

ALASKA

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The House of Representatives, today - passed the bill to make Alaska the forty-ninth state. ~~in the union.~~ The highly controversial measure - okayed in a surprise move.

Yesterday, ~~xxx~~ the House voted - to kill the Alaska statehood bill. The st vote - only tentative, however. Engineered - by ~~ka~~ a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats.

Today, the story was different - because a large bloc of Congressmen came back. Absent, yesterday - which made possible a temporary defeat of the bill. Their prompt return today - ~~xxxx~~ changing everything. The Alaska statehood bill passed - by a vote of two-hundred-and-eight to one-hundred-and-sixty-six.

Well, the House passed that same bill once before - back in Nineteen Fifty. Alaskan statehood - failing to get by in the Senate.

Now, once again, it will be the turn of the Senate.

Where, they say, the bill has a good chance of getting a Senatorial okay. Alaska to be the 49th State!
It looks probable tonight.

SUB LEAD DEGAULLEE

Tonight, in Paris, General DeGaulle was named-Premier-designate. President Coty - calling on him to take over the government. Which, in French constitutional terms, means - DeGaulle was invited to see if he can line up a parliamentary majority. Whereupon the General had a meeting with the speakers of the two houses of the French Parliament. Getting together with them - at a secret rendezvous, in Paris.

But the main question lies - with the leaders of the middle-of-the-road parties in the National Assembly. The support of those parties - necessary - if DeGaulle is to become Premier, legally. At last reports, those parties are trying to make up their minds. The decision - not to be known, apparently, until tomorrow.

All of which follows a swift march of political events. ~~Last night, etc.~~

FRANCE

~~French President Coty has decided to designate General Charles DeGaulle, as Premier of France. So says a dispatch from Paris - quoting what it calls, "reliable sources" at the presidential palace.~~

~~This follows a swift march of ~~the~~ political events.~~

Last night, the National Assembly gave Premier Pflimlin a majority - as against the General. But ~~in~~ the Premier had announced - he wouldn't accept the support of the Communists. Who voted for him - when the test came. Even without the Communists, he had a majority, but said it was -- too ~~in~~ thin. His own cabinet - in process of disintegration. So he resigned. Leaving it up to President Coty - to designate a new Premier.

Whereupon the President, gave warning - that it was either a case of DeGaulle, or Civil War.

Premier Pflimlin's own party, the Catholic Popular Republicans, told the President - they'd support the General.

President Coty asked the Socialists to forget their hostility to DeGaulle - and support him, to ~~xxx~~ save the country from chaos. The Socialists - considering the appeal.

Then, the decisive action - President Coty calling DeGaulle to Paris. The General - leaving his country home immediately. Driving one-hundred-and-fifty miles by car to the capital. With nobody doubting what it meant - DeGaulle taking power as the head of the French government.

But what about the Communists? ~~It~~ Well, they took mass action, today. But -nothing revolutionary. They called a strike of protest - but the call didn't seem to have much effect. Transportation, the subway - running on schedule.

Opponents of DeGaulle- staged a huge march of protest.

A quarter of a million - parading, twenty abreast. Communists, left wingers of all sorts, and some anti-DeGaulle moderates.

In the procession, three former Premiers - Mendez-France, Ramadier and Deladier.

Dispatches call the march - huge, but sluggish, noisy, with a shouting of slogans - but no disturbance. The huge throngs - kept in order by their own leadership. And - by lines of police.

On the other hand, crowds gathered along the road to Paris - taken by General DeGaulle. To cheer him - as he kept a rendezvous with destiny.

EISENHOWER DEGAULLE

President Eisenhower, today, gave a personal ~~in~~ impression - of General Charles DeGaulle.

Pointing out - that, in the second World War, he had what he called "a long experience of friendly contact" with the ~~RM~~ General. Inevitably, to be sure, since General Ike was allied commander in Western Europe. DeGaulle - the leader of the Free French.

The President said that he got along well with General DeGaulle. That he was, in his own words, "one of those people who liked him."

He also recalled that he had dinner with DeGaulle shortly before General Ike left ~~Europe~~ Europe, returning to this country to run for President. "We had a long talk about the world and the future of the world," said the President.

But he wouldn't be drawn into any discussion - of how DeGaulle's rise to power would affect relations between France and the other western countries. Some people holding

the General to be - in favor of a "neutralist" policy for France. Not - for example, in favor of Nato.

ITALY

In Rome, today, the Communists made overtures - to the left wing Socialists. Proposing - A popular front kind of unity.

In the past, the two left wing factions had often cooperated. But the left wing Socialists went on their own, splitting with the Communists - as a result of the Hungarian revolution of Nineteen Fifty Six, that revolt - so brutally crushed by the Soviets.

Today's bid by the Communists - follows the gains made by the Christian Democratic Party in the weekend election. The Moderate Christian Democrats - capturing forty-two-and-four ~~tenths~~ tenths of the popular vote. An increase, of two-and-four-tenths percent over the ~~in~~ last election, in Nineteen Fifty Three. They take two-hundred-and-seventy-three seats in the National Assembly - an increase of twelve.

They still remain twenty-three short of an ~~exact~~ absolute majority - and will ~~be~~ have to form a coalition with minor groups of moderates.

