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Navy Secretary Forrestal today gave his views on the topic of the hour -- should Army, Navy, and Air be combined -- under one department? Like many Admirals the Navy Secretary is opposed. Instead, he wants something still more all-inclusive. He wants State, War and ~~Mar~~ Navy Departments all rolled into one to form a National Security Council. The Ex-Officio Chairman of this to be the President of the United States. The other members to be the Secretaries of State, War and Navy, plus the Chairman of a National Security Resources Board who would have control over all questions of domestic machinery and planning.

ATOMIC

A Committee of eleven will investigate the use and control of Atomic Energy. The United States senate so decided today. This to end the jurisdictional fight between the Committees of Foreign Affairs and Military Affairs, which have been squabbling over which should have the Atomic say-so.

FRANCE

One interesting result of yesterday's French election is the virtual disappearance of the ~~Rnd~~ Radical Socialist party, once so powerful in France, and once the most numerous.

Former Premier Edouard Daladier went down to defeat to a Socialist opponent, by more than two to one.

Another history making result ~~is~~ is that thirty-one women were elected - fourteen of them Communists. Nearly all of thirty-one are referred to as heroines of the French resistance movement.

Most of the Ministers in DeGaulle's provisional cabinet were elected easily, among them Rene ~~La Coste~~ ^{La Coste}, once famous as a tennis star. Today he is the Socialist Minister of Production in DeGaulle's Cabinet.

The General himself was not a candidate. But the result of the election is considered a vote of confidence for him. It is expected that he will remodel his cabinet to accord with the views of the

voters; probably bring in more Communists and more Popular Republicans, for a real coalition government.

As to whether DeGaulle's provisional government should remain in office until the Constitution is written, the tall General won a two-on-one victory.

With French women voting for the first time in history some twenty-four million Frenchmen decided twenty-to-one in favor of writing a new constitution.

As for Paris and it's suburbs, there the communists were in the lead by an overwhelming majority. The Reds should be able to count on a hundred and fifty-six votes in the new Assembly because the French resistance party elected ten members, who are communist in sympathy.

The Communists came through with a plurality of a hundred forty-six seats? That Communist strength in the assembly which is to write the Constitution for the Fourth Republic! However, this

does not mean the Communists will run France. Leon Blum and his Socialists won almost as many seats, a hundred and thirty five; and the so-called Popular Republicans a hundred and thirty-five. These returns still are unofficial. So, as in the unhappy days of the Third Republic, DeGaulle ~~will~~ will have a coalition government.

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill addressed the Commons today, and went after the Labor Government so virgorously that his Majesty's Secretary of State for Labor retorted with angry words, accusing Churchill of being irresponsible and mischievous even describing his oratorical phrases as stale and outworn. That because Churchill criticized the demobilization program of the Labor Government, said it was seriously hampering the economic recovery of Britain.

Churchill in calling for a reduction of the British ~~x~~ Navy to a hundred and thirty-three thousand men, said there is nothing to justify any greater strength than what was maintained before the war.

Then the great Ex-War Premier made this statement:- "Whatever view Socialism may take on free enterprise, it is common ground that we should get the great wheels as well as the little wheels of life and industry turning as soon as possible, and for this we need men". "Inadequate demobilization", he went on "is the fountainhead of our domestic difficulties. While

men and women are held in the Armed Services, there can be no speedy revival."

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NIEMOELLER

The parishioners of a small church in a Berlin suburb yesterday heard a sermon from Martin Niemoeller, the U-Boat Commander in World War One who became a Lutheran Pastor. Then when Hitler threw him in jail, he became the most popular preacher in Germany, in spite of his opposition to Der Fuehrer. Nevertheless, Niemoeller, patriotically offered his services as a Naval Officer during the war, acting on the principle: - May my country always be right but right or wrong my country. However the Nazis would have none of him. His twenty-two year old son served on the Russian Front and there was taken prisoner.

Yesterday ex-U-Boat Ace Martin Niemoeller preached in a church that was without heat, without windows, but not without listeners. The place was crowded.

Do not lose faith, he begged his congregation, no matter what the winter may bring. He took his text from the Twenty-Second Verse, First Chapter, of the First Epistle of Saint Peter, -- These words:- "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit"

and so on.

In an interview Pastor Niemoeller said that he is telling the German People that the greatest guilt for the support given to the Nazi Party lies with the German churches because it was the duty and is the duty of the church to show people the right way.

General MacArthur today tackled the problem of educating the Japanese. He published a proclamation ordering immediate and stringent reform of their entire school system. First of all, no more military drill at schools, ^{and} no teaching of ultra-Nationalist ideas. Second, all teachers, professors and instructors are to be investigated, and militarists ^{and} ultra-Nationalists, ^{will} not be allowed to teach, nor any ~~body~~ ^{one else} who does not cooperate with the policies of the occupation forces. Third, educators who were dismissed from their jobs because of their liberal views are to be reemployed, with priority. Fourth, there is to be no discrimination against any teacher, student or school officials on account of race, nationality, creed, political opinion or social position.

And finally, the occupation will conduct an educational program to instruct teachers, officials, pupils and the public at large ^{concerning} the objectives and policies of the occupation, ^{and} the theories and practices of representative government. It will also teach Japanese school children and their elders how they owe their defeat

and distress and the present state of Japan to the militarists and those who collaborated with them.

A story from Tokyo reports that many Japanese teachers will welcome the change. Some ~~of them~~ have ~~been~~ suffered for years in silence under the militaristic system, others ~~have~~ actually ~~gone~~ to jail for their opinions. Teaching in Japan has ~~actually~~ been a dangerous occupation. The militarists not only enforced their policies, but changed them, from time to time, making it difficult for teachers to follow them.

