

Thurs. Mar. 10 - '55.

The <sup>Reds</sup> ~~Communist~~ Chinese have transferred a division of their Air Forces to the South China coast opposite Formosa.

So says Nationalist Intelligence on Formosa.

According to the report, the <sup>Reds</sup> division is the most modern Mao Tse-tung has. It <sup>has</sup> ~~is equipped with~~ the newest Migs - improved models of the fighters that took part in the Korean War. ~~They're~~ believed to be equipped with devices like electronic gun sights.

Nationalist Intelligence also states that the Reds are pouring ground troops into ~~Reinforce~~ the Foochow area - within striking distance of Matsu. The Nationalists add, that they have sent reinforcements of their own to Matsu - to meet the expected Red invasion.

The whole Matsu area is said to be having an attack of "war jitters". There has been a lull in the fighting - but both sides are jockeying for position - getting ready for the next round. The Nationalists say that the "war jitters" are having a drastic effect on the economy of the mainland - the prices of food and clothing in Foochow skyrocketing as a result of the war of nerves.

## TIBET

The Peiping Radio announces that the two leaders of Tibet, will be permitted to return to their country. The Dalai Lama returning to Lhasa, to his Potala, the Panchen Lama to the monastery of Tashilunpo at Shigatse.

The Dalai Lama fled from Lhasa at the time of the Chinese Communist invasion of Tibet in Nineteen Fifty. First he had appealed through Lowell, Jr. and me, in Forty-Nine. He appealed to the United Nations, when the Reds crossed the border. But no action was taken - and the armies of Mao Tse-tung swarmed over the "Roof of the World." Later, the Dalai Lama who had only fled to Yatung near the India frontier, went back to Lhasa. Last year the Reds took him - as their guest - to Peiping, where he met the Chinese-selected Panchen Lama, who had been in the Red capital ever since the invasion. In fact he was a mere Red puppet.

Now Radio Peiping announces that both high Lamas are on their way home. But that the Dalai Lama won't be the ruler of Tibet any longer.

Primarily both Lamas will be religious leaders. That once independent nation now becomes, what the Reds term, "an autonomous region of the Chinese motherland." Which means, that the Lamas will have to act under the direction of Peiping, as of course has been the procedure ever since the Chinese moved in.

Just what will happen to Tibet, we can only guess.

In Viet Nam, Premier Dinh Diem is fighting for his political life. ~~The Premier,~~ <sup>F</sup> facing a military attack and political opposition at the same time.

In Saigon, it's announced that Diem has thrown more than thirty battalions of troops into a major military campaign - a campaign to put down the private armies of his enemies. He's fighting on two fronts - north of Saigon in the Province of Annam, and south of Saigon in Cochin, China. The Premier has ordered his troops to ~~put down~~ <sup>defeat</sup> the rebels in a full scale military offensive.

The political opposition to Premier Diem comes from two leaders who are on their way to France - to interview the playboy Emperor, Bai Dai. ~~These leaders have explicitly stated -~~ <sup>T</sup> ~~that~~ they want the Emperor to return from the French Riviera - and to oust Premier Diem.



## FRANCE

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the French Senate was warned today - that France may lose her place in the *North* Atlantic Alliance, if she refuses to ratify German rearmament. The warning was given by Foreign Minister Pinay - who quoted Winston Churchill.

Pinay told the French Senators that Churchill sent a letter to Mendes-France last January - just three weeks before the Mendes-France government fell. Churchill saying in his letter that he hopes France ~~will~~ not leave her chair in the ~~Atlantic~~ Alliance empty. Because someone else would occupy it, if she did. Churchill's implication being - that ~~the~~ "someone else" would be ~~West~~ Germany.

Pinay disclosed the contents of the Churchill letter - as part of his drive to get German rearmament through the French Senate. He said that for France to differ with her Allies is perfectly all right - because it makes her more respected. But the French Foreign Minister added, that persistent disagreement only hurts the nation - and could lead to ~~West~~ Germany ~~taking~~ *entering the North* ~~her place in the~~ Atlantic Alliance *in place of France.*

Western diplomats in Vienna feel sure tonight that the Premier of Hungary is going to be purged. The feeling, strengthened by an editorial in a Hungarian newspaper.

That editorial accuses Premier Nagy of violating Communist Party decisions during his whole tenure of office. It says that he failed to carry out instructions, that ~~he~~ he even made fun of the achievements of the Hungarian Peoples Democracy. What a crime that would be behind the Iron Curtain! To make fun of a Communist regime.

ROME

The Rome police have arrested twenty-seven suspects - in connection with last night's raid on a Communist bookshop. A group of neo-Fascists hurling Molotov cocktails through the window - setting fire to the place, while others were scattering leaflets calling on the Italian people to oppose the Reds.

Today the police raided two offices of the neo-Fascist party, and arrested twenty-seven.

## PUERTO RICANS

Today, ten Puerto Rican nationalists were found guilty of conspiring to overthrow the government of this country by violence. A federal court ruling - in the case of the party behind both the attempted assassination of President Truman in Nineteen Fifty - and the shooting up of the House last March.

The ten nationalists convicted today, were not involved in either of those atrocities. But they<sup>a</sup>re guilty of conspiring to overthrow the government - and, they face six years in jail. ~~They~~<sup>To</sup> be sentenced at the end of this month.

## CHURCHILL FOLLOW STUDENTS

As for Soviet representatives making speeches in the House of Commons - no! no! Moscow - the Soviet parliament, suggesting an exchange of speakers.

In the Commons today, a Socialist pointed out that the plan would allow Churchill to speak before the Supreme Soviet. That would be interesting. Churchill, the old anti-Communist, speaking to the rubber-stamp parliament that obeys the dictates of the Kremlin!

