

FRANCE

L.T. - Salco. Fri. May 16 - '58.

Paree - was not gay today. Even the weather conspired, with gloomy gray skies and a drizzling rain - to give the city a grim, joyless look. Which same look - was on the faces of the people. All France - afraid of an uprising, with possible civil war.

In this apprehensive mood, the National Assembly took a vote. Giving new Premier Pflimlin - "emergency powers" - one step short - of martial law.

The vote - showing one of the biggest majorities for a French Premier in years, four-hundred-and-sixty-one to one-hundred-and-fourteen.

The reason for that ample margin - the Communists. In spite of the fact that Premier Pflimlin announced - he'd use the semi-dictatorial authority against the Reds, if necessary. As well - as against right wing extremists. There's no love lost between the Communists and the Premier - who belongs to the moderate Catholic party. But the Reds are afraid of DeGaulle, the soldier Conservative who announced - that he was

ready to take over the government of France, as the rebellious military regime in Algeria, is demanding.

Tension eased a little when, in the National Assembly today, an adherent of DeGaulle stated - that the General will not attempt anything illegal. Nothing - of a lawless character; disclaiming - any right wing revolution.

Nevertheless, the country home of DeGaulle is under military surveillance tonight. Guards, with motorized equipment - making their headquarters in a nearby village. The government explaining ^{that} / the armed force is there to protect the General. But the word is - that it's also a precaution to keep an eye on people who may visit General DeGaulle.

Today's emergency power, voted by the French National Assembly - includes, not only France, but also Algeria. The Premier - authorized to take drastic measures there. The purpose - to put pressure on the military group, which still insists - that DeGaulle shall be placed in power.

Action in the National Assembly today - taken under
~~an~~ heavy guard. Thirty-six thousand police and soldiers -
ready to crush any kind of outbreak, right or left. Parée
quiet - but not at all gay.

LEBANON

The Premier of Lebanon accuses the government of Syria - of master-minding the disturbances in the small republic. Outrages - plotted inside Syria. The purpose - to absorb Lebanon in the United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria - Lebanon - with its pro-western policy.

Today, the rebellion was ~~is~~ dying down, apparently. Lebanese tanks and jet ~~and~~ planes - assailing insurgents near the Syrian border. The quietest day since the uprising last weekend, when rioters - burned the U S Information Service Library in the ^{city}~~town~~ of Tripoli.

CANADA

Trouble to the South and maybe, trouble to the North. But nothing, we hope, so violent as the outrages against Vice President Nixon in Latin-America. Canadians being cooler and calmer.

But, just the same, the U S Ambassador to Ottawa states - that Canadian-American relations have taken a turn for the worse. Ambassador Livingston Merchant -- informing the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the United States "takes Canada for granted" and that Canadians "don't like it."

Nationalism is growing in Canada, he said he, and the Canadians think that, sometimes, Uncle Sam tends to infringe their sovereignty, and - act against Canada's economic interests.

BRAZIL

Brazil denies - that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will get a "Nixon-type" welcome, when he visits Brazil - in August. Reports in South America being - that Secretary Dulles has been advised "privately" to call off the trip; Because he might encounter the same sort of violence and insult that greeted the Vice President in Peru and Venezuela. This is denied, with Brazilian President Kubitschek declaring - that John Foster Dulles will be received with, what he called, "exceptional pleasure."

CHURCHES

Senate investigators charge - that churches behind the Iron Curtain are being used for the promotion of Communist influence - throughout the free world. Religious leaders - helping the cause of Communism.

So stated ~~in~~ by Senator Eastland of Mississippi, Chairman of the Senate Internal Security sub-committee, who declares - that American ~~some~~ churchmen have encouraged activities of clergymen from Iron Curtain countries in ~~the~~ this country. Who, in reality, are under the control of Communist governments.

SPUTNIK

The statement in Moscow is - that Sputnik Number Three could have been used for a shot at the moon. But the Russians decided - against the idea. Because the satellite, huge as it is, could not be equipped with enough technical gadgets to make a moon-flight scientifically worth while.

There's ^{has} been a rumor - that Sputnik number three may be carrying a living passenger. A dog - or some other animal. Which might be brought back - safely to earth. The Soviets keeping this angle a secret - until they see if it works.

But this is denied in Moscow. A government spokesman declaring - that there's no living thing aboard Sputnik number three. Nor have the Russians any notion - of bringing the satellite down to earth, intact. That problem - still unsolved.

In Washington, an expert of the Defense Department informs us - that it will be Nineteen Sixty before this country can use its big military missiles to launch a satellite as big as the Russian Sputnik Number Three. Dr. Herbert Yorke

indicating -- that we just ~~■~~ can't afford to use ~~■~~ our big military rockets for hurling massive objects into space.

Dr. Yorke adds that the newest Russian exploit proves little in the most important matter of all. The ability to send an intercontinental missile accurately to a target.

ADD SPUTNIK

Meanwhile, American scientists announce that one of the radios on our American satellite, Explorer Number Two, has gone dead. Signals failing - last Wednesday.

