

FRANCE

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A sensational proposal put forth - in France today.

The suggestion - that France and Germany join in mutual armament production. That is, both French and German war materials ^(to be) made in the same factories. As a further guarantee - against West German rearmament getting out of control.

Obviously, ^{if} the French and German manufacture of weapons ^{were a} partnership affair, ⁱⁿ the same plants, jointly managed - it would help to prevent the runaway construction of a German war machine.

The idea - put forth as a diplomatic trial balloon. Today - published in a Paris newspaper. Which called it - a Mendes-France project. This - followed by a statement from a spokesman of the French government. Who said: "The idea, definitely, is in the air."

The trial balloon, obviously, was launched on the quiet by Premier Mendes-France. As a preliminary - to top level conferences on German rearmament, which will be held in Paris next ~~in~~ week. Mendes-France, ^(if he) thinks it favorable - ~~in~~

will present the proposal. Joint Franco-German production of armament.

FORMOSA

We hear that Chiang Kai-shek promised - to stop the Nationalist ^(raids) ~~raids~~ against Red China. Unless the Communists provoke - retaliation. The pledge - said to have been given to Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson, who has been consulting with the Generalissimo on Formosa.

Today, Robertson, trouble-shooter for the State Department in the Far East - flew back to Washington. His talks with Chiang - a secret. When he left, he was not only silent - he scowled at the newsmen.

But the report is that the Assistant Secretary got a pledge - that the Nationalists will take it easy. For fear - that, by bombing the Red mainland, they might touch off a big war.

A newspaper, today, said: "Wraps were put on Formosa, as the price of European unity." The statement being that, at the London conference, the Americans gave assurance, they'd keep Chiang Kai-shek from doing anything rash. Which helped the harmony - in London.

Officially, Trouble-Shooter Robertson was on Formosa

to discuss American aid for the Nationalists. Which fits the

picture. The story being ~~that we'd speed up~~ ^{he promised} we'd speed up

shipments, if Chiang Kai-shek would behave prudently.

LONDON - STRIKE

The London government stepped into the strike situation, tonight - trying to end the walkout that has tied up the great port. Forty thousand waterfront workers - out.

Prime Minister Churchill held an emergency Cabinet meeting tonight - and, immediately afterward, Company and Union representatives were called for a meeting tomorrow.

* Suggestions had been - that the British Army might be used. Soldiers - to unload a fleet of ships waiting at the docks and in the Thames. But Churchill and his fellow Ministers decided - against doing anything so drastic, right away. Instead, they will try for a settlement at a meeting of Companies and Union tomorrow. * The strike - said to be directed by Communists.

Today, a Conservative Union leader charged - the Communists are stirring up trouble, hoping to impede arrangements for West German rearmament.

HAILE SELASSIE

London, today, had a visit of state - ~~was~~ ^{and} put on a show, as only London can. ~~the~~ Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia - arriving as a guest of the royal family. At the Victoria Station to greet him -- Queen Elizabeth the Second, ~~and~~ the Duke of Edinburgh, and Queen Mother Elizabeth. Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden - heading a delegation of Ministers of the government. Then - a stately parade - on to Buckingham Palace.

The ~~last~~ last time Haile Selassie was in London, he was - ~~was~~ an exile. When Mussolini drove him out of his kingdom, in the late 'Thirties. Then - a refugee, without much apparent hope. Today - a reigning sovereign welcomed by royalty and ministers of state. Haile Selassie - in a dazzling uniform, ^{breast/} ~~was~~ covered with medals. On his head ^{a cockade} ~~a crown~~ hat, from which hung a mane of a lion. Symbolizing his official Ethiopian title - "Conquering Lion of Judah." ^P ~~In~~ ^{the} summer, Haile Selassie made a tour of the United States - but we don't do things ^{quite} as royally ^{for our guests} as they do in Old England.

PAKISTAN

The Premier of Pakistan arrived in Washington today.

Mohammed Ali ^{to} ~~who will~~ confer with President Eisenhower, and

then make a good-will tour of the United States. He was

welcomed by Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr. -

~~He~~ will see President Eisenhower on Saturday, ^{to discuss} ~~Topic~~ the

role Pakistan will play in defense arrangements against

Communism in Southern Asia.

Premier Mohammed Ali is no stranger to Washington -

where he served, previously, as Pakistan Ambassador. He's

almost as familiar with Pennsylvania Avenue as he is with

Main Street in Karachi.

