

EDC LT-W. Mon. Aug. 23 - '54.

The word from Paris is - that E D C is dead.

Premier Mendes-France, returning home, is prepared to submit the plan for an international Army to the French National Assembly - without any recommendation. Which would assure its rejection. But he <sup>will</sup> propose to restore full sovereignty to West Germany; ~~Except~~ - for the right to rearm. Later - a way to be sought to ex per mit West German rearmament. But - under control.

Over the weekend, the meeting of E D C in Brussels rejected the sweeping changes ~~that~~ that Mendes-France demanded - before France would sign the treaty for a European defense community. Whereupon the Premier flew to London - to confabulate with British Prime Minister Churchill.

(Today, the two statesmen issued a declaration - affirming the conviction that the unity of the West must be preserved. And that - something must be done to offset the failure of the Brussels conference. Mere generalities - of course.)

The word in London is that Churchill urged  
Mendes-France to make a supreme effort to get the French  
National Assembly to ratify the European Army treaty. But  
both statesmen agreed - it looked hopeless.

In Washington, the State Department calls it -  
"a very serious situation." Of course, we remember that  
"agonizing reappraisal" of which Secretary Dulles spoke.

The final failure of E D C is a bad blow for the United  
States, and <sup>now</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>the</sup> may be <sup>at</sup> time for the ~~"agonizing reappraisal"~~

ADD E D C

Here's the latest - an effort made by former French

secret meeting  
Premier Pinay! An eleventh hour move - to save E D C.

that has been  
in the Chamber of ~~Deputies~~ Deputies. A proposal that France  
tell - whether the  
should ratify the E D C treaty - on a trial basis of eighteen  
formed a  
months.

The word in Paris is that Pinay has American  
August fifth a political crisis plotted  
backing in this last minute effort. Which, if successful,  
President's guard, which was followed by disturbances  
will stave off the immediate end of E.D.C.

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ending the trouble. But - he refused.

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## BRAZIL

In Brazil, top ranking military officers held secret meetings today - trying to solve a political crisis that has been going on for eighteen days. The solution to tell - whether the seventy one year old President will be forced out - or allowed to remain.

The crisis grows out of the assassination, on August fifth. A political crime - ~~plotted~~ <sup>plotted</sup>, we hear, by the Presidential guard. Which was followed by disturbances - and President Vargas was urged to resign, as the only way of ending the trouble. But - he refused.

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Reports from Tibet - of an astounding disaster in that fabled land. Enormous floods - bringing about the destruction of a legended palace, with great loss of life. News gets through slowly from Himalayan Tibet - the more so, because it is now behind the bamboo curtain. But the latest dispatches fill in a picture of weird fantasy - with political implications in the world of Communism.

*- second in size to Lhasa -*

The city of Shigatse is the seat of the Panchen

Lama - second in rank to the Dalai Lama, and his traditional

rival. The chinese Reds named a Panchen Lama of their own -

*a young man of Inner Mongolia. And*

Then, invading Tibet, they set up their own Panchen Lama in

*- the vast monastery of Tashilunpo -*

the great palace at Shigatse - a five hundred year old

edifice, crammed with treasures and Tibetan and ancient

Chinese art. That was the situation - when the deluge came.

Shigatse is on the Nanchung River, a tributary

of the Brahmaputra. Up stream - a lake. There were heavy

rains - rivers rising in flood. The swollen lake

burst through its banks, and a huge inundation went pouring down the Nanchung. Inundating - Shigatse.

The flood waters undermined the foundations of the Panchen Lama's palace - and the lofty structure collapsed. Two hundred lives lost - people buried in the ruins. Priceless treasures of art - destroyed.

At another place, a massive barracks, occupied by Chinese troops, collapsed. Five hundred Reds soldiers - killed. Devastation all along the ~~pk~~ line on the Nanchung River - the latest reports ~~gg~~ giving a total of some fifteen hundred victims of the flood *disaster at Shigatse.*

The political angle is this. The Tibetans declare - the deluge came because the Gods are angry. Angry - because the Dalai Lama, the living Buddha, has been taken away. He was removed from Lhasa by the Chinese Reds, we hear, and sent on to Peking. They say th- same is <sup>true</sup> ~~xxx~~ of the Panchen Lama. One report says the Dalai Lama's youngest sister,

together with his nephew and niece, may also be sent to Peking.

