

DULLES

L. J. Dulles Tues. June 25-57.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, today, clarified this country's attitude in the matter of suspending atomic tests. Declaring that ^{we} ~~this country~~ might accept a suspension - before there was a halt in the production of atomic weapons.

Which might seem to be a reversal of the previous American stand. Which had been - that atomic testing would be stopped, only when atomic-weapon-production was also stopped. But the Secretary explained that, while there must be agreement on both points - the testing part might go into effect first. Before production was actually halted - although, agreed on. This clarifies a confusion following a statement - made by President Eisenhower last week.

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At the London Disarmament Conference, today, American delegate Harold Stassen offered a proposal - that both Soviet Russia and the United States reduce their manpower to one million, seven hundred thousand each.

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(In Moscow, ~~today~~, Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko turned loose one of those familiar Bolshevik diatribes. Denouncing a declaration by American General Norstad, Supreme Commander for Nato. Who said that Nato now possesses enough strength - to "destroy everything of military significance in Russia."

Gromyko calling this - the "ravings of an aggressor." Saying - that Norstad injured the prospects for an agreement on disarmament.)

NICKERSON

At Huntsville, Alabama, Colonel John C. Nickerson - pleaded guilty, today. The Army officer under charges - because of the way he protested against an order by the Defense Department. Colonel Nickerson - a top figure in the Army's guided missile program. Angry - because the Army was limited to short range missiles. The Air Force - given ~~axiangxang~~ the long range projects.

In protesting, he released material - that brought about his court-martial, and a long list of charges. The prosecution, today, dropping two of the more serious charges. Including - espionage. Colonel Nickerson - pleading guilty to concerning, chiefly, carelessness. the remaining fifteen counts. Penalty - still to be determined. He could get a possible thirty years in prison, but nothing like that is expected. The defense - bringing forward a series of character witnesses, today.

Top experts - praising Colonel Nickerson's contributions to the Army guided missile program.)

GOVERNORS

At the Governors' Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia - no great enthusiasm for President Eisenhower's proposal of last night. The President suggesting - a study of ways by which some of the powers of the federal government might be given back to the states. The states, also - to take over some of the job of taxation.

The general opinion among the Governors seems to be that they'll be glad to cooperate - but they doubt anything useful will come from the move suggested by the President.

INFLATION

Another hike - in the cost of living. The government announcing - that the consumer price index jumped three-tenths of one per cent last month. Rising - for the ninth month in a row. Bringing the cost of living in May - to an all-time high. Three and six-tenths per cent above May of last year.

In Washington, the trial of James Hoffa, Vice-President of the Teamsters Union. Charged with bribery - trying to put a spy on the staff of the Senate rackets investigation.

Today's witness, John Cheasty, a New York lawyer - who told a lively story of what went on. How Hoffa - paid him to get a job on the Committee staff. So that he could give the Teamster Vice-President - inside information about plans for the investigation of Labor racketeering.

Cheasty said - he was first approached by Hyman Fishbach, a Miami lawyer - who is a co-defendant in the trial. Fishbach making overtures - then taking Cheasty for a meeting with Hoffa. Who said - he wanted somebody inside the Committee, tipping him off - to what was intended. So that Teamster Union officials, called as witnesses, could be "prepared."

The price agreed on - eighteen thousand dollars. Cheasty saying - he wanted money in advance. Whereupon Hoffa

handed him 9 one-hundred-dollar bills and two fifty-dollar bills. Saying: "I owe you seventeen thousand dollars now."

There was an intimation, we are told, that Hoffa already had a couple of spies on the job, including - one in the office of the late Senator McCarthy.

Today, Cheasty said he had a talk with Lawyer Fishbach, the intermediary, and asked him - about the danger of being caught. Acting as a spy - on the Committee staff. Fishbach replying - there wasn't a chance. "We are too smart for that," he explained, according to Cheasty.

Which was ironical - that business of being too smart. Because Cheasty had his own ideas. Going to the F.B.I. - and telling them what had happened. They, instructing him - to go ahead with the scheme.

The net result - Hoffa and Fishbach, on trial today.

BASEBALL

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More testimony by baseball stars - at the Congressional hearing in Washington. Bob Feller - for twenty years a speed ball pitcher of the Cleveland Indians. Now, speaking as the President of the Major League Baseball Players Association. And Stan Musial, the great hitter on the St. Louis Cards - Vice-President of that organization. ^PBob Feller's testimony - drastic. Is professional baseball a business, or a sport? Should it come under the Anti-Trust Laws?

"Certainly," declared Bob Feller, "baseball is a business. What's wrong with calling baseball a business? I think," he went on, "baseball would be better off under the Anti-Trust Laws, with a few exceptions." - ~~that it would be giving baseball a free hand."~~

To which the former speed pitcher - added other criticisms of the way organized baseball is run.

He defended the "reserve clause" - which ties a ballplayer to a certain team, but he thought - that the "reserve clause" should be limited to five years. After which,

the ballplayer - could bargain with any club he wanted to.

Stan Musial said - the "reserve clause" is okay as it stands.

Feller's testimony rather startled American League President Will Harridge - who followed the ballplayers on the witness stand. Harridge saying: "He surprised and shocked me a bit by many of his statements."

HURRICANE

The first hurricane of the Nineteen Fifty-Seven season whirling - in the southwestern quarter of the Gulf of Mexico. Moving - in the direction of Texas and Louisiana. Being the first, its name begins with "A" - Hurricane Audrey.

