

L.T. Deleted. June 13 - '54.

The United States and West Germany issued a joint statement today - challenging Soviet Russia to the unification of Germany. West German Chancellor Adenauer, who is in this country on a three day visit, has been conferring with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles - and they, together, made the declaration, which criticizes the Soviets for what the statement calls "the brutal and unnatural division, which it has imposed on Germany."

Tomorrow, Chancellor Adenauer will confer with President Eisenhower, <sup>at</sup> ~~in the~~ Walter Reed hospital, where they'll have a discussion of the problem of the re-unification of Germany.

~~Medical bulletins, etc~~

Medical bulletins continued favorable, today -

<sup>with</sup>~~and~~ the President ~~was~~ relieved <sup>of</sup>~~from~~ one annoyance that follows an abdominal operation. A tube - through the nose into the stomach, for purposes of drainage. An awkward thing to endure as any patient, who is pestered with one, will tell you. Today the tube was removed - to be employed only periodically. ~~now~~. The President - glad to be rid of it for part of the time, at least.

Today, the ~~Misxworkxd~~ President had his first food, since the operation. About half a cup of broth. Hitherto, he has been having intravenous feeding.

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His work day consisted of the signing of twenty seven documents, including eight bills enacted by Congress. In addition to which - he dictated for a while to his secretary, Ann Whitman.

Quite a respectable chore - five days after an operation.

## REFUGEES

In Washington, today, a former Soviet airman appeared before a Congressional Committee - and challenged Red propaganda.

In Nineteen Forty Nine, a Soviet Air Force plane landed in the American zone of Austria. And the two airmen aboard, Piragov and Borsov - asked for political asylum. This was granted, the two came to the United States.

Then a year later, Borsov went back to Russia - persuaded by the Communists. Today, Piragov testified that Borsov told him of a promise made by Soviet Ambassador Panyushkin. Who said - Borsov would get only two years in jail if he returned. He was lonesome for his wife and child. So he went - willing to serve the two years in jail.

His testimony today, was accompanied by portions of a book by Vladimir Petrov, the Soviet diplomat who deserted Communism. Petrov states - that, when Borsov got back to Russia, the secret police kept him in prison for eight

months, questioning him. Then they shot him - without ever letting him see his wife and child again.

This is denied by Red propaganda, and Piragov today said - let ~~him~~ them produce Borsov. Let them bring him forward.

( All this <sup>at</sup> ~~concerned~~ an investigation by a Senate  
internal securities committee - which is looking into Soviet  
attempts to get political refugees to return to Russia.

Priagov called these - a lure to death.)



## SUEZ

Today brought the zero hour for the British - at Suez. The last of the garrison - taking their departure from the Canal Zone. Ninety-one men - boarding a ship at Port Said. No ceremony, no bugle calls, no drumbeats, <sup>Q</sup>/<sub>^</sub> depressing occasion for the British.

All of which rings down the final curtain on the British occupation of Suez - which lasted for seventy-four years. The French constructed the canal - in the days of De Lesseps. Later the British got financial control of the great waterway - through a stock market transaction, engineered by Disraeli and the Rothschilds. Then, in Eighteen-Eighty-Two, after a battle with the Egyptians, the British took possession of the Suez Canal Zone.

They came into control of all Egypt - but the beginning of the end came in our time. The British giving up Egypt - and now, the Suez Canal.

## ISRAEL

Word from Jerusalem, the Israeli sector, ~~is~~ - that foreign Minister Mosche Sharett will soon resign. After which - he'll take the leadership of the Mapai Party, the dominant political faction.

Reports for some time have indicated - a rift between Prime Minister Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Sharett. Ben Gurion, they say, has decided to make his own selection of ministers associated with him in his coalition cabinet.

## CYPRUS

London is getting protests because of the expulsion of the head of the ~~Greek~~ Greek Orthodox Church in Britain. The prelate Macheriotis - packed off in a plane, back to Greece.

The Athens Government has put ~~me~~ in a complaint, and so has Archbishop Athenagoras, who is in charge of the Greek Orthodox Church in Central and Western Europe.

Archbishop Athenagoras declares that he was never informed that the ousted prelate had been engaged in political agitation. If so, he would have done something about it. Hence, he calls the expulsion "totalitarian."

(In Parliament, today, an M P gave warning ~~that~~ that there may be violence in Britain - because of Cyprus.

Laborite Kenneth Robinson represents a London district, which includes a Greek Cypriot community. In which, he says, trouble may break out.)

CYPRUS U N

At the U N tonight, Greece lodged a charge - that Britain has instituted a reign of terror on Cyprus. So as to hold the Mediterranean Island - as a base for protecting British oil interests in the Middle East. Greece is asking for action by the United Nations.

The British reply, tonight, was that the government of Athens has been inciting the Cypriots with "open violence" in order to assert Greek sovereignty over the island.



## HOLLAND

From Europe - insistent reports of trouble in the Royal Family of Holland. Queen Juliana - under the influence of a woman faith healer. Which has brought about a rift between the Queen and her husband, Prince Bernhard. There's even mention - of the possible abdication of Juliana.

The London Daily Express describes the faith healer as a "frail, tired-eyed little spinster of sixty-one named Greet Hofmans." Whose hold on the Queen is because of Juliana's youngest child, a nine year old Princess, half blind, from cataracts. The story is that the faith healer promised a cure. The Queen putting so much trust in this - that she listens to Greet Hofmans in matters other than faith healing. Political question<sup>s</sup> - the appointment of court officials.

