

E.D.C. L.T.-K. Mon. Aug. 30 - 54

The inevitable happened in Paris today. The European defense program went on to a showdown in the French National Assembly - ~~ad~~ and was killed. The vote -- three--
~~hundred-and-nineteen to two-hundred-and-sixty-four~~ against the ratification of E.D.C.

Actually, the vote was indirect - a sort of technical maneuver. A debate, scheduled for four days. The argument - going on for three days, over the weekend. Then, today, the foes of the European army plan made a motion to close the debate, at once. Which brought the whole thing to a sort of premature end. E.D.C. - not allowed to go to a formal decision.

The supporters of the international army, out-voted, retorted with a move to overthrow Premier Mendes-France and his Cabinet. Mendes-France - having conducted the ceremonies for the funeral of E.D.C. Which is what it amounts to. Preparations were made - for a motion of censure, but nobody believes it will succeed. Little more -

than an angry gesture by the supporters of the Western defense program, so strongly advocated by the United States.

Premier Mendes-France plans to bring up another proposition - the restoration of sovereignty to West Germany. But that's tied in with questions of German rearmament - always a headache in France. Good News from Paris today for the Soviet bosses in the Kremlin; who, all along, have tried to block that scheme for international defense of Western Europe.

Follow E.D.C.

President Eisenhower, tonight, stated - that the French rejection of E.D.C. is a serious set-back for the free nations and the cause of world peace. ~~But~~ ~~XXXX~~ But he added, "The free world is still overwhelmingly strong."

U.S. PRISONERS

Five American prisoners are to be released by the Reds - in Indo-China. Those five airmen who were captured, in June, while enjoying an outing on a beach. Where, by the way - they should not have been. They were stationed at the Tourane Air Base, and did not have permission to make the trip to the seashore. Where - a party of Reds picked them up. Technically, they were A.W.O.L., and, I presume, still are, though in Communist captivity.

Well, the Reds have notified the French authorities that they will ~~hand~~ hand over the five Americans - in the course of the prisoner exchange now going on. The five - to be released within thirty-six hours. (Privates Donald Morgan of Flint, Michigan; Leonard Sroufek of Chicago; Ciro Salas of Los Angeles, Giacomo Appice (Ja-co-mo, accent on the first syllable, ~~Ah~~ Ah-pee-chay) of Elizabeth, New ~~Jersey~~ Jersey, and Jerry Schuller of Cleveland.

The next time they go swimming, ^{it will} ~~they will~~ be at

Santa Monica
Coney Island, Miami, or ~~Madison~~

IRAN

The Iranian Government denies a formidable conspiracy to overthrow the government of Premier Zahedi. But admits - that some army and police officers have been arrested.

Reports were that a big round-up was being staged. Following the discovery of a document at a Communist center in Teheran. A document - listing Red sympathizers in the army and police forces. Indicating - a dangerous "anti-Zahedi" movement.

This is denied officially - but a number of arrests are admitted.

EGYPT


The British arms embargo on Egypt was lifted - by Prime Minister Churchill, today. The purpose, to provide the Egyptians with weapons for the defense of the Suez Canal.

The embargo was imposed three years ago, when the British-Egyptian dispute over the Suez flared up. Now - a settlement for a British withdrawal. And Egypt will get armament from Britain.

LEGION

Pandemonium - in Washington. The Legion Convention - in full blast. And "blast" is the word! - horns, bugles, drums, bagpipes, bells, sirens, fireworks. Tomorrow - the mammoth parade of one hundred and fifty thousand.

The proceedings, today - marked by the appearance of the nation's Number One Veteran.



EISENHOWER - LEGION

President Eisenhower drew ^{wave upon wave of} ~~the~~ cheers - at the

Legion Convention. ^{And} / There was a pandemonium of acclaim when he told the veterans:

"Today, the United States has the most powerful and efficient fighting machine it has ever maintained - short of all-out war. In fact, in some respects," he went on, "it is the most powerful ever developed." To which he added, our fighting machine will expand to still greater power, doubled and redoubled, if that's needed for the safety of ^{the} free world.

