

L.T.-W. Fri 8/13th - '54.

Substitute FRANCE.

The French Cabinet, tonight, approved of the proposal, by Premier Mendes-France - to ratify the West European Army. But, in a stormy meeting, three Ministers ~~announced~~ walked out. Resigning - in protest. ~~xxx~~

Although - the okay of EDC was hedged with sweeping restrictions. Mendes-France - demanding revisions of the European Army Plan. Which, however, did not appease those three Cabinet members. Followers - of de Gaul.

Their resignations, however, are not likely to disrupt the Mendes-France Government. So says Paris tonight.

OTTO JOHN

From Washington *we get* an account of the visit Otto John

paid to this country, shortly before going over to the Reds.

~~Government officials, we are told, are in eager to discuss~~

~~the welcome received by the West German Security Chief - now~~

~~a renegade. But the following seems to have been the schedule.~~

He
~~Otto John~~ arrived in New York on May Nineteenth,

and proceeded to Washington. On June Seventh, he was

entertained at the home of Allen Dulles, head of our top secret

Central Intelligence Agency. It was a small, private dinner,

"purely social." There was talk about international Communism -

Otto John doing most of the talking.

He made a visit to the F.B.I., but got a cool

reception there. J. Edgar Hoover came out of his inner office

to shake hands with the West German Security Chief. But was

with him - for less than a minute. Whereupon Otto John was

taken for a tour of the F.B.I. Building - the kind of walk

around that ordinary tourists *are always taking.*
~~would make~~

We hear that the chilly attitude of the F.B.I. might

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be traced back to reports that the West German Security Chief drank too much, and talked too much.

At the Defense Department, Otto John talked with top ranking military officers - the Brass. Receiving - the conventional courtesies.

DIPLOMAT.

Tonight in Washington, a News Conference was held by the Former Soviet diplomat, Rastovorov. Who - was a Chief of Red Espionage in Japan. He disappeared some while ago. Moscow claiming - that he had been kidnapped by the Americans.

So now the mystery has been cleared up.

Rastovorov, in Washington, making a public appeal for asylum in the United States. Explaining, "so that I can live like a decent human being."

SYNGMAN RHEE

Syngman Rhee came to this country - planning to ask the Eisenhower administration to call off the truce in Korea, and start the war again. But he didn't. His talk was belligerent, but he did not make a formal proposal - for us to denounce the Korean Armistice, Or, at least, agree - that South Korea might resume the war on its own.

Today, Syngman Rhee came home to Seoul, and there issued a statement. He told of the cordial welcome he got in the United States. And added that he had gone to Washington, hoping to negotiate a renewal of the Korean War. "But," said he, "I found that the situation was unfavorable at the highest level, and I therefore did not make the proposal."

~~His plan would not get such a favorable reception at the White House.~~

GOA

In the old city of Goa, on the Malabar coast of India, there was a procession today. Barefoot pilgrims, seven thousand of them - trudging over six miles ~~thru~~ through a driving rain. Indian Christians - protesting against a March on Goa, threatened by the Hindus.

Goa - a possession of Portugal, ever since the glory days of the Portuguese empire in the East. The native population - converted by Catholic missionaries. But now, India demands the tiny colony. This - to be enforced by a March of Hindus, pouring in from other parts.

Hence the Christian procession today - to the great Cathedral of Goa, to the tomb of St. Francis Xavier. Where the great throng prayed for the intercession of the Apostle to the Orient.

In New Delhi, Prime Minister Nehru, today, stated - he could not prevent ~~the~~ ^a peaceable March ^{of} what he called, the "liberation volunteers." At the same time, urging them - to avoid violence. And practice - the principles of Mohatma

Gandhi, who taught the doctrine of non-violence.

Nehru said ~~the army~~ (the regular army of India) could take possession of Goa ~~at~~ any time they wanted. But added: "They haven't done it, and they won't do it." India desiring - a peaceful settlement, and remain friends with Portugal.

