

YUGOSLAVIA L.T. Deles. Wed, June 20-'56.

The Communist Parties of Yugoslavia and Soviet Russia have made an agreement, providing for mutual cooperation. The Yugoslav Party to have - "freedom of action." Which is what Stalin opposed so bitterly.

The new arrangement is outlined in a farewell communique signed by Yugoslav Marshal Tito and ~~the~~ Secretary of the Russian Communist Party, Khrushchev. As Tito, today, concluded his visit to Soviet Russia.

The deal seems to indicate a Left Wing line-up, with the Communist partner of the Soviets getting a good deal of autonomy.

AMERICA - FRANCE

The United States and France issued a joint statement, today - summoning Soviet Russia to agree on an effective disarmament program, with foolproof controls. The declaration - made by French Foreign Minister Pineau, who is in Washington, and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

(Soviet Russia announced a big reduction of manpower, but the Franco-American view is that safeguards ^{from} ~~in~~ surprise atomic attack are necessity number one.)

FRANCE - ALGERIA

France will offer Algeria a sweeping program of political reforms. Today, the Cabinet in Paris okayed a plan to give the native population a larger control of local affairs - with an increase of political rights for Algerian Moslems.

EGYPT

Egypt put on a big military show, today - with a display of armament procured from the Reds. Including Russian built tanks and Russian built jet planes. Moscow Foreign Minister *Shepe'lov* was there - cheered enthusiastically.)

PLANES

Moscow charges that U. S. military planes have been "buzzing" Soviet warships off the China coast. A Russian naval squadron is making, what they call, a "courtesy visit" to the Chinese Communist ports, and the Moscow Radio states the following: "American aircraft, like tiresome bumblebees, are constantly circling over the warships."

Just curious, having a look - I suppose.

ARGENTINA

The Argentine government has ordered the arrest of -
Peron. Filing criminal charges against the former Dictator -
accusing him of malfeasance in office and the misuse of public
funds. Peron, of course, is in Panama, and today's order would
seem to indicate - an attempt to extradite him.

INTRO TO TAPE

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For example, here's one: Sitting across the table from me, at the coronation banquet, were three Ambassadors, Gazan Far Aly Khan from Pakistan, Sijiro Yoshisawa from Japan and Sir Wejiratny from Ceylon. The latter, for my benefit, I guess, told us about the visit our Secretary of State paid to Ceylon not long ago. When he heard that Secretary Dulles was coming, Sir Wejiratny prepared a souvenir for him that must have been a real surprise for the guest from America. It seems that on his mother's side, Foster Dulles had a great-grandmother and grandfather who were the first Protestant missionaries to gain a foothold in Ceylon, that equatorial isle lost its independence to

invaders from Europe following the early voyages of the Portuguese navigator, Alphonso Alburquerque. Then in the early Eighteen Hundreds, the people of Ceylon revolted, and at that moment, they asked the British in India to come over and help them throw off their oppressors. The British did. But they stayed and they made Ceylon their colony. Said Sir Wejiratny, "The British with their military power took us over and almost at the same time your Secretary of State's grandparents won us spiritually." Sir Wejiratny spent months doing research on the Dulles ancestors. He assembled all the information he could find about them and got pictures of their graves at the northern tip of the island, also an ancient photograph of the Secretary's missionary grandmother. Just a story of the thoughtfulness of an Oriental official.

One of the most friendly of the foreign delegates here, in Katmandu, is O Ong So from Burma, who sat at my right. Ong So is a Buddhist, as are nearly all Burmese, except the Chins, Kachins, Nagas and some of the other primitive mountain peoples who are Anamists. Burmese, like other Buddhists, are always seeking ways to gain merit and thus improve their chances of reaching Nirvana. Their own most famous Buddhist shrine, of course, is the golden Shwe Dagon, the pagoda that looms above Rangoon, built over some relics of Buddha, including some hairs from his head. However, Buddha was born exactly 2500 years

ago, right here in the lowlands of Nepal, at Lumvendi, where a few Burmese have ever been. So, Ong So decided that coming to this Himalayan country without visiting the birthplace of Lord Buddha, the head of his religion, that wouldn't be right. Without telling anyone, he slipped away, taking only his pretty, dainty Burmese wife. In King Mahendra's plane, they flew 200 miles, then a final fourteen minutes over a dusty road with ruts so deep that only a jeep could negotiate it. Taking longer to make the fourteen than it took to fly the two hundred. Then back to Katmandu the same day. When I saw them on their return, O Ong So and his wife were radiant, knowing that now in the eyes of their fellow-Burmese Buddhists they have gained great merit.

