

L.T. - Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1954.

Molotov came out with a headline declaration today. Proposing - the withdrawal of all occupation troops from Germany, at once. With free elections - to form a government for a unified Germany.

The Soviet Foreign Minister is in East Berlin - attending a Communist anniversary celebration. There was a giant reception today - Molotov addressing a crowd of Communist big shots.

He said: "The Soviet Government proposes to the governments of the United States, Great Britain and France - to reach agreement on the withdrawal of occupation troops from the territory of East and West Germany. And - to solve this problem, ~~im~~ immediately, without any delay."

Concerning elections, he said: "We believe that free elections are necessary." And added - that the Soviets are willing to discuss previous proposals, or any new ones.

This is interpreted, ~~as~~ at once - as a propaganda move, trying to ~~check~~ check the rearmament of Western Germany,

under the terms of the London agreement. In fact, no interpretation is necessary. Molotov, himself, made the purpose plain.

He told the Communist assemblage: "The main hindrance for the conclusion of a German peace treaty is the remilitarization of West Germany."

That's what Moscow wants to stop - with a dangling of bait for the Germans.

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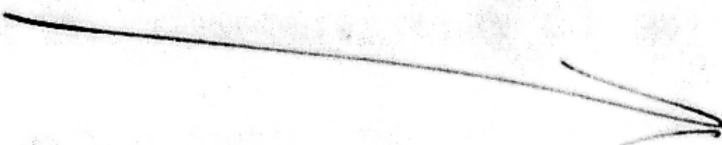
FRANCE

The number two French Communist Jacques Duclos, was questioned by military tribunal today. In the spy sensation - that has all France excited. Secret plans of national defense - handed over to the French Communist party. So what's the reply of the number two Red leader?

^ Sounds familiar - when you hear it. Like an old phonograph record - played over and over. After the hearing, today, Duclos told newsmen - it was not Communist espionage at all. It was - American espionage.

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A later dispatch from Paris - tells of the sudden appearance of a "mystery man." Named - Delarue, for whom the police have been searching all over France. His connection with this espionage sensation is ambiguous - but important, apparently. In every respect - a "mystery man."

Also - a landing on a small island. A force of 8,000 is going ashore on a tiny bit of "no man's land." Occupied - by neither side. Landing parties - driven off by shellfire from a nearby stronghold of the Nationalists, a neighboring island.

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## FORMOSA

The news from the China Coast is two-fold, - a contrast.

On the side of the Reds - active hostilities. Communist warplanes, today - flying low over Tachen Island, held by the nationalists. Planes - driven off by anti-aircraft batteries.

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But that was halted suddenly, about a ~~week~~ week ago. This inactivity - continuing today.

There's no official explanation. But there's plenty of rumor on Formosa. Rumor - of American intervention. They say - U.S. authorities advised the Nationalists - against a continuing offensive. Saying - it would be better to ~~to~~ stop those attacks on the Red mainland.

American and Chiang Kai Shek officials - refuse to comment on the rumor. But, I suppose, there is fear -  
- that the skirmishing along the China Coast might bring on a Third World War.

The latest - a United Press dispatch from Formosa.

Stating -- that the Chinese Nationalists will not launch a major attack on the Red mainland without informing

American officials. That, we hear is the understanding.

The United States, to be consulted before Chiang Kai Shek does anything drastic.

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## KOREA PRISONERS

In Korea, the Reds handed over two American prisoners, today. A flier and a soldier -- seized after the Korean truce.

One - Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel Herbert Peters of Seattle, Washington. Who, in the spring, lost his way while flying near the armistice line.

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## LIBYA

A state of emergency - declared in the North African Province of Cyrenaica, part of the Kingdom of Libya. Following

- the assassination of a top ranking political figure.

Shot - by a member of the Royal family.

The victim - Ibrahim El Shelhi, influential adviser to King Idriss. Regarded - as a power behind the throne.

The killer - El Sheriff Lodiaddin El Senussi. A twenty-two year old ~~SENUSI~~ cousin of King Idriss, the nephew of the Queen.