But Sir Winston says "No." He's opposed to the whole idea, and explains that under British law only a British subject who has been elected by the British people may speak in the Commons.

Typical of Churchill, always sensitive to historic usage. He doesn't say that he feels the same way about a Briton speaking before the Supreme Soviet - he just doesn't intend to do it himself.



## STUDENTS

*But,* Eleven Russian students will make a tour of this country, to study American life. The State and Justice Departments <sup>*had to*</sup> ~~have~~ put their okay on the project, ~~That is necessary~~ because the McCarran ~~Immigration~~ Act bars residents of Communist countries - unless the Secretary of State recommends a waiver of <sup>*the*</sup> ~~that~~ law, and the Attorney General grants it.

Those formalities ~~are~~ now completed, ~~and~~ the Russians will tour this country on thirty day visas. Senator George Bender of Ohio says he'd like to take the Russians on a conducted tour of Ohio. The Senator saying, he'd show them the schools, the aircraft factories, the State Legislature, the Ohio ~~farm~~ farmers - and even the Cleveland Indians.

## ARMY PAY

The House approves <sup>that</sup> ~~of a~~ pay increase for members of the armed forces. The vote almost unanimous - three-hundred-and-ninety-nine to one. John Taber, <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ New York Republican, <sup>patriarch,</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> only ~~one to vote~~ "No."

The bill would raise the income of men in uniform by an average of twelve per cent. Its defenders say that it will be economical in the long run - because it will enable the Defense Department to cut down its military training costs. In other words, the bill is ~~is~~ intended to keep men in uniform longer - making it unnecessary to have so many trainees.

~~It~~ Now ~~the bill~~ goes to the Senate.

MRS. EISENHOWER

Republican Congressional leaders are furious with the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. The reason the Paul Butler remark that Mrs. Eisenhower's health might prevent the President from running again.

Today, the members of the G.O.P. really let off steam about this.at the morning session.

Senator Aiken of Vermont called Democrat chairman Butler "a scoundrel." The Vermont Republican adding, that the First Lady is not only in good health - but is one of the most charming hostesses the White House has ever had.

The Republican Leader Joseph Martin, called it "poor taste" - to drag a temporary illness into politics. Mamie having a bout with the flu bug - like so many of us.

## VOLCANO

That Hawaiian volcano is still on a rampage.

Kilauea, causing subterranean quakes - at the rate of about two a minute. Volcanologist Gordon McDonald predicts another eruption.



## FLOOD

The Ohio River reached a crest of nine feet today, at Cincinnati - wildest in seven years. One man reported drowned so far. With a large area in and around the city under water.

The Red Cross reports that more than three thousand families have been taken from their homes in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Indiana. The Army engineers estimate damage so far at well over eight million dollars.

Up the Ohio from Cincinnati, families are gradually returning to their homes - beginning the task of cleaning up the debris. Down the Ohio from Cincinnati, they are getting ready to meet the flood - which is ~~is~~ expected to reach its crest at Louisville, tomorrow.



## MATT HENSON

The world of exploration is the poorer, tonight - for the loss of one of its distinguished members. Matt Henson - who was with Peary at the North Pole. Matt - passing along at the age of eighty-eight - or was he ninety-one? The Negro - who, on that famous day, April Sixth, Nineteen Hundred and Nine, stood with Peary and four Eskimo, at the topmost point of this earth.

I knew Matt Henson for years - a familiar figure at the Explorers Club. At all our annual affairs, one table would be - for men of polar exploration, like Admiral Byrd, Sir Hubert Wilkins, Admiral MacMillan, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Captain Bob Bartlett, Bernt Balchen, and always - Matt Henson. Matt - getting older and older. Seeming - to be eternal. And what an ovation he always got!

There was a modest good sense about him - though his head could easily have been turned. The Negro - whom Peary

first engaged as a valet. Who then became Peary's trusted aide, through years of exploration - invaluable to Peary. His right-hand man. Matt might have been resentful - because honors to this North Pole hero were much too long delayed. Tragically delayed. But he had a secure living, with a minor government job in the New York Customs House. Later - a pension. Just enough to get by - but barely.

People often wondered why Peary chose Matt Henson - to go along on the final dash to the North Pole. Instead of some other member of the expedition, Captain Bob Bartlett for example. Matt would explain that simply - "I was the only one of the others who didn't have frozen feet," he'd smile.

The final word on that comes, perhaps, from Admiral Donald MacMillan - a famous figure in the Peary expedition. Today, MacMillan said: "Matt Henson was, ~~quite~~ altogether, the most efficient man we had." And both white men and eskimo -

† up there in the North - had a deep affection for him, because he was a cheery, ideal companion. One of the top figures in the history of Arctic exploration.

The only survivors of that memorable discovery of the North Pole now are Pottaq, the eskimo patriarch, at Thule, and Admiral Donald MacMillan.

## GOLF

Here's a story for golfers - and for archers too.

In Montevideo, Uruguay, a golf champion and an archery champion played a nine hole match over a golf course.

The golf champ, Luis Gonella, using his clubs, archery champion, Max de Balzac, using bow and arrow.

Gonella playing the nine holes in usual golfer style - drives, iron shots and putts. De Balzac sending his arrows down the fairway, and then through a playing card placed over each cup.

What was the result? A draw. The Montevideo dispatch says spectators were so interested, that a return match is being arranged - a return match of golfer versus archer. Well, a good man with a bow and arrow is almost as accurate as an expert with a rifle. So, Hugh, Uruguayan golf champ Louis ~~Gonella~~ Gonella, must be a real sharpshooter.