

FRANCE

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On the eve of the London conference, <sup>a</sup> statement by Premier Mendes France is published, in which, he ~~states~~ <sup>declares</sup> that France might accept West Germany as a member of NATO, if, British military forces are pledged to the defense of Europe.

The French Premier said this in an interview with an American magazine, ~~United National News and World Report~~. Mendes France - quoted as declaring ~~that~~ that the French Parliament voted against E D C because it did not include a British pledge.

✓ The London conference begins tomorrow - and that, apparently, is the French demand which will be presented.

## FRANCE-ESPIONAGE

There's a spy sensation in France. In the foreground - two sinister facts: —

On June twenty-eighth, the Security Council of the *Paris* government held a super-secret meeting - concerning military measures in Indo China. A few hours later, the Central Committee of the French Communist Party was discussing the decisions made at that hush-hush gathering. The Communist leaders having in front of them - virtually a *full* ~~secret~~ *- a recording -* transcript of the super-secret proceedings.

On September Tenth, the same thing all over again. The Central Committee of the Communist Party - in prompt possession of a full record of the proceedings at another meeting of the Security Council. This time, the decisions concerned European Defense plans. Top secret - ~~supposedly~~.

These are only two headline instances, of national defense information leaking to the Reds.

At first, it was thought the Communists had been able to install dictaphones in the council room - the Salon of the

Ambassadors, in the Presidential Palace, the Elysee. But investigation reveals - this could not have been the case. The other alternative - the suspicion that somebody, with full knowledge of the proceedings, gave information to the Communists.

A military court, which is investigating, has called on members of the Security Council to testify. Members including President Coty, Premier Mendes-France, and other top flight political and military personalities. Today's dispatch from Paris indicates - this espionage scandal may force a shake-up in the Cabinet of Premier Mendes-France.

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## SOVIETS-URANIUM

A statement, issued in Washington today, indicates -  
~~then~~ tough going for Soviet operated uranium mines in Germany.  
The State Department - giving a review of refugees, fleeing  
from Eastern Germany to freedom. Some twenty thousand refugees  
every month. A significant ~~part~~ portion of them - slave  
labor from the uranium mines in Saxony, <sup>and</sup> ~~who~~ <sup>tell of</sup> ~~describe~~  
frightful conditions.

The Soviets - pressing uranium production with a ruthless  
drive. The mines - improperly constructed; and, ~~there's~~ a lack  
of safety precautions. The result - a series of mine disasters.  
Shafts caving in - miners killed. Workers - terrified by  
the very thought of going into the pits.

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Today's proceedings of the Chinese Red Congress at Peking <sup>- have</sup> ~~was~~ a puzzling angle. The rubber-stamp gathering of twelve hundred deputies elected - chiefs of government. Number one place - no surprise. Mao Tse-Tung - continuing as the "Chairman of the Peoples' Republic." Which would be the equivalent of President, or Dictator, or whatever. The surprise comes in the choice - for the number two place.

It had been expected that the second<sup>o</sup> highest post would be given to - Chou En-Lai. All along rated - as number-two man of Red China. Or, perhaps, Liu Shao-Chi, a Moscow ~~trained~~ trained Communist, regarded as China's principal theoretician of Marxism. But neither of these <sup>two gets the No. 2</sup> ~~two gets the~~ post.

The honor goes to ~~XX~~

the Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Red Army. General Chu Teh, a military hero of the Communists. ~~XX~~

Chou En-Lai remains Premier and Foreign Minister -

~~same~~ old job. Liu, the theoretician, retains his own previous

high position. But the new star that rises is the Army  
commander, General Chu Teh, <sup>now</sup> second only to Mao Tse-Tung.

In Soviet Russia, since the death of Stalin,  
political events have been featuring - the rise of military  
men in the Kremlin hierarchy. The Red marshals - more and  
more prominent. So, maybe, the same trend is on in China -  
with the ~~an~~ new rise of the Commander-in-Chief, as a Communist  
big-shot.

## KOREA

In Korea, the mystery has been solved - of the bullet that narrowly missed the U.S. Vice Consul in Seoul, Gordon Mott. It seemed a kind of terrorism - when ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> bullet shattered a Consular window, and almost hit the Vice-Consul.

What gun fired the missile? The answer now is - no gun at all. An investigation discloses - the bullet was thrown by a sling shot. You know, the kind of weapon with rubber bands - that boys use.