The Legionaires let out another howl when the President paid his respects to the Communists in this country. Calling them: "The only treasonous party we have. Happily, very small."

The President told the Legion that he will give the next Congress a program for an adequate military reserve. That, said he, "will be the number one item." ^{It} ~~That~~ was applauded heartily, the American Legion being, actually, in

favor of universal military training.

The presidential day was one of speedy travel - possible only in this air age. He left the Summer White House in Denver this morning, flew to Washington, signed the Atomic Energy Bill; then - drove to the Legion Convention. Immediately after his address, he flew back to Denver - making a stop at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. His Colorado program now includes a couple of days of Rocky Mountain fishing with former President Hoover. Ex-President and President being, both - enthusiastic anglers. In fact Herbert Hoover has long been regarded as the Nation's No. 1 fisherman.

FLEMING

At Fort Sheridan, Illinois, testimony began, today - in the case of the first U.S. Army officer accused of collaborating with Communists. Lieutenant Colonel Harry Fleming - facing a court-martial.

Today, Air Force Major David MacGhee of Falls Church, Virginia - was the first witness. He testified that Fleming made a speech on the "decadence of capitalism" during a Red indoctrination course. And - that Fleming had urged MacGhee to make a radio broadcast of Communist propaganda.

BATCHELOR

The court-martial of Corporal Claude Batchelor began at San Antonio, Texas, today - with dramatic incident. Two judges - dismissed. Both - decorated veterans of Korea.

Colonel Milo Grey was excluded from the ~~board~~ board of judges, after being challenged by the attorney for the one-time prisoner-of-war, who went over to the Reds, and then changed his mind. The other officer - Lieutenant Edward Schowalter, a winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Lieutenant Schowalter virtually dismissed himself, when he declared: "I'm hostile to the accused. I've formulated and expressed an opinion - that Batchelor is a traitor."

Batchelor claims that, when he changed his mind about sticking with Communism, the Army promised him he'd be immune from prosecution. ^{But} ^{officially} This is denied, - ~~and the turn coat,~~

~~who finally came back, is accused of informing on his fellow prisoners, and of doing propaganda work for the Reds.~~

~~The only other former prisoner, whose case is much the same, Corporal Edward Dickenson - has been tried and sentenced to ten years.)~~

URANIUM.

A financial transaction - announced at Grand Junction, Colorado. Which headlines a chapterⁱⁿ that romance of uranium. The rise of George Pick. Who, three years ago, started prospecting with a ~~sum~~^{capital} of six thousand dollars. Today, Pick sold some of his uranium properties to the Atlas Corporation - for more than nine million dollars.

He still has two mines left - both producing the radio-active stuff of the atomic era.

MANHUNT

A great manhunt spread from Boston to Philadelphia, today. The search for "Trigger" Burke, a dangerous gangster who broke out of prison over the weekend. A daring escape - from ^{Boston's} ~~the~~ old Charles Street jail. Underworld accomplices - cutting through bars, and rescuing the notorious mobster.

"Trigger" Burke - a killer-for-hire, wanted for several murders. He was arrested in Boston - in an attempt to ~~kill~~ ^{kill} "Specs" O'Keefe, trying to get him with a machine gun.

"Specs" O'Keese was, at one time, a prime suspect in the notorious Brinks hold-up, when bandits got away with more than a million.

After escaping, this weekend, "Trigger" Burke sent a threat of death to District Attorney Garrett Byrne, who was prosecuting him. Which added - to the intensity of the manhunt.

The gunman is a well known character along the waterfront - in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. Today's clue was an automobile on fire in a Philadelphia suburb.

The car - found to have been stolen near Boston. The police believing - it was an escape car used in the get-away from Boston to Philadelphia.

