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(Charles Collingwood sub.)

C.C.: GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY!

The ratification of rearmament for West Germany is safely through the French Chamber of Deputies. It wasn't everything that Premier Mendes-France had wanted, no resounding victory. The majority was only 27 votes: 287 to 268 - but at least the Deputies did put their okay on the proposal to bring West Germany into the new Western European union, which was a critical point. The Deputies called for an immediate vote when they assembled today. Within two hours the vote was taken and counted. When the speaker announced the results, approval of West German rearmament, the members of the Communist party stood up in a body. They began to shout insults at

other Deputies. One woman shook her fist and screamed words like "assassins", "bandits", "Nazis". Finally the ushers had to cordon off the Communist section while the other Deputies walked out. Around the building the Reds had arranged another demonstration, outside, a crowd controlled by Communist leaders. When the verdict was announced, they all began to sing the French National Anthem, the Marseillaise. The police finally managed to keep the demonstration in hand. Eventually the Reds got tired and walked away. Paris observers declare that today's vote and its aftermath is the greatest Communist defeat since 1945.

This means that Chancellor Adenauer's Government in West Germany will have the right to raise an army of half a million men to work with the other allies. There will also be a new German air force and a new German navy - but both very small. Of course, the most important result of today's vote in the Paris Chamber of

Deputies is that France remains a major ally of Britain and America. Admirers of the French were fearful that the vote might be negative; in which case both London and Washington were prepared to bypass France as unreliable. Now that danger is over. The Deputies gave the prestige of their country a big boost when they voted as they did.

EISENHOWER

Shortly after the French vote was made public, President Eisenhower issued a statement at his vacation home in Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Eisenhower had been ready to fly back to Washington if France turned down West German rearmament, but the favorable vote made him decide to stay on at the Augusta Golf Club. In his statement Mr. Eisenhower said he was very gratified. He pointed out that a lot remains to be done, but that the defense of the free world is now strengthened by the inclusion of West Germany with the agreement of the French. Secretary Dulles and the leaders of Western Europe also expressed satisfaction.

But there's a very different reaction, as you might expect, behind the Iron Curtain. The Communist line is summed up in a broadcast tonite by the Prague Radio, which says that the vote in the Chamber of Deputies was due to what it calls "the ruthless terror, threats and machinations of Mendes-France and his American and British partners."

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HAMMARSKJOLD In another big diplomatic story, the Secretary General of the United Nations is on his way to London. Dag Hammarskjold has left New York's International Airport in a Super-Constellation of our Military Air Transport Service. He's off to London on the first leg of a journey that will end at Peiping, in Red China. There he will confer with Chou En-lai about those eleven American airmen sentenced to prison last month. He'll also raise the question of almost three thousand United

Nations troops still held by the Mao Tse-tung regime. Our Ambassador to the U.N., Henry Cabot Lodge, was at the airport to see the Secretary General off.

Hammarskjold delivered a brief message about his mission. He made it clear that he has no intention of begging Chou En-lai to release the prisoners and he won't negotiate about the question of a seat in the U.N. for Red China either, or about any other issue except the prisoners. Admitting that he doesn't know what the result will be, the Secretary General added: "I can only say that I shall do my best." Hammarskjold will arrive in London tomorrow morning. He'll confer there with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden before flying on to New Delhi. In the Indian capital he'll meet Premier Nehru, in a second conference. Then he'll be off for China and his conference with Chou En-lai.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Attorney General Herbert Brownell today indicated that he wants to put twenty-seven new organizations

on the list of subversive groups. Brownell is giving them ten days to defend themselves. Otherwise, they're to go down on his list under the terms of the McCarran Communist Control Act. The Attorney General's list is used by both the Government and private business in determining the status of employes. At the same time the Chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board declares that the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City should also be compelled to register, Chairman Thomas Herbert saying that the Jefferson School is Communist-controlled.

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Here's a report now from Egypt, which ancient land has been going thru a dangerous crisis. Lowell Thomas, on his way to southern Asia, has made a stop at Cairo and gives us a recorded account of the state of affairs there.

