

DULLES

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Secretary of State Dulles is satisfied with the first meeting of the Seato Council in Bangkok. Speaking at the last afternoon session of the conference, <sup>Sec.</sup> Dulles pointed out that the delegates achieved their main objective - a council that will act to defend any member against aggression from without, or subversion from within. Also, the council will promote the economic and social strength of all the nations concerned. In the Secretary's words, "we have taken decisions ~~xxx~~ which will make the council an effective working body."

<sup>Sec.</sup> The final communique agrees with <sup>Sec.</sup> Dulles. It stresses the fact that the Seato powers want only peace and security in southeast Asia - which the Council will promote.

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~~Secretary~~ Dulles was responsible for the fact that the enemy was not left ~~xxx~~ unnamed. He sponsored a suggestion that international Communism be labeled openly as the thing against which Seato is standing guard. And the delegates

adopted that Dulles suggestion. All the members agreed that this first conference in Bangkok should serve as a strong deterrent against Communist aggression.

Put in Taxes right after 75.

The key struggle was over the question whether the cut should be a rider or a separate bill. The Republican move to make it a separate bill was defeated 210 to 205.

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## TAXES

Republicans and Democrats in the House fought a bitter battle today - along party lines. The issue ~~is~~ <sup>that</sup> cut in the income tax. Republicans opposing it -- the Democrats for it.

President Eisenhower has already called the cut "irresponsible". But today, the Democrats had the upper hand - and, they pushed it through. The vote overwhelming, ~~two-hundred-and-forty-two to one-hundred-and-seventy-five.~~

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The two houses of Congress disagreed today - about whether members should get a pay raise and a special expense account.

According to the bill, Senators and Representatives would be <sup>upped</sup> ~~raised~~ from fifteen thousand ~~dollars~~ a year, to

more than twenty-three thousand. Each member <sup>also to</sup> ~~would~~ have a tax-free expense allowance of over a thousand <sup>dollars.</sup> ~~Besides this,~~

<sup>Also -</sup> ~~each one could have~~ six trips home every year, ~~at~~

government expense - instead of one. The House liked the

bill. The Representatives, announcing their okay in a voice

vote - that was more like a shout. They weren't frightened

by the old political argument - ~~the~~ voters back home ~~are~~

not too keen about politicians who can give themselves a raise.

<sup>With</sup> ~~The~~ elections ~~are~~ more than a year away - ~~so~~ apparently they ~~House~~ felt safe, and voted "aye"!

The Senate voted "no". The reason - too many

Senators objected to the expense allowance. A lot of them

agreed that their pay should be raised -- but they weren't willing to vote themselves <sup>an extra</sup> a thousand ~~bucks~~ tax free, ~~as~~ ~~an extra~~. So the bill didn't make it in the Senate.

Now it ~~goes~~ goes back to a House-Senate conference committee - to see ~~if~~ ~~the committee~~ can adjust the differences, ~~between the two Chambers.~~

## MISSILE

The Air Force reveals that it is working on a new guided missile - ~~something~~ that sounds ~~completely~~ fantastic.

~~The information came out in a statement by the Air Force~~  
Chief of Staff, General Twining, ~~Naturally, the General~~  
wouldn't give any details. - ~~which are~~ Still top secret.

But observers in Washington believe ~~that~~ the missile will  
be fired something like an artillery shell. <sup>with a</sup> ~~its~~ range ~~will~~  
<sup>of</sup> ~~be~~ about five thousand miles. - <sup>To</sup> ~~and it will~~ crash down from  
outer space at a speed of perhaps ten thousand miles an hour.  
The experts add, that no defense against this weapon has yet  
been worked out.

Meanwhile, Secretary of the Navy, ~~Charles~~ Thomas,  
says that two cruisers, carrying guided missiles, will join  
the fleet this year. <sup>with</sup> ~~These weapons are adapted to carrying~~  
<sup>He adds</sup> ~~And the Secretary says~~ that his Department  
is pushing ~~forward with~~ experiments on a whole series of  
new weapons - ~~weapons~~ that make ~~the~~ traditional arms look  
antiquated.