Across the street from the Consulate - the home of a Korean. Slightly whacky - it would seem. His hobby - playing with a sling shot. He'd shoot at birds with one. Today, he admitted - he ~~just~~ put an army rifle bullet in his trusty sling shot and took aim at a window of the American Consulate.

So that's the kind of terrorism it was.

## JAPAN

The frightful ship disaster in Japan is blamed - on the captain. Who lost his life - when the Toya Maru sank in a typhoon yesterday.

At an investigation today, government weather forecasters testified - they broadcast warnings every thirty minutes, telling of the increasing intensity of the ~~kyushu~~ typhoon. But the captain of the ferry boat, with more than ~~an~~ twelve hundred people aboard, ~~an~~ ignored the danger. The investigating court declares: "He belittled typhoon warnings and put out to sea in the storm."

The Toya Maru was navigating the Strait between Honshu and Hokaido, the northernmost island of Japan- and the typhoon hit that stretch of ~~an~~ water at the height of its fury. The crowded ferry boat was hurled on the rocks, and ripped open. The fire broke out - to complete the terror.

A thousand lives lost - fifty-eight Americans among the victims. Only one American escaping. Private Frank Goedken of ~~Dubuque~~ Dubuque, Iowa - who <sup>went</sup> got out through a port hole,



was caught in the typhoon waves, and washed onto the beach.

Several other large vessels were sunk - together with hundreds of other smaller craft. Casualties far and wide - some two thousand lives lost, altogether, in the devastation of the typhoon.

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## RADAR

The United States and Canada announce, jointly, plans for another network of radar in the Far North. A third radar line - to guard against atomic bombers coming ~~in~~ over the North Pole.

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It looks as if there'll be - another big battle of the  
 Senate! Today's McCarthy report <sup>sure</sup> to stir up verbal  
 fireworks ~~by the hour~~ <sup>5-</sup> ~~by the day~~ When - the Senate convenes  
 to consider the committee recommendation that Senator McCarthy  
 of Wisconsin be censured on two counts. Prompt inquiries among  
 the legislators reveal a sharp division of opinion. Some -  
 favoring the report. Others - agin it.

The committee took up five charges against the Senator:-

One- his attitude, when he defied a Senate committee - - <sup>that</sup>

questioning his <sup>(attitude, when he)</sup> ~~financial affairs~~ defied ~~a Senate committee~~

questioning his financial affairs. <sup>Today's report calls his</sup>

conduct "contemptuous, contumacious and denunciatory."

After these large words, the verdict is - let him be censured.

Another accusation - the Zwicker affair. McCarthy -

charged with abusing the General. Saying - he didn't deserve

to wear the uniform. The committee calls this "inexcusable,

reprehensible." So let him be censured.

On the three other counts, no censure is recommended; but, McCarthy is criticized. His invitation to government employees, asking them to give him secret information, is called - "improper."

As for the so-called F B I letter, which the Senator presented at the Army-McCarthy hearings - that is called a "grave error."

Another charge - that McCarthy abused his fellow Senators. Calling Senator Flanders of Vermont - "senile." The finding ~~is~~ <sup>what</sup> is "improper." But the committee notes that the McCarthy remark had been provoked by remarks that Flanders made.

On the whole, the report is one of stinging criticism. Censure recommended on two counts - blame, without censure, on the other ~~is~~ <sup>what</sup> three.

From the McCarthy side - an immediate reaction. The Senator - to defend himself fully and at length, when the report comes up at a special session, November Eighth. So stated by McCarthy's attorney. The Senator himself - being

unavailable. He has a sinus condition, and is in Arizona.

But, through his lawyer, he says - he'll answer, and how!

This - to be added to other indications of copious verbal fireworks.

If the Senate follows the recommendation, it won't mean any kind of penalty, except verbal chastisement <sup>— just</sup> words.

~~The whole of this is wordy.~~

The Chairman, Congressman Hillings of California, made a trip to Guatemala recently - to study the situation there, following the overthrow of the pro-Communist government. He talked with President Castillo Armas, and a recording was made - in which the Guatemalan President made a statement. The hearing, now being held.

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## GUATEMALA

Today, for the first time, the chief of a foreign government gave testimony at a Congressional hearing. President Castillo Armas of Guatemala - who, however, was not there in person. But - his voice was there. The President of Guatemala - testified - in a recording. Which was played back - at a ~~max~~ hearing of a sub-committee investigating Red activities in Latin-America.

