

The Senate Foreign Relations committee, today, voted - to restore the six hundred million ~~dollars~~ in President Eisenhower's Foreign Aid program. Which represents - a ~~re~~ preliminary victory for the White House.

Today's vote was tentative, ~~and~~ **T**he committee will take up the matter again. Then, if it confirms today's vote, the bill will go to the floor of the Senate - where prospects are still in doubt.

President Eisenhower has been urging- that the ~~huge~~ huge slash voted in Congress would cripple our foreign aid program.

West German Chancellor Adenauer - was astonished. He had a conference with President Eisenhower today, Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles sitting in.

After the exchange of pleasantries, the President got down to business and told Adenauer - the action that is needed to liberate ~~SEVENTEEN~~ seventeen million Germans now under Communist rule; And - bring about the reunification of East and West Germany.

Which opinion - did not astonish the eighty year old Chancellor in the least. It's the regular doctrine. But Adenauer said ~~and~~ afterward - he would not have believed it possible, the vigorous way the patient participated in the ~~discussion~~ discussion, so soon ~~as~~ after major surgery. In Adenauer's own words - "possible for him to look that way, and talk that way, and participate so vividly in the conversation."

The visitor said: "I have asked the doctor to

explain this miracle, and he has explained - it's a healthy, strong organism that helps one overcome an obstacle of this kind."

CIVIL RIGHTS

Congress had one of the bitterest committee wrangles today - on the subject of civil rights, which so often raises ructions. Before the House Rules Committee - President Eisenhower's bill to provide a series of new safeguards to protect minorities. The chairman of the committee - Congressman Howard Smith of Virginia, who is opposed to the bill. The question - how to get the racial rights measure out of the rules committee, so the House can take a vote on it.

This produced a revolt against the chairman. Committee member Congressman Bolling, a Missouri Democrat, insisting - on action. No more delay - the bill to be taken up next Thursday.

The dispute was hot and heavy, and then the committee took a vote. The majority - six to four in favor of the Civil Rights bill. Those in favor were four northern Democrats and two Republicans. Those opposing - three southern Democrats and one Republican.

POSTAL

The Democrats in Congress have shelved President Eisenhower's bill to increase postal rates. The measure is on the White House list of urgently needed legislation, and would increase mail rates about four hundred and thirty million dollars a year, and help reduce the post office department's annual deficit of about four hundred and seventy million.

Today Congressman McCormack of Massachusetts, Democratic leader in the House, declared - the Democratic Party leadership has no intention of putting the bill on the legislative schedule, "At ^{the} present time or in the foreseeable future," said the Congressman.

TRIAL

Two top officials of the Truman administration were convicted of a conspiracy - in a case of tax-fixing, today. Mathew Connelly, appointment Secretary for ~~the~~ former President Truman - and Lamar Caudle, who ~~was~~ was assistant Attorney ~~General~~ General in charge of the tax division.

The two were put on trial, on a charge of collaborating with the Kansas City Attorney, to enable a St. Louis shoe broker to escape criminal accusations for income tax evasion.

Today the jury said - guilty. Both Connelly and Caudle - facing possible sentences of five years in prison. The case - to be appealed.

COMMUNISTS

Some astonishing testimony was given in Washington today - on the familiar topic of Communism. Dr. Bella Dodd, a former leader in the Communist party, named a number of people - whom she identified as Communist Party members.

The list she gave to the Senate Security Subcommittee includes a confidential Secretary of former Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York. Also - a former New York City Welfare commissioner. And - a former Democratic Congressman.

She even
~~But, she also~~ named several Republican political figures - as Communists.

~~Another witness, today, is threatened with prosecution for perjury. Because - of statements he made about a passport. When questioned about Communism, he took the Fifth Amendment sixty two ~~km~~ times. Rabbi Abraham Bick of New York - who says he's an ordained rabbi. But not attached to any synagogue.~~

EAST GERMANY

The Soviets issued another invitation, today.,
This time - to a marching out ceremony in East Germany.