The changes that MacArthur ~~thus~~ introduces into Japan are no improvisation. They are the result of a prolonged and intensive study of the Japanese system of education, that has been going on for two years. ~~Even~~ ^{Many} ~~sixth~~ of the text books now used in Japanese schools will be thrown away immediately. ^P Apparently, the Japanese are willing to cooperate because their ^{own} officials have already submitted a hundred and forty-nine texts with suggestions for passages and chapters to be cut out.

Another significant bit of news from Tokyo is

that the Japanese Government is cooperating in MacArthur's plan to break up the Zaibatsu, the great Japanese industrial trust. The government issued a statement today saying that it had no objection to the policy of the allied powers concerning the liquidation of the Zaibatsu. ~~and will entertain no such idea in the future.~~ They used these words: "We desire to take appropriate measures in consonance with the policy explained by the Allied powers."

Some Japanese leaders opposed the breaking up of the big trusts because they were the foundation of ^{Vietnam's} peacetime industrial system. But the Government ~~seems~~ ^{determined to do} ~~playing ball with~~ MacArthur's bidding.

Mao Tze Tung's Communist Troops are reported to be battling the Generalissimos' Troops in Shantung.

The Communists we hear have occupied two-thirds of Shantung. So says Governor Ho of that province.

The word is that Government Forces are on the defensive with the Communists setting traps and ambushing them. Chiang's men hold stretches along the railway running west from Tsingtao on the Yellow Sea for a distance of a hundred and ninety miles, inland to Tsinan.

Governor Ho, a graduate of Columbia University, describes affairs in Shantung as a complete mix-up. He also says that none of the so-called Communists involved in all this understands anything about Communism.

VENEZUELA - LEAD

Business leaders in Caracas today had a conference with Romoli Battancourt, the new provisional President of Venezuela. As they left, it was announced that the new government will have the support of the industrialist chamber of commerce, a powerful body. ~~They~~ They also have the support of the Catholic Church, which was promised today by the Archbishop of Caracas.

Both the two ex-Presidents, Generals Medina and Lopez Contreras are detained at the military school, safe and sound.

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The Revolutionary Junta (Junta) announced its new cabinet to take office until the elections. Their names are unknown to us, but it is significant that there is not a General in it. Most of the ministers are doctors, which mean Doctor of Law or Doctor of Philosophy. One, a Captain, is Minister of Communications, and a Major is Minister of War.

VENEZUELA

In Venezuela, buses and street cars are running again in Caracas, and newspapers are being published. Even the border between Venezuela and Colombia has been reopened.

The Venezuelans, enjoying life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and an unusually high rate of exchange, have staged a military revolution, which now seems to be a complete success.

According to Edward Tomlinson, N.B.C.'s South American expert the younger men among the more intelligent Venezuelans decided their liberalism was pretty much on the surface; that Army Officers of the Gomez type really ran everything. So, newspapermen, writers, and the younger officers, tired of seeing their country run by the old gang, staged this revolution.

The government's candidate in the forthcoming election to be sure was not a general. But the younger group said, "Ha! he's just a front for the old crowd!" Although he had promised some measure of democracy, the younger people felt the new government would be

democratic only in name, with the older officers still in control.

According to Ed Tomlinson the younger officers are largely men who have been to school abroad, many of them here in the United States. He says they joined up with the younger professional men, and put their ideas into action, staged a revolution, and are now on top.

He also told me that he saw this ~~xxx~~ brewing when he was in Venezuela not long ago. He believes the new government will bring about many reforms, and will keep its promise to establish real democracy in Venezuela, at any rate more voice in the government than its people have ever enjoyed before. Some of the reforms, he added, may go hard with foreign interests. He says the leaders of this revolution feel Venezuela should receive higher royalties from her oil. Something along the line of what happened in Mexico, though not so extreme, may happen says he.

PRECEDE VENEZUELA

Here's a sidelight from Venezuela.

The next President of that country may be a distinguished ~~xxxx~~ novelist. Provisional President ~~xxxxxxx~~ Battancourt announced this evening that the candidate of the Revolutionary Party will be Romolo Gallegos (Pronounced Gahyayos). He is one of the most brilliant men of ~~xxxxxxxx~~ letters writing in the Spanish language. His most celebrated novel is "Donya Barbara". He is noted for his realism and brilliant descriptions of jungle life in South America.

Gallegos today broadcast a speech over the radio, saying that liberals in Venezuela will support the Revolution only so long as the soldiers keep their promise not to mix in politics.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court of the United States is going to consider the Vargas Girl, you know, the curvaceous damsel that got the magazine Esquire into hot water with Ex-Postmaster General Walker. The pious official decided that the Vargas Lady's alluring ~~extreme~~ contours were not educational. So he revoked Esquire's second class mail privileges. Esquire appealed, and the United States District Court in Washington, after a trial in which there was a good deal of entertaining testimony by so-called experts, upheld the highly moral Frank Walker.

Then the Court of Appeals reversed the District Court, and told the Postmaster General to keep his mind on his work - that being to carry the mail; and to stop trying to compel editors to accept his Frank Walker's lofty literary and moral standards.

Then the Department of Justice appealed from that decision; and now it is before the Supreme Court of the land. Now the nine black robed high Justices of our highest court will ponder over the

matter of the Varga pictures. As a matter of fact the Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court still have to decide whether they will give the Varga matter a full hearing.