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Washington announces an agreement on Japanese rearmament.

A joint American-Japanese declaration was issued tonight. No figures are given. But it is known that this country would like Japan to form an Army of three-hundred-and-fifty-thousand men, an Air Force of one thousand jet planes, and a Navy of two-hundred-thousand tons;^{and} in the next three to five years.

Tonight's Washington statement offers to supply the Japanese with military equipment, and says American troops would be withdrawn as soon as the Japanese are able to undertake their own defense.

There's a ~~new~~ new uproar at Pan Mun Jom - with Korean prisoners of war facing the Red "explainers". At last reports, there was shouting, howling, raucous disturbance.

~~Th~~ All this - following an agreement brought about by the commander of the Indian guards. Who - ~~he~~ persuaded the Korean anti-Communists to end their thirteen day sit down strike. Until the last moment, General Thimayya wasn't sure they'd actually come out - to be interviewed. But they did, five truckloads taken to the "explanation" structure.

They were singing South Korean marching songs, and shouting against the Reds. When they appeared before the "explainers" they howled - no no no. One prisoner had to be held by Indian guards, as he tried to attack a red "explainer."

This is an early report, as the day began in Korea. It remains to be seen how many Korean captives will ~~sub~~ succumb, to the Communist "explainers".

ATROCITIES

In Washington, the defense department discloses the agonizing story of five American airmen who refused to "confess" germ warfare. They are Lieutenant John Streit of South Orange, New Jersey; Master Sergeant George Morar of Rockville, Maryland; Captain William Preston, of Batavia, New York; Captain Zach Dean of Douglas, Kansas; and Captain William McTaggart of East Brady, Pennsylvania.

Captain Preston, a reconnaissance pilot, says the first ~~man~~ questioning lasted for seventy-two hours - without a break.

"Then they took me, and put me in a hole in the ground," he says. "A small hole about five feet long, about three ~~feet~~ feet high, and a couple of feet wide, ~~They~~ bound me hand and foot, threw me into this hole, and left me there for three days without any water or food." After that he was kept at near starvation for thirty days.

That was the kind of treatment the five airmen got. -

But they didn't crack.

GENERAL DEAN

General Dean tells - of the desperation to which he was reduced by the ordeal of questioning. He was able to get a submachine gun away from a sleeping North Korean guard - and here's what he intended to do:—

He told the National Press Club in Washington today how, when he was captured, the Reds questioned him at one session of sixty-eight hours. Then, forty-four hours. Then, ten hours.

"What they were aiming for," says ~~the~~ General Dean, *And he goes on,* "was the defense plans of Japan." *The trouble was - I knew* them."

He was afraid that he couldn't stick it out. *That* Under torture, he *might* reveal *those* American defense plans for Japan, *Such* ~~that~~ was his state of mind - when, at night, he noticed that the guard was asleep. So he sneaked over, and took the submachine gun. His purpose ~~was~~ - to kill the North Korean secret police officer, who had been directing the torture of questioning. Then - he'd shoot himself.

But, in the room, a Korean Army Colonel was asleep, and he ~~xx~~ awakened.

"He rushed me" General Dean relates. "He was a brave man, because I had the gun in my hand, and I swung it at him." That would ~~have~~ have been the end of the Korean Colonel, and of the American General too - but the submachine gun jammed,

"About that time," General Dean goes on, "the guard woke up - and clipped me. He knocked me on my face. Then about fifteen Korean guards ~~xxx~~ were manhandling me."

They told him he'd be tried for - "armed insurrection." But the trial never came off. Instead, they gave the General better treatment - impressed, perhaps by his desperate ~~xxxx~~ resolve.

GERMANY- SOLDIER

In West Berlin, an American soldier is being put on trial for an ~~off~~ offense you'd hardly suspect. He joined the Communist police of East Germany.

He's one of the three G I's who deserted to the world behind the Iron Curtain, and then came back. Preferring to face the music - rather than stay on with Reds. The indictment, made public today, charges that this deserter became a member of what is called the "Red Gestapo". The secret police - which rules with terror in every Communist country.

So he's being tried, not only under military law for desertion - but also under American civil law. The Smith Act - ~~we~~ under which leaders of the American Communist party have been sent to prison in this country.

PRESIDENT Eisenhower says it's hard to believe that a Communist government would honor any agreement to reduce world tension. So stated in a letter to Congressman Zablocki (~~e pronounced as s~~) who asked the President for a public condemnation of the internment of Cardinal Wyszyski in Red Poland.

The President replies: "it is clear that Communists will use violence wherever they can. To win domination - over the mind, body and soul of men."

COMMUNISM

Washington gives us an estimate of Communist membership throughout the world. Saying - there's a total of twenty-four million active members of Red parties in Ninety-two nations.

