

In Washington, the State Department ^{ridicules} ~~immediately~~
~~denies~~ the pact between the Soviet government and the puppet
 regime in East Germany. ~~Which~~ ^A grants "concessions" to the
 satellite, and calls ^{ing} for the unification of all Germany. The
 State Department says ~~that~~ this is only a move to bolster the
 shaky position of East German Communist bosses - and, also,
 to influence elections in West Germany.

Well, if you read the text of the pact, as published
 in Moscow - you'll certainly agree with the State Department.
 The puppet leaders, ~~were~~ badly discredited by those revolts of
 East German workers; ~~But, headed by satellite Communist~~
~~they~~ went into an imposing conference at the Kremlin. Soviet
 negotiators - headed by Malenkov, Molotov, Bulganin. The
 Soviets - agreeing to reduce reparations to a fraction,
 hand back East German factories, and ship in supplies of
 foodstuffs - "concessions" to buck up the bedraggled bosses of
 East Germany.

Which, in addition, would make them look better in

the picture of unification - as proposed by the Soviets.

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Germany - by combining the Eastern and Western regimes. Put

the Communists into a new German government - ~~on a~~^{on a} basis of

equality. The Western idea is - free elections, letting the

Germans ~~pick~~ pick a government for themselves.

This Red unification scheme might have an influence on the West German elections, which are soon to be held. That would seem to be the other angle of the pact signed in Moscow.

U.N.

South Korea, today, came out against India as a member of the political conference on Korea. So stated by Foreign Minister Dr. Y. T. Pyun, who told the Political Committee of the United Nations that it would be next to impossible for the Republic of South Korea to participate - if India has a place in the conference. Threatening - a South Korean walkout. The Foreign Minister from Seoul said it in bitter terms, accusing India of appeasement, of intriguing with the Communists. Of "treachery of the first magnitude."

It has been known that Syngman Rhee's government opposed ^{the} ~~any~~ inclusion of India. ^{Now - that} ~~which~~ opposition comes to the foreground. The United States is of the same opinion, trying to block a U.N. move to invite India. Great Britain is on the other side, favoring India - as the U.N. comes to a crisis, all-important for that Far Eastern conference ^{on peace in Korea.} ~~FOR PERSIA~~

~~a peace agreement in Korea.~~

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The Reds declare that four hundred UN prisoners - refuse repatriation. They won't come home. The nationality of these captives is not given, but it is believed that most of them are South Koreans. Reports have indicated that some two hundred and fifty South Koreans, out of many thousands, had been indoctrinated with Communism. Returning American prisoners indicate that as many as one hundred thirty-five Americans and British have chosen to stay behind. Which is a sort of general count - none to ^oprecise.

The Chinese Red radio states that U.S. negotiators were informed five days ago - about the four hundred captives refusing repatriation. They ^{(add that} ~~xxxxxxx~~ they, the Reds, are trying to persuade them to go back - and the count may change.

For one returning prisoner, today was - Christmas. Sargeant Raymond Mills of Chicago kept writing home telling the folks what he was thinking about, and

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what haunted him the most was the memory of - Christmas.
So his parents rigged up a tree with all the trimmings,
and that's what greeted Private Mills, when he returned
home today. • Christmas - on the twenty-fourth of August.

IRAN

Officials in Washington say that the Shah of Iran, restored to his throne, will get immediate consideration - if he asks the United States for emergency financial help. But - he has not made any representation to Washington, thus far. Shah Reza Pahlevi merely told newsmen that he was, in his words - "willing to accept help from any country which is willing to give it." Which, presumably, would include - Soviet Russia.

Washington officials explain that our government is anxious to see Iranian economy stabilized, because of the importance of ^{that country in} ~~the~~ the cold war. Their hope is that the Shah, confronted with a desperate condition of national bankruptcy, will come to terms with the British -- so that ~~Iran~~ Iran will again receive ~~the~~ millions of pounds in royalties from the Anglo-Iranian oilfields.

(In Teheran, ex-Premier Mossadegh has been moved to a prison cell. After his overthrow, he was kept in detention at the Teheran Officers' Club. But, they say, there was danger of

a mob getting at him. So, now, he's in the security of a
prison - awaiting trial for treason.)

SULTAN

The news today gives us a story about a monarch in exile -- and it comes from an appropriate place. The island of Corsica, the ^{picturesque} city of Ajaccio (Eye-acho). That was the birthplace of Napoleon, and he was the most famous of all exiles - first at Elba, then at St. Helena. But Napoleon was never anything like this.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The recent Sultan of Morocco, deposed by the French, and packed off to Corsica.

Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef is now at Ajaccio, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The Governor of

Corsica, is entertaining the exiled sovereign in his home - if you can call it entertaining. Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef arrived with two wives, a concubine, two sons, four daughters, and three servants. The Governor and his wife had to move into an attic. They're lucky to have ^a ~~that~~ little stuffy bedroom - and are living out of suitcases.

To make matters more embarrassing, the exiled

Sultan, who is very angry, ~~at the French government~~

refuses to talk to ^{his host.} ~~His Excellency M. de Saligny~~ You've heard of a host plagued by guests - that's it.

~~But what about the~~ Paris has informed the Governor that he ~~is~~ can get rid of his guests by finding for them a luxurious residence to accommodate "at least fifty persons." It seems that most of the former Sultan's court-in-exile have not arrived. Thirty-seven more are coming. Their identity is a secret, but the local Corsicans have spectacular anticipations. They believe that most of the thirty-seven will be more concubines and dancing girls.

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Which entertains the Corsicans no end.

Well, Napoleon may have been the most famous of exiles - but, neither at Elba nor at St. Helena, did he have anything to compare with the entourage of Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef.

