, on the island of Formosa - what happened there today.

Black clouds came sweeping through the city, through the streets. Driving people - in hasty flight. Ducking to cover, closing the windows of houses.

Black clouds of termites, flying ants. Millions of them - taking virtual possession of the city. Where they remained, flying around, for two hours - then vanished.

The black clouds of termites - coming from nobody knows where. Black termites from Red China? Maybe. then flying off - to nobody knows where. And s - l - u - t - m.