LEBANON

Lebanon reports - the capture of three convoys carrying arms and ammunition to the ~~xx~~ rebels in the old city of Tripoli. No, not motorized convoys - mule trains wending their way through the mountains. But the mules were carrying plenty - eighty-eight ^{ch} submachine guns, sixty-five rifles, thirteen crates of ammunition. Plus - a lot of other ~~xxx~~ warlike equipment and large quantities of explosives.

The government in Beirut makes no mention- of where these may have come from. But reports are - that the armament carried the insignia of the Egyptian and Syrian armies.

INDONESIA

An American flyer - to be court martialed in Indonesia. Allen Pope - a soldier of fortune, charged with flying for the Indonesian rebels.

The pilot - in the employ of an airline run by the Chinese Nationalists. But he got leave of absence - and was flying a twin engine bomber for Indonesian insurgents. Allen Pope - shot down in an air raid over the Mollucas. Made prisoner - now to be court-martialed.

At Jakarta, today, U S Ambassador Howard Jones expressed regret - that an American soldier of fortune was flying for the rebels. But he said - he was ~~is~~ confident that this will not impair improving relations ~~is~~ between Indonesia and the United States.

Today, by the way, the Indonesian government admitted - it has received a couple of jet fighters from Soviet Russia. Two Migs - at least.

CEYLON

More wild rioting - on the island of Ceylon. A score of lives lost - in bitter street fighting in the city of Colombo.

The trouble - between the Sinhalese and the Tamils. The former - the original inhabitants of Ceylon. The Tamils - late-comers from India.

Nearly a third of the people of the island are Tamils - and they demand that their language be made official, along with Sinhalese. Which would make Ceylon ^a _λ bilingual country.

At last reports, the military forces were enforcing a truce - between the two embittered factions.

AVIATION

Three trans-continental "super skyways" ordered by the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, today. Three "freeways of the air" from the Atlantic to the Pacific - to go into operation on June Fifteenth. ■ An extensive measure - to avoid aerial collisions. Like those disasters - when military jets ran into passenger airlines.

The "super skyways" to be forty miles wide, at altitudes from seventeen to twenty-two thousand feet. Within that aerial space - all aircraft will be under ground control. Monitored - from the ground. So there'll be at least a thousand feet vertically, and ten minutes flying time horizontally - ~~mag~~ between one plane and any other.

No planes - ever to enter the "freeways of the air" without permission from the ground.

In those lanes, pilots won't fly - merely by eyesight. Instructions from the ground - keeping aircraft spaced and well apart,

Three "super skyways" two of which will be right across the continent. The Northern freeway - linking New York with San Francisco. The southern route - New York and Los Angeles. Each - having spurs connecting with Washington. A third will provide lanes connecting with a series of ■■ large cities.

Other similar skyways - to be laid out. Five eventually, we hear - from coast to coast ^{for} airline flying.
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PRESBYTERIANS

In Pittsburgh, today, two long columns of churchmen
— in front of
met at a street corner - the University of Pittsburgh. The two
columns - having marched from two churches, where meetings had
been held. When they met, they mingled - twelve hundred ministers
and elders.

Thereby symbolizing - a reunion of two branches of
the Presbyterian Church. One - the Presbyterian church in the
United States of America. The other - the United Presbyterian
Church of North America. The two - having ~~separated~~ ^{separated} back in
Scotland, a couple of hundred years ago.

The Scottish Presbyterian Church, in the Eighteenth
Century - split in two. Because of a dispute over the naming
ministers. Should a Congregation choose its own pastory? Or
should the Minister be "presented" by a noble patron. A
burning question - long ago in Scotland. Now - forgotten.

But the split continued - right on to our own
time. The two Presbyterian churches - keeping separate here

in the United States. Reuniting only now - after conferences at Pittsburgh. The new body to be called - the United Presbyterian church in the United States.

There still remain divisions, ~~The~~ Southern Presbyterian church remaining separate. Continuing a split - which began at the time of our American Civil War.

GIRL

In Rome, Patricia Ginelli, twenty-two years old, is a young woman of much propriety - as modest as a girl should be. She was at the beach, near Rome, where she decided - she'd have a sun-bath. In what the British call - the altogether.

She went about it in a discreet way - observing all due decorum. Picking a place in a dense thicket - where nobody would see her. There Patricia Ginelli was getting- that over all tan.

But somebody did see her - a man. Some fellow - prowling around in the thicket. Sounds bad? - ~~but~~ It was worse!

Some Roman-out hutning, with a shotgun. Loaded - with small pellets, suitable for shooting birds.

He caught a glimpse of Patricia, and thought she was ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a quail. Blazing away - with pretty good aim.

- Don -

Today, in a hospital, the doctors were picking bird-shot out of Patricia's back. The modest young lady *who* ~~having~~ got more than a sun tan.

BAHAMAS

In the Bahamas, two islands, virtually drowned out. Flooded - by a three day deluge of tropical rain.

On the small island of Exuma, one hundred and ~~km~~ seventy miles south of Nassau, more than eighteen inches of rain - fell from Friday to Sunday. Same inundation - at nearby Cat Island.

Houses flooded, communications disrupted - an epidemic feared.

Noah should have been there. He'd have thought he was back in his own biblical deluge. *and s-l-u-t-m.*