

FRENCH COMMUNISTS

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(In France, today, the acting head of the French Communist party was jailed on formal charges of threatening the internal security of France. Jacques Duclos - in a prison cell tonight, held for trial. The penalty could be solitary confinement.

Duclos, a pudgy, bald-headed individual, rose from the lowly position of a pastry cook to the leader - ship of the powerful French Communist Party. He is a figure of international importance. We know that well over here - for it was Duclos who wrote the famous letter that ^{gave} ~~sent~~ the signal for the American Communist party to change from wartime cooperation ~~with~~ with American Democracy to revolutionary hostility. And - brought about the overthrow of Earl Browder, until then the American Communist leader.

(Yesterday, Duclos was in command of the Red mobs that staged a furious demonstration against the arrival in Paris of American General Ridgway, new military commander of the North ^{Atlantic} ~~American~~ Treaty Organization. Directing the rioters, he was stationed

in an automobile, where he was arrested by the police. Who found in the car, a loaded revolver. And - a crow-bar, wrapped in rubber, a vicious weapon.) Duclos had a radio, which enabled him to pick up orders flashed by radio to the police - moving against the mobs. In the trunk of the car - two dead homing pigeons. Strange - but maybe they had been intended to carry messages, information, orders.

Duclos is a member of the National Assembly - immune to arrest, unless caught in the actual commission of a crime. He was - his arrest being on the ground that he was actively directing Red violence. So the acting leader of the French Communist party is in prison tonight - awaiting trial on the grave charge of threatening the internal security of France.

Communist reaction is immediate. Today, the French federation of Labor, dominated by the Reds, called a general strike. Which threatens a nationwide outbreak of violence. In The Paris government is facing the crisis grimly, as sternly - with a series

of edicts, precautions against a Communist outbreak.

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GERMANY

(A wild riot at Berlin today, but it ended quickly, with strong action by the West Berlin police. Six thousand Red youths came swarming across the border - the first outbreak since the signing of the Separate peace with western Germany.) The police arrested a hundred, and drove the rest back into the Red sector.

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KOREA-PRISONERS

The clash, today, at a prison camp on Koje Island, came about - when Red captives were spotted, cutting through a barbed wire barricade. They were ordered away, back to the middle of the compound - while the wire was being repaired. They refused, and broke into an uproar - waving Communist flags and propaganda banners. Whereupon, the first action was taken against Red mutineers in the compound. A party of British and American soldiers entered the enclosure. They were greeted with a volley of stones, and drove the Reds back with tear gas. They pushed on, and demolished a shack the Communists had been using as a sort of political headquarters.

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A late bulletin from Korea tells of another flare-up, two North Korean prisoners killed -- as the Reds staged another outbreak of violence.

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of ancient Iran. Which, of course, is a fact. The Nazi salute - also persian. Although - we thought Mussolini adopted it from the ancient Romans. Both Swastika and salute - copied from the monuments of the Sassanian Dynasty of Kings, who reigned in Iran more than a dozen centuries ago. So says the new Hitler in the Near East.

His followers dress like storm troopers - with black shirt and jackboots. He imitates the Hitler face with a toothbrush mustache. Today they were parading around the streets of Teheran, flaunting swastikas and exchanging salutes. It may be nothing more than a theatrical travesty. But who knows what can happen in the strange land of Iran, with its ~~ex~~ fanatical manias, and its treasures of oil?

ATOMIC

President Truman asks Congress for more than three billion, three hundred million dollars. For atomic expansion - to keep this country ahead in the atomic race with Soviet Russia. The Senate and the House are called upon to act - "without delay."

At the same time, the White House announces that President Truman will preside at the laying of the keel for our first atomic-powered submarine. At New London, Connecticut - the U.S. Nautilus. It seems not so long ago that the first plans were made for developing a submarine driven by the power of the atom - and capable of navigating under water for fantastic distances at high speed, now progress has gone so far that, on June Fourteenth -- the laying of the keel for the U.S.S. Nautilus.

