

GUATEMALA

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The anti-Communist leaders <sup>today</sup> established a rebel government - inside Guatemala, ~~today~~ Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas - issuing a proclamation. Calling on the Guatemalan people to rally against the Communist infiltrated government. The proclamation denouncing what it calls - "those who sold their country to Soviet masters."

Rebel headquarters claims the ~~reel~~ capture of important places, in a swift advance - against virtually no resistance. Saying - ninety percent of the people were for the anti-Communists.

One supposition is - that the government was pulling in its military forces, for a defense of the capital city. But the insurgent side says - it's doubtful if the pro-Communist authorities can retain control of the Army.

Meanwhile, there's a report that rebel forces have reached the outskirts of Guatemala City, and that fighting is going on.

## GUATEMALA - PLANES

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The Guatemalan government claims that American pilots have been flying planes - bombing towns. This is denied by the insurgents. Who declare - that no American airmen are in their service. As a ~~fixure~~ follow-up to which - let's look at a couple of incidents.

Pilot Walter Beall of Galeston, Texas, crash-landed in the sea off the Guatemalan coast. He got ashore, and walked for twenty miles through the jungle - across the border into Mexico. So what about this American pilot?

Well, he's a crop-duster - a flier who was engaged in spraying Guatemalan fields. He thinks the crash-landing of his crop dusting plane may be the basis of the charge that the American pilots are flying for the Guatemalan insurgents.

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Here's another case. Airmen Lee Cruther and Douglas McLean of San Lorenzo, California - were forced down in Guatemala and landed safely on a lake. It now turns out that they were flying a Navy plane to Columbia. The

Columbian government- having purchased the plane, which  
was being delivered. to the Communists in Indo China. That's

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## FRANCE

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## FOLLOW FRANCE

The word from Geneva is that Premier Mendes-France is trying to arrange a secret meeting with Chou En Lai - Premier of Red China. In the hope of a quick deal for ~~peace~~ peace in southeastern Asia. The Chinese Reds are said to be willing - only time ~~is~~ and place to be agreed on. The word is that the meeting may be somewhere in France - without publicity.

# WHITE HOUSE

Under Secretary of State, Bedell Smith arrived in Washington, today, from the Geneva Conference. Immediately ~~at~~ afterward, there were telephone calls from the White House - to Congress. Inviting Congressional leaders of both parties, to a conference tomorrow. They ~~are to~~ <sup>are to</sup> get first hand information from Bedell Smith on the Geneva Conference - now dead-locked. A bi-partisan move - Democrats as well as Republicans, ~~are expected~~ to participate.

We hear that Bedell Smith expresses neither hope nor despair of ~~peace~~ peace in the Far East. He merely says the U.S. will continue "sincere, patient efforts" in seeking that end.

## PRISONERS

The Chinese Reds have handed in a ~~RE~~ report on the Americans - they<sup>a</sup>re holding as prisoners. At the Geneva conference, today, an official of the Chinese delegation placed the figures before an American diplomatic representative

On our side, the list shows eighty-three of our citizens - held in Red China. The reply is that fifteen are dead or missing. Two others - set free.

We've listed eighteen airmen - believed to have come down by parachute in Chinese territory during the Korean ~~war~~ war. The Reds now say - they have fifteen. Reporting - that three fliers were killed in the crash of their plane.

Among civilians, they list Donald Dixon of the International News Service, Richard Applegate of the National Broadcasting Company, and Merchant Marine Captain Ben Krasner. Three Americans - captured while on a pleasure cruise off Hong Kong more than a year ago.



## INDO CHINA

Indo China reports the amphibious invasion of an island in the Red River. An island -- serving as a point of entry for Communist rebels, infiltrating in the Red River delta.

Today, landing ~~an~~ craft went speeding with troops, tanks and artillery - and the amphibious operation was on. Supported by war planes - which hit the Reds on the island with bombs and napalm. Enemy strong points - quickly captured.

But then - the Reds came swarming from underground lurking places for a counter-attack. At the same time, Communists issued from the mainland - making for the island in a swarm of sampans. French cannon-sinking the sampans. At last reports, the battle for the island ~~was~~ was still ~~max~~ going on.



*He* Secretary of Agriculture ordered a cutback in wheat production, today. Reducing the Nineteen Fifty-five wheat crop by twelve-point-seven percent this will affect two million farmers and remove another ten million acres from production.

Secretary Benson said he acted with "regret."

But said the cut-back was absolutely necessary - in view of the mounting surpluses of grain.

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## FLOODS

Floods -in the middle west. Iowa reports - rivers pouring over their banks. Towns evacuated. Farmlands under water.

There was a week of heavy rains. In one area - a ten inch downpour in a single night. Which set the streams and rivers roaring.

Sioux City has declared a state of emergency. The river <sup>up to a</sup> cresting <sup>at</sup> nearly ~~Nineteen~~ and-one-half feet. At Fort Dodge, the Des Moines River rising three to five inches per hour. Farms inundated in six ~~counties~~ counties. In Hancock County, twenty percent of the fields - under water.

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## RACE

The four-minute mile was run again - today. In Finland. By John Landy, of Australia. He not only ran the mile in less than four minutes - but also broke the record set by Roger Bannister of England. Who, less ~~than~~ than two months ago - was the first ever to run the four-minute mile. Landy did it in three minutes and fifty-eight seconds. Beating Bannister's record by nearly one and one half seconds.