They're now at school in Darjeeling, in India.

Tonight, on the lofty Himalayan Plateau, the

Buddhist monks in the monasteries and the yak herders on the  
*great plain - who live at altitudes of 16, 17 + 18,000 ft.*  
*villages* are quoted as saying! "The gods are angry, because"

*And then they add: -*  
the living Buddha has been taken away. "The Gods will surely  
destroy us."

Which can have political results for the Chinese  
Communists - who now rule Tibet.

## PLANE

There's blank mystery about a Dutch airliner, which plunged into the North Sea today. Twenty - one persons aboard including ~~xx~~ seven Americans - all lives lost.

The plane bound from New York to Amsterdam, almost reached the Amsterdam airport - in rainy weather, the last message from the pilot came Nineteen minutes before landing time - a routine message. Then, sudden silence. Something ~~xxx~~ struck the plane down in flight. So suddenly, an emergency signal was never sent.

For hours, there was blank mystery. Then debris of the airliner was found floating on the North Sea. The cause of the disaster - still a mystery.



**STRIKE**

The President today, vetoed the bill to grant a five percent raise to postal and other federal

ended - temporarily at least. Tonight, the pilots' union workers, in response to disapproval, the President

agreed to terms for a truce. Meanwhile bargaining talks said - held on the part of the pilots. Those postal and other

continue. Flights - to be resumed, midnight tomorrow.

Federal workers demand a raise. But the bill ignores

the necessity of raising revenue to pay the freight.

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~~include an increase of postal rates. Which would help to~~

~~finance the rest. But Congress rejected that and the~~

~~President wants to see the money, before the government~~

~~undertakes the plane~~

VETO

President Eisenhower, today, vetoed the bill to grant a five percent pay raise to postal and other federal workers. In a memorandum of disapproval, the President said - he's in favor of the pay hike. Those postal and other federal workers - deserve a raise. But the bill ignores the necessity of raising revenue to pay the freight.

~~In Congress, administration leaders tried to include an increase of postal rates. Which would help to finance the cost. But Congress rejected that, and the President wants to see the money, before the government undertakes the expense.~~

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower's <sup>address</sup> ~~campaign speech~~ this evening, hails the work of the eighty-third congress, and calls upon the people to elect Republicans to <sup>Congress.</sup> ~~the National legislature.~~ At Denver, appearing on television and ~~at~~ radio, the President applauded the way Congress put through his domestic program, and asked the public to back that ~~the~~ program at the polls.

The President heaped scorn on Democrats for predicting - a Republican depression. Ridiculing, what he called, "prophets of gloom and doom."

MCCARTHY

The four G O P members on the sub-committee in the Army-McCarthy row - will file a four man majority report. Ending suppositions - that Senator Potter might join the three Democrats, in making their own report.

At the time of the big T V show, Senator Potter was exceedingly critical of both sides - McCarthy and <sup>the</sup> Army.

~~Some of the most important things Senator Potter said during the hearing were that the Army was not doing a good job of investigating the charges against McCarthy and that the Army was not doing a good job of protecting the country from the threat of Communism. Although nothing was said about the possibility of a hearing on the Army's conduct, it is likely that the hearing will be held in the near future.~~

Today, Senator Mundt of South Dakota, who was chairman of at the hearings, announced - the Republicans have agreed on a statement; And - Senator Potter will sign it.

There was a good deal of argument - with Potter insisting on stronger criticism. But, in the end, he accepted the milder language. At the same time, he'll issue a separate report, of his own. In which - he'll draw his own more stinging conclusions.

So, as matters now stand, the famous television extravaganza will produce - a majority report from the Republicans, a minority statement from the Democrats, and a supplemental personal opinion from the crippled world-war veteran, Senator Potter. These - to be made public shortly - in September.

## CHURCHES

A pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church told a Congressional committee today - that a Hungarian Bishop, attending the World Council of Churches, is a Red spy.