TIDELANDS

(President Truman has vetoed the tidelands oil bill. Sending the measure back to Congress, he says it would give a "precious national heritage" which belongs to the whole country, to a few lucky states situated fortunately along our coasts.) The veto message was mild, suggesting a compromise -- whereby the seaboard states might get a share of revenue from oil resources off their shores.

In Congress there is an immediate move to over ride the veto. But whether a necessary majority of two-thirds can be had -- seems doubtful.

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TANKERS

A Senate committee gives a report on its investigation of the tanker deal that involved Newbold Morris, the one-time house cleaner, fired so abruptly from his corruption hunting job in Washington. Which tanker deal, operated by former Congressman Casey of Massachusetts, brought a profit of more than three million dollars on a one hundred thousand dollar investment.

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government vessels to a foreign firm, Chinese. The former maritime commission is ~~xxxxx~~ criticized and so is the State Department - because no objection was made to the use of tankers owned by the Chinese firm, for shipping oil to Soviet Russia and Red China.

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COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

In the Columbia River Basin, they're all set - to turn the water on. Bringing to a climax a week of celebration - hailing the completion of the giant irrigation project. Water, from the reservoir of the Grand Coulee Dam, will now flow to more than a million acres of the Columbia River Basin - hitherto a semi-desert of ~~xx~~ sage brush and rattlesnakes snakes.

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true. A western dream of -- water.

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accommodate about thousands of soldiers. Christophe even had his people drag hundreds of cannon up to his castle, and thousands of cannonballs. They are still there. The story of Haiti and of King Henri Christophe is one of the most dramatic stories of the 19th Century, ending in tragedy back in 1820.

Ferdinand Delatour and his colleagues tell me that the people in Haiti regard this palace as a symbol of their freedom. They have brought me a stone from the citadel of Christophe - a stone we are now going to install in our History of Civilizations Fire place on Quaker Hill; a fireplace which in it's own way is fast becoming a rather impressive structure including stones, carving and inscriptions representing the various civilizations that have come and gone on this planet.

So, many thanks to you, Mr. Delatour, and to

your friends here, and to your government.

SOCIALISTS

While we're all thinking of the two big conventions in Chicago, Democratic and Republican -- let's give a melancholy reflection to those who opened their political convention in Cleveland tomorrow - the Socialists.

The battle for the Republican nomination is tense; ^{and} the same goes for the Democrats. But what about the battle for the Socialists' nomination? There isn't any! The Socialists begin their convention in Cleveland with the belief -- they better not nominate anybody at all. Of course, according to habit, their candidate should be Norman Thomas, who has run for the presidency six times. But he has indicated that he does not want to run for a seventh time.

So who can the Socialists nominate? Nobody, apparently, wants to campaign for a cause that cannot possibly win. Only Norman Thomas can do that - with a sense of humor. So the indications are - that the Socialists' National Convention won't nominate anybody at all/

In a Hollywood court, a suit for damages - and that gives Ann Sterling's official version of what happened to her. A couple of months ago she was found badly bruised - and told a hair-raising story of having ~~been~~ been kidnapped and beaten by four men. The details were so improbable that later she admitted - the story was an invention. She was concealing what really happened.

But now, the damage suit tells the story - her version of how injury was inflicted on her by millionaire oil man, Robert Calhoun. The dancer says that, when she repelled romance - he raised her ballet skirts and spanker her with a walking cane. Such a spanking that she had to go to a hospital for medical treatment. That, we are told, is the solution ~~is~~ of -- the great Ann Sterling mystery!

CATTLE

Everything goes modern these days, and now -- the radio round up, with cowboys, lassos and all. At Birmingham, Alabama, where, last night they had a stockyard fire, gates of the pens were thrown open - and more than a thousand livestock scurried out, running and charging through the Birmingham Streets. Today, cattle still at large - chiefly in the north-side neighborhoods of Birmingham. Some racing through the downtown business district.

So that was the situation for the roundup. Cowboys employed by the stockyards -- roping cows, all over the place. The round-up directed by radio calls.

And now - here is an important radio call from you, Nelson!