

President Eisenhower, today, gave what the Washington news dispatch calls - "perhaps his most optimistic appraisal of the chances for world peace, since assuming the presidency." In this, he answered a statement by General Mark Clark - who suggested, yesterday, that we should sever diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia, and force Communist countries out of the U.N. The President remarked that General Clark was an old friend of his, and had a right to his opinions. But - Eisenhower disagrees.

He rejected any notion of a diplomatic break with Moscow, and dismissed all thought of a "preventive war." He said there would be such an atomic holocaust that he wouldn't even listen seriously to anybody who proposed a third world war.

The President noted that, in the past year, two wars have ended - Korea and Indo-China. ~~And so it is~~ The settlements, ^{he conceded,} ^{altogether} may not have been satisfactory to this country. But, at least, the shooting stopped. He pointed likewise to

settlements in Iran, Egypt, and the overthrow of the Communist infiltrated government of Guatemala.

All - adding up to an expression of presidential optimism.

OTTO JOHN

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All confused argument about Otto John might seem to be cleared up - in dispatches from American newsmen in Berlin. The former West German Security Chief held a news conference, today, in the Red sector, and reporters didn't see any sign to indicate he may have been "lured" by the Communists, or was under any duress or pressure.

He Otto John talked a Communist line. He

~~Otto John~~ declared that the European Defense Treaty has "secret agreements", accepted by West German Chancellor Adenauer. Hidden clauses - which he threatened to reveal to the Communists. Asked what these "secrets" might be, he wouldn't say.

He charged that the Adenauer government is promoting a Nazi revival. And said - West Berlin participation in a European Defense Army will be used as a cloak for a resurgence of German militarism.

The fugitive Security Chief read all this from a prepared statement, and seemed nervous, embarrassed. But - with no other sign of being under pressure.

The West German government is described as -
dismayed by these proceedings. Otto John was promptly
denounced as a "traitor", and Chancellor Adenauer called an
emergency meeting to consider the situation.

The State Department in Washington flatly ~~announced~~
contradicts the charge - that the United States has any secret
agreements with West Germany, in connection with the European
army plan.

WEST GERMANY - STRIKES

West Germany is in the throes of a labor crisis - a huge outbreak of strikes.

In Bavaria, the metal workers are out. In Hamburg - transport, gas, and water employees, on strike. Metal workers in the section of industrial Frankfurt - threatening a walkout. So does the National Union of Public Service Utilities and Transport Workers - ^{— which has} ~~who have~~ issued an ultimatum, threatening a strike throughout West Germany.

All this reflects a general demand for higher wages - as West Germany continues to flourish, economically.

BAO DAI

The Emperor Bao Dai announces - he'll go back to Indo-China. In Paris, the monarch states ^{that he will} ~~he will~~ return to save his throne. His kingdom is only the southern part of Viet Nam. The Communists in possession of the northern section. But Bao Dai wants to retain what's left -- in the face of moves to toss him out.

He's known as a playboy emperor - spending his time along the French Riviera. Where he stayed -- through most of the war in Indo-China.

Last weekend, the leader of the powerful religious group in Southern Viet Nam declared - he no longer recognizes Bao Dai as the sovereign. Which is merely the latest of a number of similar proclamations - withdrawing allegiance.

Today, the news pictures political chaos in Southern Viet Nam.

^{apparently}
Bao Dai [^] will get no help from the French,

~~apparently~~ - who don't want to be put in the position of backing an emperor with dubious prospects. Their policy would

seem to be - ~~hand~~ hands off.

When it's all over, the Emperor may still be a
playboy along the Riviera.

CHINA

We've been hearing about floods in China - that ancient land of disaster from the deluge. Not much information has come through the Bamboo Curtain. But today the Red Radio stated ^{that} in the region of Hankow, the Yangtze crested at ninety-seven feet. The river thirty-six feet higher than the previous record. That previous record was in Nineteen Thirty-One -- when the Yangtze floods were a tragedy in Central China.

The Red Radio gives no details of damage. Merely indicating that tens of thousands of workers are in a battle against the deluge. ~~The Yangtze flood cresting at~~
~~ninety-seven.~~

JAPAN

Japan reports another assassination attempt against Premier Yoshida - the second this year. An ex-convict, arrested as he lay in ambush. Armed, with a hand-grenade and a sword - near the Premier's country home.

The story sounds exceedingly Japanese - telling how the would-be assassin served a term in prison. Released in April - then going to work as a laborer. He didn't like working conditions, and blamed the plight of Japanese laborers on the Premier.

On a mountain road, he found a hand-grenade -- which seems to have been lost by the U.S. Army. Then he bought a sword, ~~with~~ a samurai blade, I suppose.

On the grounds of the Premier's own summer home, he hid in ambush - waiting for Yoshida to appear. He had brought along a jug of saki, - and ^{he} drank so much ^{of it}, he fell asleep.

The police found him - snoozing and snoring. With his hand-grenade, samurai sword -- and, empty jug.

ATOMIC

The federal government is getting an injunction to stop a strike at the Paducah, Kentucky, atomic plant. A walkout - called for tomorrow. This procedure, under the Taft-Hartley Law, was ordered by President Eisenhower, today.

~~The appeal for an injunction to be made in the federal district~~

~~court at Knoxville, Tennessee,~~ *And* It would enforce a delay of eighty days - while measures are taken to settle the atomic labor dispute.

