

In Washington tonight Defense Secretary Marshall announced a temporary deadlock in western European defense force talks. The U.S. and France having failed to reach an agreement about using German troops. ^{See.} Marshall said he hoped a satisfactory solution to the German issue could be reached "in a very few weeks." But, ^{he} insisted on a "realistic" defense plan. ~~The German question now goes back from the Defense Ministers to the military committee and the council of Deputies. The latter meets in~~ ^{There will be another meeting in} Washington again tomorrow, ~~morning~~ ^{for} to try ~~to reach~~ a settlement. Though disagreeing about Germany, the defense chiefs have decided on the size and ~~type~~ type of military force ~~for~~ from each of the western democracies. No details ^{on this} have been officially published. But it is understood that the combined force will include about fifty ground divisions -- supported by powerful ~~navy fleets and huge air~~ ^{sea and air} armadas. The fleets to be based in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean with strong air bases to be set up in Britain and on the Continent.

U.N.

In the U.N. General Assembly, American Delegate Austin tonight concluded the drive to continue Trygve Lie as Secretary-General. ~~Warren Austin~~ ^{He} explained that the veto was not employed by Russia because ^{Trygve} Lie had been "incompetent, timid or derelict in his duty." He charged instead that Russia used the veto "to punish the Norwegian for backing U. N. action in Korea."

Earlier Trygve Lie had left the Assembly when Vishinsky accused the Secretary-General of being a "two-faced echoer and stooge of the American delegation -- foisted on the U. N. by the United States!"

The General Assembly will vote on this tomorrow.

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~~The latest from Lake Success.~~ ^{TP} The U. N. special political committee tonight voted to lift the boycott against Franco Spain. The vote, thirty-seven to ten, - twelve abstaining. This gives a favorable margin over the two-thirds needed for final approval by the full General Assembly.

KOREA

The U. S. Tenth Army expects to reach the Manchurian frontier in a few days. The importance of the announcement is this:- It comes from a senior U. N. commander in Korea, who places "little credence in the notion that strong Chinese Communist forces" are *facing* ~~before~~ them. Earlier MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo announced "that it is not yet prepared to confirm that there are any Chinese ^{units} fighting in Korea."

The American forces continue to roll up the east and west coasts, driving toward the Manchurian border. The order of the day, "full speed ahead!" Major-General Church, commander of the Twenty-Fourth Division expects his men to reach the Yalu River by tomorrow night."

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North of the vital Port of Hanhung, a U. S. Marine Corps patrol today reported a large body of Red troops moving south.

TIBET

From New Delhi ~~tonight~~ comes word that the Dalai Lama and his government have asked India for

Asylum. The latest from Lhasa that the Chinese Reds are now within one hundred and fifty miles of the capital city -- moving through heavy snowstorms along the ancient silk caravan route from China.

It is also learned in New Delhi that Peking has replied to Nehru's protest against the invasion of Tibet. The line taken in the reply is that Tibet is part of China and the invasion therefore -- "A domestic affair." The Chinese Reds say they still mean to settle the Tibetan problem through peaceful negotiation - "Now awaiting the arrival of the Tibetan mission from India," *was the way they put it.*

RADIO BERLIN

In Berlin tonight the Western Allies cut the power supply to "Radio Berlin", the Russian station which happens to be in the Western zone. Workmen tore up the sidewalk and hacked through the power lines. This in retaliation for East Berlin's action a month ago when power supplies were cut off from West Berlin. However, Radio Berlin is still on the air. The Reds simply turned on their emergency generator

PUERTO RICO

From Puerto Rico we hear the two-day revolt by anti-American Nationalists is over. But this abortive uprising resulted in forty deaths.

Puerto Rican National Guard units, with planes and tanks, today captured the last two mountain strongholds of the revolt. Munoz Marin, the first popularly-elected Governor of Puerto Rico described the uprising today as "an act of lunacy". He promised that the Island will be back to normal in a day or two."

BALLOON

Russia claims a new world's record - for the longest balloon flight in history. Balloon "USSR VR79" took off from Moscow on October twenty-fifth, and went sailing away for nineteen hundred and twenty-six miles. VR79 was in the air for eighty-three hours, and finally wound up in Kazakistan.

According to the Soviet newspaper Red Fleet, this broke the previous record by more than fourteen hours -- and also set a new long-distance record. Announcing this news the Red Fleet carefully underlined previous Russian claims that the very first balloon ascent ever made was in Seventeen Hundred and Thirty-one - made by a Russian, of course; fifty years before any other balloonist appeared anywhere else in the world.

The Russians seem to enjoy kidding themselves. I wonder if they believe their own propaganda.

ANTARCTIC-FOLLOW BALLOON

These Russian claims of "first" are the more peculiar because they sometimes are a mixture of splendid fact with curious fantasy. Take the claims the Soviets are making in the Antarctic; they are based on a superb voyage of exploration; - but ^{they} ignore the American phase.

