

The constitutional amendment lowering the voting age - was defeated in the Senate this afternoon. President Eisenhower had proposed it - a change in the Constitution, whereby citizens could start voting at eighteen. The Senate voted in favor - by a majority. But, not the two-thirds majority needed for a constitutional amendment.

The measure had the solid backing of the Republicans, but was opposed by the southern Democrats. ~~They~~ They arguing, that the change in the voting age was in violation of states rights. The southerners - all the keener about states ~~rights~~ rights following the Supreme Court decision, outlawing racial segregation in schools.

So the voting-age-amendment failed to get a two-thirds majority. The vote - thirty-four to twenty-four.

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As <sup>18</sup>eighteen year olds will have to wait until they're <sup>21</sup>twenty-one to vote.

SOCIAL SECURITY

A congressional committee today voted - an increase of social security benefits. A hike - amounting to from five to twenty-three-and-a-half dollars a month. This to be financed by an increase of social security taxes. Employees to pay as much as twelve dollars more a year.

These changes in Social Security were prominent among recommendations made by President Eisenhower.

~~The~~ <sup>new</sup> eruption in the McCarthy hearing.

The Democrats now demanding a public disclosure - of the monitored telephone calls.

Those monitored phone calls were headlined in the earlier part of the hearing. The revelation - that the telephone talks between Senator McCarthy and Army Secretary Stevens had been taken down by a stenographer in Stevens' office. The suggestion - that these should be made public.

Which raised the question - what about other telephone calls, pertinent in the dispute, which may have been monitored?

The ~~quax~~ question was put over for further discussion, and now - the democratic demand. Senators McClellan, Jackson, and Symington insisting that all pertinent monitored phone calls be made public.

Today, <sup>Sen.</sup> McCarthy stated that, because of those televised hearings, the Republican party is, in his words, "committing slow and painful suicide."

SCHINE

How's this for a headline? Schine is -- a Colonel.  
Yes, that same G. David Schine, a Number One figure in  
the Army-McCarthy feud. He's been in the news as Private  
Schine. But now -- Colonel Schine.

The answer is -- Kentucky. The records show that  
in April of last year, the Acting Governor of Kentucky  
made the McCarthy-Committee staff member -- a Kentucky  
Colonel.

Which was a lot easier than getting Colonel Schine ~~him~~ out of  
IP duty as an Army G.I.

At the Geneva Conference today - an agreement for dealing with military problems of an armistice, while political questions remained in abeyance. Which sounds like concession by the Reds, in <sup>the</sup> peace talks on Indo China.

The Communists had insisted that a cease fire must be considered along with a final political settlement. The French, on the contrary, wanted to confine the negotiations to the immediate matter of a truce. So the Reds have given in on that point.

But they still insist on including the states of Cambodia and Laos, along with Viet Nam. The French want to exclude Cambodia and Laos - because there <sup>has</sup> been little fighting in those areas.

Today's proceedings were held in secret, but the main points of information got out. Some ~~has~~ progress toward an Indo China truce - although it remains to be seen whether it really means anything.

INDO CHINESE WAR

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Manoi was at a standstill today. Following -- all-out  
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assaults by the French Air Force. Squadrons of war planes

- lashing at Red columns on the road. Great stretches of

highway - littered with smouldering wreckage. Four enemy

divisions, which captured Dien Bien Phu - halted by the

in storm of aerial bombs, rockets and fiery napalm.

## SPAIN

The Spanish government makes a formal reply to Prime Minister Churchill - who, in the House of Commons yesterday, denied that Britain had ever offered Gibraltar to Spain in return for Spanish neutrality in World War Two.

In Madrid, today, the foreign office declares that the London government offered a deal, if Spain would remain neutral.

"To deal with the return of Gibraltar after the war," in the words of the Spanish foreign office.

Not only that - but also to grant concessions to Spain and North Africa and - recognize Spain as a great Mediterranean power.

