

GUATEMALA LT-K. Tues. June 22, 1954

From Guatemala comes word that a decisive battle may be fought, soon, seventy five miles from Guatemala City. Colonel Armas is reported to be pushing his invasion army along the railroad that runs between the Atlantic and Pacific, with government ~~army~~ troops from the capitol hurrying out to meet him. The probable local of the battle? The area of Zacapa at a junction of the railroad, where one branch ~~is~~ goes to Guatemala City, and the other south toward El Salvador.

The government of President Arbenz has already claimed a number of victories over the invaders. He is also said to be distributing sub-machine guns to farmers, and to all Communist sympathizers in Guatemala City.

Yesterday President Arbenz was asked to surrender. He refused, and now a crucial battle seems about to take place.

GENEVA

A dispatch from Paris announces that Premier
Mendes - France will meet Chou En Lai, in Berne, Switzerland,
tomorrow. The French Premier, making a dramatic attempt
to end the war in Indo China.

The meeting to be held in the French Embassy.

Mendes-France declares that he'll dicker with Red China
alone. The Viet Minh rebels, not to be brought in as if they
were the main force behind the Indo Chinese war. Mendes-
France wants to get an armistice agreement from ^{China} ~~Chou En-Lai~~,
and not from his puppet.

Paris officials repeat that their Premier is
not going to take ^{just} any terms. He will not recognize the
Mao Tse Tung regime, or agree to abandon E D C - just to
end the fighting in Korea. And his staff adds, he will
make it quite clear to Chou En-Lai that France will not pull
out of Indo China if peace negotiations fail.

One thing Mendes-France is depending on - that he
can get the basis for a cease-fire. ^{As we know he has} ~~Because he's~~ promised

to resign - if the Indo-Chinese^R war does not end by July
twentieth.

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INDO CHINA

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also Stories about Red infiltration into loyalists
units.

Now the Viet Nam army gives its reply to the
criticism -- with a smashing victory on the coast of Annam.

PLANES

More American planes - to be sent to France to help strengthen Nato. Air Force ~~Secretary~~ Secretary Talbott announcing in Washington, that two sabre-jet wings will *be sent* arrive, this fall.

This will make eight wings of sabre-jets in Europe - three in western Germany, three in France and two in Britain.

DISARMAMENT

A dispatch from London ~~reveals~~ that the disarmament conference has broken up. For over a month five nations have been discussing ways and means of cutting down armaments and weapons. The nations - America-Britain - France - Canada - and Russia.

The failure - *due to the* familiar Russian objections. The West, proposing international inspection of atomic plants. The Russians - saying no. So the London conference breaks up - without having achieved anything.

EGYPT

In Cairo, nine cavalry officers sentenced to death. ~~The officers~~, accused of plotting to overthrow the regime. The prosecution charging, that they intended to seize premier Nasser - and control the country through President Naguib.

The trial was held before the revolutionary tribunal. The sessions, mostly ~~secret~~ secret. Now the verdict. The nine officers get prison terms - ranging from one to fifteen years.

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SPYING

The penalty for spying in peacetime - may be death.

A bill to that effect was passed today by the House
Judiciary sub-committee.

Under the present law, only a spy convicted of
operating during war can be executed. But Attorney General
Brownell wants the penalty made stronger -- to help in the
fight against subversion - the never ending effort to
get rid of Reds. The idea now to be that anyone who gives ^{information}
to a foreign power ^{information} that will injure this country - may be
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at war.

PENSION

Should Alger Hiss receive a pension from the government? That's what the House Civil Service subcommittee is trying to decide. We all know that he was employed by the State Department. And that he was convicted of committing perjury - falsely denying that he was part of a subversive wing in Washington.

Under the law, Hiss is entitled to a pension - just like anyone who worked for the government. And the Eisenhower administration wants the law to stand on the grounds that a government employee should receive his annuity regardless of the reason of his ~~separation~~ separation from the government.

Officials of our Budget Bureau doubt that Hiss or anyone else - can have this right taken away. The Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Philip Young, adds that the commission of a crime does not destroy the right. A lot of Republicans are opposed to that argument.

