

JAPAN L.T. - Deleo. Wed. July 18-36,

The United States will pull its major military ^{troops}
~~units~~ ~~commands~~ out of Japan - within one year. ^{That is} Our Far Eastern
Command in Tokyo will be withdrawn - and placed in charge
of Admiral Stump, our Commander in Chief in the Pacific.
Headquarters - Hawaii.

At the same time, the United Nations command will
be moved over to Korea ^{- there} retaining its own ~~an~~ status as an
independent organization.

All of which, however does not mean a withdrawal
of U.S. troops from Japan. The Defense Department announcing:
no major changes in the deployment of U S Armed Forces in
this area (The Far Eastern) are contemplated." The change -
involving headquarters command, not the stationing of
soldiers.

We hear - Japan has been ~~an~~ expected to ask for
the withdrawal of headquarters. So we ^{are} announcing it - in
advance.

CONGRESS

The House of Representatives took a unanimous vote, today, reaffirming opposition to the admission of Red China into the U N. ^The resolution was adopted, after arguments were made - that a "squeeze play" might be attempted, After Congress has adjourned for the election. Squeeze the Chinese Reds into the U N - during that period. So the resolution was passed - reaffirming the Congressional view. The Senate - now to take a vote on it.

HUNGARY

In Red Hungary - Rakosi is out. The Communist Boss resigning all his party positions. Because of the faith he placed in Stalin.

Rakosi - Secretary General of the Hungarian Communist Party, and ^(member)~~member~~ of the politburo at Budapest. He says he was, in his own words, "responsible for the grave mistake of the cult of personality, and the injuring of Socialist laws." Responsible, that is - for Stalinism in Hungary.

So, there's another number one casualty in the "down-with-Stalin" campaign. Accompanied, we hear - by a top-to-bottom shake-up in the Hungarian Communist Party. The country - said to be seething with unrest, following the freedom riots of the workers at Poznan, in Poland.

GERMANY

The U S Army Commander in Germany has clamped a ~~set~~ series of restrictions on U.S. troops over there. Ordering a curfew, and limiting - the sale of alcoholic beverages to G I's.

General Henry Hodes taking action - as relations between Americans and Germans have become embittered. Because of misconduct and crimes - by American servicemen. Two Germans killed recently - in street fights with soldiers. Attacks on German girls. Half a dozen G I's arrested last night - for offenses of a minor sort.

General Hodes declares that soldiers being sent over to Germany are not ~~be~~ instructed ~~in~~ sufficiently ~~in~~ the customs of the country - which leads to ~~mix~~ clashes. Also - that officers and non-coms have ~~be~~ not been exercising sufficient control ^{over} ~~of~~ troops, when they ^are on leave. The General, today, ordered his officers to scrutinize the records of their men - and recommend that misfits and law-breakers "be dismissed from the army."

KHRUSHCHEV

Today's news from Soviet Russia illustrates - the curiosity and perplexity surrounding that odd character, Khrushchev. He flew, today, from Moscow - with no announcement of where he was going. So there's immediate wonder and speculation.

The sequence of events is as follows:

An East German delegation has been visiting Moscow. Those German Reds, today, returning home. Escorted to the air field by Bulganin and Khrushchev. Ceremonies of ~~and~~ saying solong -- and the plane, carrying the satellite leaders, took off, flying West.

But Khrushchev - he didn't leave. He remained at the airport for twenty minutes - and then, he, all by himself, boarded a plane flying - East.

~~There's no talking~~ ^{Going} where? he was going - maybe just for a visit some place. But his departure produces - a buzz of gossip.

DULLES

Secretary Dulles says - he sees no objection to a cut in the military forces of the free world. If - the military experts recommend it. He doesn't think the reduction of western manpower would weaken the North Atlantic Treaty organization.

At a news conference, Secretary Dulles declared the feeling is developing in the world, ^{that} there can be less emphasis on standing armies, And more emphasis - on the new weapons, like atomic missiles. Which opinion, he said, is evident in our own military thinking. And - in the policy of Soviet Russia, which is cutting its military manpower.

