

KOREA

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Tokyo reports that Assistant Secretary of State, Walter Robertson, is bringing an offer from Washington - to Syngman Rhee. Yesterday, the Assistant Secretary, together with Army Chief of Staff, General Lawton Collins - took a plane for the Far East. (~~We heard, then, that he was taking a strong statement from President Eisenhower, demanding South Korean acceptance of the truce that has been arranged.~~) Today, Tokyo says that the message includes an offer of <sup>a</sup> mutual security pact between the United States and South Korea. Guaranteeing - against future Communist aggression.

That, by the way, would meet one demand made by Syngman Rhee. In an interview with <sup>CBS correspondent Geo. Herman</sup> ~~the United Press, today, the~~ South Korean President named three points for an armistice that he'll accept. Number one - the withdrawal of Chinese Red forces from Red Korea. ~~That's~~ With, perhaps, a simultaneous withdrawal of U.N. forces. Number two - the post-war political conference be limited to three months, the armistice to be called off if there is no solution by that time. Number three -

a mutual security pact between the United States and the South Korean republic.

Yesterday, Syngman Rhee told our commander, General Mark Clark, that his government would "go it alone", unless the United Nations accept his armistice plan. Today, Rhee said *he informed* ~~he told~~ the General that he would take the South Korean army out of the U.N. command, if the present armistice is signed.

~~(However, there's a belief that a compromise can be worked out. Today Syngman Rhee seemed to be in a mood of conciliation. He said he would meet Assistant Secretary of State Robertson as soon as he arrived in Seoul.)~~

Meanwhile, we hear ~~news~~ of South Koreans coming out against the drastic policy followed by their President.

Today's dispatch states that the leader of the largest Korean opposition party is publicly attacking Syngman Rhee. Declaring, that Rhee will have to yield, *and* accept the armistice. *The report* ~~The hope is~~

that this opposition leader speaks for an increasing public opinion in South Korea. *which might be* ~~We should like it to be~~ a factor in the negotiations between our Assistant Secretary of State ~~and~~ Syngman Rhee.

MOSCOW

In Washington, the State Department says it needs - more information about the relaxation of travel restrictions in Soviet Russia. Last night, Moscow Foreign Minister Molotov announced that, hereafter, Western diplomats and newsmen ~~some~~ <sup>will be</sup> permitted to go any place they like throughout the Soviet Union - except for ~~restricted~~ areas along frontiers, the boundaries of the Iron Curtain. Hitherto, they had been restricted to a radius of thirty miles from Moscow.

When these curbs were imposed by the Stalin regime, our own government retaliated - by forbidding Russian diplomats and newsmen to travel freely in this country. So what about it now? Will we lift these restrictions - in response to the new move in Moscow?

A spokesman from the State Department says - more precise information is needed about ~~the~~ the new freedom of travel in Soviet Russia.

BULGARIA

A late dispatch states that Communist Bulgaria has agreed to settle a frontier dispute with Greece. Hitherto, the Red government has refused to agree to the establishment of a border <sup>commission -</sup> ~~mission~~ to look into the matter. but now, there's a change. Today's Bulgarian decision is regarded as another gesture in the Red peace offensive. →

ADD BULGARIA

Bulgaria notifies the U N of this, but says -  
the Board of commission should consist of Bulgars and  
Greeks, with no representative of the U N.

## POLISH LINER

In London, a ship-jumping case - involving the Polish liner Batory. Scotland Yard investigated. The result - a surprise.

The Batory, pride of the Polish merchant marine, was in the American headlines several years ago, when the Soviet agent, Gerhart Eisler, made his escape from this country. He jumped bail, and sailed secretly from New York - aboard the Batory. The skipper was Commodore Jan Cwiklinski, top-ranking shipmaster of Red Poland, decorated with the Polish Gold Cross of Merit.

Six weeks ago, the Batory put in at Newcastle-on-Tyne -- to be refitted at that British port. Last Wednesday, the word was that the ship's medical officer was missing. He jumped ship, fleeing Communism. But that's only the beginning. Somebody else missing, too.

