

Here's a dispatch from Paris, which could mean - a lot. Charles Corddry of the United Press - reporting from NATO headquarters. Where he procured information indicating that Soviet Russia has little chance of launching a surprise atomic attack on western Europe. Because - of the development of a long range radar screen and a system of anti-aircraft guided missiles. At the headquarters of General Lauris Norstad, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, the word is that, with this ultra-modern detection system - it is possible to penetrate Communist areas. Look in - for "several hundred miles." Detecting air activity - which would indicate that an attack was coming. Which would give time - for the guided missile system to go into operation. Bringing down - hostile bombers. So stated by General Schuyler, Chief of Staff to General Norstad. This NATO network - to be linked with American and Canadian radar systems - extending across the Atlantic and through Canada.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The United States made a proposal to Soviet Russia, today - for an uncensored exchange of radio and television broadcasts. The suggestion made - to Soviet Ambassador Zarubin in Washington. The State Department has been working, for the past eighteen months, on the program, According to which - Russian radio ^{and} TV would come to the United States. With similar American broadcasts - going to Soviet Russia. The idea - coming to a head when Khrushchev, the Russian party boss, appeared on the CBS Radio-Television program. All in line - with the hopes of easing East-West tensions by an exchange of information.

President Eisenhower - today was told about a "clean" bomb. An atomic or hydrogen weapon - almost entirely free from radioactive fall-out. Earlier in the month, the President said that about 90 per cent of the fall-out - has been removed from the latest U. S. bombs. Today, he was informed - that the figure is about 95 per cent. That close - to a bomb without any fall-out at all. At the White House, the President had a conference with Chairman Lewis Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission - and three of our highest ranking atomic scientists:- Dr. Ernest Lawrence, who created the cyclotron, Dr. Edward Teller, called the "father" of the hydrogen bomb, And Dr. Mark Mills. All - from the radiation laboratory of the University of California. They spoke of missiles that would spare civilian populations in war - and eliminate the dangers of testing atomic weapons.

ATOMIC

The biggest explosion - in the current series of atomic tests on the Nevada desert. Today's device - estimated as being more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb.

The purpose to test various measures of atomic defense. Like newly designed underground shelters for civilians - and clothing intended to give protection from radiation. Also - the effect of radiation on foodstuffs. The bomb - exploded ^{this time} on a platform suspended from a captive balloon.



ADD ATOMIC

Today's explosion - so violent that a reinforced concrete block house, fourteen miles away - was badly damaged. The massive walls - cracked; four doors ripped off. Nobody injured. But the Scientists inside were astonished!

KOREA

In Korea, doubt is expressed - about the report that the armistice line was violated by a fleet of red jet planes. South Korean and American military authorities declare - there's no clear indication that the 19 Migs actually flew south of the truce line. Though they were seen over villages - on the line that separates free Korea from the Communist north.

In Tokyo, William Girard will get married - as soon as possible. The soldier - waiting for a birth certificate from home. So that he can wed his Japanese fiance - Haru (Candy) Sueyama. Today, his military legal adviser, Major Stanley Levin, said - he won't wait for a decision from the U. S. Supreme Court, which will rule whether he is to be tried by the Japanese, ~~or~~ - by an American court martial, ~~on~~ that manslaughter charge - for having caused the death of a Japanese woman. Girard and Candy ^y_^ Sueama having decided - they'll get married right away, within a week. The ceremony to be held - in the protestant chapel of Camp Whittington, ~~where~~ - the soldier is being held. ^R Well, his case may be an affair of international controversy. But, for Girard and his Japanese sweetheart - romance comes first. She visits him every day - bringing special food ~~she~~ has prepared. So it can hardly be said - that the soldier has any anti-Japanese feeling.

EGYPT

News about banks - on the banks of the Nile. All banking operations - placed under the central control of the National Bank of Egypt. President Nasser, today-ordering this new centralization of government power. All Egyptian banks - under the control of the ~~control-of-the~~ minister of finance and economy. Which means - Nasser dominating Egyptian finance like a pharaoh.