They want Alger Hiss and others convicted of crimes, to lose their pensions. Congressman Clardy of Michigan saying

that the Budget Bureau and ^{Chairman} Philip Young are showing more concern for traitors than for the nation. Clardy ^{adds that} ~~calls~~

^{he} himself ^{is} "shocked" and "boiling mad." ~~So members of the G O P are not having a family quarrel with the name of Alger~~

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BENNINGTON

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The Navy may never know just what caused the tragedy of the aircraft carrier Bennington when a series of explosions and fires killed more than one hundred of her crew, last month. For thirteen days, a board of inquiry has been listening to testimony from survivors. According to Admiral John Hoskins, President of the Board, the report probably will not be able to isolate one particular cause. But he adds that all possibilities are being taken into consideration in the hope of preventing anything like it again.

SMITH

Today's latest on the Maine Primary - almost five to one - for Senator Margaret Chase Smith. The Lady Senator polling around one hundred thousand votes. Her opponent, young Mr. Jones about twenty thousand. And to get the G O P nomination in Maine means election.

White House Press Secretary Hagerty says - President Eisenhower is pleased by the outcome. Also, G O P leaders in Congress say they are happy Margaret Chase Smith will be returning to Washington.

By the way, Senator Mundt estimated \$25,000 only
twenty-two thousand dollars - that is, exclusive of regular
sub-committee expenses.

HEARING

The final report on the hearing of McCarthy versus the Army may be ready in a few weeks -- before Congress adjourns. So says the Acting sub-committee chairman Senator Carl Mundt, who says also that special Counsel Jenkins, will continue to assist the sub-committee. That is, Jenkins will draw up a synopsis of those two million words of testimony. The purpose of the synopsis to isolate the key issues which Senator Mundt enumerates as about ten. He also says that parts of the report will not be unanimous.

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TOBACCO

On the New York Stock Exchange - tobacco stocks falling sharply. In one case, more than twelve thousand shares changed hands, just after the exchange opened today.

The reason - that report read at the convention of the American Medical Association. The one by Doctors Hammond and Horn - who say their research does indicate a link between cigarette and cancer and heart disease.

The report seems to have frightened a lot of ~~many~~ smokers.

But a dispatch from San Francisco describes the medicos at the convention still puffing merrily away - as usual -- the sale of cigarettes at their hotel, as heavy as usual. So the report of Doctors Hammond and Horn seems to be having more effect on the New York Stock Exchange - than on the medical convention where it was read.

But - wasn't ~~it~~ it always that way with doctors?

My father always told me so. "Do as I say - not as I do."

TRUMAN

Former President Truman seems to be weathering that operation in style. His medico, Dr. Wallace Graham, says Mr. Truman had a good night - and proved it by shaving himself this morning.

Incidentally the doctor has a complaint. He wishes his own name would not be mentioned so often. To M.D.'s that isn't cricket even if your patient is the famous N.S.T. says Dr. W. G.

He waved his goodbyes today as he faced forth upon the Briney - bound for romantic Ex Polynesia, the islands where they really wear those grass skirts.

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RAFT

Tonight a sixty one year old New Yorker is all by himself out in the Pacific. William Willis, on a raft bound for Samoa ten thousand miles away.

Willis describes himself as a "writer, adventurer, and drawer of comic strips." He says he has always wanted to sail the Pacific on a raft. But, the little woman wouldn't let him go. Until one happy day when she gave in. And she was on hand to wave him goodbye today as he fared forth upon the Briney - bound for romantic Rā Polynesia, the islands where they really wear those grass skirts.

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He says he's not trying to prove any scientific theory. Just wants to show that a man can conquer the Pacific all by himself. For company all he has is a cat; and, a parrot to talk to!.

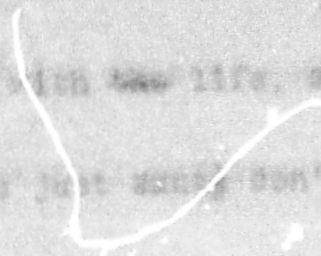
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

The members of the Fire Department at Oshtemo, Michigan set up a wooden shack in ~~an~~ an open field, doused it with gasoline, stretched a wire to a control box a hundred feet away, and announced a demonstration of how they would extinguish a fire.

When Fire Chief, Hillard Clapp, pressed the button, flames were supposed to roar through the shack, and then the firemen would dash up - and do what firemen are supposed to do. But, it didn't quite work out that-away!

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