The Reverend Laszlo Vatai, now pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church at Buffalo, New York - stated that, back in Hungary, he knew Bishop John Peter. Who was working, at the time, in the office of the Hungarian President. Peter - an informer for the Communists. Later - the Reds made him a Bishop.

So said the witness, who then gave the opinion that the Communists had sent Bishop Peter to spy on other members of the Hungarian delegation of churchmen.

Last week, addressing the Council of World Churches at Evanston, Illinois, Bishop Peter declares - there was full religious liberty in Hungary. Today, Pastor Vatai retorted - that all sermons in Hungary are censored in advance. And, in each congregation, there are members of the Communist

party - who infiltrate the churches, and do spy work for the Red bosses.

( Supporting this, Congressman Bonin of Pennsylvania read a ■■ report from the U.S. Information Service. Stating that the Red government of Hungary is working to eliminate all churches. )

At Evanston, Bishop Peter was informed of all this, and gave out a reply in ~~wirking~~ writing. He denied that he was a spy for the Reds. And ■■ said - it would be "impossible" for him to be a member of the Communist party.

But he added - it would be possible for a person to be a

Communist and a christian at the same time "in a certain sense of the word."

*And he denied that Communism is a menace to Christianity.*

At Mantoul, Illinois, action is taken against the "Pachucos - gangster hoodlums more familiar on the West Coast. The name - a Mexican derivation. The whole thing - cheap under-world.

An edict against the <sup>"Pachucos"</sup>~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ issued by Brigadier General Gates, Commander of the ~~Chanute~~ Chanute Air Force base.!

Thirty U.S. airmen arrested - as ~~XPER~~ "Pachucos". Some having "Pachuco" emblems tatoood on their skin. Others - found carrying switch knife blades, typical of the mob. Others - charged with various forms of gangsterism.

That's the extent to which the "Pachucos" have invaded the U.S. Air Force.



## REAL ESTATE

Florida claims a "real estate selling" record.

At a new suburb development - four-hundred-and-forty-two homes disposed of in twelve hours. Forty-eight thousand persons driving through the rain - to have a look at the properties offered. The place - Coral City, fifteen miles from downtown Miami.

The project, financed by Ralph Stolkin, a Chicago industrialist, is based on a policy of - no profit. The idea being - to make a large profit. Take some land along the Everglades, build homes, and sell them at cost. Create a new community - which will hike the value of the land, and make local commercial property worth a lot. Get the profit out of that.

## TENNIS PLAYER

The California tennis star Joan Ross Dilley, has forgotten how to play tennis. She vanished from a tournament in Boston. Found - wandering around at Burlington, Vermont, a victim of amnesia.

Today she said - she remembers nothing of the game in which she was a tournament star. How it's played - the rules, the points, how they're scored. But she'll try tennis again - and see if she can recall the way of net and racquet.

Maybe, Joan Ross Dilley will become a star all over again - if she can remember how to serve, the foot work on the court, ~~the~~ the back hand.

## LAWSONOMY

The federal government is investigating - the university of Lawsonomy. A congressional committee says a tax claim of eighty thousand dollars has been filed against the strange establishment in Iowa, which claims to be exempt from taxation - as an educational institution. Teaching - lawsonomy. Described as - the "knowledge of life and everything that pertains thereto."

All of which goes back to Alfred Lawson, picturesque figure in aviation - back in the early days. Who invented a universal science. Calling it - Lawsonomy. Which would produce - a "super-race." People should eat grass, and you should dunk your head in ice water before going to bed.

Then there's the principle of equaverpoise. Also, menorgs and disorgs. Although - nobody seems to know what they mean.

In Nineteen Forty-three, Lawson bought the grounds

and buildings of the University of Des Moines, which had gone out of business, and there he founded - the University of Lawsonomy. Now - a mysterious place. No signs of life on the campus. And, at night, lights are seen in only one building. A sort of - ghost university.

However, the tax people say the Lawsonomists bought four thousand dollars' worth of surplus machine tools from the government, and sold them at a profit of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. So, <sup>Harry,</sup> there may be something in Lawsonomy, after

all. - with its menarage and disarage - and even its equa-ver-poise.