HURRICANE

It's a wild night - along the Carolina coast.
The hurricane - slamming in with winds of more than
one hundred and 25 miles an hour. During the day,
squalls and violent rainstorms in advance of the
tropical howler. On Topsail Island - four hundred
vacationists marooned, when heavy tides, preceding
the hurricane, poured in. Various towns along the
coast - flooded. Piers - wrecked. Boats - torn from
their moorings, bobbing around like corks.

A wild night, mates, along the Carolina coast.

CRIME

At Phenix City, Alabama, today, a grand jury indicted fifty-nine defendants - on five hundred and forty-five counts. Which is a reflection of the way things were going in Phenix City - during the reign of crime and corruption. The offenses named ⁱⁿ under the indictment vary all the way from murder to vice and gambling.

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~~The~~ big-time clean-up has been under way, bringing about - today's wholesale indictments.

ACTRESS

The authorities in England are making inquiries in the United States - trying to unravel the weird story of an actress. A one-time stage star - who lived in a fantastic mixture of poverty and wealth, squalor and luxury.

Mrs. Ruth Frances de Norman, fifty-nine years old - found dead in a slum, at Brighton. In a hovel - ~~littered~~ ^{littered} with bread crusts, empty sardine cans and champagne bottles. She had lived on moldy stale bread - and vintage champagne. She dressed in rags, but her cat wore a sable coat. In one corner of her bedroom - three costly furs, tossed in with rubbish. Fine paintings hung on the walls, and there were cases of rare books ^{- and} ~~Expensive tables and chairs, also~~ ^{amid} the trash of utter destitution.

Once, on a street in Brighton, the ~~tiny~~ ^{ragged} recluse dropped a package, and a boy picked it up for her. She handed him a five pound note, fourteen dollars - as a tip. ~~And~~ She'd go shopping for the cheapest, wretched provisions, and give an urchin a pound note for carrying the shopping back.

The police have ascertained that she appeared on the London stage, back in the 'Twenties - under the name of Ruth Bower. Scoring a fine success - presented at the court, in Nineteen Twenty-Five. When she made her curtsy - to King George the Fifth and Queen Mary.

There are evidences that she came from the United States. Her father - a surgeon in Buffalo. So maybe, on this side of the water, there may be clues to explain so strange a story.

FISH

British Columbia reports - the fishing is fine. The catch - a record-breaker. One captain reporting - ten thousand hauled in. Another - fifteen thousand fish caught. All of which, of course, does not apply to those anglers of the Izaak Walton variety - who cast a delicate fly into a mountain stream.

The salmon run this year, is the greatest ever - in the Strait of Georgia. The channel - between Vancouver Island and the ^{Canadian} mainland. The commercial fishermen - enjoying a bonanza. ~~Most of the fish are~~ Sockeye salmon - swarming in from the Pacific. Some fishing boats report they ^{are} taking twenty-five thousand to thirty-five thousand dollars worth per day. The richest harvest of the sea - in the history of the West coast. The British Columbian salmon industry now expecting a total catch, for the season, of some ~~fourty~~ ^{forty} million dollars.

Tops, for that old, uncertain quantity -
fisherman's luck. *TP I wonder what that redoubtable salmon fisherman, Nick Bez, thinks about this?*

MINE

2 The news from Western Canada says - another adventurer is defying the curse. Hunting - for the golden secret of an Indian, who died on the gallows, more than sixty years ago. The Indian - uttering a curse, as he went ~~an~~ to his doom.

The Lost Creek Mine is supposed to be in the craggy mountains around Pitt Lake, in British Columbia. Discovered, they say, by Old Slumach, an Indian of evil reputation. Who took out glittering treasures of the yellow metal - and murdered people, to keep the secret intact. Finally hanged for his crimes - putting a curse on anyone who might seek the fabulous deposit of gold. After which - prospectors went hunting, and many never came back. Some thirty - listed as victims of the malediction. But now,
13 *Mike, would you be interested in*
another has set out, [^] trying to find the Lost Creek Mine?