Dissension - in the Libyan royal palace. Feuding - that came to a deadly climax at the city of Bengazi, in front of the office of the Libyan Premier. El Sheriff, the King's cousin and Queen's nephew - firing three shots into El Sheldi,

*- El Senussi -*  
the King's adviser. The assassin - immediately surrendering

to the police.

*El Senussi probably is a man of the desert - a bedouin of the Sahara. The Senussi have long been known for their enthusiasm for the blood feud.*

# HURRICANE

Hurricane Hazel is heading for Venezuela - and island oil refineries off the South America coast may get the blast. They seem sure of being swept by the fringe of the storm, at least - with violent gales.

The hurricane is likely to swing in a more northerly course, and that means - Cuba. Which island lies East and West for nearly six hundred miles. So Cuba had better get

*all ready to receive*  
~~see for a visit of Hurricane~~ Hazel - in the next two or three days.



HOOVER


There was a warm cordial "home coming" in Washington today. Eight hundred employees of the Department of Commerce - welcoming their Chief of more than a quarter of a century ago. Herbert Hoover - returning for a visit at the Department he headed for eight years. Eight hundred who served with him then - still on the job. Today's enthusiastic welcome - headed by Myra McGrath, his personal secretary back in those days.

The former President told them: "Those were the happiest days of my life." The years - when he was Secretary of Commerce. That happiest period ending - when he became President, and then went on ~~it~~ into political storms.

## LUTHERANS

Toronto, today, is full of - Lutherans. The Church  
founded by *Martin Luther,* the great reformer - holding an eight Day  
convention in the Canadian City. Bishop Eivind Berggrav  
of Norway - preaching the opening sermon. Six hundred and  
sixty-seven officials delegates in attendance - together with  
hundreds of observers and visitors.

The delegates represent thirty-two North American synods,  
with two million church members. Throughout the world -  
a total of eighty million members. Making the Lutherans -  
the largest protestant church.



## FOLLOW LUTHERANS

Tonight, the convention re-elected the Reverend Franklin Fry as President of the United Lutheran Church of America.

as well as the Stars and Stripes of the United States.

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there was a Norse Colony - and wouldn't you consider Greenland part of North America? So didn't those earlier Viking navigators discover America, when they first landed on the Coast of Greenland?

Here's a further twister - Iceland. Vilhjalmur *Canadian-Dakota -* Stefansson, the noted Norwegian explorer of the Arctic, argues - that the discovery of Iceland amounted, virtually, to a discovery of America. And, of course, the earliest Viking exploit in ~~the~~ those parts was - to colonize Iceland.

But Stef holds that the real discoverer of America was Pytheas, the Greek Navigator, who ~~made~~ made a fabulous voyage in the North more than a thousand years ~~of~~ before the Vikings got going. Pytheas told how he reached the "ultima Thule", the legended land farthest North. Stefansson interprets the account as meaning that the Greek ~~made~~ navigator ~~made~~ reached Iceland. *Therefore -* Pytheas discovered America!



Well, it's all mighty complicated - and most people,

I suppose, will settle for Columbus — *except on those who insist it was Leif-the-Lucky, son of Erik the Red.*

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NEVADA

The Republicans have won out in Nevada. A district court, today, issued a permanent injunction, forbidding the placing of the names of candidates on the November ballot. Which means that the Republican Senator named by the Republican Governor will serve the remainder of the term of the late Senator McCarran. This - according to a decision by District Judge Maestretti, Today, the case <sup>was</sup> argued before the Judge. The attorney for the Republican organization -- relying on two decisions by the State Supreme Court. Decisions - dealing with ambiguous technicalities in the Nevada election laws. Lawyer Lester Summerfield contended that, according to the decisions, a successor to Senator McCarran should be named by the Governor. The court - upholding that view.

## DRUNKOMETER

New Jersey police officers gave their complete approval, today, to the "drunkometer." Adopted recently by the State as an official way to determine whether or not an automobile driver is intoxicated. Gathered ~~in~~ at New Brunswick to learn how the "drunkometer" works - the officers are enthusiastic.

Patrolman James Moran of Westfield says: "We'll now be able to prove the degree of intoxication, and make the tests ourselves, any time, anywhere."