Well, it remains to be seen what will happen when the Hindu March on Goa pours into the city, where many thousands of Christians desire to stay under Portuguese rule, as in the days of Vasco da Gama and the Golden Viceroy Albuquerque.

ROCKET

London says - the United States and Great Britain will soon test a guided missile with a controlled range of twenty-five hundred miles. A rocket - capable of being steered for that long distance.

Where will this experiment be held? Well, here's a telltale clue. ~~Sources~~ Sources of information in London say that observers will be placed along the line of flight - to check the course of the guided missile. They'll be stationed in the Caribbean, and on Ascension Island, in the South Atlantic. Which leads to the inference that the rocket will be launched from somewhere in Florida. And aimed - at the Arctic. Landing - somewhere in the southern ocean.

ATOMIC

The Senate has rejected a compromise version of the Atomic Energy Bill. This - in spite of an urgent plea from President Eisenhower.

The bill, of course, was the subject of that long noisy filibuster, a couple of weeks ago. The Senate - finally adopting the atomic measure with amendments.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives had passed an atomic bill of its own. Differing - somewhat from the Senate version. Which led to the usual procedure - a joint Committee of the Senate and the House, adjusting the differences, producing a compromise. The compromise - then going back to the two Chambers for final ratification.

That is what the Senate now refuses ^{today} _^ rejecting the compromise by a vote of forty-eight to forty-one.

Which throws the Atomic Bill into confusion again. Let's hope they don't have another record-breaking filibuster.

DEBT

The Senate, this afternoon, voted to increase the limit of the national debt. Okaying - a temporary hike of six billion dollars. Which would raise the debt limit to two-hundred-and-eighty-one billions. Only temporarily - until June Thirtieth, next year. When the ceiling would fall back to two hundred and seventy-five billions. The assumption being - that, by then, the U.S. Treasury should be running in the black, with surpluses.

The Senate bill, passed today, will have to be harmonized with a debt ceiling hike voted by the House of Representatives last year.

AIRLINES

A nationwide strike on five major ~~six~~ airlines was averted, today - when the Companies agreed to bargain with the Union. A sixth, Eastern Airlines, refused to accept the agreement - but is not expected to face a walkout.

American Airlines has been tied up by a strike for some days

ALASKA

Alaska reports - a vast forest fire. Sweeping the region of - Big Delta. The blaze began on Tuesday, near Jaris Creek, and soon there was a tempest of raging flame - sweeping along. Threatening - a U.S. Army base at Big Delta. Two hundred fire fighters battling to save Army buildings and installations.

The forest fire jumped the Alaskan highway, and swept on. The highway - tied up. ~~It is~~ Quite possible for automobiles to get through. ^{But} ~~The~~ motorists are decidedly reluctant. Hesitating - to drive on for miles, - between giant walls of flame.

In advance of the fiery tempest - herds of buffalo. Driven from woodland haunts, the great beasts are now running ahead of the flames.

NORTH CAROLINA

Scientists are beginning an investigation of what is called - the most interesting part of our Atlantic coast.

~~What's your guess? What would that be? Answer: the long~~

The
/barrier of sand banks off the coast of North Carolina. The dominating point of which is Cape Hatteras. Sand spits - desolate and windswept. ~~So much the great scientists~~

~~interest~~

Well, they say those outer islands were the site of an ancient Indian culture, long forgotten, ~~archeologists~~
~~with excavations for a long past Indian civilization~~ lost in the dim past.

archeologists may
They ~~might~~ even find a clue to the lost Colony of Roanoke. Established - under the auspices of Sir Walter

Raleigh. ~~When ships returned~~ ^{But the} colony had vanished.

Nobody knows what ~~ever~~ happened to the ~~small colony of English~~ settlers.

Geological discoveries are promised. The scientists will make borings - to determine the way the barrier was built

by the sea. Botany may give a clue to changes of climate.