R Who was first to sight the Antarctic Continent? I put

that question to Commander Finn Ronne, the South Polar explorer of renown, ^{whose book on the Antarctic came out recently. Finn Ronne} who has made a study of the history

of early voyages in those regions, ^{and the} ~~his~~ ^{he} reply ^{me} gives ^{is}

a fascinating story.

In Eighteen Twenty, Czar Alexander the First sent an expedition to sail as far south as possible - two warships under the command of an officer with an exceedingly German name, Captain Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen. The Soviet claims today are based on his memorable voyage -- and he did find the South Polar Continent. But was he first?

There was a young American skipper, who sailed on a sealing voyage -- Nathaniel Brown Palmer of Stonington, Connecticut. In a small barque, he hunted

seals in southern waters, and found Antarctic land. Then, between the South Shetland Islands and the southern continent, he ran into a heavy fog.

When the blinding mist lifted, the young skipper opened his eyes wide. He saw, on either side of his tiny barque, two warships. He immediately hoisted the American flag, and the two warships raised the colors of Imperial Russia. Whereupon Palmer was summoned to visit the Russian commander.

What then happened was written later on by the captain of the sealing vessel, who states: "With a sou'wester on my head, and a sealskin coat and boots, I was ushered into the presence of the venerable commander who was sitting at a table in his cabin, himself and a group of officers in full dress. The grey-haired mariner arose, and took me by the hand -- saying, through the medium of his interpreter, 'You are welcome, young man. Be seated.'"

Then Captain Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen asked: "How far south have you been?"

"I have him," relates Palmer, "the latitude and longitude of my lowest point, and told him what I had discovered. He rose, much agitated -- begging that I would produce my log book and chart, with which request I complied."

When the logbook and chart were brought, von Bellingshausen examined them and Palmer quotes him as crying out: "What do I see, a what do I hear from a boy in his 'teens -- that he is commander of a tiny boat of the size of a launch of my frigate, and has pushed his way to the point which I, in command of one of the best appointed fleets at the disposal of my august master, have for three long weary, anxious years searched day and night for."

Palmer concludes the story of this remarkable interview with Bellingshausen by saying: "With his hand on my head, he added, 'my grief is your welfare. Wear your laurels with my sincere prayers. I name the land you have discovered in honor of yourself, noble boy -- Palmer Land.'" Such were the words of the distinguished

Naval commander for the Czar Alexander the First of Russia -- and to this day that bit of Antarctic Land is called "Palmer Peninsula." *recently explored by the way, by Commander Finn Ronne.*

The voyage of von Bellingshausen was magnificent exploration. But, by a twist of fate, he was anticipated by the young Yankee sealing captain - who happened to get there first. *And that's a timely story from Finn Ronne.*

IMMIGRATION

Here's good news for the Italians and Germans held on Ellis Island -- if they were only "nominal members" of the Nazi or Fascist parties. In Washington it was announced today that immigration officials will allow aliens who had only "nominal membership" in totalitarian parties to enter the United States.

Attorney General McGrath defined "nominal membership" today as "membership for purposes of obtaining employment, ration cards, education or military service."

But the Attorney General says this does not mean a lowering of the bars to any members of the Communist party.

DEWEY

Tonight here in New York Governor Dewey came forth with a major accusation - stating that his Democratic rival, XI Congressman Lynch, sponsored a bill to aid Wall Street speculators. He said that, as a member of the Congressional Ways and Means Committee, which deals with taxes - Lynch brought forth proposals to cut the taxes on Wall Street profits and increase the amount of losses that speculators could deduct from income. All - "in the interest of bigtimers who play the stockmarket." Dewey called it: -- "A billion dollar grab."

HOLLOWE'EN

Here's one about a Hallowe'en prank. In Tulsa, Oklahoma, the police are missing a radio patrol car. Taken from in front of headquarters. The first the police knew of their loss was a voice on the radio saying: "this is car one-four-nine." Headquarters replied asking which officer was reporting. Back came the answer: "This is no officer. This is your stolen patrol car." Then the voice got fainter and fainter sending in false reports about where the car would be left. Later the police found their car - abandoned, a hundred miles away.

DUMMY

In Richmond, Virginia, last night, the National Guardsmen were drilling with a seventy-five millimeter gun in the local armory. Into the breach they slapped a dummy seventy-five millimeter shell. "Gun ready!" cried the loader. Then the "layer" pulled the lanyard. B O O M! It was no dummy, that shell!

A hundred window panes went out. The shell tore through the armory walls and streaked across seventeen city blocks in Richmond. As it screamed by residents ducked for cover.

Today one front porch is reported missing. Fortunately nobody hurt. Today an investigation is on. They are trying to find out how that live shell got in with the dummy ammunition they use in practicing in the Richmond armory.

LAUGHTER

We've all heard the phrase "bored to death". But Abbot and Costello are not worried about the opposite happening. They are afraid their fans will laugh themselves to death. They've even gone so far as to take out an insurance policy against this. They've asked the world's greatest underwriters - "We insure anything" Lloyds of London, to cover their audiences against "death by laughter". Yes, you've guessed it. This is in connection with their new film entitled: "Abbott and Costello meet the Invisible Man." Just a publicity stunt? ^{Nelson?} Oh no!!