

FRENCH ELECTIONS LT-PH Mon. June 18 - '51.

Late figures from Paris show that (the middle-of-the-road coalition parties are well ahead in the French ~~election~~ general election.) Between them, the Socialists, M.R.P., and R.G.R., ~~have won~~ and Independents have won ~~358~~ 377 of the six hundred and twenty-seven seats in the National Assembly. Behind them come General deGaulle's R.P.F., Rally of the French People, as the biggest single party, with <sup>113</sup> ~~one hundred and thirteen~~ <sup>thirteen</sup> seats.)

The Communists are <sup>not</sup> far behind, with 103 seats, though they have won the greatest popular vote.

Speculation is that no strong government can emerge from ~~this~~ this election. That France will continue to muddle along from crisis to crisis, which now seems a traditional characteristic of French politics. However, the present Premier, Henri Queuille, said today that he had every reason to hope the new coalition would be stronger. "Whoever forms the next government will, I am sure, have an easier time holding it together than I have had", was how he

~~put it.~~

Though the popular vote for the Reds is more than four million, five hundred thousand, the Communists have dropped some five hundred thousand votes in the country as a whole, a loss of nearly ten per cent ~~■~~ <sup>against the</sup> returns in the Nineteen ~~Forty-six~~ elections. ~~General deGaulle runs second in the popular vote, his party winning more than three million, six hundred thousand ballots.~~ The four middle-of-the-road parties run about the same, in the two millions, but their total figures more than double those of either the Reds or Rightists.

## FOLLOW FRENCH ELECTIONS

The French elections bring the customary squawk from Moscow. Pravda today issued its blast against the French elections, saying that the police did their utmost to snarl the Communist campaign.

SOUTHERN COMMAND

In Paris today, General Eisenhower announced the appointment of Admiral Robert Carney to command the defenses of southern Europe. The Air Arm in the Southern sector will come under Major General David M. Schlatter, another American. While the land command goes to an Italian General, veteran of alpine campaigns, Maurizio Lazzaro de Castigliani.

Admiral Carney's new command will include the U.S. Sixth Fleet, the Italian army, and Allied air forces based in Italy and North Africa. There's still no word of the separate over-all Mediterranean command, ~~which is still~~ under discussion in London.

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KOREA

(In Korea today, the air war flared up, with more than forty M.I.G.'s flying south from the Yalu, to tangle with U.S. Sabre Jets.) The enemy, from the "number one Red nosed team", so-called from their special markings, took a bad mauling.

(Word is that five <sup>red jets were shot</sup> ~~are~~ down, two more seriously damaged.)

Again, a strict security blackout, ~~conceals the pattern of fighting on the ground.~~ One thing seems certain, however, Red Chinese reinforcements are pouring in<sup>to</sup> the north of the **Iron Triangle** - coming from Manchuria. Last week Lieutenant General Van Fleet warned that a new enemy offensive was expected, which is confirmed today by the report from one front line officer, who says that "new Chinese troops" are massing in the area of Kumsong. Allied scouting columns were out today, and reported "very heavy" resistance. The sixty-four dollar question is, just when the Chinese plan to launch their third Spring offensive.

Later word: - A savage moonlight attack  
a Red battalion on the Central Front has been  
mashed by U. N. forces.

## NORTH KOREANS

The Chinese and North Koreans are losing three or four soldiers for every battle casualty in Korea. This was revealed at a Pentagon new conference today by Brigadier General Crawford E. Sams, hero of <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ daring cloak-and-dagger mission to North Korea this March. <sup>Gen.</sup>~~Major~~ Sams, with a naval officer, landed from a rubber boat near Wonsan, to check reports of bubonic plague amongst the Red soldiers. Reports which it now seems proved false.

Today Sams revealed <sup>(instead)</sup> that the epidemics are typhoid and smallpox, which have struck down and killed "hundreds of thousands of Red troops and civilians" in North Korea. Sams predicted that the epidemics will get worse this summer, <sup>He says</sup> ~~and~~ the Reds are lacking both in equipment and skill to cope with the massive outbreaks. So far the Russians have failed to come to the aid of their comrades - have sent no medical supplies since the war broke out, according to the General.

## PEACE FEELER

Sweden's delegate to the United Nations today turned thumbs down on suggestions of Korean peace negotiations. Sven Grafstroem, a member of the U N Good Offices Committee, said in Stockholm: "There is no willingness of the North Korea or Red China governments to talk peace." Sweden is one of the few countries with an ambassador in Peking, and has often been mentioned in connection with negotiating peace talks. But today their U N delegate said: "No luck yet."

## INVESTIGATION

In Washington today, the Senate Investigating Committee agreed finally to wind up its inquiry into the dismissal of General MacArthur. Four more witnesses will be called, and General MacArthur will also be given an opportunity to answer his critics. The proceedings are expected to end in about a week. The four remaining witnesses are Vice Admiral Badger, commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier, War Time Ambassador to China Patrick Hurley, ~~Major~~ <sup>Flying</sup> General Emmet "Rosie" O'Donnell, and Major General David Barr, former Commander of the Seventh Division in Korea.

Following today's unanimous decision, Senator Russell praised the Committee members for their self restraint.

"Despite the depth of feeling and the wide divergence of opinion, the hearings have been remarkably free of partisan bickering," said the Chairman.



INSTITUTE FOR C & D.