MISSILES

London announces the development of ~~guided missiles~~

a guided anti-aircraft rocket - which speeds at the rate of

two thousand miles per hour. Capable of tracking down - the

fastest airplane. ~~The statement is that the guided missile~~

~~may be used to attack the enemy's air bases and shipping.~~

This is reported

~~as follows~~ as the Minister of Supply, Duncan Sandys,

~~is~~ leaves for Australia to attend British atomic tests on the

Woomera Rocket Range, where they^are testing guided missiles,

capable of carrying atomic war-heads.

They^are saying that these weapons, when perfected,

might make it possible to hold a military line with hardly any

soldiers. With guided missiles based on Britain, for example,

it might be possible to defend a front along the Rhine, in

Germany, without massing infantry and artillery. Do it - with

a barrage of atomic guided missiles from England.

(In Los Angeles, meanwhile, a British scientist

tells of the possibility of a man-carrying rocket making

a flight to the moon and back in ten hours. Dr. D.J.H. Wort, ~~has~~

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as quoted by the Los Angeles Times, declares the principle would be - hydrogen. But - something very different from the hydrogen bomb. Tricks to be played with the hydrogen molecule - which would provide the power to drive a rocket at fifty-four thousand miles an hour. "Monatomic hydrogen fuel", he calls it. In this latest prediction of inter-planetary travel.)

STEVENSON

Adali Stevenson, returning from his world tour, tells of Democratic victories - last November. In Chicago for a big Democratic rally, he ^{described} ~~talked~~ the success he had, running for President. Saying, "we carried every country overseas from Korea to Britain." Meaning - that, in foreign parts, the Democrats were the favorites.

Well, Adali, maybe you should have run for President all the way from Korea to Britain.

President Eisenhower, today, sent along to his officials in Washington - a plan to lower American trade barriers, the tariffs. Particularly - those concerning the nations of the British Commonwealth. The program was handed to the President by Lewis Douglas, former U.S. Ambassador to London, who argues for the principle of - trade, not aid.

The President, at Denver, does not recommend the plan. But merely passes it along - telling administration officials to give it "earnest attention."

CHURCHES

Two American religious denominations have united to form one church - the Unitarians and the Universalists. At Andover, Massachusetts, their delegates voted, today, to form a federal union of the two religious organizations.

~~the delegates, they will be combined under a new governing~~

~~board.~~

The two names, Unitarian and Universalist, express the main tenets of the two denominations. The Unitarians, back in the Eighteenth Century, broke away from Trinitarian theology. The Universalists began with the doctrine that all mankind will be saved - universal salvation.

The two churches drew close together - and, for fifty years, they discussed the project of unification. For twenty-five years, the ministers of both denominations have been trained in the same school. All of which ~~is~~ indicates how difficult it can be for two religious bodies to combine.

The Unitarians and the Universalists - finally uniting. ~~What~~

~~will they now be named?~~ **P** The gathering at Andover voted that

the joint governing body be called - the Council of Liberal Churches.

Meanwhile, we have figures to show that membership in all churches is at an all-time high - in the United States. Fifty-nine per cent of the people are church members. Figures given out by the National Council of Churches of Christ show an increase of three million, six hundred and four thousand - in the past year. More than two-and-a-half times the growth of the population in the same period.

There are fifty-four million Protestants, thirty-four and seven-tenths of the people. Thirty million Roman Catholics, nineteen and three-tenths per cent. The Jews number about five million, *- about 3%.* All according to the figures given out by the Council of Churches.

GAMMA GLUBOLIN

We have a survey of the effects of - gamma globulin. The program of giving injections against infantile paralysis - one hundred and fifty thousand children treated this summer.

The Survey, made by the United Press, would seem to show that there was less polio in areas where gamma globulin was tried - in mass inoculations. But, ^{the new drug cannot be} ~~it could not be~~ considered a sure preventative of the dread disease. In some instances, children contracted polio after being treated - but the malady was not of the paralytic type.

Medical opinion is reserved. Caution is the word, the doctors taking an attitude of - wait and see.

SOUTH AMERICA

Desperate weather news from South America -- the greatest blizzards in fifty years, ~~down there in the Southern Hemisphere~~. At least forty-five lives lost in storms ~~an~~ of wind and snow that raged in western Argentina and central Chile, the rugged region of the Andes. On the Argentine slopes, four victims, when a railroad station was buried by an avalanche. Many homes reported snowed under - overwhelmed by the drifts. One hundred miners trapped in an asphalt mine, sixty-three hundred feet above sea level. Great snows blocking the entrance to the mine. ~~They're having a~~ rugged winter - below the Equator.

CHAMPION

This country has a new champion, although a lot of people may not have heard about it. A chess champion - winner of a national tournament at Milwaukee. The new champ is named Byrne - which is as Irish as John L. Sullivan. But - in a different line of sport. Checkmating the king, instead of punching the nose.

Last year, I told of a chess tournament at Helsinki, following the Olympic Games. A scratch American team springing a surprise - holding a powerful Russian team even. The star, recently out of Yale, Robert Byrne. So you might think that Robert Byrne has now won the American championship. But not at all. It's Donald Byrne, the kid brother.

Another story of two brothers as top flight stars. Like the Deans - Old Diz and Paul. Or the diMaggios - Joe and Dominick. ^{But those ball players} ~~But those~~ never figured for an hour or two -- how to win a pawn.

The Milwaukee tournament was a triumph, likewise, for New York's Manhattan Chess Club, five members of which won the

top five places. Headed - by Donald Byrne, the new American Chess Champion.

Well, it's the old story of the fighting Irish.

Only, this time, ^{- Mike -} the Irish fought furiously in the game of sitting motionless for hours.