# SUEZ

EAST AFRICA

A new compromise in the Suez Canal dispute has been drafted - by Great Britain and the United States. Word from Washington says the new scheme would be for Egypt to engage British and American helpers in operating the canal. British troops to be admitted - under certain conditions - for the defense of Suez.

The compromise, we hear, has not been presented formally to the government at Cairo. The Egyptian sources are quoted as saying privately - they believe it could lead to a settlement.

through the Iron Curtain in the year of 1956.

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## EAST\_GERMANY

We've been hearing a lot about a Soviet "new look." Relaxing the brutal rigors of Communism -- following the death of Stalin. So here's another example.

For the first time, a Papal Nuncio is being permitted -- to go into East Germany, the Soviet Zone. The Nuncio, or Papal Ambassador, is Archbishop Aloysius Muench, an American -- Archbishop of Fargo, North Dakota. Today, permission was given for him to drive through the Iron Curtain to the city of Erfurt.

The occasion for this is equally significant-- the twelve-hundredth anniversary of the death of - the Apostle to the Germans. Saint Boniface, actually an Englishman -- an Anglo-Saxon monk, who went into Germany, as a missionary. Germany then -- largely heathen. He converted peoples and kingdoms, and became -- one of the greatest figures of the early

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**Middle Ages. Finally, at the age of seventy-four, he took the missionary trail again -- and was murdered by the heathens.**

**So now, Communist East Germany permits the commemoration of the twelve-hundredth anniversary of the Apostle to the Germans. Presiding over the ceremonies -- the Papal Nuncio from Fargo, North Dakota.**

GERMANY CRIME

U.S. authorities in Germany, brought forward a sensational accusation, today. Charging - that eight years ago, Army Captain James Leech, of Lima, Ohio, killed three brother officers <sup>in</sup> an "axe and fire" murder. The victims - Major Everett Cofran, Captain Adrian Wessler, and Lieutenant Stanley Rosewater.

It happened at the German City of Passau - in a villa occupied by Major Cofran. They say that he was the one intended victim. The other two officers killed - incidentally. Because they happened to be there. The motive - professional jealousy and personal animosity.

The story in the indictment relates that Major Cofran had recently taken the post of military governor - which Captain Leech had expected to get. Leech had a German girl friend, with a job <sup>with</sup> in the U.S. occupation ~~forces~~ <sup>officers</sup> at Passau. But Cofran had her ~~fix~~ fired. The girl's father was getting preferential treatment at the U.S. <sup>S. Army</sup>

headquarters - given profitable city contracts. Cofran put a stop to that. All of which added up - to a motive for murder.

According to the official charge, Leech went to Cofran's villa - to kill him. Unexpectedly, he found the two other officers, guests of Cofran. So, he killed them too. Using an axe and setting the place on fire - to hide the crime.

Today, at ~~the U.S.~~ headquarters in Frankfort, the statement was - that the investigation of the murders was bungled in Nineteen Forty Six. The mystery dragging on until now. It never should have been a mystery, say the U.S. authorities. Because there was clear evidence the crime was an "inside job". committed by someone who had ~~access~~ access to Major Cofran's house. All who had access could be cleared - all except Captain Leech, with his grudge against Major Cofran.

At Lima, Ohio, today, the former captain said:

"It's all news to me." Adding - that he, with a number of others, were investigated at the time. He was cleared, then sent home.

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There was a note of strangely poignant drama - at a Senate hearing today - the appearance of Nikolai Khokhlov, the former Soviet secret agent, who, in Germany, went over to the West.

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He told how the Red secret police ordered him to arrange the assassination of a Russian anti-Communist leader in West Berlin - Okalovich. But, instead, he went to Okolovich, told him of the death plot, and asked him for his aid in obtaining sanctuary in the West. But,, all the while, he was only too well aware - of his wife and son whom he had left in Moscow. Where they could be held - as hostages.