Some while ago, Moscow announced - a huge cut of
~~nikk~~ military manpower. Including the removal - of thirty
thousand Russian troops from Communist East Germany.

So now ~~xx~~ western officials and newsmen are
invited to attend the withdrawal. Today, ^{the} ~~Marshal Gorchka,~~
Soviet Commander in Chief in Germany, announced ^{that} ~~r~~ the barracks
will be thrown open to representatives of the West.

The first time - the Russians have offered to let
westerners witness the disarmament moves they've announced.

RUSSIA AMERICANS

Vienna has word of three Americans in Russian slave labor camps. One - a U.S. Air Force Pilot in the Second World War. The other two - army ~~RM~~ men. Austrians, returning from Soviet imprisonment, say that the three Americans were held in the notorious Vorkula slave labor camp, in the Siberian Arctic. Recently transferred to a camp in the Ukraine.

The Air Force pilot is identified as Edward Reitz-Stocknoth. They say he told the Austrians that he flew in *the* a bombing of the Romanian oil center of Poiesti, in Nineteen Forty four. That his bomber was shot down by the Nazis - and he parachuted out, safely. The Germans took him prisoner, and then he fell into the hands of the advancing Soviet Army. A war flyer of Russia's ally, the United States - but offhe went to Siberia!

The other two Americans are identified as Bob Goldman of New York - and Jack Koarelsky, whose home town is not given.

TRAIN WRECK

France had a train wreck today - a fantasy of mechanized violence. Ten lives lost, one-hundred-and-forty injured - when the ~~ARR~~ Paris-Luxembourg express piled up on a bridge.

Speeding through the champagne country, at sixty-five miles an hour, the train of twelve coaches was crossing the bridge, when - the coupling of the fifth car snapped. The car swung over, and smashed into the piers of the span. The seven cars behind - piling into the twisted wreckage. Coaches ~~WERE~~ were torn to pieces. Debris flew for yards along the tracks. Rails twisted upward, huge hunks of stone torn from the bridge in a scene of havoc.

TRINIDAD

The London government agrees to the sale of the Trinidad Oil Company, one of the great British oil concerns. The purchaser - the Texas Company. Price - one-hundred-and-seventy million dollars.

There's a good deal of opposition - from Conservative and labor M P's, with complaints - that the Americans are monopolizing the oil resources of the English-speaking world. The company has oil fields and a refinery on the island of Trinidad. Still more to the point, the Trinidad company owns about a fourth of all the service stations in Britain. Which, under the sale - would not^w_l belong to Texaco.

The transaction comes under the heading of private business. But the London government is able to intervene - because of British currency controls. And the government - would benefit. Texaco would pay in dollars - directly to the British treasury. Which, in ~~turn~~ turn, would pay the Trinidad stockholders in British pounds.

Today's official consent is given - with conditions.

Providing - that Texaco shall operate the Trinidad oilfields and refinery in much the same way as they have been operated in the past.

CEYLON

A dispatch from Ceylon describes the capital city of Colombo - as an armed camp. The government - afraid of riot and insurrection.

There's trouble between the native Sinhalese - and the Tamils, who are of Indian origin. For days there have been clashes between the two factions - a dozen persons killed.

The cause of the disturbances - a question of language. The Sinhalese talk the old native tongue of Ceylon - a language descended from ancient Sanskrit. The speech of the Indo-Europeans - who conquered India more than three thousand years ago. Tamil is a Dravidian language. Descended - from a tongue spoken by the aboriginal inhabitants of India.

In a recent election campaign, Prime Minister ~~Solomon~~ Bandaranaike pledged - he'd make Sinhalese the official speech of the island. The Sinhalese people are in the majority - and he won. Now he's putting his campaign pledge into effect - and the Tamils are up in arms against him.

SUBWAY

New York's hottest day of the year would hardly seem to be the time - for a subway tie up. Yet, that's what happened - a strike of motormen. The thermometer reading - ninety six.