SUBMARINE

The Navy will hold an investigation, to find out - why pipes, of the wrong kind, were installed in the Nautilus, the world's first atomic submarine. We now hear that, when the steam pipes were put through a routine pressure test - they burst. ~~These pipes were~~ ^{They're} now being replaced. But the trouble will delay the trial runs of the Nautilus, at least three months.

Responsibility for the error has been accepted by the Company which did the work on the Nautilus. Electric Boat - replacing the ~~faulty~~ ^{faulty} pipes, at its own cost.

The Company has been investigating, and one shop foreman has already been dismissed. A further Company shake-up in prospect - as a result of the costly mistake.

The Navy - investigating too. Wanting to avoid such mix-ups in the future.

LANONT

A federal grand jury, today, indicted Corliss Lamont- of the well known banking family. Charged - with contempt of Congress, when he refused to answer some questions asked by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin. ^P Indicted along with Lamont are Lawyer Abraham Unger, who was an attorney in the defense of the eleven Communist leaders, convicted in Nineteen Forty-Nine. And - Albert Shadowitz, a former employee at a New Jersey laboratory ~~laboratory~~ working for the Army Signal Corps. All three - having refused to answer questions concerning Communism at a McCarthy hearing.

Corliss Lamont, son of a one-time partner in J.P.Morgan and Company, is a lecturer in philosophy at Columbia University. Now - indicted on twenty-three counts, alleging contempt of Congress. He refused to answer twenty-three questions -- regarding his possible Communist connections when he wrote material used for Army instruction.

NEW JERSEY

In New Jersey - a new political storm. The Newark Star Ledger - printing a story about a sister of Clifford Case, Republican candidate for the Senate. Charging - that Adelaide Case, a teacher in Michigan, was connected with Communist Front organizations.

The Star Ledger quotes Dr. Bella Dowd, former member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, tossed out by the Reds in Nineteen Forty-Nine. Dr. Dowd reported as saying that ~~Adelaide~~ ^{Adelaide} Case was - "an active member of several Communist Front groups, ~~which helped to organize~~."

Candidate Case immediately denounces this as "gutter politics at its worst." He says ^{-- he'll} ~~he'll~~ answer the story, fully.

All of which is the latest in the New Jersey Congressional campaign. The Republicans - having a feud. Candidate Case - described as "too liberal."

Vice-President Nixon vows - he didn't say it.

~~Not~~ Not he who uttered the profanity - at the close of a television address ~~last night~~ last night.

The television appearance was at Van Nuys, California, and many thousands heard that final exclamation. And thought - the vice president had said the shocking thing.

So what was it? Well, the phrase included that forbidden word beginning with H and ending with double L. I won't mention the vowel in the middle - because that would give it away. In any case, the exclamation that went out on the air was as follows:

"Who the H did that?"

^B But
/ Vice-President Nixon didn't say it. Today
_A he explained: "It was not I who swore. It was a technician who knocked over a microphone." Well, these

are ~~the~~ ^(when) days ~~that~~ you have to be mighty careful of words, as Sec. Wilson found out. Even a word that begins with H and ends with L.

EISENHOWER - SAPPHIRE

News from Los Angeles - about an "Immortal in Sapphire." A magnificent jewel - "carved as a portrait. The "immortal", President Eisenhower. A star sapphire of more than two thousand karats - representing the well known, genial features of "Ike."

So announced by James and Harry Kazanjian, who are sponsoring a whole series of sapphire portraits. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln - for example. They call the series "Immortals in Sapphire." Each one worth - a quarter of a million dollars. *P*The sculptor, who does the delicate work of carving jewels - Harry Marian. Right now, he's busy on that Eisenhower job, and says it will take another eight or ten months to complete this latest - "Immortal in Sapphire."

EISENHOWER - BIRTHDAY

President Eisenhower, celebrating his Sixty-fourth birthday, having a quiet family dinner - in Denver tonight.

Q. Birthday cake? Of course. How many candles?
A. One. Starting all over a - it would seem.

They've struck deposits of the radioactive metal along the Snake River. The first find made by a West pilot, George Kistner, who, visiting Anchorage today, displayed examples of ore. When a Geiger counter was held near the amount of rock - it started clicking wildly.

The West pilot has struck out eight claims, the first run is on. Prospectors flock in by plane, setting up shacks and tents springing up in an alpine eye alpine boom.