Today, the skipper of the Batory, Commodore Cwiklinski, asked the British government for - political asylum. The number one shipmaster of Red Poland couldn't

endure Communism any longer. So, while his vessel was being refitted, ~~he~~ <sup>the Captain</sup> jumped ship. Now - an anti-Communist refugee.

## SUB GERMANY

The Soviets announce that they will ~~be~~ relax the martial law imposed on East Germany. Public gatherings will now be permitted, if Red officials are notified. When East Berlin rose in revolt last week, the Russian commanders forbade any kind of gathering, under penalty of martial law. But now they are easing up.

Earlier in the day - reports of more executions by Soviet firing squads. While West Berlin was having a ceremony of mourning for the workers killed in the rebellion.

But the Soviets announce - a new turn of mildness - and, at the same time, the German Communist Premier hints - there may be a purge of Red leadership in East Germany. He says he has been under heavy pressure to resign - but he won't. He speaks ominously of leaders to blame for what he calls "errors".

All of which makes it seem as if there might be dissensions among the party bosses. In East Germany - even maybe in Moscow.

FRANCE

In Paris, another failure to form a new French government. Former Premier Pinay tried it. But the largest political parties announced - they would not support him. So that's that - and France goes on with the worst political crisis it has had in many a long year.

Meanwhile, the West European countries under the Schuman Plan agree - that, at the Bermuda Conference, France shall represent that economic alliance of West European countries. France will speak for West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg - in those Bermuda discussions with President Eisenhower and Prime Minister ~~Sir Winston~~ Churchill.

But - *do that speaking and the others?* who will speak for France? From the looks of things, the French might ~~nx~~ never have a Premier again. But, anyway, Paris has decided that somebody will go as a spokesman, Premier or no Premier.

## INDIA

India reports - violent rioting at New Delhi - following the death of a leader of Hindu fanatics. Wild reports got ~~around~~ around, and his followers went on a rampage. ~~He was in a government prison, when he succumbed to a heart attack, but the rumor spread that he had been assassinated.~~

The pattern of politics in India is weird. Ranging all the way from Communists - to religious extremists. Zealots of those ancient Hindu cults - Vishnu. Shiva, Kali, the elephant god, the monkey headed god, the sacred cow. One outfit of these extreme conservatives is called Jana Sangha. Its leader - Mookherji. So fiercely devoted to the religious ways of old, they called him - the "Tiger of Bengal." He fought for a return of the time when India put all her ~~trust~~ <sup>trust</sup> in - the Sadhu, the ~~Guru,~~ <sup>Guru,</sup> the waters of the sacred Ganges.

But Mookherji got into trouble with the new government of India, and was put in jail. There he succumbed to a heart attack, but the rumor spread - he had been assassinated. ~~Saxhixfanakikal~~ That's what caused the rioting at New Delhi.

LONDON - MURDER

London heard a frightful story, today, in the trial of the "murderer of Notting Hill." John Christie, a <sup>meek-</sup> ~~meek~~ looking clerk, took the stand, and confessed, in gruesome detail, how he killed seven women. His lawyer, emphasizing the horror story, has entered a plea of - insanity.

The climax of terrifying drama came when Christie confessed the murder of Mrs. Timothy Evans, strangled in Nineteen Forty-Nine, together with her small daughter. The husband of the victim was tried, found guilty, and hanged. The principal witness against him - that same <sup>meek-</sup> ~~meek~~ looking clerk, John Christie. Today, admitting <sup>the</sup> murder in the case of the mother, but denied it in the case of the child - for which crime Timothy Evans was convicted.

Today's testimony ~~was~~ had all the sound of horrible mockery - in London's case of the murderer of Notting Hill.

DOUGLAS

There'll be a Congressional hearing - on the move to impeach Supreme Court Justice Douglas. In the House of Representatives, the resolution was introduced by Congressman Don Wheeler of Georgia, who denounced the stay of execution in the Rosenberg case. So now - a public hearing before a committee next Tuesday. Witnesses to give evidence - for and against.

