

At his news conference today, Secretary of State Dulles was questioned about that Soviet announcement of a cut in the Russian armed forces. We heard yesterday how the Kremlin is putting more than a million men back into civilian life. Naturally, newsmen wanted to get a statement on that from our Secretary of State.

Mr. Dulles began by welcoming the new development - but he pointed out that we don't know yet just what it means. He noted that Russia needs manpower in industry - and particularly in war industry. And so, it could be that the Kremlin is expanding work on things like atomic bombs and guided missiles. Our Secretary of State summed up his position by saying - he'd rather see a million men doing guard duty - than working on atomic bombs.

At the same time, Army sources in Washington say the manpower cut doesn't really mean much - because the Soviet army has greater fire power than ever before. And the Air Force says there's no sign of any drop in Soviet air power.

## TWINING

Our Air Force Chief-of-Staff announces that we now have hydrogen bombs - small enough to be carried by light bombers. General Nathan Twining was interviewed by the United Press. And he gave one of the first official indications - that his command no longer must rely exclusively on heavy bombers like the B-52 - to deliver the H-bomb. The General reveals that the new bombs can be carried in light bombers, like the new B-66. When the U.P. newsman remarked that the bombs must be getting pretty small - the General replied: "They're not too big."

General Twining's remark supports the assertion of Admiral Arleigh Burke - who said over the weekend that carrier based planes are capable of carrying the H-bomb. Since the Navy has light bombers - it's clear that our naval air arm could be used in an all-out atomic war.

## **STEEL**

The United Steelworkers have presented the steel industry with their 1956 demands. - The 650,000 steel workers want a guaranteed annual wage, a pay raise and 20 other demands. - Steel contracts expire June 30.

MOLLET

The Premier of France is in Moscow. Guy Mollet, flying in - to receive a ceremonial welcome from Marshal Bulganin and other high Soviet officials. Molotov was on hand. And so was the entire Moscow diplomatic corps - including our Ambassador to Russia, Charles Bohlen.

Premier Mollet delivered a brief speech at the airport. He made the pledges that visiting politicians usually make - saying that he intends to do everything he can to iron out differences between Russia and France. But Mollet made it clear that he stands by the alliance between France and the Western powers . As soon as he had finished speaking, Mollet was driven to the Kremlin - for his formal courtesy call on Bulganin. After that, the diplomats got down to their political bargaining.

## ALGERIA

A dispatch from Algiers leaves little doubt that a full scale war is rapidly developing in that area of French North Africa. The dispatch <sup>tells</sup> ~~states~~ how French forces spotted ~~two~~ two hundred and fifty members of the "army of Allah" - deep in the Sahara desert, near the Libyan frontier. The French promptly attacked - and the battle was on. Before the rebels withdrew - thirty-one of them were killed. This, one of the biggest battles so far - and the French are afraid that worse is to come. They've announced that hundreds of French farmers are being drafted into a "minute man militia". The members of this militia will live at home - but they're on twenty-four hour call, whenever a rebel attack comes.

## CYPRUS

On Cyprus, the Turkish minority is beginning to make itself heard. Recent news has featured the clash of the British army and the Greek Cypriote nationalists. But, of course, there are quite a few Turks on Cyprus - in fact, not so long ago, the island belonged to Turkey.

Well, today, the leading Turkish newspaper on Cyprus reflected a growing fear over the activities of the rebels. A British officer was murdered yesterday - on a lonely path near a Turkish village. So the Turks obviously are wondering - whether the terrorists will turn against them - and begin assassinating Turkish leaders. The newspaper also asks just what Greece is up to - in supporting the claims of the pro-Greek Cypriotes.

Meanwhile, the conflict between the British army and the underground organization continues. In one city, a gunman ~~walked~~ walked into a bank, and fired at the British head of the bank. The gunman then fled into the crowd - and got away. There was shooting in a number of other places across Cyprus - but first reports say no one was killed.