These are ~~xxxxxx~~ estimates prepared for the Senate foreign relations committee. Showing that Russia has the largest Communist party, six million, eight hundred thousand Reds. China comes next, with five million, eight hundred thousand. Western Europe has three million, though the total vote poled by Communist parties is much larger - thirteen million. Which is a reflection of the fact that the Communists often prefer a small party membership - with influence on a whole lot of ~~the~~ other people.

In this ccuntry, the estimate is - twenty-five thousand party members, with a quarter of a million people - willing to follow the lead of the Reds.

ANGLO-IRANIAN

The Anglo-Iranian oil company is at it again - but not in Iran this time. Having lost the Persian oil fields, the company is beginning anew - to the south on the Persian Gulf.

London announces that Anglo-Iranian is launching a project along the coast of Abu Dhabi - southern Arabia.

Abu Dhabi is an independent principality, ruled by an independent sovereign - Sheik Shakbut Bin Sultan. Who now signs a long lease with Anglo-Iranian -- covering twelve hundred square miles.

It's an off shore development - great resources of petroleum believed to lie in shallow waters of the Persian Gulf - on the Arabian side.

French oil experts are in the deal, as that famous Anglo-Iranian oil company - starts life all over again.

NOBEL PRIZE

The Nobel prize awards - brought a surprise today.

The peace prize for Nineteen Fifty^{Three} - awarded to General

George Marshall. Whose name had not appeared ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ all the

guessing. Ex-President ~~in~~ Truman had been mentioned,

prominently. But all surmises in advance - were wrong.

The Nobel Peace prize for Nineteen Fifty-three goes to the distinguished soldier, who was U S Chief of Staff in the Second World War. And then later - became Secretary of State. Sponsoring - the Marshall Plan. U.S. Economic aid, which did so much in the rebuilding of Western Europe. The Marshall Plan - esteemed as a mighty deed in behalf of world peace.

Peace
Actually, two Nobel/Prizes are granted. Last year,

~~the Nobel Prize for Peace~~ The
award was delayed ~~until~~ until

this year. ~~So that it is not a surprise~~. The winner -

Albert Schweitzer, philosopher, musician, medical missionary,

~~is~~ humanitarian. At the age of thirty, he was eminent in

theology and music - but gave that all up, to study medicine, and become a doctor and benefactor among the tribes of French Equatorial Africa. Establishing a hospital for native patients - including lepers. That has been his work for nearly half a century - during which time he wrote a book on philosophy, which attracted worldwide attention. Now, at seventy-nine, Albert Schweitzer is granted last year's nobel peace prize.

A magnificent honor to crown a superb career - and the same thing goes for our own General Marshall, winning the Nineteen Fifty-~~Three~~ award.

Today, General Marshall was not informed of the news - not immediately. At Pinehurst, North Carolina, he's ill in bed in a weakened condition, after four weeks of influenza, nothing dangerous, according to the doctors - but they've ordered complete rest for the seventy-three year old veteran. ~~General Marshall was not told about the Nobel~~

~~prize later in the day~~

NOTE

General Marshall was informed of the award late
this afternoon, and said - he's greatly honored.



ADD NOBEL PRIZE

Tonight President Eisenhower leads the cheers -
the applause for the honor paid to General Marshall.

SPEED

Last week, in California, a new jet fighter plane was made public - the F-100 super-sabre. The only American supersonic plane - turned out on an assembly-line basis. Today, the news - the super-Sabre breaking ~~all~~ speed records. Flying - at seven-hundred-and-fifty-four-and-ninety-eight-one-hundredths miles an hour.

This was ~~at~~ over a course at the Salton Sea, with Lieutenant Colonel Pete Everest at the controls. The previous record was established by a U.S. jet. Now it's exceeded by a mile-and-a-half-an-hour.

During the past few months, the championship for speed has been tossed back and forth across the ocean.

British jets - winning it. ^{Then} American jets. - ~~reconquering~~
~~the crown for swiftness.~~

At Carson City, Nevada, Crooner Frank Sinatra, today, stated his marriage with Ava Gardner was "all over". But, he wasn't so full of despair, - There was something to compensate. Today, Sinatra was granted a license to go into ~~the gambling~~ business in Nevada. Enabling him - to become a partner in a gambling house. Unkucky in love, but lucky in gambling. The only way to be lucky - ~~my~~ run the joint!

TIN CAN

At Rochester, New York, today, they enshrined -- a tin can. A stately plaque set up, and on top - the venerated object. Now don't laugh. This is serious. For this was the three hundred billionth tin can manufactured in New York State - for tomatoes, or sardines, beans - things edible, and - inedible.

This is another one of those "weeks"; canning and freezing industries week. Celebrating a business that began in Eighteen Nineteen - when the first cans of New York state food were put on the market.

Now they are turned out at the rate of two billion, one-hundred-and-fifty-six million a month --so--all honor to the tin can - in this the golden age of the ubiquitous tin can.

And now, Mike, let's go hom - it's time for dinner. Let's see what delectable things the little woman is whipping up for us tonight--out of a tin can. I can hardly wait!