## DISARMAMENT

Another international conference. This one in London, on disarmament. The nations ~~xxx~~ represented - there today were Britain, Canada, France- the United States - and Russia. The announced purpose - to find a disarmament formula in secret talks -- if possible. The ~~representatives~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ are to meet four times a week, until they either ~~xx~~ reach some sort of agreement - or disagree completely.

The London dispatch says that the Soviet and American delegations are seated opposite one another at the table. Gromyko, for the Russians. Cabot Lodge, heading our delegation.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek has ordered a last ditch defense of Quemoy and Matsu. The Nationalist leader ~~is~~ declaring - that there will be no more retreats.

The new order comes after the evacuation of Nanchi <sup>Nanki</sup> Island. The Nationalist forces were removed from that former northern anchor of the Formosa line. The commander of the garrison saying that the Communists will find only "a dead man's land" - everything useful, destroyed by his troops.

The Reds did not attempt to interfere, as two thousand civilians and five thousand soldiers were removed. A evacuation, similar to the withdrawal from the Tachens.

Now the Communists have turned their attention to Matsu and Quemoy. Strong patrol squadrons of planes, flying over the islands from fields in Fukien Province. And reports continue to pour into Chiang's headquarters - of big troop build-ups on the mainland opposite Matsu.



## CHINESE NAVY

Russia is helping the Chinese Reds build a Navy - build one in a hurry. So says London.

This is a follow up on a story in The London Times that the Kremlin has turned over almost a hundred warships to Mao Tse-Tung - just recently. Including five submarines.

The official statement by the British government confirms the Times of London story. And adds that Red China has been getting ships from the Soviets ever since Nineteen Fifty. With the Chinese Red Navy build up accelerated now in order to increase their naval strength along the China coast.



The problem of the Saar started a fierce argument in the West German parliament today. Two of the parties in the Adenauer coalition - declaring they will vote against the Franco-German agreement, to which the Chancellor has already given his assent.

~~First of all,~~ Dr. Max Becker, of the Free Democrats, argued that the Saar agreement would place a German population under a foreign government. <sup>And</sup> ~~He declared that~~ his party would never accept that. Shortly afterward, a spokesman for the refugee party, announced that his group agreed with Dr. Becker and the Free Democrats. So these two members of the coalition - will vote against Adenauer, who is leader of the coalition.

The Chancellor promptly denounced Becker for what he termed "a nationalistic speech." The Chancellor arguing that it was against the ~~best~~ best interests of Germany - which are bound up with the Paris agreements. ~~Much of the debate~~

~~has been on the point - is the Saar settlement permanent?~~

*a Saar settlement would*  
Adenauer says ~~it is~~ not necessarily permanent - and today

he added that Britain and America have assured him ~~that~~ they  
are not bound to side with France on her claims to the Saar,  
at future conferences.

A former official of the Soviet zone of Germany - says that there is a critical food shortage on the other side of the Iron Curtain. According to this refugee, such things as sugar, butter and flour are beginning to disappear from the market. The situation, so bad that the Red regime has forbidden ~~the~~ stores to handle certain commodities. ~~The~~ ~~stores of~~ food supplies now on hand, barely sufficient to cover the <sup>U.S.S.R.</sup> ~~Communist~~ food rationing system <sup>in Russia and elsewhere.</sup>

8 <sup>RP</sup> Will America use her food surpluses to ease the situation in East Germany? We hear that the Justice Department has turned thumbs down on that suggestion - saying <sup>this</sup> ~~that our surplus~~ may not be either sold or given away to Communist countries. The Department ruling that according to a law passed by Congress last year - food cannot be shipped anywhere behind the Iron Curtain, except in cases of extreme emergency.