This evening I am broadcasting from the auditorium of a famous institution. This is Commencement time right across America. Degrees are being handed out right and left. And before me sit some of the proudest graduates in America -- or they should be. Each one started out here at this educational institution under a heavy handicap. And each achieved his or her goal - that goal being independence. For many this has meant a long period of physical rehabilitation, plus vocational training. For this is the Institute for Crippled and Disabled, at First Avenue and Twenty-third Street in New York City.

The graduating class sitting before me includes one-hundred-and-twenty-five young men and women who have just been handed their sheepskins by the President of the Institute. The President happens to be a man known far and wide in this land, partly because many years ago he was the author of that famous book

THE MAN NOBODY KNOWS. Bruce Barton, head of the great firm of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, is the President of this Institute. Its founder is Jeremiah Millbank, financier and philanthropist, one of the softest-spoken, most modest and generous men I know.

In this class of graduates sitting here are men and women of all ages, and with almost every disability you can imagine. I dropped in this afternoon just to add my congratulations.

A moment ago I was telling them about a friend of mine who was paralyzed many years ago, and still is. He didn't have a cent. But, his mind was okay, and he started to put it to work as it had never worked before. From his bed and his wheelchair he built up a tremendous business concern. And today he is a multi-millionaire. Which simply shows that sometimes, if you have a handicap, in overcoming it you become stronger



job<sup>s</sup> right alongside able-bodied people. In fact, because of their determination, they often can do more *do it better* than the able-bodied.

At each graduation the President, Bruce Barton, presents the President's prize to the outstanding graduate. *Tell us,* Who gets the honor this time, Mr. Barton?

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BB: It goes to a young man who has shown outstanding personal courage in overcoming his ~~own~~ handicap. His name is Herbert Lieb, and we are honoring him partly because he has <sup>(given)</sup> ~~given~~ so much of his time to assisting and encouraging his fellow students.

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L.T.: ~~Congratulations!~~ That is indeed high praise. You and all who know you must be exceedingly happy about this. *Congratulations!*

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MR. LIEB:- You are right. I am happy, and this honor comes all unexpected to me!

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B.B.:- Herbert, is much too modest. Let me tell you just a little about him. He was trained in optical mechanics here. And he has been doing such a good job that his employer decided to hire other handicapped workers. Herb still finds time to come back and help our new students. And that help is particularly important during the difficult months when they are getting their first training.

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L.T.:- Thanks, Bruce Barton, and again congratulations to you, Herb Lieb -- and good luck to all you graduates. I suspect that your toughest battle is now behind you. I know of no diploma that means more to any graduate anywhere than the one you hold.

## MEAT

Word from Chicago tonight, that meat prices are coming down. This follows the increased supply of cattle at the stockyards. Today a spokesman for the Agriculture Department said that most cattle prices are "now close to compliance with ceilings under the rollback." Chicago meat packing firms are also confident that prices will fall below ceilings. Today, their spokesman expressed the belief that prices will fall still further if supplies continue good.

## SHERIFF

At Miami, Smilin' Jimmie Sullivan resigned as Sheriff of Dade County today -- and that is headline news in Florida. Because Smilin' Jimmie has been a storm center ever since the Kefauver Committee developed a Florida angle in the Senate Crime Investigation. The Sheriff, who had been in office for six-and-a-half years, was denounced for failure to enforce the laws against gambling.

He was indicted; -- but, the State Supreme Court ruled that the legal case against him was invalid. Whereupon Governor Fuller Warren restored him to office. Which turned a blast of protest against the Governor -- and there was a move in the State legislature to impeach him. But that failed. Now, however, the Senate Crime Investigating Committee is to begin another session in Miami, with Smilin' Jimmie scheduled to testify -- and today he resigned as Sheriff.

Florida gambling brings a refrain, an echo of a line of testimony given by a Miami Bookmaker

called "Honest Frenchy Gips." Beguiling name - honesty and gips. He was telling the Senate Crime Committee about payment of bookmaker money to the police for protection. Which bribe money, in gambling slang, is called -- ice. He put it in these picturesque words -- "I been payin' ice for thirty years, but I never seen the iceman," said Honest Frenchy Gips.



## DRESS DESIGNER

Australia has a sensation comparable to the one over here when Bing Crosby was refused entrance to a hotel in Vancouver. Because he was not dressed right, wearing some sort of slopy cowboy outfit - and the sedate hotel clerk objected. Later they apologized when they found out who it was -- the Old Groaner, as he is called affectionately.

The Australian episode concerns a personage of equal rank and station. Put out of a hotel dining-room at Adelaide, because he wore a scarf -- instead of a necktie. You'd never guess who.

Captain George Mitchison, representative of Norman Hartnell in London, the dress designer to Princess Elizabeth. In Australia -- preparing for the forthcoming visit of the Heiress to the Crown. Studying -- the climate, so the Princess may be provided with the right kind of clothes to take along. You'd think those royal dress designers would know what to wear! -- but not in Australia!

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The Captain 's comment is equally astonishing:

"It is the first time such a thing has happened to me, " he exclaims in high indignation. "It reminds me of typical American snobbery."

Why drag in America? -- one might ask. No doubt we have our own brands of snobbery over here. But, because the representative of the royal dress designer was not wearing the right thing and was tossed out of a hotel in Australia, why take a whack at us: Nelson can you figure that out?