McCARTHY

The Army states the belief - that the F.B.I. information produced by Senator McCarthy was not given to the Senator by an Army officer. Referring, of course, to the letter that figured so prominently in those famous television hearings. McCarthy said he had the F.B.I. material from a "young officer of Army Intelligence." Whereupon the Army made a hunt for this "young officer", with the intention of punishing him for disclosing secret material.

Now the ~~Army~~ inquiry has been completed, and an ~~final report~~ official report was made today, in the following words:- "The Army does not believe that the release of this document was committed by anyone who is, or who was, an officer in the Army." Which leaves the question more mysterious than ever -- Where did McCarthy get the document?

O'DWYER

In Mexico City, former New York Mayor ~~and~~
~~Ex-Mayor~~ William O'Dwyer confirms a report that he was
queried - by agents of the U.S. Internal Revenue Department -
today. Who asked about his income tax returns for Nineteen
Forty-Nine and Nineteen Fifty. One subject - a ten thousand
dollar donation which O'Dwyer is reported to have received
while he was Mayor of New York. He denies he ever got any gift
of ten thousand. The tax agents are interested also in
entertainment bills O'Dwyer ran up while he was U.S. Ambassador
to Mexico.

O'Dwyer has been living quietly in Mexico City,
having announced - he intends to become a Mexican citizen.
Today he declared he'd fight any income tax charges to the
limit. Calling the whole thing - political.

EISENHOWER - CANDIDATE

White House backing for former Congressman Case of New Jersey - was reaffirmed, today. Clifford Case is the Republican candidate for the Senate; but there is a split among Republicans - because he takes an anti-McCarthy stand. Earlier in the week, President Eisenhower endorsed the former Congressman. But now a group of New Jersey Republicans declare they've asked the President to urge Clifford Case to withdraw from the race. The President told his news conference - he hasn't seen the telegram. But he repeats - that the New Jersey R^Epublicans have nominated a fine candidate.

IDAHO

.. Political surprise in Idaho - Glen Taylor has won the Democratic nomination for the Senate. Remember him - the "Singing Cowboy", who strummed a guitar, campaigning for the Senate? ~~He~~ Was elected - then ran for Vice-President on the Progressive Party ticket in Nineteen Forty-Eight. Remember that? - Henry Wallace and his third party movement, denounced as pro-Communist?

Well, after that Left Wing adventure, Glen Taylor lost out. Defeated, in Nineteen Fifty - for a renomination to the Senate. But, now, he tries it again - and wins.

Today, the figures for a primary election yesterday, show - Glen Taylor with more than twenty-three thousand votes. Claude Burtenshaw a little over twenty-two thousand. Alvin McCormack - a little less than fifteen thousand. Today, Burtenshaw stated: "Things have taken a strange turn, and the Democratic Party may be taken over by Left Wing leadership."

On the Republican side, Senator Henry Dworshak won in a walk-over, capturing the G.O.P. nomination -

fifty-two thousand to seven thousand.

From this distance, the Democratic nomination of the "Singing Cowboy", who ran for Vice-President on Henry Wallace's Progressive Party ticket - might make things easier for Dworshak.

ROBBERY

News from a pleasure cruise aboard a yacht in the Mediterranean. The American dime store heir, James Donohue, entertaining the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. The news - a robbery.

Donohue, the Duke and Duchess, went ashore at Naples. When they returned, the dime-store-heir found - property missing. Somebody had swiped six sports coats, his passport, and a wallet containing two thousand dollars.

At last reports, the police were looking for the Greek chief steward, who left the yacht yesterday - jumping ship at Naples.

LONDON

Londoners had a surprise, today - when an airplane, swooping low, went buzzing along the River Thames. Right under those two famous bridges - Tower Bridge and London Bridge.

Not that this hasn't been done before. But, hitherto, by some mad Englishman. This time - no Englishman at all. The crowds could see clearly - the pilot was wearing a ten gallon hat.

The telltale headgear - of our own American ~~way~~ West.

He flew back to Denham Airfield, and - vanished, before anybody could stop him.

Beside the ten gallon hat, the only other clue is how he talked. He'd rented the plane, speaking with an

American accent - a slow drawl. So London is sure ^{has} a Texan.

The only one ^{to equal a} ~~man who could compete with a~~ mad Englishman, would be a Texan, ^{so they think.}

KISS

In the world of movies - there's a startled starlet.

Called - Miss Kiss. That's the trouble.

Press agents dream up nicknames for publicity -
oomph girl, pin-up girl, or what-not. So what did the press
agent/~~dream up~~^{do} for Joan Collins? He put out publicity,
quoting her as saying - she likes to be kissed. When she
meets a guy, she expects - a resounding smack. The press agent
baptising her - Miss Kiss.

It happened in Rome - where the startled starlet,
who is from England, is working on an American film feature.

Can You can imagine how the Italians take that Miss Kiss
invitation?

Today, she exclaimed in despair: "I haven't a
moment of quiet. Every guy expects to be kissed. When I'm
introduced to men, they don't even bother to bow or offer to
shake hands. They merely stand there, grinning like fools."

Some don't even wait to be introduced. "One,"

she wails, "just marched up and kissed me before I even knew
his name."

Here's the worst of it. The startled starlet says,
with a wild expression: "The truth is, I hate kissing, ^{— everybody!}"

— Harry —
Well, [^] that was one bit of press-agenting which

certainly mis-fired. Or would you say -- kiss-fired?