BASEBALL

The ball players had their say ^{here} in Washington today. Three big leaguers - appearing before the Congressional Committee, which is investigating the status of professional sports. Robin Roberts, star pitcher of the Philadelphia Phillies, Eddie Jost, of the Washington Senators, and Jerry Coleman of the New York Yankees. They were questioned - about that highly controversial feature of organized baseball - the "reserve clause." Which binds a ball player to the team with which he signs to begin with - unless he is sold, traded, or declared a free agent. The "reserve clause" - virtually tying ball players up for their entire careers. ^R The three major leaguers declared that organized baseball could not operate without the "reserve clause" - unless some "workable" substitute could be found. But neither Robin Roberts nor Eddie Jost, nor Jerry Coleman - could suggest a substitute. They merely pointed out what would happen if a ball player were free to sell his own services to whom he pleased. He'd take a job with the highest bidder - and the rich clubs would get all the best players. The poorer clubs - left nowhere. Which would eliminate all reasonable competition - and wreck the sport. ^R There was another witness, however, a former minor league pitcher - who said, the baseball moguls use the "reserve clause" as a weapon against the players. James Pendergast - citing the fact that he pitched for the Boston Braves in 1948. Then - sent to the minors. Where he refused to take a pay cut - and was

{ suspended. Out of baseball - and he couldn't even play in the Cuban League. }

YANKÉES

A grand jury, today, dismissed the charge against Hank Bauer, of the New York Yankees. The ~~com~~^{plaint} put in by delicatessen store operator, Edwin Jones. Who charged that Bauer punched him. That famous night - of the fracas at the Copacabana. Today, in New York, the witnesses included Micky Mantle, Yogi Berra and Whitey Ford. Yankee ball players - who were at the headline party. Their testimony being - that Hank Bauer did not slug the delicatessen store owner. Who admits - he didn't know who hit him. But his brother said - it was Bauer. So the grand jury refused an indictment, and Bauer announced, through his attorney - that he will file a ~~law~~ lawsuit, ~~charging~~^g his accuser - with false arrest and malicious prosecution.

The Navy, today, recommended court martial - for eight sailors and marines.

Charged - with mistreating prisoners at the Jacksonville air station. Guards at the

brig - accused of striking prisoners, or otherwise roughing them around.

PLANE

A passenger airplane - ran into a truck today. An airliner, with ten people aboard - clipping the truck. But nobody hurt. It happened at Grand Forks, North Dakota. The plane - coming in to make a landing. Flying a little too low, and bang. The wheels - ripping across the top of the truck. But luck was riding with that plane. The landing gear - knocked out of commission. The airliner - able to rise and go winging away. For a better chance of a safe landing - flying over to Minneapolis. Where there was - a belly landing and a lot of skidding. No other damage done.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court - upheld a series of anti-obscenity laws, today. Laws - banning the distribution of pornographic material. One - a federal statute. Two others - New York and California state laws. Anti-obscenity laws - found constitutional. The same goes for an ordinance at Newark, New Jersey - forbidding strip-tease acts. Newark - virtually putting the kibosh on burlesque shows.

The court also reverses the convictions in more than a dozen cases connected with Communism - in line with the sweeping decisions last week.

GRASSHOPPERS

In California, U. S. highway 101 - the latest victim of the grasshoppers.

Hitherto the myriad swarms of insects has been assailing the rich fields of beans, corn, and alfalfa in ^{the} Santa Maria Valley. But then the grasshoppers turned their

hungry attention - to the highway. Along Route 101 - a ten mile stretch of plants.

Placed - for erosion control. Masses of green foliage - attracting the insects. Which

descended - in a cloud. Devouring the plants - and infesting the highway. Condition

so bad - they had to close the road. While an aerial attack was made - with planes

flying low, and spraying insecticides. At last reports, the battle against the

grasshoppers was going on.