A famous American humorist refuses to say whether she ever was a member of the Communist party. Dorothy Parker, appealing to the Fifth Amendment - in testimony before a New York State legislative committee.

Miss Parker was National Chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist refugee committee - which is under investigation. *A group*  
~~The committee~~ is listed as a Communist front by the Attorney General's office. Witnesses have charged that the committee collected a million and a half dollars - ~~but~~ *and* spent the money only to aid *the Reds,* ~~Communists.~~

Miss Parker was called in to tell what she knows about this. But they didn't get much information from her. She wouldn't say whether or not she was once a Communist. ~~She said~~ she didn't know how much money was collected when she was National Chairman, or how it was spent. ~~She said~~  
*That* she had confidence in the ~~people~~ *real* running the committee - *Also she*  
and that was enough. ~~She said she couldn't~~ couldn't remember

if she had ever been a sponsor of the civil rights Congress -  
which is charged with diverting money from its collections  
to ~~the~~ defense of Communist <sup>5</sup>leaders.

The executive director of the Civil Rights  
Congress also refused to tell whether he was a Communist.  
William Patterson, appealing to the Fifth Amendment - and  
adding that the present investigation is, in his words,  
"a witch hunt" and "Red baiting."



## CHURCHILL

A London newspaper calls for the retirement of Sir Winston Churchill. The Daily Mirror<sup>r</sup>, arguing that the Prime Minister is just too old for the job.

*However*  
~~This is an old story with the Mirror which has~~  
*this - been insisting on it - for*  
~~demanding the same thing on several occasions in the past few~~  
*it*  
years. But this time, ~~the paper~~ is particularly insistent, because of what it terms "Churchill's failing memory."

The reference being to that famous Montgomery Telegram - the one in which Churchill is supposed to have ordered Field Marshal Montgomery to stack German Arms for possible use ~~against~~ against the Russians. After mentioning the telegram, Churchill admitted that his memory might be at fault.

*Question: -*  
*Whose memory isn't? Anyhow*  
That's the main reason why the Daily Mirror thinks

*on the ground*  
he should retire now. ~~The paper feeling~~ that a man as young  
*is sure to have a better memory.*  
as Sir Anthony Eden, ~~has a memory that's a lot better than~~  
~~Churchill's.~~



## HOUDINI

A dispatch from East Providence, Rhode Island, revives memories of the most famous of all escape artists -- Houdini. The dispatch tells of the death of Elbert Clark - who was Houdini's colleague for many years. Clark helped him design the strait-jacket from which Houdini would escape - method of taking off. He wants to freeze a barrel in the under water - one of his most baffling acts.

Houdini and Clark came to an agreement - that the first of them to die, would try to communicate with the other. This is another angle on that story. Well, Houdini was the first. He died in Nineteen Twenty-Seven. And for twenty-eight years Elbert Clark waited for a message from his former colleague. It never came. And now - well Elbert Clark has joined Houdini in the magicians Valhalla where all foregathered there have the explanation for Houdini's magic - and the explanation of what has always baffled Man - the Riddle of the Universe.

## PLANE

1/2 A professor of physics at the University of Wisconsin - has been grounded by the Madison City Council. The civil fathers telling Professor John Wimans that he is not to fly his plane from the frozen surface of Lake Mendota.

The point is, that Professor Wimans has a peculiar method of taking off. He wants to freeze a barrel in the ice - and then connect the wing of his plane to the barrel with a four hundred foot mylon rope. And then? He says he'll taxi his plane round and round the barrel - until he's airborne. Then he'd drop the rope, and fly away -- like a bird.

2 The Professor insists that there is no danger to it. In fact, he believes his method is safer than the ordinary way of taking off from an airstrip.

But the City Council isn't interested in the experiment. It forbids him to use Lake Mendota. The Chief of Police says they will not be responsible for such an unorthodox take off.

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In other words, city officials at Madison, *Wis.*, want

*h* the Professor to stick to his lab. *And* Leave flying to the birds.