GERMAN ARMY

The first American arms for the new West German army - have arrived. A Navy transport, putting tanks and guns ashore at Bremerhaven. Eventually, we will send enough equipment for six West German divisions - and for twenty-four squadrons of the West German Air Force. The cost will run <sup>to</sup> about a billion dollars - for everything from jet fighters and minesweepers - to radar and electronics equipment.

## HARRIMAN

Today, Governor Harriman of New York announced a change in his political status. At a news conference in Missoula, Montana, the Governor said first that there seemed to be some confusion in the Democratic Party - because he hasn't campaigned much. Did that mean he wasn't really serious about the nomination? Well, his answer is - he certainly is serious about it. He put it in a common political phrase - saying, he'll go to the convention not as a "favorite son" from New York, but as a full fledged candidate. When his delegation gives him their support on the first ballot - that won't mean he's holding the line for a switch to someone else. Harriman, to be in the fight for the nomination - right up to the end.

The New York Governor also said he'll do more campaigning before the Convention. He'll try to drum up support in states outside New York.

After that news conference today, Harriman went on.

with his current campaign - attacking the Eisenhower administration vigorously at various places in Montana and Washington.

Back home in Albany, Democratic State Chairman, Michael Prendergast, <sup>says he's</sup> ~~said he was~~ delighted to hear of the Governor's statement - <sup>in effect</sup> announcing his candidacy. Prendergast predicts that Harriman will receive two hundred and fifty votes on the first ballot at the Convention.

## KOREA

That South Korean election is going pretty much as everyone anticipated. Syngman Rhee, running up a ~~big~~ majority in the early balloting.

There is a lot of complaining about the behavior of Syngman Rhee's party. In some polling places, voters say they were intimidated by the Premier's party. Some of them, prevented from voting when they made it clear that they intended to vote against Syngman Rhee. These same opponents also charge the Premier's party - with voting some electors twice.

But Western observers say it's been a remarkably peaceful election - for a new democracy in the Far East.

QUEMOY

Shooting erupted in the Formosa Strait again today.

A big artillery duel between the Nationalists on Quemoy - and the Communists in the Amoy area of the mainland. The Nationalists claim that they destroyed a lot of Red barracks - while Quemoy suffered very little damage.

## KATMANDU

The festivities surrounding the Coronation at Katmandu - were dampened today, when an Indian airliner ran off the air strip and crashed five hundred feet into a canyon. Officials of the airline say the plane didn't get enough lift while attempting to take off. There were thirty-one persons aboard - and first reports say twenty persons were killed, but no Americans. A tragic development in a scene of festivity - where several American dignitaries were on hand, including, as we know, Lowell Thomas. Lowell was NOT on the plane.

## NEPAL

Here's another story from Katmandu. Word has reached the capital of Nepal from Tibet - stating that Communist China has sent a new military governor to rule that hermit theocracy on the roof-of-the-world.

The dispatch says there have been several revolts in Tibet recently. In one place, Tibetans, armed with spears and old-fashioned rifles - overran a Chinese army garrison. Peiping had to rush reinforcements - to restore order. Reports from India say the Red Chinese even bombed Buddhist monasteries.

Then, in April, a new military governor arrived, commissioned to put down all anti-Communist activity in Tibet. He's now running the country from Lhasa - another link in the chain fastened on Tibet by the Red Chinese regime of Mao Tse-tung.

## GRAHAM

In Denver, Colorado, John Graham has been sentenced to death. Graham, implicated in the worst act of sabotage in the history of aviation. He placed a bomb aboard an airliner - and it blew the plane apart over a Colorado sugar beet field, last November.

The motive was money - and the crime was particularly atrocious, because he murdered his mother and 43 others. He took out insurance on his mother - before planting the bomb in her luggage.

After hearing the sentence today, Graham refused to appeal to a higher court. He said he wants the execution to take place as soon as possible - But the Judge, troubled by Graham's unwillingness to take full advantage of legal procedure, has asked the defense attorney's to apply to the State Supreme Court for guidance - in effect an appeal.