George Kistner - shaking his head, in doubtful skepticism, "It's doing what I say," he says, "to discourage people from going into that area. The winter freeze-up is expected in a week or two. When that comes, planes won't be able to land, and the area will be abandoned."

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ALASKA - URANIUM

In the wilds of Alaska, along the Happy River, one hundred and ten miles north of Anchorage - a city springing up, all of a sudden. What magic? The answer is found in the name - Uranium City.

They've struck deposits of the radioactive metal along the Happy River. The first find made by a bush pilot, George Kitchen. Who, visiting Anchorage today, displayed examples of ore. When a Geiger Counter was held near the chunks of rock - it started clicking wildly.

The bush pilot has staked out eight claims, and the rush is on. Prospectors flown in by plane, setting up shacks - ~~the~~ town springing up in an atomic age mining boom.

George Kitchen - shaking his head, in doubtful skepticism. "I'm doing what I can," he says, "to discourage people from going into that area. The winter freeze-up is expected in a week or two. When that comes, planes won't be able to land, and people at Uranium City will be marooned."

P Anyone who has traveled in Alaska will agree - that it's no

joke. A town of hastily built shacks - with winter closing down. Isolated - in the bitter cold and stormy blizzards - of the Alaskan wilderness.

HURRICANE

The U.S. aircraft carrier Saipan launched a lot of helicopters today - twenty flying machines rising from the deck. The Saipan was off the coast of Haiti. The helicopter operation - hurricane relief. The copters - hovering over emergency areas along the south coast of Haiti. Dropping - food, clothing, medicines .

Two thousand homes - wrecked by the big blow. Twelve towns and villages in one valley alone, inundated. Out of communication - with the rest of the world.

Man

Meanwhile, Hurricane Hazel is on its way north, heading for Cape Hatteras. The Carolina coast - alerted for the big wind. Expected - probably tomorrow. The weather forecasters declare - the storm may continue on to the New York area, and points further north.

There seems to be no telling what that eccentric hurricane will do - after its paradoxical behavior, roaring north from the Caribbean. Losing power - then picking up in violence. Hazel - a capricious, fickle, raging Amazon.

CHAPLIN

In Paris, today, Charlie Chaplin donated the "Peace Prize" he got from the Reds. Two million francs. Five thousand, seven hundred and fourteen dollars. - awarded to the great comedian of yesteryear. By a Communist Front outfit called - Partisans of Peace. Chaplin had announced, previously, that he'd give the money - to charity. So, today, he handed over the check - to help the poor in France.

To whom did he give it? That's the interesting part. Charlie Chaplin, an odd character. And we can only wonder - what was in his mind? He donated the Communist money to a Christian charity. Handing the check - to a French priest, the Abbe Pierre. Who came into prominence last winter - with demands for government action to help the homeless in Paris.

Today, the Abbe Pierre said: "It was an important decision for me to make - whether, as a

Christian, to accept Communist money. He was reluctant at first, but fortified himself with a quotation from the Bible, that familiar line:

"Render, therefore, unto Caesar, the things that are Caesar's -

"And unto God, the things that are God's."

He reasoned - that charity for the poor belongs to God.

"I'll use the Communist money," he explains,

"to help babies needing food, miserable people without shelter. Because I do not ask them whether they go to Mass on Sunday, or are Communist Party members."

Poverty, he declares, knows no creed.

The Abbe Pierre concludes with quite an idea - cosmic, in fact. "If," says he, "The Peace Partisans want to stage a war with checks for the poor, I hope the West will challenge them - and we will see the two worlds compete with each other, to solve world misery."

Well, that certainly would be a third world war - we'd like to see. Instead of hydrogen bombs, an

East-West competition in Christian charity.

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SALLY RAND

At Las Vegas, Nevada, Sally Rand, the fan dancer, filed a petition in bankruptcy, today. To the tune of - more than two million dollars. *Whew!* ~~Don't~~ bring me a fan!

Sally, listing her assets, included four fans - worth twenty-five dollars each. Well, it would take a lot of fans to pay up a couple of million bucks.

But - how does a fan dancer go bankrupt for that much? The creditors must have been most obliging, if not fascinated. Letting her run up two million in debts.

But it's not that. It seems that Sally Rand ran into a financial tangle connected with a corporation in New York, and they sued her for what sounds like a fantastic sum. Hence the two million in liabilities - with four fans, among the assets.

Whew! ~~Bob~~ - fan me, ^{Bob, Fan me} with these news dispatches - and a-l-u-t-m.