

GERMANY

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(Today, the war with Germany ended, officially, at least - so far as the western part of that country is concerned.) As for eastern Germany, the Soviet zone, it's hard to figure out just what the situation is, legally, technically.

(At Bonn, the old city on the Rhine, the Foreign Ministers of the western Big Three) gathered in the office of Western German Chancellor Adenauer.

Welcomed by the Chancellor, they began by drinking a toast of champagne - to the occasion.

Then went into the Chamber of the West German Senate, a small place, and (put their signatures on the treaty -- making peace with western Germany, on the condition that twelve divisions of German troops be mobilized for the army of the Atlantic Treaty Organization.) (The Foreign Ministers signed in this order: Eden for Great Britain, Schumann for France,

Acheson for the United States, Adenauer for West Germany.

But there are still plenty of difficulties ahead. The powerful Socialist Party of West Germany is opposed to the treaty - on the ground that, by widening the split between East and West, it makes the unification of Germany more difficult. So there'll be a fight in the West German Parliament, which will have to ratify the treaty. There will be vigorous opposition in the French National Assembly, too - France being worried about the possibility of German military revival.

Tomorrow, the Foreign Ministers, In Paris, will sign a Western Defense Alliance, including Germany.

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Later news -- Red leaders threatening retaliation for the peace treaty. Followed by an order from the Red government of East Germany, decreeing what it calls -- "immediate and forceful measures." There is no indication of what these measures might be. Simultaneously, the Red border guards along the West-East frontier were ordered strengthened against what it called "sub-versive elements, spies and terrorists." The iron curtain tightened - but <sup>-x</sup> isn't clear what this means either.

Tonight, the Moscow radio gave prompt comment - calling the German peace treaty a military alliance by which the German people are drawn into preparations for a new war. The usual propaganda line.

## SUBSTITUTE ITALY

Italy held a series of local elections today - and early figures from Rome indicate a substantial victory for the moderate party headed by Premier De Gasperi. In the city of Rome, the Reds made a major effort to capture the municipal government. But the latest, with ~~xx~~ <sup>the</sup> nearly half the precincts reporting, shows <sup>the</sup> Christian Democrats with nearly forty-three percent of the vote. The Communist coalition - something more than thirty-three percent. The extreme right wing, neo-fascists and monarchists - more than twenty-four percent. The neo-fascists are running strong, but De Gasperi's Christian Democrats have a substantial margin.



## KOREA-PRISONERS

The prison camp news from Kojé Island presents an uglier picture than ever today - adding horror and atrocity, together with a threat of insane violence.

(Details are now disclosed of brutalities inflicted by fanatical Reds <sup>at Kojé Island</sup> on captives out of sympathy with Communism. Torture, <sup>and</sup> mutilation. Murderous executions, ordered by Red "kangaroo courts.") And, carried out by bludgeoning or hanging. The Communists were able to inflict a reign of Red terror upon other prisoners, too revolting to describe in detail.

(Now, as the camp command moves to put a stop to this, the Reds are organizing armed resistance.) An American officer today stating - that, in one compound, a Red arsenal was in operation, and is "presumed" to be making small guns. How the prisoners might be able to manufacture firearms baffles the imagination.

But there is positive information that they have been able to turn out quantities of more primitive weapons -- knives, tomahawks, steel tipped spears.) These they made out of wood, barbed wire and steel gasoline drums - setting up a crude forge with which to process metals. (Moreover, they have accumulated quantities of stones - for throwing. And Molotov cocktails, crude bombs loaded with gasoline.)

Also They have set up defenses and barricades, - constructed with military skill - and are holding military exercises for violent resistance. Playing a kind of game, in practice for riot. A team tries to break through a cordon of prisoners, who play the part of soldiers of the prison garrison.

All - leading to the belief that there will be raging violence and bloodshed, when the camp command uses force to re-establish full authority over the Red captives.

Canada protests the sending of Canadian soldiers to Kojé Island. So announced in Ottawa this afternoon. The basis for the complaint is that a detachment of Canadians was separated from the main Dominion unit at the war front -- and it is long-time policy to keep the Canadians in a single group when they serve overseas. ~~There is no indication of any objection to the presence of Canadians on Kojé Island -- as such. Though they are, of course, in the middle of that prison camp trouble.~~

~~But~~ In London today there was criticism -- of the way the Americans have been handling the camps. ( In the House of Commons, former Prime Minister Clement Attlee stated that the disturbances would probably not have happened, if the British were running things. )

British soldiers are among the troops on Kojé

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Island, ~~and Parliament~~ and in Parliament the demand was made - that the British Government supervise orders given to British troops there - at that hot spot. This was rejected by the Churchill Government, on the ground that Britain placed its troops in Korea under United Command, and is not interfering.



## KOREA-GENERALS

It is disclosed in Washington, that a military board in Korea, investigating the prison camp seizure of General Dodd, recommended only a mild penalty for Dodd - and General Colson. Especially - in the case of Colson, who made those much criticized concessions, persuading the Reds to release Dodd. But the milder recommendations were then reviewed by Supreme Allied Commander, General Mark Clark, and he ordered the severer penalties - both Brigadier Generals broken to the rank of Colonel.