Today he said he balked ~~xxxx~~ assassination - couldn't go through with murder, because of the influence of his wife. He described her as a deeply religious woman - still adhering to the old christian faith, in spite of Communism.

So he was caught in a terrible dilemma. Either - put his wife and son in peril. Or - commit a crime which his deeply religious wife would have abhorred. A fearful decision to make.

GUATEMALA

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A late dispatch from Guatemala reports -- an attempt to blow up that cargo of armament from Soviet controlled Poland. The military material, taken off the ~~the~~ ship was loaded onto a train. Which was on its way cross country, when ~~saboteurs~~ saboteurs tried to destroy it. The dispatch says there was a pitched battle, in which one soldier was killed, the saboteurs -- making their way across the nearby border of Honduras. The attempt to blow up the armament train - having failed.



AIR FORCE

Tonight, we have a statement that the United States Air Force can strike "an instant" atomic blow. Which neither bad weather nor Communist air defenses could stop. So stated by General Curtis LeMay, one of our top Air Force officers.



## KIDNAP

At Kansas City, detective Lieutenant Louis Shoulders and Patrolman Elmer Dolan- were sentenced to prison today. Convicted - of lying about the ransom money in the Greenlease kidnap case.

They made the ~~the~~ arrests of Carl Austin Hall and Mrs. Bonnie Heady, the kidnap-murderers, who were later executed. Hall maintained to the end that he had nearly six hundred thousand dollars of ransom ~~the~~ money in suitcases, when arrested. But less than three hundred thousand dollars was recovered.

Accounts ~~given~~ given by the two policemen were attacked as false, and they were put on trial. Today, Lieutenant Shoulders ~~was~~ was given a sentence of three years in prison. Patrolman Dolan - two years. The ~~mystery~~ mystery of the missing ransom money - still a mystery.

## BASEBALL

~~Here's the touch of the exquisite -- in the~~  
~~latest baseball suspense. The private detective who~~  
~~shadowed~~ Granny Hamner -- did make a mistake, after all.

~~The~~ ball player going home from the game -- noticed that his automobile was being followed by another car. It might mean robbery, or kidnapping -- or what-have-you? So Hamner notified the police, and the cops arrested -- the shadow. Who, actually, was employed by the ball club to watch the players -- and see how they were behaving themselves.

But the private <sup>eye</sup> ~~man~~ told another story. He said - he'd been engaged to shadow an Air Force officer, in a divorce case. But he got on the tail of the wrong automobile. He just made a mistake. Which explanation drew a laugh.

Now, however, the Philadelphia Baseball Club owner, Bob Carpenter, says -- the private detective had

made a mistake. He should not have been shadowing another ball player. Maybe a pitcher, or an outfielder -- but not second baseman Granny Hamner. Which completes the confusion in the comedy.

Today, in the New York Herald-Tribune, Red Smith recalls a classic about a fabulous pitcher, Bugs Raymond -- who sure could break the training rules. So, on the old New York Giants, the mighty McGraw had him watched -- and, in due time, got a report from the private detective. He called Bugs in.

"You made some stops on your way home from the ball park yesterday," McGraw said sternly. "In the first saloon, you had two beers, and ate three onions. In the second saloon, two ryes with beer chasers, some cheese and crackers, and three onions. In the third place, one rye, two beers, and an onion. In the fourth saloon, two ryes, two onions."

I hope H I Phillips, the brilliant columnist,

won't mind if I quote a few lines from him, about the nurse

over in Indo China who wouldn't let the Reds send her back

to her ~~peas~~ people at Hanoi.

"Genevieve (I'll call you Ginny)

You're my gal for fifty-four

Showing no dark fears, if any

In the slaughterhouse of war.

One lone woman in a hell hole

Bringing dying men some cheer

Smiling 'til the one last bell toll;

You're my woman of the year!

H I Phillips has a special genius for saying

things of this kind, in verse. <sup>Harry</sup> I think we should make Hi

our poet laureate.