In Chicago - an uproar of jazz. Planned - for the benefit of an aged negro trumpet player. Chicago swing musicians - to put on a blaring blues concert. For Lee Collins, Also renowned - as a preacher of the Gospel. Collins, a veteran of honkey-tonks - when New Orleans was the home of the original jazz. Blasting away at his trumpet - in the wickedest days of the old French Quarter. But ^a devout ~~and~~ religious man, ^{TP} Who prayed - and preached. When he wasn't playing a hot trumpet, in an old New Orleans honky-tonk - he was preaching a sermon out of Holy Writ. In time, he went on to Chicago - continuing a highly successful career as a jazz musician. Still - devoting himself to religion. But in the end, Lee Collins played the trumpet - too long and too well. In a Chicago Hospital now, with a dilated lung. Which, say the doctors, may have been caused - by a lifetime of blowing those ear splitting notes. But Lee Collins is not giving up hope. Today saying "Maybe I blew too long and too loud, and my lung went bad. But, I'll play again." And he'll also pray and preach.

SAUSAGES AND TOOTHPICKS

Over in quiet, sedate England, a wealthy magnate - convicted of punching a hotel manager. Because he didn't get - sausages on toothpicks, which he demanded - with his champagne. Fred Webster, director of a bus line, says - he spends eight hundred and forty thousand dollars a year in hotels on the Continent. Much of it - on champagne. Luxurious epicure - who knows what he wants, He was in a fashionable hotel at Blackpool, drinking champagne with friends, When he asked the waiter for those delicacies, sausages on toothpicks. But he didn't get them. Instead, the hotel manager, David Quinland, told him, "You're just a bag of wind." So that was what led - to the punching. In court, today, the bus line magnate was fined - five dollars and sixty cents. With which he could buy a few sausages - including the toothpicks.

ITALY

Over in Italy, a Calabrian love story - which has been going through dizzy gyrations.

The police, today, arresting - ^{the} A romantic mayor. Who thought he'd play the part -

of a bold, brave cavalier of old. At a Calabrian village, a family feud - dating back

to a killing long years ago. Forty years ago Mayor Pietro Nucera, a member of one

feuding family - falling in love with a young school teacher, Francesca. Belonging -

^{The Montagues and Capulets all over again} to the other family. Some while ago, the news told how his honor, the Mayor, with

nine companions, all flourishing pistols - kidnapped Francesca. Taking her - off

into the mountains. So the police made a search, and found the pair - living in

a cave. Whereupon Francesca declared - the Mayor hadn't kidnapped her at all.

They had eloped - because their feuding families wouldn't let them get married.

The pistol flourishing ~~abduction~~ abduction - a mere pretense. So it seemed - that

all might end happily. But, alas, Francesca's family would not accept the story.

Insisting - on an investigation. Francesca now admitting - it was a kidnap. She

had been taken by violence to the cave - where, however, she had changed her mind,

and decided she ^d pretend it was an elopement. So, tonight, the romantic mayor is

in jail - Francesca back with her family. A melancholy ending, of a Calabrian

love story, ^{1874.} ^{the library} Will there be another chapter?

END

In just a few minutes I am going over to the Mayflower Hotel to join a crowd of 4 or 500 men who have made aviation history. From Gen. Tom White, new head of the Air Force to Casey Jones who must have flown even before the Wright Brothers! From Gen. Tooev Spaatz, Gen. Doolittle and many others of World War II fame, to Grover Loening who invented the amphibian, and Admiral Rosendahl who flew the early dirigibles, and Gen. Harold Harris first man to save his life by parachuting from a plane in trouble! They'll all be there ^{- nearly all -} to pay tribute to Polar Flier Bernt Balchen. We'll all be recalling that it was the genial but rugged Balchen who piloted the first plane to fly over the South Pole. And, so long until tomorrow.