Their method, hitherto, required a collaboration of a doctor. Which complicated matters - and often by the time a physician arrived on the scene, the motorist had sobered up. *And maybe the 'doc' had stopped somewhere for a snifter.* The new method - quick and immediate. The cop - collecting a <sup>(specimen)</sup>~~specimen~~ of the driver's breath in a balloon. Which is then tested by chemical means. Giving an exact figure for the percentage of alcohol. A new wonder of science - but, after all, it's based on that oldest method of all. The smell - of a boozer's breath.



In Hollywood, a crowd of reporters, today, gathered

In New Jersey from now on, a motorist with a few drinks  
in front of a honeymoon cottage - or at least that's what  
under his belt - will find himself up against the "drunkometer."

Hollywood's most famous couple in years, Marling & Question  
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## DIMAGGIO

In Hollywood, a crowd of reporters, today, gathered in front of a honeymoon cottage - or at least that's what it was a brief <sup>nine</sup>~~eight~~ months ago. Reporters - waiting for Hollywood's most famous couple in years. Wanting to question them about the blowup of their marriage. Well, they both appeared - first one, then the other.

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were red from weeping. The reporters wanted to know - why the marriage had broken up? They asked - what was the "grievous anguish" which Marilyn says DiMaggio caused her? Geisler answered - saying "it was a case of conflicting careers."

Marilyn said: "Im sorry, I have to go now."

She went to the studio, where she's making a picture. But they said she was not in any physical condition to work today. So they sent her home to rest.

Back to the home, which was a honeymoon cottage, not so long ago.

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## ROMANCE

Liberace - is going to get married. So announced by the thirty-four year old piano player - as he stood near his favorite candelabra, today. The intended bride - Joanne Rio, a twenty-three year old night club dancer. Daughter of the West Coast head of the American Guild of Variety Artists. Liberace says he met Joanne- in church. Which sounds like a novelty - in a Hollywood romance!

But don't think the piano playing idol of millions of women - is rushing into matrimony, helter-skelter, heedless and hasty. Maybe Liberace heard that old saying - marry in haste, repent at leisure. <sup>He says</sup> he'll wait a year. <sup>And then</sup> ~~added - "if"~~ <sup>added - "if"</sup> she really wants to wait for me!"

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DiMaggio. "I want" said Liberace, "to give my marriage the full Catholic treatment. It must be a lasting thing."

Well, he did meet Joanne - at church.

In addition to the romantic heart throb, Liberace also considers -his public. Today he said he believes - those millions of women fans will be pleased by the news.

"I think" said Liberace, "they would like to me fulfill that part of my life. And," he added, "I would too." Which seems to make it unanimous.

Anyway, Liberace is going to get married. - <sup>Bob -</sup> so let the candles flicker in the candelabra.

## **STRIKE**

The New York dock strike - settled. But - still on! Last night, the Union accepted an offer from the companies. But this had to be okayed by the New York locals. Pending an okay, the harbor - still tied up. Pickets - patrolling the docks. Trans-Atlantic liners and cargo vessels - waiting to be loaded and unloaded.

This afternoon, the locals okayed the settlement.

Strike ending ...tomorrow morning.



SEGREGATION

Here's a switch on what has been

happening.

The revolt of public school students continues in

- this time

Washington with demonstrations against <sup>de-</sup> segregation. Fifty

teen agers gathered in front of the Supreme Court Building

today - yelling protests. A mass meeting at the Anacostia High

School rejected appeals by fellow students, clergymen, and

a radio performer. Five hundred shouting - they won't go back

to class, under desegregation.

Molotov told...  
America for keeping Germany divided. He declared that  
the German people in both zones - would oppose re-arming  
that Germany wants unification without re-arming. And so  
date speech.

Molotov, taking a ~~strong~~ swing at the London agreement  
to bring West Germany into the European Defense Alliance.

Meanwhile, reactions to the first Molotov speech are  
coming in from the free world. Diplomats in the European  
capitals, saying merely that the Communist Foreign Minister  
was sent to East Germany to make trouble for them.