At the coronation banquet, Ambassador Ong So explained to those of us sitting near him about the letter U, the U in U Nu - as you perhaps know this U is simply Burmese for Mr. or Honored Sir. In Burma, if you are a male and an Ong So from Mandalay, until you are thirty-five you are addressed as Mong Ong So. Then from thirty-five to forty-five you are Co Ong So. And only after you are forty-five are you old enough to be called U. Then for the rest of your life, you are U Ong So. It was 2:00 A.M. when U and I and all the rest of us raised our glasses and

toasted the King and Queen, ending ceremonies that had lasted from dawn of one day almost till dawn of the next. A day that began with ancient Brahmin rites, in an exotic, Nepalese Hindu temple. Then the royal procession with all the painted elephants and, finally, the state banquet. Some day! So long!

So, that's one of the recordings that went astray, arriving days after I got home.

EARTHQUAKE

Fragmentary news pictures an enormous disaster in remote Afghanistan. Earthquakes, over this weekend, ripping and tearing a remote mountain region.

A radio report, from Kabul, the Afghan capital, estimates - two thousand people killed. But various travelers arriving at the city of Dora Ismail Khan, in Pakistan, on the Indus, declare that the death list is likely to be more than ten thousand.

Giant masses of rock and earth were torn from the mountains - pouring down, and creating a dam across the Konhar River, in Eastern Afghanistan. Backing up the stream - and flooding the valley.

Communications disrupted - and only a little word gets through about this new and overwhelming catastrophe of Nature.

ATOMIC SHIP

(The Senate ^{today} voted thirty-seven million dollars, ~~Today~~ -
for an atom-powered merchant vessel. A substitute - for the
atomic "peace ship" proposed by President Eisenhower. The
President wanted the ultra-modern craft, to demonstrate the
peaceful use of atomic energy. The Senate votes the money for
a commercial vessel with atomic engines, to go into the regular
shipping service.)

EISENHOWER

~~Wednesday~~ ^{The} President ~~Eisenhower~~ will issue a statement -
after he leaves the Walter Reed Army Hospital, ^{on} ~~saying~~ whether,
~~or not~~, his own second term intentions have been altered by his
recent illness and operation.

This is attributed to a White House official, who
refuses to be quoted by name. He says the Eisenhower statement
will probably come some time between July Fourth and Fifteenth.
Maybe - while the President is convalescing at his Gettysburg
farm.

NARCOTICS

The House passed a narcotics bill today - providing long jail terms for peddlers of dope. However, the House bill rejects the death penalty in extreme cases - as was voted by the Senate. So the two bills will have to be adjusted.

CRASH

The explanation of that air crash seems to be - that a routine safety precaution went wrong. It's a common practice for a pilot, in case of difficulty, to jettison excess gasoline. But, seemingly, as the gasoline drained out - it caught fire. Bringing ~~ix~~ disaster to a Venezuelan airliner - a little while after taking off from New York. Seventy-four lives lost - with twenty Americans among the victims. The worst mishap in the history of regular, scheduled airlines.

The crash in the moonlight, was witnessed by people aboard two other planes. Passengers aboard one seeing the doomed plane plunge into the sea. The crew of a Coast Guard amphibian also saw it. The Venezuelan airliner - striking the water with a cascade of flames and spray.

There was an immediate air rescue search. But, no survivors.

SOUTH

(Georgia, today, has lined up with South Carolina - accepting a proposal for the Southern states to form a solid front, in advance of the Democratic National Convention. The Georgia Democratic Executive Committee says - okay, let's have a pre-convention conference.

In March, the South Carolina Democrats adopted a resolution - proposing the plan. Which, according to some, raises the threat of a possible Southern secession.

Senator Kerr Scott of North Carolina calls the pre-convention conference idea - "Dixiecrat sugar-coating.")

MAYOR

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The Mayor of Des Moines, Iowa, has withdrawn the invitation he extended - asking the Mayor of a Russian city to visit Des Moines.

"The Communists are making hay out of it," says he.

What kind of hay? Well, Mayor Mills declares that the Reds have twisted his invitation into an endorsement of Communism. Which is the more painful - because His Honor is also the President of the A.F.L. group of unions in Iowa.

The Communist Daily Worker of New York has used that invitation, in the Mayor's words - "to try to show the A.F.L. is now beginning to see eye-to-eye with the Communists." The Moscow Radio has also taken that line.

TRUMAN

Now about Harricum Truman. The former President received an honorary degree at Oxford today, and the proceedings were all in Latin, including his name. ^{with} ~~so~~ Harricum ~~was~~ honored ~~it~~ with an oration - in the tongue of Cicero. After which, the academic degree was presented to Harricum by Lord Halifax, former British Ambassador to Washington - who uttered words that Vergil or Horace could have understood.

Harricum wore a scarlet robe and a university hat, and he's now an Oxonian Doctor of Civil Law. ^{s.} ~~So~~ hereafter, ^{Henry} ~~we'll have to call him~~ ^λ Dr. Harricum Truman.

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