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The French Government sustained a heavy defeat this afternoon - and may resign. The vote in the national assembly was on a proposal to increase the salaries of government workers - to which the cabinet of Premier Bidault was opposed, on economy grounds. The defeat was by the large majority of three hundred and fifty-one to two hundred and one - and Bidault announced immediately that he would call for a vote of confidence on Saturday. If he loses that, the ministry will step out - and France will face a new political crisis.

COLD WAR CABINET

European diplomacy is described as bewildered tonight - by the appointment of American and British delegates to what is called the "cold war cabinet." Which is a committee set up by the foreign ministers of the Big Three to deal with cold war problems from day to day. The bewilderment is ascribed to the obscurity of the delegates named - virtually unknown.

It had been expected that figures of top rank prestige would be named to the cold war cabinet. General Eisenhower was mentioned. But now the President has asked Charles M. Spofford to take the host - a New York lawyer unknown in European circles. London has appointed Sir Frederick Hoyer Millar, a veteran diplomat - but he too is unknown in the realm of European statecraft.

Hence the sensation tonight - with opinions that the cold war cabinet might turn into little more than a group ^{of} "messenger men", instead of diplomats with prestige to talk equal terms at the top levels.

ATOMIC

Here's a prediction that Britain would be operating atomic powered ocean liners within ten years.

The forecast emanates from Harwell, Britain's great atomic research center - where ninety-eight newsmen from many countries were taken on an inspection tour today. The chief of the engineering division told them: "I have every hope that some sort of atomic plant for marine propulsion is going to be run ^{run} in the next ten years. In fact, I estimate it will be long before that."

The newsmen were also given the opinion that atomic energy will probably never replace coal and oil in the foreseeable future, but will be used largely for ships and other large units.

SERETSE

London reports a move by colored organizations, throughout the world, in favor of Chief Seretse Khama - who, with his white wife, has been exiled from his tribe in South Africa. The New York Council of African Affairs is said to have submitted a petition to the United Nations - a petition signed by singer Paul Robeson, & often denounced as a Communist. We hear, moreover, that twenty other organizations on various continents have joined the move - in protest against the British Government decree, which compels the African chieftain and his London typist queen to stay away from the Bechuanaland tribe for five years.

Right now, Seretse Khama and the former Ruth Williams are living in an adjacent African territory, at Lobatsi. The British are permitting them to stay there, while the tribal potentate gathers evidence for a lawsuit. He is going to court against his uncle, Tshekedi Khama, who was regent of the tribe while Seretse Khama was away in London - where he made the marriage that has caused all the trouble. It was the

regent who started the opposition to Seretse's British
bride - declaring that the Bamangwato tribe would never
accept a white queen. To quiet matters, the British
have also exiled Tshekedi - and the charge is now that
the regent, while he held power, stole a lot of cattle
belonging to Seretse. So chief sues regent - to get
the cattle back.

AMERASIA

State Department official John Service testified today, and gave an explanation of his connection with the Amerasia Case. He was one of the six arrested in that affair of State Department and military documents found in the office of the left wing magazine.

Service admitted that he knew Philip Jaffe, co-editor of Amerasia - the wealthy New York greeting card manufacturer often called a supporter of R₂d causes. Arrested in the case of the stolen documents, Jaffe pleaded guilty in court, and was let off with a twenty-five hundred dollar fine.

Service declares that, ~~meeting Jaffe, he thought he was a newspaperman,~~ *he gave Philip Jaffe* what Service calls - some "back-ground information." But nothing confidential, he insists.

He says he provided Jaffe, for example, with a copy of a speech broadcast by Chinese Communist leader Mao-Tse-Tung - a speech monitored in Washington. This, he explains, may have inspired a charge made against him - that he was seen handing Jaffe a

"manila envelope." Jaffe, apparently was being watched.

Service was accused of slipping secrets to Mark Gayn, a free lance writer - who was also arrested, but was cleared by a federal grand jury. Today he admitted that he, in the words of ^{the} news dispatch, "Briefed Gayn on the background of the appointment of the late Lieutenant General Joseph R. Stilwell, as over-all commander in China."

Service explained this "briefing" by saying it was based on his recollection of two dispatches, which the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt sent to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek in Nineteen Forty-Five. But that information said he, had been cleared by F.D.R., and had already been published in the New York Times. Other persons have described it a - "top secret." What Service told Gayn was written down by that writer's wife, and her notes were seized by the F.B.I., in the raid on the 2 offices of Amerasia. →

~~Service likewise denied the charges made against him by former American ambassador to China,~~

FOLLOW AMERASIA

The hearing wound up this evening in a flare of excitement - as an investigator, engaged by Republican members of the investigating committee, addressed a series of questions to Service.

"Have you ever transmitted secret military information to Mr. Jaffe?" asked Investigator Robert Morris.

Service replied: "I dislike to quibble, but I think we will have to define some terms. I never knowingly transmitted information, which was a secret military plan."

Whereupon Morris asked permission to confront Service with testimony to prove the charge - as he claimed. But the chairman, Senator Tydings of Maryland refused, indicating that the evidence in question came from the F B I. He said he did not want the F B I report to the committee to be disclosed one bit at a time. "I want to put it out all together" *said* Sen. Tydings, ~~clarified~~, "so the public can get all the facts at the same time."

ACHESON

At apt reply was made at the Harvard commencement today - where Secretary of State Dean Acheson was granted an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Harvard was picketed by a group, at the head of which was an Episcopal clergyman of Cambridge. The pickets marched around carrying banners reading: "Acheson - peace not bombs." And - "Acheson - end war talks."