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## KOREA-RIDGWAY

Today gives us a version of what General Ridgway told the Armed Services Committee of the Senate - in secret session last week. This emanates from what are called "Congressional sources" which picture the General as saying, that an offensive to drive the Reds out of Korea could probably not succeed, not with our present forces over there. More would be needed. The Communists are powerfully fortified, and a drive through their lines would mean - large casualties.

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At the same time, there's information that Ridgway told the committee he had a plan for military victory in Korea. But the General did not reveal

to the committee this plan for driving out the Reds.

All of which sounds contradictory, but it's part of what Ridgway is said to have said to the committee. We've had previous rumors of this, and are sure to have more.

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FOLLOW KOREA - RIDGWAY

General Ridgway is on his way, flying from New York - to take over his new post as Nato Commander in Europe, succeeding General Eisenhower. Before he left, he had a New York meeting with his own predecessor in Tokyo, General Douglas MacArthur. Ridgway wrote to MacArthur, "I wouldn't want to leave here before calling on you and paying my respects."

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## QUEEN MARY

Today the Dowager Queen Mary, was eighty-five and the tower of London fired a royal salute of sixty-two guns. At Marlborough House, she received the Queen Mother, widow of her son, and her granddaughter Queen Elizabeth as well as other members of the royal family - including the Duke of Windsor - and a few friends, among them Rosemary Jenkins, from the London East End, now twenty-one, who again presented her with a bouquet, for the fourteenth year -- tea roses and carnations.

## SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court handed down a series of decisions today - including one involving the much criticized Italian motion picture called "The Miracle."

The film was banned in New York State, and the court finds the ban - "unconstitutional." By unanimous ruling, the Justices hold that "sacrilege" is not a ground for censorship. The picture was denounced by the Catholic Church as a defamation of the Biblical account of the birth of the Saviour. But the court holds that, a motion picture, or any other kind of publication, cannot be banned because it is offensive to any one religion. The decision notes, however, that motion picture censorship on grounds of morality and public decency is legal - when authorized by state law clearly phrased.

~~(Another verdict upholds the legality of radio~~

advertising in street cars and buses. In the District of Columbia, people objecting to such advertising, went to law about it, and a lower court held that riders on public conveyances are a "captive audience", and should not be subjected to broadcast advertising, which they cannot escape. The court reverses this, and says the question is a matter of local regulation.)

But the high tribunal in the series of rulings today, made no mention of steel. Still no decision on whether or not the Government seizure of the steel mills is Constitutional.

With the Supreme Court still delaying it's verdict - there was action in the Senate. Where - Pat McCarran of Nevada introduced a resolution calling for a Constitutional amendment, to restrict Presidential powers of seizure. Senator McCarran wants an amendment that would forbid a President

to take over private property under those "inherent powers," on which President Truman places emphasis. The Amendment, would permit the government to seize industries in labor disputes, only with permission from Congress each time.

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## POLITICS

( In Texas, the Taft people won a preliminary success today. <sup>As</sup> The State Convention was about to open, they seated a Taft delegation from ~~Jmrff~~ Jefferson County, rejecting an Eisenhower delegation.

Thirty-one counties are involved in similar disputes - with Eisenhower delegations claiming to have been elected by majorities. But the Republican organization is controlled by supporters of Senator Taft - and they claim that Eisenhower majorities came about because of - "newcomers" Democrats turned into Republicans only because they like Ike.)

(The leaders for Eisenhower announce that ~~if~~ if their delegations, though chosen by a majority, are tossed out - they'll hold a convention of their own and send their own delegation to Chicago and make a fight of it there.)

(In Mississippi today, the State Supreme Court handed down a verdict in favor of Eisenhower.

Deciding - against a faction supporting Senator Taft.

The court ruled that pro-Eisenhower group is the official representative of the Republican party in Mississippi. Where, normally, there aren't many Republicans.)

## HARVARD

The executive editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal and Times, is James Pope, who also has the stately title of - chairman of the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Freedom of Information Committee. All this, which sounds mighty impressive, comes in the case of a student riot; a brawl connected with politics - campaigning for "Pogo for President." Pogo being a funny paper possum. But a possum - plays dead, while our Presidents are sometimes too lively.

But, Harvard being Harvard, they have a "Pogo for President" boom.

The Louisville Editor is irked because the cops in arresting twenty-eight students, locked up two reporters and three photographers of the Harvard Crimson - although they were only trying to cover the story. All of which violated the freedom of the press. The police displayed what the Editor calls -- a "feel-

ing of contempt" for a college publication. Which was unjustified - - the Harvard crimson being just as good as the venerable Boston Transcript.

Such is the protest made by the Chairman of "The American Society of Newspaper Editors' Freedom of Information Committee; in this story about Pogo for President.

Now Nelson - here we are together again - and I herewith nominate you to take over this mike.