MAYFLOWER SECOND

Alas, poor Mayflower the Second. In more trouble - worse than ever. *This time,* ~~And no case of unfavorable winds or storm~~

Legal trouble, a lawsuit.

In London today, the financier who put up the money to build the replica of the Pilgrim Fathers' ship - asked for a court injunction. Felix Fenston - who ~~kicked in with~~ *put up a* reputed twenty-five thousand pounds, ninety-eight thousand dollars. Asking the court for an order - enjoining Warwick Charlton, named as promoter of the Mayflower the Second.

Fenston says - ~~that~~ Charlton made a "gentleman's agreement" to turn the vessel over to the Mayflower Foundation. Any money made out of the Mayflower the Second - to be used for educational purposes. But Charlton, according to the account, wants to turn the craft over to another organization - the "Plymouth Plantation", at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

A conflict of plans - having caused a split in the partnership that promoted the voyage of the Mayflower the Second. Now bringing about a lawsuit - the kind of trouble the Pilgrim Fathers never had.

ITALY

Italy - growing balky about the deportation of Italian-American gangsters. Sent out of the United States - back to their native land. An official of the government at Rome stating - that Italy doesn't want the hoodlums. And is ready to fight, by legal and diplomatic means - to stop the coming of any more.

For some years now, American authorities have found a convenient way of getting rid of Italian-American gangsters. More than five hundred - sent back to Italy. So, today, the government official declared: "We've got enough of them already. These men went to the United States when they were children. They became gangsters in America, not Italy. Why should we take the responsibility? Every time we get one of these characters, it means extra police work, extra money to watch them."

Well, all accounts indicate - they're a nuisance. The Italian police - having to ^{check on} ~~watch~~ the mobsters. Who are kept in restricted areas. Forbidden to leave certain towns.

One alarming angle - the deported racketeers don't seem to be getting along with each other. The number one character among them - Lucky Luciano. Who ~~is forbidden to leave Naples.~~
~~The police constantly checking on accusations of drug smuggling against him, which is bad enough, but they say~~
~~Lucky Luciano~~ has become a snob, looking down - on the others. Considering himself - better.

Some while ago, Joe Adonis arrived in Italy - a big-time gangster deported from the United States. And Lucky Luciano was asked - would he meet Adonis at the boat? To which he replied: "Naw, I got nothing in common with guys like that."

Snobbery - which might, possibly, bring about a gang war among the deported hoodlums. Which the Italian police - would not enjoy.

Some of them are broke, and have no way to make money - not honestly, in any case. The situation so bad - that a Roman priest thought he'd do something about it. Father

Michale Blandine - planning a home for old gangsters, outside of Rome.

Today, the government official previously quoted, asked a plaintive question: "Why," he demanded, "don't the Americans send us a couple of Enrico Fermis, if they want to get rid of somebody?"

Too bad, Signor, *When Fermi was alive we* ~~we~~ never had any idea of getting rid of the great atomic scientist, ~~Enrico~~

LONDON RIOT

London today, trying to figure the damage - after a wild riot at a dog race. Called - the worst mob disturbance in the history of British racing. All the more shocking - because royalty was in the middle of it. Prince Bernhard of Holland, husband of Queen Juliana, having to make a hasty getaway.

At the Harringay Stadium - a thrilling dog race - in which the favorite, "Billycan Sprint" was beaten out by "Rubens Commission", a long shot, at ten-to-one. ~~"Billycan Sprint"~~
The Favorite
coming in second - or so it seemed. The riot breaking out - when "Billycan Sprint" was disqualified by the judges. Why? Well, that's an interesting point.

As the two greyhounds ran to a close finish, "Billycan Sprint" - bit the other dog. "Billycan" can also bite. Which was outrageous - and called for immediate disqualification.

When the judges announced this, a mob of some five hundred losing bettors - came storming. With a wild chorus of

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booing, they charged the judges' stand. The judges - fleeing in a hurry.

The mob, growing larger and more violent - ~~as they~~ ~~he~~ burned the judges' stand. They set fire to the grandstand - and invaded the race track restaurant.

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In the restaurant, at the time - Prince Bernhard of Holland. Who got away from the trouble - when policemen sneaked him out ~~of~~ a back door. After which, the rioters - stole whiskey, gin and beer from the restaurant bar, twenty-eight hundred dollars' worth. And - set fire to the bar.

Police were mobilized from all over London - and charged the raging crowd with heavy wooden truncheons. While firemen - turned hoses on the rioters. The mob fighting back.

One fireman - hurled through a plate glass ~~in~~ window. ^{PA}
And Henry it was
number of injuries and arrests - in the fracas. [^] All because -

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^e _L one dog bit ^a _^ another dog.

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ANNOUNCER:

L.T.- Because of one news item today I recall difficulties I've had abroad, talking English - to people who know little English.

Jean Seberg, Hollywood movie actress, in Paris, was interviewed by French reporters. The conversation - in English.

Jean told them - that none of her relatives ever had any ambition for things theatrical. Except her grandmother - who, when a girl, wanted to be a bareback rider in a circus.

After which one Parisian reporter quoted her as saying: "Her grandmother wanted to ride a bear." Another said: "Her grandmother wanted to ride bare." Like Lady Godiva. Ah, those Frenchmen! And the way they can interpret some of our simple American words!

And So Long Until Tomorrow.