The answer to that was in the citation accompanying the honorary degree. The Secretary of State was described in these words: "An American dedicated to the anxious task of preserving peace, while maintaining inviolate the boundaries of freedom."

The way some people act, you'd think they were willing to accept - peace with slavery. What Dean Acheson stands for is - peace with freedom.

DRAFT

Both the Senate and the House, by unanimous votes, passed a resolution this afternoon - to extend the draft for fifteen days. This was necessary to keep the Selective Service Law from expiring, as it would - at midnight tomorrow. The two Houses of Congress are tangled up in an effort to bring out a draft extension law satisfactory to both - and the two resolutions are a step-gap.

Later, ~~news~~ The Senate ~~has~~ voted a compromise bill. — a 3 yr. extension of the draft.

SPIES

The Army is voted authority to recruit twenty-five hundred aliens abroad - aliens to be taken into the U. S. military forces on the same basis as American volunteers.

This permission is in the form of a bill passed by the House of Representatives today. No clear explanation was given, but the meaning is implicit. The Army's foreign recruits will be chiefly natives of the Slavic nations behind the Iron Curtain. The purpose - intelligence work, espionage. The bill is said to have been requested by the State Department and the central intelligence agency - which latter gathers secret information.

CRIME

A new kind of prosecution is proposed against the Continental Press Service - the big racing wire that sends horse race news all over the country. Information for bookmakers - mostly - or so the accusation is. Chairman Wayne Coy of the Federal Communications Commission, suggests the Continental might be prosecuted for violation of the Anti-Trust Laws.

He told this to the Senate Crime Investigating Committee, and pointed out that Continental seems to have control of the distribution of racing news. "Effective monopoly," said the chairman.

Well, that's interesting. Racing information would seem to be connected with forbidden bookmaking - and imagination carries us on to the notion of Anti-Trust laws being used to break up a monopoly of illegal business. What would you do - safeguard competition in breaking the law? Protect small criminal business? Forbid practices in restraint of illegal trade? Imagination begins to grow dizzy, and we might finally get around to-free lawless enterprise.

TEXTILE STRIKE

There was a gunfire today at the strikebound plant of the Enka Textile Company - Morristown, Tennessee. The shooting broke out when a line of cars brought non-strikers to work. From behind an embankment came a fusillade of bullets. At the plant, guns replied. Three non-strikers and one striker hit - and injured. A powerful force of highway police broke up the battle - but all day there was occasional shooting.

STARS

Astronomers announce the discovery of a - midget. Through their telescope they have spied - a pigmy galaxy. Well, a galaxy is a group of stars, millions of them, each galaxy a sort of separate universe of stars. So when an astronomer says "midget" - he used^s the word in his own astronomical way. The size of this new pigmy galaxy is given with a figure that has fifteen zeros. Nine quadrillion miles - in diameter. Even so, it's by far the smallest galaxy hitherto discovered, the others running from eighteen quadrillion up.

All this emanates from the Mount Palomar observatory in California, that fabulous eagle's nest of star gazing. The midget was spotted first through the forty-eight inch telescope, the small one - and now is being studied by means of the two hundred inch star-glass, the giant.

ADD STARS

The latest from the meeting of the astronomers makes us even dizzier - with enormous magnitudes. The announcement is that the two hundred-inch telescope at Mount Palomar has revealed the explosion of a star fifty million light years away. Now, light travels at one-hundred-and-eighty-six thousand miles a second, and a light year is the distance that light will travel in twelve months. Which comes to six trillion miles. So fifty million light years gives a total of three hundred quintillion miles. The explosion of the star happened that far away from this earth. All of which would make you think -- astronomers are wacky. Or -- maybe we would be wacky, if we did not believe the astronomers.

ANTIQUES

If you want a romantic antique with all the tone and reminiscence of some fascinating period of history - Dinkelspiel is your man. Dinkelspiel won't procure some rare memento of other times - he'll make it

This is disclosed at the summer furniture market at Chicago, where one exhibition is presented by Samuel Dinkelspiel, manufacturer of antiques. He has on display, for example, old lamp for burning whale oil, styled in the French Eighteenth Century. Actually, Dinkelspiel some while ago was in the land of Brittany, and visited a junk shop in a village on the coast. There he picked up a wonderful example of the lamps the fishermen used - burning oil they brought in from whaling. Priceless antique - but not for Dinkelspiel. His treasure is the duplicate he proceeded to turn out, hand-made. In the Chicago exhibition, the two stand side by side - and you can't tell the difference.

Dinkelspiel says he does it with sandpaper, chisels and chemicals. In that way - he can make

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furniture look as if dust had been settling on it for centuries. He'll drill holes and chisel cracks in the top of a table, and sandpaper them in such fashion - the table will look as if people had dined off it for ages.

So that's the big news for you lovers of antiques. See Dinkelspiel, and he'll make them to order

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But here's one that might baffle even Dinkelspiel. French archaeologists announce that they have discovered - the oldest musical instrument in the world. They dug it up in Indo-China - and the stones make music. A lithophone - kind of cousin of the xylophone. In some remote age of Indo-China, symphonists played melodies by beating with hammers on

the stones. *I wonder ~~the~~ what sort of music they got out of a stone, a lithophone, tuncful opies of tinkle tinkle? Or would you say Nelson?*
Dinkelspiel