And they'll study the effect of hurricanes - which, for ages, have swept along the line of Cape Hatteras.

BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham says that one-third of the ~~at~~ police force of that fair Alabama city - may be fired, many ~~of them~~ sent to jail. Because of burglary. Places robbed - by the police.

~~One cop has confessed his own part - in the looting of a ^{MA}Birmingham clothing store. And has implicated - twenty-three other policemen, in a series of burglaries. Another officer - stripped of his badge, charged - with disposing of stolen goods.~~

Today, Police Commissioner Robert Lindberg stated that, before the investigation is finished, more than one hundred policemen may be involved in the burglaries and other crimes - about one-third of the Birmingham police force.

Cops and robbers,[?] ~~and~~ The cops are the robbers.

There's a proposal that all the states enact a law to deal with - forgotten millions. Do something about bank accounts, funds in safety deposit boxes - the owners of which have disappeared. Or, have, perhaps, forgotten about wealth, which is legally theirs. The total, now lying in banks - said to be millions upon millions.

~~Four states have enacted laws providing that such property shall be taken in custody by the state. New York, New Jersey, Kentucky, and California. When the New York law went into effect, the state received custody of twelve million dollars. That much - in forgotten funds.~~

At Chicago, a conference is on, to make the state laws more uniform. They've drawn up a bill, for all the states to adopt. A measure - to deal with bank accounts which lie dormant for more than seven years, no deposit or withdrawals. The state would then take the custody. The same for neglected securities, or other forms of wealth in safety deposit boxes. The property - to be held in trust for the rightful owners,

if they should ever show up. But, meanwhile, the state could invest these assets, and keep the interest they might earn.

Make some use - of the forgotten wealth.

Substitute FUGITIVES.


Rhode Island had a wild prison break today - five desperados convicts escaping. And taking a prison guard along as a hostage. In the man-hunt, they were trapped in a swamp. One - captured. The hostage - released.

The other four fugitives broke out of the trap, and went speeding away in an automobile. But they ^(met) ~~met~~ their Waterloo when they came to a road block, established by the State Police. The automobile crashed into a tree. The convicts - recaptured!

ROBBERY

In Maryland - the biggest bank robbery the state has ever known. Three bandits - getting away with one hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars. Later, three suspects were picked up by a policeman. But - wait a minute. Here's the oddity.

The bandits, three Negroes, walked into the bank at the Andrews Air Force base in Maryland. A military branch of the First National Bank of Southernⁿ Maryland. They held up eight employees and customers, walked out with the record-breaking loot, and went speeding away in an automobile.

Shortly afterward, at Marlboro, Maryland, a policeman stopped a car for speeding. Three men in it - answering descriptions of the fugitive robbers. But the cop hadn't heard of the bank hold-up. So he turned loose two of them, but held the driver. The charge of speeding - that flagrant. 

~~The prisoner - now held as a suspect, pending~~

~~further evidence.~~

Add ROBBER.

The latest - the F.B.I. states that five people have identified the prisoner, as one of the bandits. But, none of the money, was recovered.

SWIMMER

At the town of Alderwood, in Indiana, today, Irene Snow said - she ~~doesn't~~ care how far it is across Lake Ontario. Irene, a blond eighteen year ~~old~~^{old} telephone operator, doesn't care - if it is ninety-six miles, instead of thirty-six miles. She thought it was thirty-six miles, when she announced - she'd swim across the lake. Irene's notions of distance are a little - confused.

Well, you'd think she'd give it up - nobody ever having swam the ninety-six miles before. It would take her at least thirty-two hours, but Irene says - it doesn't matter. "Just as long," she adds, "as it doesn't take more than a week to get there."

So she declares - she'll start on Sunday - and swim from Toronto all the way across Lake Ontario to Rochester, New York.

Oh, just about
Would you say Dizzy blonde? Dizzy distance, blonde?
Harvey?