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So today he testified - urging U.S. economic and technical aid, as a way to keep the Communists from winning new support. He testified, further, that only a few hundred Guatemalans are real Communists. But the Reds, acting on orders from Moscow, were able to get control of the *previous government.*

~~previous government.~~

Congressman Hillings declared that, right now, the Reds have enough weapons hidden away - to equip two full divisions of troops. (~~Weapons Imported from Red Poland.~~

Which goes back to the headlines, months ago - when a Communist armament ship landed its cargo in Guatemala.

Congressman Hillings tells us - that the huge consignment of ~~the~~ military material was immediately handed over to Communist labor leaders.

Much of this armament has been seized by the anti-Communist government, but Congressman Hillings estimates the Reds have been able to hide away <sup>some</sup> thirty thousand rifles, revolvers and light machine guns.)

## PALESTINE

In Jerusalem, today, they ~~was~~ were hailing the advent of the year - five-thousand, - seven-hundred - and fifteen. New Year - according to the ancient Hebrew calendar. All over the world, Jewish communities held religious observances. In ~~the~~ <sup>- perhaps</sup> Palestine <sup>is</sup> the most fervent of all, ~~perhaps~~.

The State of Israel can look back to the old year with mixed feelings. Peace has not yet come to the borders of Israel and the Moslem world. Instead - new outbreaks of trouble. One result - a decrease in the tourist trade. A decline of about forty percent - which Israel blames on the frontier violence.

On the other hand, Israeli factories are booming.

Factories of moderate size, mostly - turning out quantities of consumer goods. <sup>With</sup> ~~There is~~ a rapidly increasing export of manufactured articles.

During the year past, Israel planted - its first cotton crop. Now described as - excellent. The crop is being picked right now. So the song might be, "it's cotton picking time in Palestine."



Another cause for pride - peanuts four inches long. The ancient land - particularly good for growing the familiar goober. The four inch peanut - in demand for the export trade. Bringing in - badly needed revenue from ~~the~~ abroad. *all adding up to some* reason for optimism, in the year five thousand, seven hundred and fifteen - the four inch peanut!

CALIFORNIA

Today, the town of Cedar Pines, in Southern California, was ~~not~~ saved by fire fighters, who, in a last ditch stand, checked a flaming tempest, raging through the San Bernadino mountains. Only a few houses on the outskirts of the town caught fire - flames put out quickly.

That forest fire is the latest of a series. Southern California - having a heat wave. Result inevitable - flames breaking out among the trees and brush of the mountains.

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## SCOTLAND

At Glasgow, Scotland, <sup>children</sup> people were terrorized - by the "vampire with Iron Teeth". The story got around that this fiendish monster had killed a couple of children in a local graveyard. ~~Which gave it a ghostly touch.~~ So a gang of youngsters bucked up their courage, armed themselves with pocket knives and clubs, and <sup>sallied forth -</sup> ~~invaded the Glasgow graveyard -~~ ~~intending~~ to kill the "vampire with iron teeth."

The explanation turns out to be that usual thing - a comic book. A horror thriller - imported from the United States. One bloodcurdling feature - the "vampire with Iron Teeth." Which started the crazy rumor among the children.

Today, Mrs. Alice Cullum, a Scottish member of Parliament, started a campaign - to outlaw American comic books. Which won't be difficult, <sup>for the British.</sup> ~~as a legal problem~~ They'd only have to classify those horror thrillers as "non-essential imports." <sup>and</sup> The people of Glasgow are ~~certainly~~ convinced, they're "non-essential."

FASHION

TP I told Lanny Ross about this next item a moment ago and he straightaway went to his microphone and sang a song about it. Now, step up girls, and answer - how'd you like to be

called a "pretty Dracula?" That is, ~~xxxx~~ charming version of that ghoulish vampire of book and ~~xxxx~~ movies? The question arises because of the appearance of - green face powder. Which gives the complexion - a spooky - unearthly look.

Today, Elizabeth Toomey, of the United Press, quotes one fashion critic as remarking that ~~is~~ the new green face powder gives a girl a "very pretty Dracula look." So now the boy friend can sigh "Your face is so beautiful and green, my lovely Dracula."

The new shades of face powder also includes - gold. Of course, the girls have long known the <sup>value</sup> ~~xxxx~~ of gold. Now, they can wear it - on their face. You can gild the cheeks, as well as the lily.

This golden theme, we are told, has the approbation of style expert Lily Dache who recommends - the all-golden girl. ~~the~~

With the yellow sheen - from tip to toe. Hair, tinted a golden shade. Then, the gold face powder. A dress - of similar glitter. And - golden slippers.

She sure would look expensive! *And s-l-u-t-m!*