Time was when they thought the four-~~min~~ minute mile - impossible. But, once you do a thing - it seems easier to do it again.



## TRUMAN

The doctors give a medical account of the sudden illness of ex-President Truman.

The trouble was - gall-bladder and appendicitis. They say Harry Truman suffered two gall bladder attacks while in the White House. And - one more since returning home. But each time - the medicine worked.

One Friday night, he fell ill, another attack, and this time - the medicine didn't work; <sup>so</sup> the seventy year old patient was rushed to a Kansas City hospital for an immediate operation. The surgery disclosed that the gall-bladder was badly infected - gangrene, <sup>with</sup> the appendix infected because of this.

Tonight, the doctor's report is - condition "very satisfactory". H.S.T. was permitted to sit up today, is in good spirits.



I have a postal card here, which says in effect - there's nothing like a good guess. It is from E. Kagan of Rosebury, Massachusetts. Who - refers to some comment we had last week, during those McCarthy hearings.

"In commenting on Frank Carr's testimony," writes Mr. Kagan, "you stated that, in his behavior and answers as a witness - Mr. Carr reminded one of a typical cop. But I wonder, whether in making this remark, you are ~~sure~~ aware that Mr. Carr's background fully supported your words. His father," says the postcard, "was a life-long policeman in Providence, Rhode Island."

No, I didn't know that. The moral being - there's nothing like a good guess.

## SUMMER

Now, let the band strike up "In The Good Old Summer time." Summer officially is almost here - will be in a few seconds. And - we'll hear about it. From whom? Why, from the golden glowing sun, himself. He'll give us the signal.

At New York's Hayden Planetarium, <sup>6</sup>this very moment, they have their astronomical instruments - fixed on the sun. Ready - to ~~make~~ register the exact moment of the "summer solstice", when the sun is farthest north. ~~At the~~ ~~moment~~ This by the way will launch the New York Summer Festival. At the exact moment a ray from the sun will fall on ~~an~~ a photo-electric cell. Which - will touch off the signal.

So now - the seconds are ticking off. And then - the beginning of summer.

(ten seconds tick, and then the signal)

*Right at this moment, all over the land, bands should start to play! -*  
Well, that certainly should start the band playing -  
"In The Good Old Summer Time."

## ALBANY

Albany, the capital of New York State, opened an anniversary celebration today. The two hundredth anniversary - of the first American Congress. An historic event - which permits Albany to claim the title of "Cradle of the Union". At that gathering, Benjamin Franklin presented - a plan of union.

The remarkable thing is the date - ~~xx~~ seventeen fifty-four, twenty-two years before the Declaration of Independence. At that early time, the Colonies hadn't any idea of breaking away from Britain.

The first Congress was ~~merely~~ merely a get-together to discuss matters of common interest. But Benjamin Franklin, that extraordinary man of genius presented - a plan of union. Which is regarded by historians as a foreshadowing of the declaration of independence twenty-two years later.



## ATOMIC EXHIBITION

We're always having - exhibitions, of one kind or another. Automobile shows, flower shows, exhibitions of household appliances, and what not. So now -- the first atomic exhibition. A display of atomic machines for peace time use.

At Ann Arbor, the University of Michigan, is holding a Congress of nuclear engineering. In one phase - an "atoms for peace" - exposition. Among the gadgets - an atomic pump. Reactors - of various kinds. A model of an atomic electric power station.

Yes, the atomic age is with us - when we have our first atomic exhibition.



## TRIAL

At Memphis, Tennessee, City Judge Beverly Boushe gazed at the defendant before him. Clayton Moss - locked up on a charge of being drunk. Then his honor questioned the defendant.

"Mr. Moss, were you ever drunk on Peach Brandy at Egg Harbor, New Jersey?"

"Yes, Sir," replied Moss.

"While you were in the Army, were you ever drunk in New Guinea?"

"Yes, Sir."

"Were you ever drunk in San Francisco and in the Philippines."

"Yes, Sir."

"Mr. Moss, you have been ~~in~~ drunk all over the world, haven't you?"

"Yes, Sir, I have."

The Judge gazed more sternly at the prisoner than ever, and asked the final question.

"As a soldier, Mr. Moss, you always volunteered for hazardous duty, didn't you?"

"Yes, Sir."

"I can testify to that," said the Judge.

His Honor and the prisoner had been soldiers together in World War Two - when Clayton Moss had done his bit of tippling. Also - deeds of heroism in action.

Said the Judge: "Case dismissed!"

## CATS

Something new in military tactics -- para-cats.

Felines - to be sent down by parachute.

In the Malay jungles, there's an isolated fort -- guarding against Communist guerrillas. But the garrison is assailed - by another kind of enemy. A plague of mice - the fort invaded and infested by a swarm of rodents -- eating up the food supplies. The British soldiers -- helpless against -- the mouse attack.

They sent an appeal to headquarters, at the city of ~~K~~Guala-Lumpur. And there the plan was formed -- ~~paracats~~ paracats to the rescue. They picked out a pair of ~~an~~ champion mousers - two cats with a reputation for catching mice.

Yesterday, there was a test. The cats, in a box, were ~~an~~ dropped by parachute. They came down okay. So

now they are to be dropped at the jungle outpost. Paracats - to catch the mice. *Paracats <sup>Mike</sup> - not parashoots!*