

U.N. L.T.-P.G.Fri. June 20-52.

(The United States put it up to Soviet Russia today in the form of a resolution at the United Nations. Subject - germ warfare. Before the ~~SENE~~ Security Council, the U.S. delegation offered a proposal - calling for an investigation by the Red Cross.) We want the U.N. to commission the world organization of mercy to send scientists of international reputation to Korea, for an inquiry into the Red propaganda charges. Which, of course, would show how idiotic they are.

This is not likely to get anywhere. The Reds, all along, have rejected any sort of impartial investigation of the germ warfare nonsense - and they're in a splendid position now to block action at the U.N. Through the process of rotation, the President of the Security Council is - Moscow Delegate Malik. Who is in a position to bury today's resolution. Moreover, the Soviets have their veto - and might be expected to use it in blocking a germ warfare investigation.

SUB LATTIMORE

The State Department has ordered - that Professor Owen Lattimore be prevented from leaving this country. Customs authorities have been instructed to stop Lattimore - if he tries to go abroad.

The State Department explains that it has received a report - that the Far Eastern expert was making arrangements for a possible trip to Soviet Russia, or the Red satellites. The report is called - an "official allegation" not from Congress but "from some agency of the government" - not named. An investigation is being made - and, meanwhile, Lattimore will not be permitted to leave the United States.

Well, he certainly has been a controversial figure - this writer of books on Asia, charged repeatedly of being a Communist and an exponent

of the Communist party line. He was investigated by a Congressional committee - and cleared. Always denying that he was ever a Red.

This afternoon Lattimore was interviewed at Baltimore - where ~~he~~ ^{top} he is a Professor at the Johns Hopkins University. ~~He~~ declared "I have no plans for going abroad now or in the immediate future." And ^{he} added: "The whole thing is a mid-summer night madness."

DIAMONDS

A treaty of peace - in the diamond world. Ending - a menace to the monopoly run by the syndicate.

For about a year, the news has been telling of a revolt - how a Canadian, John T. Williamson, had gone out to South Africa, where he had acquired rich diamond mines - becoming one of the world's great merchants of the flashing gems. He had an agreement with the DeBeers Syndicate, which ~~controls~~ controls the diamond market. But they fell out - in a dispute over sales quotas. So Williamson declared he'd operate independently - threatening to break the monopoly.

But, in the diamond business of the world, the belief was - the syndicate was invincible. ^(They were sure) an arrangement would be made - and that's what happened today. At Johannesburg, South Africa - an agreement ^{concluded} ~~signed~~ by the Canadian magnate of diamonds. And - by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, who controls the syndicate. Ending the feud ~~with a contract for doing business together.~~

So there's peace again, among the diamonds. Peace - and monopoly.

CONTROLS

(The House of Representatives, today, voted to kill price controls. Remove the ceilings - from nearly everything.)

By a vote of one-hundred-and-forty-six to eighty-eight, the Congressmen okayed an amendment to a defense production bill - an amendment that would eliminate price controls on all articles not rationed or allocated. Which would mean, all foods and consumer goods. Everything, in fact, except a few metals rationed or allocated under the defense program.

The vote today, tacking on an amendment, was tentative. The final decision will come when there's a vote on the bill itself. That will be - next week some time.

WAGE BOARD - FOLLOW CONTROLS

Congress was in a rebellious mood today. The vote on Controls is a slap at the Administration - and so was another vote, which followed immediately thereafter.

Abolishing - the present Wage Stabilization Board. Replacing it - with another group, quite different. A revised Labor Board, to be controlled by public members;

~~_____~~ And - with an authority severely restricted, in handling wage disputes. At least, according to the vote in the House this afternoon.

SHIP

President Truman, today, called for an immediate investigation of - S.S.UNITED STATES. That's the new American super-liner, soon to make its maiden voyage to Europe.

The magnificent vessel is the subject of a hot controversy. The charge - excessive government subsidy. Its official policy to subsidize our merchant marine - with a view to national defense. ^{The} S.S.UNITED STATES, for example, could carry fourteen thousand soldiers ten thousand miles without refueling. But there are complaints in Congress that the subsidy for the new liner is excessive, forty-three million dollars.

It's all under a contract between the old U.S. Maritime Commission and the Steamship Company. ^{The} S.S.UNITED STATES was built by the Government at a cost of nearly seventy-eight million dollars. Then - turned over to the Company for about twenty-eight million. So stated by President Truman today. Who added - that the contract should be revised, too much subsidy. But the Company has rejected

all suggestion: that there should be an adjustment. So now - the White House tells Attorney General McGranery to make an investigation. Purpose - to see if the Company should not be required to pay more money for the ship.

Today's presidential order was issued a mere few minutes after the great liner had been turned over to the Company at Newport News, Virginia. It was a solemn ceremony, with the Secretary of Commerce presiding. In his address, Secretary Sawyer proclaimed: "This is the proudest day in our maritime history, for this ship is truly the first lady of the seas."

Splendid oratory - but the President sounded a sour note shortly thereafter.

TAX - COSTELLO

In the Senate - a strange story told about an income tax claim against alleged Racketeer Frank Costello. Senator Williams of Delaware says - it was held up for twenty years. Then - collected, only ~~xxx~~ because of a curious accident.

The Senator tells of huge sums taken in by Costello from the slot machine business. The Bureau of Internal Revenue made a tax claim against him for twenty-five thousand dollars. But - they couldn't find any Costello assets, not for twenty years.