L.T.: From Cairo this time - the Nile flowing by right outside my window; feluccas drifting along with their lateen sails just as they have drifted since the days of the pharaohs and Cleopatra.

One of my first impressions of Cairo this time is that it's an armed camp. Almost every time you look up, military trucks are going by. There seems to be a note of uncertainty in the air - and maybe it originates right up at the top of the Government; for there is a report that Colonel Nasser, the Strong Man of the revolution, is sleeping in a different bed every night - one way to avoid assassination.

At any rate, the regular Cairo winter season seems to be on full blast - hotels jammed, new ones going up all around; the new Conrad Hilton-on-the-Nile and, of course, a new Shepherds. At the Semiramis they're putting the overflow on board the Queen Mother's yacht, which is anchored just outside our window.

And what happened to President Naguib, the popular idol of the revolution that ousted Farouk. Gamal Faris (?), Cairo Radio newsman, has just been telling me that Naguib is merely confined to quarters, apparently in no danger of losing his life. But right from the start, he was only the front man for the military group that took over; but then he became much, much too popular to suit them, too enthusiastic about Western ideas, too. So the rest of the military group just shoved him in the background.

As for the condition of the people? Better than before, says Gamal Faris. Taxes out a lot. But the new regime has put a heavy toll on imports; for example, a sixty per cent tax on American cars. That's one way that they're making it up. Nasser is reported ill, but if he recovers overnite, before I fly on up the Nile to the Sudan, well, I may have a story for you from him tomorrow.

C.C.: Okay, Lowell! We'll be waiting for another report and hope that Premier Nasser gets well.

NIXON Speaking of trips, the White House announced tonight that Vice President Nixon and his wife will make a good-will tour of the Caribbean area in February. The Vice President's assignment will be similar to that which took him on a 45,000-mile tour of nineteen countries a year ago. The Eisenhower Administration believe that Nixon made a lot of friends for the United States on that trip. James Hagerty, the White House news secretary, said that the Caribbean trip was being made at the request of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles. So Vice President Nixon is going to do some travelling!

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INDONESIA Five Prime Ministers addressed a great mass meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia, today as they concluded their conference. The Prime Ministers represented

Indonesia, India, Ceylon, Burma and Pakistan. All five spoke on similar themes, concerning the necessity of building up economic strength and political solidarity in Asia. The key thought was put by the Prime Minister of Ceylon, Sir John Kotelawala, who pointed out that the East is about a hundred years behind the West economically. "The world regards Asia as being in second place," he said. Then he added: "Some of our people are content with second place. This must stop and the whole of Asia must work together." The other speakers agreed with him, in particular India's Prime Minister Nehru, who declared that raising the standard of living is even more important than independence. Following the Jakarta mass meeting, the leaders went home. Observers in Indonesia say that the dominant role at the conference was played by Nehru, who was largely responsible for having Red China invited to the great meeting of Africans and Asians that will be held in Indonesia next April.

OBSERVATORY

Canada's David Dunlop Observatory may have to move - so revealed by the Director, Dr. J. F. Herd. He says that the observatory is just too close to Toronto, so that photographs of the stars are being fogged by neon lights. The Director adds that business men have been asked to reduce the lighting of their signs, but so far are not cooperating and the observatory and its scientists may have to move somewhere else.

INDIA

A dispatch from the Indian Province of Deradun(?) reveals that the Nehru Government is planning to kill tigers that roam the jungle there. And the reason is one that you don't often hear about in connection with tigers. The Government is trying to save the lions of Deradun. Until the beginning of the 19th Century, lions roamed freely through the jungles of India, but under the British East India Company it became so fashionable to shoot the king of beasts that they began to die off. So, by 1900 it was estimated that less than

150 lions remained. It was the great Lord Curzon who decided to do something about it. When he was Governor General of India he had a sanctuary for lions established, after which the number increased - and the concentration of all its lions in one spot. So it was decided to take some of them to the Province of Deradun. But there was one great obstacle: tigers. The big, striped cat is more than a match for his cousin, whom we call the king of beasts. So, they'll have to kill off the tigers if the lions are to survive in the Province of Deradun.

And, Hugh, that's why tiger hunters are being encouraged to operate in the jungles of Deradun!