TRADE

The House of Representatives, today, rejected President Eisenhower's request - for permission to trade American surplus food supplies to Soviet Russia and some other Communist nations, In return - for strategic materials and other goods. The vote was tentative - and might be reversed.

AMBASSADOR

The word in Rome is that Ambassador Clare Booth Luce will resign her post - shortly after the presidential election. Ambassador Luce - quote^d as having told this to the New York representative of a newspaper in Rome.

There's a wave of discussion in Italian newspapers, concerning the story that, in Rome, Mrs. Luce suffered - arsenic poisoning, ~~From~~ paint used in her bedroom. The paint containing - arsenate of lead. This report was printed over here, in Time Magazine - the Editor in Chief of which is the husband of Ambassador Luce. A newspaper in Rome states that a toy poodle, belonging to Mrs. Luce - died, apparently, of arsenic poisoning, ~~From~~ the^{at} paint - in the bedroom.

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Comment from American paint manufacturers is one of surprise - that arsenate of lead might have been used in pigment for a bedroom. They say - the chemical is not suitable for decorative paint. Although there's a suggestion - that it might be used for killing flies.

~~The American Telephone and Telegraph Company~~

announces - the biggest common stock offering in the history of American finance. A T & T to sell five-hundred-and-seventy-five million dollars worth - to its present stockholders. That is, if the stockholders approve - at a special meeting.

A T & T - the largest business enterprise in the world. Assets - fifteen billions. Number of stockholders - more than one million, two hundred and fifty thousand. Holding - nearly fifty-six million shares. ^{and now} They to be offered - five million, seven hundred and fifty thousand new shares, at one hundred dollars per share, on a basis of one share - for each ten held.

Which is intended to finance an A T & T expansion program, this year, ~~Amounting~~ - to more than two billion dollars.

MARINES

The court martial proceedings at Marine Corps training base, Parris Island, South Carolina - took a dramatic turn, today. With a trip out into the open. Retracing the "death march," in which six recruits - were drowned.

The defendant, Sergeant Mathew McKeon led the members of the court martial - retracing^g part of the March, when at night, he led his platoon - into a tidal stream. The sergeant was impassive, as he showed the way. The Judges - wanting to familiarize themselves with the ground.

BOY

At Orlando, Florida, today, a four year old boy looked long at a hibiscus plant, with its brilliant red flowers - so familiar in Florida. The glowing flowers - the last brilliant, bright ^{that he would} ~~they had~~ ever see. Then, little Mike Sibole ~~was~~ was taken into the hospital operating room, to ~~an~~ have his ~~one~~ ^{one} remaining eye removed. Plunging him - into unending darkness.

The tragedy of the four year old boy has been - a heart-breaker in the news. Afflicted - with cancer of the eyes. One removed, now the other - as a last hope of preserving his life.

The doctors believe - it may save him. But - they don't know. For weeks, the grieving parents had prepared for this - the Reverend and Mrs. James Sibole. They had the lad instructed at a school for the blind. Teaching him - the arts needed by those without sight.

And they made sure he would see - an abundance of beautiful things. They took him to gaze at the seashore -

the blue of the ocean and the white capped waves. They had him look at graceful swans - and brightly colored pictures. But, above all flowers. His hospital ~~for~~ room filled ~~with~~ with asters, gladioli, roses. And, at the last minute, in a garden outside the hospital - those brilliant red flowers of the hibiscus plant.

Something for the blind boy to remember - and it's ~~hard~~ hard to think of a greater pathos.

STRIKE

At Hammond, Indiana, a place is being picketed, a place you'd never expect - Union Headquarters. All day, today, a picket marched back and forth in front of the entrance of Local Three hundred and Three, of the sheet metal workers union. There's a strike at a store, and so the store - is picketing the union. Which sounds like the old wheeze about - man bites dog.

Actually, it's retaliation. The strikers began picketing the store, and store owner Harold Meyer struck back - tit for tat. Hiring a middle-aged woman, Mrs. Margaret Kowalski, ~~and~~ She carries the sign. Paid - at the rate of two dollars per hour.

The store owner says: "We're going to picket them, as long as they picket us."