Prince Bernhard does not share Juliana's confidence, and is troubled by the ~~Faith~~ faith healer's influence. Members of the Dutch government, we hear, have urged the Prime Minister to take action in the strange situation. All -

accompanied by talk of a possible abdication of Juliana.

The story was published all over western Europe today - but not in Holland, where the people, today - were electing a new Parliament. The statement is that the government made an urgent plea to the newspapers of the Netherlands - to refrain from any mention of the case of the Queen and the Faith Healer.

## FIRE

Stockholm - was a scene of a melodramatic fire, today. When flames destroyed the stable of the horses in the Olympic Equestrian games. For days, Stockholm has been the scene of superb horsemanship, ~~it~~ with riders putting thoroughbreds through their paces. The horses, from all over the world, <sup>+</sup> were housed in a stable behind the barracks of the First Cavalry Regiment of the Swedish Army. So that was the situation - when, the stable burst into flames today.

Fortunately, it was ~~at~~ exercise-time and most of the horses were outside. Some, though, were in the stable - and trainers risked their lives in the blaze to save the champion thoroughbreds. Not one was lost - no injuries to human beings either.

To make things more melodramatic, the fire spread swiftly, to a nearby armory stocked with military munitions. Soon cartridges were bursting, <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ soldiers braving <sup>in a</sup> ~~a~~ barrage. Beating down a door, getting ~~out~~ shells and bombs - before the fire touched off the heavy ammunition.

## ARGENTINA

Marshall Law has been lifted in Argentina, bringing to an end the ~~excessive~~ execution of rebels. ~~As~~ There's a good deal of public disapproval of the ruthless way the Peronists insurrection was repressed. Opinion -- divided.

Forty five of the leading Peronists in the uprising were shot, including General Juan Jose Valle, who was to have been made President if the rebellion had succeeded.

Today Vice ~~R~~ President Rojas defended the harshness and said that documents reveal that President Aramburu and the Admiral himself were scheduled to be killed by the Peronists.



## MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The American Medical Association, today requested the government - to get out of the Salk polio vaccine business. The House of delegates of the A M A voted a resolution - asking the government to return the vaccine to general wholesale and retail business. Saying - the federal authorities should purchase the anti polio drug only for what the medical association calls "essential public health needs and for distribution to the indigent population of the nation."

## CHILDREN

Angry mothers, in Brooklyn, picketed the excavation in which six children were ~~killed~~ killed in a landslide last night. About a hundred mothers marched along the rim of the excavation carrying signs -- demanding: Safety for our children.

## UNION

New York District Attorney Hogan told an interesting story today - about life in a labor union office. The Union City, New Jersey headquarters - of the distillery, rectifying wine and <sup>of the</sup> allied workers union of America. Where, about five years ago, the union secretary hired a woman clerk. Sol Cilento, near sixty - engaging the services of a former manicurist, Mrs. Edna Halbertadt Browning, a shapely blond going on forty. Her salary - fifty-three dollars a week. Her office hours - zero. The District Attorney says that, in the five years, Mrs. Browning showed up - only twice. Each time - to help "whoop things up" at the annual Christmas party. Nevertheless, in the brief time, she got a raise - her salary increased to seventy-three dollars a week.

On these wages, she lived on Park Avenue in a two-hundred-twenty-five dollar a month apartment. The D A says - the lady had other sources of income to pay expenses, including fancy clothes and jewelry.

The <sup>is</sup> story of life in <sup>a labor union</sup> ~~an office~~ office is related as background for the fact - that, today, former Union Secretary, Cilento, was charged with looting the union welfare funds, dipping into the till for more than sixteen thousand dollars. Which says the D A was to provide "spending money" for the lady.



~~BUGS~~  
Locusts

- Cicadas! ~~For~~  
The news from the Middle West is ~~bugal~~ This is

the year of the seventeen year locust - and in northern Illinois, Indiana and Southern Wisconsin they ~~bugs~~ have appeared by the millions.

Actually, the seventeen year locust is not a locust at all. ~~It's~~ the periodical Cicada, ~~which~~ ~~the insects~~ appear in countless numbers, ~~and~~ ~~cover~~ ~~the~~ ~~wig~~ trees on which they lay their eggs. They stay around for about six weeks. Then, seventeen years later, the eggs hatch for another swarm of the seventeen year locust.

1/2 People out there say they're being driven ~~looney~~ ~~bughouse~~ by the ~~locusts~~ ~~bugs~~. The noise - of the millions of them. In the tree tops, the males, continually, sounding a mating call. An innumerable chorus - of loud whirring noise. The mating call - of the seventeen year locust.

NAME

In Honolulu, Mr. and Mrs. David Trask are enthusiastic about Hawaii. They've just had their third son - and the baby was born on the birthday of Hawaii's great warrior King, Kamehameha - ancestor of our old friend Duke Kahanamoku. So they decided to name the boy in a true Hawaiian way. His first name - Alexander. - Then they decided the second name ought to be really Hawaiian. And how!

In that island of Paradise, the polynesian monikers come long. So the second name of little Alec Trask is - well, I won't try to pronounce it. I'll spell it - Keahikeikiokalanukamehameha. Kayah kye lsee oksal han mayha.

I'm afraid I fumbled that - young Alec's middle name with all those thirty-three letters. I wonder how the boy will handle it when he grows up. No doubt he'll merely be Alexander K. Trask. But Henry - suppose he has to sign his name in full!