The Supreme Court, in over-ruling Douglas, stated that he had the legal authority to grant the stay. But it is argued - that, having done so, he should have placed his action before the Court.

Here's a statement from a Committee member.

Congressman Celler, New York Democrat, predicts that the impeachment resolution will never get out of Committee. He says the integrity of the courts would be destroyed, if a judge were impeached when somebody disagrees with a decision he makes.

## ATOMIC WEATHER

Today brings a complete, emphatic denial of - atomic weather. ( The Air Force, the Navy, the Army, and the Civil Defense Administration join in declaring - there is no evidence whatever that those atomic tests on the Nevada desert have any effect on weather conditions. ) Like the recent tornadoes.

All this is in response to a resolution in Congress, calling for the information. The Air Force gives the most complete report - saying that it has been studying the question ever since Nineteen Forty-Nine. So here's the verdict.

"The effects of all the atomic tests in the United States are completely documented," says the Air Force. "In the immediate vicinity of the test site there ~~are~~<sup>were</sup> no unusual effects - even such as local rainstorms. There is no connection between atomic explosions and the occurrence of unusual weather conditions," says the Air Force.

So who is to blame for those vagaries of wind, rain and storm? Same old villain - the weather man.

## WEDDING

The first imperial wedding ever celebrated in the United States was performed at Tuxedo Park, New York, today. Imperial weddings are not so much in the world any more - but, anyway, we get the first one we ever had. Archduke Rudolph of Hapsburg, son of the last Emperor of Austria-Hungary - marrying a Countess <sup>12 members</sup> of a noble family of <sup>old</sup> ~~the~~ imperial Russia.

The wedding was attended by the bridegroom's mother, former Empress Zita - and by his elder brother, Archduke Otto, Pretender to the ancient Hapsburg throne. Archduke Rudolph is a junior executive in an American-Canadian banking firm in New York. The twenty-four year old bride - daughter of a one time official of the court of the Czar. Her family escaped from Russia at the time of the Bolshevik Revolution. ~~They now live in New York.~~

The nuptial mass today was celebrated by Bishop Fulton Shean, the prelate who is also a headliner of television. He presided at the first imperial wedding in the United States.

## FURNITURE

Chicago is having a furniture exposition. Five miles of everything from bureaus to beds, from chairs to dining room tables, on display at the Merchandise Mart. Furniture of every description, and there's one exhibit - that sure catches the eye.

~~That modernistic? That extreme? No - it's Victorian. In this era of the ultra-up-to-date - you see chairs of old style mahogany, horse hair stuffing, plush covered sofas, ornately carved rocking chairs, tables with marble tops. No, not antiques.~~

The Company that manufactures this unexpected line is at Montgomery, Alabama. In existence - for nearly a hundred years, since before the Civil War. Its original business - to provide furniture for the plantation homes of the Old South. Today, seventy per cent of the production is shipped North.

One article is a small table, with a top of imported marble - in the best Victorian tradition. The table - just large enough to hold a family Bible. That item still sells - the special table for the family Bible.

## THIEF

The Chicago police have arrested - the "one man crime wave." They tracked him down, they trailed him - and that's an odd part of the story.

The one man crime wave is Louis Hilton. Of whom Police Captain Albert Anderson says: "This man has stolen a wider variety of articles, in more different ways, than any man we've ever arrested." The varieties of crime include - hotel robberies, thefts of packages from delivery trucks, the plundering of milk wagons, the stealing of automobiles, bicycle thefts, purse-snatching, pickpocketing<sup>at</sup>, confidence games. Yes, and still one other kind of theft - which led to the strange ending.

On a Chicago street, the police picked up a trail of - water. Down the line - wet splashes, where water had dripped. A laundry had been robbed, the thief carrying away a big armful of wet wash. The cops followed the trail, and made the arrest.

The burglar confesses - he often robbed laundries.

"Up to now," he explains, "I always waited until the laundry was dry. But I got impatient." If he had his wits about him he probably pinched the Ivory soap as well as the laundry!