OPERA - Follow Baseball

Many of you, of course, will have been reading about these events in the sports pages. But here's an item of baseball news - I'll bet you didn't notice.

New York's Metropolitan Opera House announces - the season for Nineteen Fifty Six Fifty-Seven, cancelled. Because of a union dispute. A quarrel with the American Guild of musical artists. The cause of the trouble? A stage manager at the Met, Robert Herman. Who was a representative of the Opera Company in the negotiations with the Union. Which, according to the Guild of musical artists - was against union rules. So they say - they'll press charges against Robert Herman.

But what has this to do with baseball? You'd be surprised. Stage Director Herman of the Metropolitan Opera is a son of Babe Herman, the oldtime Brooklyn ballplayer. The mighty outfielder - back in the days when the Dodgers were known as The Daffiness Boys. From the weird way - they could play baseball. And Babe Herman was rated - as the

daffiest of "The Daffiness Boys."

He could hit home runs all right - but a fly ball might bounce off the top of his head. His base running - a nightmare.

There was one time, as I recall it, when Babe Herman hit a home run and managed to make two outs. There was a runner on base - and, when he saw the ball go over the fence, that runner jogged along, not in any hurry. But Babe Herman put ~~■~~ on a mighty burst of speed - charging head down, around the bases. He ran past the base runner in front of him. *And that made them* Both, automatically, out.

Well, there's an old saying, "like father, like son."

The trouble with Babe Herman's operatic son is - that, while he is a stage manager, he also doubles as a ^Secretary for Metropolitan Opera Director Rudolf Bing. Stage manager, Robert ~~H~~erman is a member of the union. But, as Secretary of the ~~Imp~~ Impresario, he represents the company. So, he has two

personalities. As a union member - called upon to back the
guild. As a secretary - to bargain for the company.

A double personality - or ^aschizophrenia^c, as Adlai
Stevenson would say. A mix-up worthy of the immortal Babe
Herman of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

BASEBALL

This was a goofy day of baseball news. Duke Snyder, big hitter of the Brooklyn Dodgers - in a Cincinnati courtroom scene. Following a ~~first~~ fight with a Cincinnati fan who made an insidious remark to the Duke of Flatbush. A remark reflecting the current accusations - that the Dodgers lack intestinal fortitude. ~~Snyder~~ Snyder and the fan - bringing charges of assault and battery against each other. Later ~~today~~ in court, the two shook hands - and made peace.

And the sports pages, today, are full of tributes to the speed of foot - of Ruben Gomez^z, the Puerto Rican pitcher of the New York giants. They say - they never saw anybody run as fast as Gomez^z, last night, in Milwaukee. When he was chased by Joe Adcock, the burley first baseman of the Braves.

There was an exchange of remarks, after Gomez hit Adcock on the wrist, pitching to him. Whereupon, the Milwaukee first baseman made a rush for the pitcher - who threw the ball at him and hit him on the thigh. But ~~he~~ the enraged Milwaukee player kept coming, and Gomez took it on the run, ~~he~~ ^{and} kept going - right on ~~xxxxx~~ into the Giant dug-out.

SIR BERNARD DOCKER

In London, Sir Bernard Docker - has been fired.

The firm, of which he was chairman of the board - ousting him. Which displeases the peer of the realm no end - and he'll make a fight of it before a meeting of stockholders, ^{on} August ₁ First.

The Board of Directors of the Birmingham Small Arms Company criticizes the gold-plated automobile provided for Sir Bernard and Lady Docker. Also - four other luxurious Daimler cars - used by the chairman and his wife. Squandering money- says the Board of Directors. Also - attracting unfavorable publicity.

Sir Bernard retorts by saying the directors are "old fashioned foggies" who don't know the value of publicity.

The gold-plated automobile, he argues, was good advertisement for the company.

Lady Docker has been in the news a good deal - especially in the capacity as a champion marble shooter.

Her Ladyship, better at marbles than any small boy. Also

good publicity - according to Sir Bernard. ^{Henry -} I wonder if Her Ladyship used a gold-plated agate for her tow when she played "Knuckle Boston" or whatever they call that ~~is~~ game in Her Ladyship's marble playing set?