It's a wildcat strike, which began at one P M. Motormen walking out on the B M T, then the Independent. The strike then spreading to the I R T.

You can picture the confusion - crowds piling up in sweltering subway stations. Especially - people traveling to Brooklyn and Queens. As the rush hour approached, things got worse. The city - rushing to organize an emergency bus service.

The strike of motormen seems to be involved in a dispute between rival unions. Anyway, in the New York subway today, a hot time was had by all.

But you can say much the same thing for two-thirds

of this nation - in the grip of a heat wave. Record-breaking temperatures in the middlewest - the mercury over a hundred in many places. ~~HOWEVER~~ However, the weather bureau says a cool front is moving down from the northwest - promising relief.

PARACHUTE

At Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Private Wilbur Lewis has been recommended for the Soldier's Medal, the nation's highest non-combat award. Private Lewis in in that branch of the service which, next to war, itself, has the maximum of thrill and excitement. ~~Yes - you guessed it~~ - a paratrooper.

The Eighty-Second Airborne Division was having a mass air jump, and - out went the soldier from Toledo. His chute opened, and everything was okay.

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The trouble was - Private Charles Harper of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, who jumped right after Lewis. Harper's parachute - failing to ~~be~~ open. Down he plunged, ~~and~~ ^{ing} landed - on top of Lewis' chute. Diving into the billowing fabric - and sliding down. Heading, apparently - for the open spaces again. But he grabbed a suspension line, and yelled - for Lewis to hold him. Which Lewis did - grabbing a firm hold of his comrade.

So down the two of them went. The parachute

overloaded, - ^{So}~~and~~ it was a speedy trip to earth. They landed
with a bump. - ^{But}~~both~~ safe.

ROBBERY

The Indianapolis police have been questioning a prisoner - who, they say, is as stubborn and silent as any they've ever ~~not~~ dealt with. Under hours of interrogation, not a word - mute and mum.

On Monday, there was a bank hold-up at Southport, a suburb of Indianapolis. A gunman - forcing the President of the bank to open the vault. The bandit - making off with sixty-six thousand dollars, the second largest bank robbery in Indiana History.

Suspicion fell on Roy Randolph Drake, an ex-convict and ~~a~~ desperado. His automobile had been seen in the neighborhood of the bank, just before the hold-up.

Then, last night, there was an arrest - on a traffic charge. A station wagon - running through a stop sign. The driver - a shapely blonde, ^{who} ~~Two~~ turned out to be Mrs. Roy Rudolph Drake, wife of the suspect. In the ~~stax~~ station wagon the cops found eighteen thousand dollars in cash - believed to be part of the loot from the bank.

So that was when the questioning began. Today the police reported: "She won't give us anything more than her name and address." For hours, she merely sat there - stubborn and silent, mute and mum. And ~~then~~ they say - women talk!

Cambridge, Massachusetts, had a fantastic sight yesterday - a man doing athletic stunts at the top of a one-hundred-and-eighty-five foot church steeple, ^{and} in an electrical ~~se~~ storm! For an hour and a-half, he cut capers at the top of the spire of St. Paul's Catholic church, in Harvard Square. He sat on the cross, and ate a sandwich and an orange, and drank a pint of gin. At times, he'd swing by one hand, holding onto the arm of the cross. All the while - lightning flashing, and a roar of thunder. ^{No} ~~The~~ man on ^a ~~the~~ flying trapeze was ^{ever} ~~not~~ half so spectacular.

Finally, he descended, persuaded by his brother. He turns out to be Godfrey Sherman, an elevator operator and an ~~amateur~~ ~~amateur~~ actor. To explain, he said: "Nobody loves me - I'm disillusioned."

^{Henry, do you}
~~I don't~~ suppose his church ~~steeple~~ ~~steeple~~ escapade will make anybody love him any more? [?] ~~they're giving him a~~
~~mental examination~~