REORGANIZATION

President Eisenhower, today, congratulated the House Armed Services committee - for the ~~defense~~ defense reorganization bill, which they've okayed. The President thinks ~~the~~ the measure is all right, except for a couple of changes he'd like to have made, concerning - congressional control over the Secretary of Defense.

INVESTIGATION

Testimony in Washington - that an official of the A & P made a secret agreement with the Butchers' Union. Thereby - supermarket employees were kept on a forty-five hour week, instead - of working forty hours a week.

Charles Schimatt gave evidence that, in Nineteen Fifty-two, union official Max Block approached him - with a proposal to make a change concerning the Welfare Fund. An alteration - for the benefit of the union. In return for which - the union would not require the A & P to adopt a forty hour week for another five years. The deal - to be kept secret.

Which testimony, today, drew angry criticism from committee Chairman McClellan of Arkansas, who called the deal - "reprehensible". The union members - sold out. But the A & P official insisted - there was nothing wrong about it.

POWELL

Today, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell appeared in court, pleading - "not guilty". The ~~repeal~~ pastor of Harlem's Abyssinian-Baptist Church, charged with income tax violation.

A large crowd was there - adherents and colleagues in the Ministry. Expressing their allegiance - and wishing him good luck.

Congressman Powell was asked about the fact that the New York Democrats, Tammany Hall, ~~may~~ have dropped him as a candidate for Congress this year, because he supported President Eisenhower - in the Nineteen Fifty-Six election.

"Thank God I'm rid of them," said the Congressman.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

The National Association of District Attorneys is beginning a campaign. Asking television - not to be so dramatic and romantic in depicting the D A - and in presenting trial scenes. Why? Because juries in actual court cases - get ideas.

At a meeting in Salt Lake, today, the President of the Association, Frank Moss, declared: "Television is educating the jurors to think that every trial must have some startling turn of events; some gimmick - that will make all elements of the case fall suddenly into place, and pin the guilt on some previously unsuspected person."

He takes note of the favorite spectacular scene - when a witness, on the stand, breaks down and confesses. "It just doesn't happen," says the spokesman for the District Attorneys of the nation.

Now, members of juries, in real life, think those dramatic twistlers - should happen. Maybe you can't blame them. Some trials can be long, dull and a deadly bore.

ROMANOFF

Prince Michael Romanoff - to remain in this country, with authorization to become an American citizen. The Princely restaurateur of Hollywood - winning out in a ~~long~~ long time duel with U.S. Immigration authorities. Who had ideas of deporting - His Hollywood Highness.

Does this mean - that Prince Mike has been able to prove that he's a genuine Imperial Romanoff? Of the royal family - of the Czars of Russia? Not at all. He doesn't make any pretence of that. ^{He admits} ~~CLAIMING~~ that he was born in Brooklyn. His real name -- Harry Gerguson. Therefore -- an American citizen. The Immigration authorities contending - that he's a native of some foreign country. Probably - Russia.

But Congress passed a bill to ~~give~~ give Prince Mike permanent residence in the United States. The bill - signed by President Eisenhower, today.

Harry Gerguson of Brooklyn - but in Hollywood, he remains Prince Michael Romanoff. - and quite a Hollywood celebrity.

Here's a figure - not easy to believe. A dispatch from London, today, stating - that the Duke of Bedford makes nearly half a million dollars a year, from the sightseers - visiting the stately ducal mansion, Woburn Abbey. The tourists --mostly Americans. They sure must come streaming in - to bring in all that money at the gate.

The Duke of Bedford - top ranking aristocrat among the many peers of the realm, who have opened their ancestral manors to visitors - for a fee. Some of them - also setting up sandwich and soft drink stands on the grounds of their manor houses.

In London, today, His Grace announced - he'd like to rent rooms in Woburn Abbey. Remarking - "so many stately palaces ~~rooms~~ have large acreage of bedrooms which could be turned into very suitable accommodations". Tourists - putting up for the night in the ancestral ~~mansion~~ mansion. Where the Dukes of Bedford held forth in Lordly state - for centuries.

PRINCESS

A dispatch from London says - it's now just a matter of routine. The visits of group Captain Peter Townsend -- calling on Princess Margaret. Nothing exceptional, romantic or emotional -- just the meeting of a couple of friends. For a cup of tea - and a bit of hum-drum conversation.

Yesterday, the one-time flier of the R A ~~F~~ spent a couple of hours with Margaret, whom he couldn't marry because of royal regulations. In the drawing room of Clarence House, residence of the Princess, they met for that British social function - afternoon tea.

Followed - by word from court circles at Buckingham Palace - that their association, now, is nothing more than one of "^{platonic} ordinary friendship".

Well, ^{Don,} ~~that~~ ^{is that} would be a development most unusual in the traditions of romance?

DOCTOR

Here's a salutation - all the way to Prince Edward Island, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Happy hundredth birthday - Dr. MacDonald. The century mark - reached by the physician hailed as the "oldest general practitioner in North America." Still treating patients.

My own greeting is all the heartier - because my father was a general practitioner. A doctor - in a famous gold mining camp - Cripple Creek. When physicians were few, and the bad men were many - in the traditional west.