Then, in Nineteen Forty-Seven, came the curious break - when Frank Costello was careless enough to leave a bundle of cash in a New York taxicab, more than twenty-seven thousand dollars. This was turned over to the police, the money out in public as an obvious Costello asset - and, at long length, the Tax Bureau was able to get its twenty-five thousand ~~dollars~~.

Senator Williams wants to know, why did officials, for so long a time, fail to collect? All - connected with charges of laxity, if not political corruption.

TAX - MOVIE STARS

(In Hollywood, federal authorities today began an investigation of movie star finances. "Package deals" arranged with producers - to evade income tax.)

This grows out of the case of British Film Star
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Sewart Granger and his wife, Actress Jean Simmons - who got into a lawsuit with Movie-Maker Howard Hughes. They demanded a quarter of a million - for breach of contract. Howard Hughes replies that the actor and actress tried to arrange for big salaries to be paid in such a way that part of the money would be - capital gains. On which less tax is paid than on income. A "package deal" - to save on income tax.

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~~that the whole business is being~~ a federal investigation of the whole business of motion picture package deals, with possible tax evasion.

The G.O.P. battle of Texas is noisy enough to rivet the attention of this entire nation. So what's it all about? Many of us may think we know - Taft versus Eisenhower. But, in a way, it looks like - Zwifel^E versus Porter.

Today, the United Press wire carried a couple of articles. One by the Taft Campaign Manager in Texas, Henry Zwifel^E. The other, by General Ike's Texas Manager, Jack Porter.

The Taft protagonist writes as follows: "The basic issue is whether Jack Porter is going to be able to take over the Republican Party in Texas. This is just another piece of his ambitious campaign for personal power. Porter has been boasting ~~boasting directly that he was going to take over the Republican Party in Texas~~ *boasting saying* ~~that he was~~ going to oust me."

That from Zwifel^E - with mighty little mention of Taft.

On the Eisenhower side, Jack Porter writes:)

λ "Weeks before the (Texas) Republican conventions, Henry Zwifel^E foresaw the Taft forces were going to be beaten.

I personally warned Senator Taft of what his leaders, headed by Zwifel, intended to do. Zwifel and his gang just stole the convention."

You get the impression that Senator Taft and General Ike are minor figures in the background. The real candidates being - Zwifel and Porter. Looks like those two boys are real mad.

KERR

As a candidate for the Democratic nomination, Senator Kerr of Oklahoma may not be out in front. But he wins the nomination for getting off the neatest gag in the campaign, thus far, drawing a comparison between Abraham Lincoln and General Eisenhower. In a weekly letter to his constituents, he refers to the fact that the General has a farm at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, near the Civil War battlefield. So the Senator writes:

"Lincoln and Eisenhower have at least this in common: Each has a Gettysburg Address. Eisenhower's is - Route Ten, Box Two Hundred and Nineteen."

So now the class will rise and recite: "Four score and ~~and~~ seven years ago, our forefathers brought forth, "etc., etc. and ending, "Route Ten, Box Two Hundred and Nineteen."

SOLDIER

Today brought an end to the case of the Sergeant who, in Korea, wrote a letter to General Mark Clark. He denounced the Far Eastern commander in bitter terms for the handling of the ~~and~~ Red prisoners on Koje Island. The General promptly ~~was~~ ordered the sergeant ~~to be~~ court-martialed ^{— and he} was sent back to this country to face a military court.

He is Colonel Dean Chase ^{— the ~~ex-~~ Sergeant!} ~~his~~ first name being Colonel. Facing Court Martial, he had a change of mind - said he was sorry he ever wrote that letter. So, he was brought before a lesser tribunal, a special court - and today was given a light penalty. Busted from sergeant to private first class - with a four-hundred-and-fifty dollar fine.

Tonight he said: "It makes me feel wonderful."

CRICKETS

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RETAKE

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letters ^{like that,} ~~of this nature~~

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SHRINERS

A pledge was made in Miami today - amid stately, hilarious doings. The Shriners have a new imperial potentate - selected at a convention of thirty thousand members of the Mystic Order. Last night, they had a parade, with one hundred and eleven bands blaring. Today, Harvey Beffa of St. Louis was installed as the ^{new} head of the Shrine^{re}. Whereupon, he announced ~~the~~ ^{the} pledge - that, during his term, he will give all his efforts to the program for helping crippled children.

Appropriate - because the new Imperial Potentate was, himself, crippled by infantile paralysis, twenty years ago. ~~And~~ Harvey Beffa will begin by making a tour of eighteen hospitals for children, which the Shriners maintain.

DOGS

Here's a boy and dog story, and there should be heart-throbs. But - those two contemptible mutts.

At Anderson, Indiana, Donald King, six years old, was missing - and there was a frantic search. Donald has two pet pooches, and they led the hunt for their little master. Whining and sniffing, as they dashed along through alleyways and patches of wood.

So did they find little Donald? Well, the boy's mother did, when she had an inspiration - and looked in the right place. She found the six year old, curled up asleep - in the dog-house! ~~In the dog-house - these contemptible mutts!~~

HAIR BRUSH

At Miami, there's reassuring word about - the exploding hair brush. ^{The} Strange event was reported by Miss Sara Henwood. Who told how she left the hair brush on the bureau, and it simply disintegrated - in some kind of blast.

Experts of the local Crime Detection Laboratory say - it was a freak event on a hot day in Miami. The brush was made of a plastic, with nylon bristles held by small metal wires. In the heat, the various materials expanded in a different way, and the hair brush flew to pieces.

So that's the explanation of the mystery - just a freak. And ^{the} ladies ^{have something new} ~~you don't have~~ to worry about, ^{Nelson, the} ~~the brush~~ exploding, ^{hair brush!} ~~as you fix your hair.~~