## LOUISIANA

The state of Louisiana is holding up the federal government - on the question of off-shore oil deposits. The government is planning to lease submerged lands in the Gulf of Mexico - to private companies. About forty representatives of various companies arrived in New Orleans - to enter bids. But the state of Louisiana has received a court order - restraining the Department of the Interior from going any further. The Department followed this announcement - with an order postponing the leases until legal action is completed.

The point at issue - is, how much of the off-shore land does a state control? The federal government says - three miles. Louisiana claims - in its base - ten miles - a claim going back to the Louisiana Purchase. That's why Louisiana wants to keep private companies from coming any closer than ten miles. Now it's up to the courts to decide.

## AGRICULTURE

The Department of Agriculture has less than one-sixth of the money it needs - to support farm prices over the next fourteen months. So stated by Under Secretary of Agriculture, True Morse - testifying before the House Banking Committee.

Morse <sup>said</sup> ~~testifying~~ that his Department has less than five hundred million in hand - while it needs three billion.

~~He~~ Morse told the Committee that he hopes the administration will be allowed to borrow fourteen billion from the Treasury - lifting the ceiling by two billion. He argued that even with the added amount - the administration might have to ask for more money next year - to help finance President Eisenhower's soil bank program.

The Secretary General of the United Nations helped America celebrate an historic anniversary today. Dag Hammarskjold, in Williamsburg, Virginia, to commemorate the Virginia Convention's demand for independence on May Fifteenth, Seventeen Seventy-Six. The Secretary General traced the development of human rights from this document - right down to the U.N. declaration on human rights.

As Hammarskjold spoke, diplomats from thirty nations listened. Among them the Soviet Ambassador - and diplomats from the Communist satellites. They had nothing to say afterward - about the freedoms that have come from America's revolutionary party. [Apparently, it's something the Russians don't know much about anyway.]

## ATOMIC

Here's a new phrase we may be hearing a lot in the future - "atomic accident insurance." The Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission is asking Congress to authorize a new federal atomic accident insurance program. Lewis Strauss, saying that right now private industry cannot get adequate coverage - against accidents caused by atomic reactors. Strauss declares that private firms offer coverage up to ~~sixty-five~~ <sup>sixty-five</sup> million dollars per plant. He ~~wants~~ wants Congress to set up a five hundred million dollar program. Otherwise, atomic energy will not flow into private industry as fast as it should.

Other members of the Atomic Energy Commission say there's no fear of an atomic reactor blowing up, like an atomic bomb. But if a reactor gets out of hand - it can ruin an entire <sup>and kill up to 50 persons.</sup> factory. That's the reason why America needs more - atomic accident insurance.

## FROGMAN

The case of the missing frogman - will remain a mystery. Prime Minister Eden has refused to give any more information about what happened to Commander Lionel Crabb - and so the case will probably be filed away as one of the unexplained mysteries of the cold war. It might be years before the time comes when revealing the truth will be in the public interest.

How does this leave the British Prime Minister? In London it's being said that Sir Anthony turned an embarrassing moment into a political victory. He won a vote in the Commons by a margin of eighty-seven -- more than he usually receives. He broke up the Socialist campaign - to use the mystery as a weapon against him. So Eden rides out the storm - for the moment, at least. And ~~the~~ British public will have to continue to guess - about the fate of the missing frogman.

WIFE

In Trento, Italy, Enrico Antonelli came home and told his wife that he had just lost his job. Whereupon, the lady picked up a club and beat him unconscious. Then, apparently Mrs. Antonelli had a second thought about the situation. Maybe she was touched with remorse - at the idea that it wasn't all her husband's fault.

Anyway, she wrapped up her club in a neat parcel, and went off to see her husband's boss. When she found him, she took out her club - and beat him unconscious too.

Tonight, both the husband and the boss are in the hospital. The police of Trento are trying to decide whether they have a case against the club-wielding wife.