

DISARMAMENT

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Soviet Russia, today, called on the United States -
to cut American armed forces. As a follow-up -- to the Moscow
decision to reduce Russian manpower by a third. The Soviet
argument is - that, if the United States would follow suit,
it would create a "favorable atmosphere" for disarmament
negotiations.

CYPRUS

The Cyprus conference in London - in a deadlock. They gathered for the purpose of concluding an agreement - for the independence of the Mediterranean island, but -got all snarled up in the question of a British military base on Cyprus.

How big? The British want a base of about one hundred and twenty-five square miles. But the Cypriots, represented by President-elect Archbishop Makarios, refused to concede more than about thirty-six square miles.

Word from London is that, in the stalemate - the conference, today, decided to adjourn for a week, also postpone creating a cyprus republic till Mar. 19.

NAZIS

German Chancellor Adenauer is known as "a tough old bird." On Saturday, he told the West Germans that those Nazi Swastika rogues should get - "the thrashing they deserve".

That remark drew a lot of criticism from the opposition Socialists, who said - it was an incitement to lynch law.

Today, "Der Alte", as the Germans call the old man - delivered an address at Essen, roaring - that the Swastika painters have made West Germany an object of international criticism. Then he growled: "So, if in the future, you see such a lout, just give him a punch behind the ear."

LINDBERGH

A disclosure - about Lindbergh. Published in the magazine - "The National Review." Which tells - how, before World War Two, the Lone Eagle was given a Nazi decoration.

In a review of a new book about the famous flyer, Editor John Chamberlain quotes from a manuscript by Colonel Truman Smith, a manuscript - now at the Yale University library.

We've known all along that Lindbergh went over to Nazi Germany - where he procured information about the German air force. At the request - of United States officials, doing important work for his country, Lindbergh - using his prestige as the famous Trans-Atlantic flyer. But now we have the story of the Nazi decoration - according to Colonel Truman Smith.

Lindbergh was getting a warm welcome from the Nazis - headed by Goering, number two man to Hitler.

And American Ambassador Hugh Wilson thought - perhaps he might be able to do something on behalf of the persecuted Jewish minority of Germany. So Hugh Wilson set up an "airmen's dinner", at the U.S. Embassy, at which - Lindbergh would make an appeal to Goering, asking him - to try to persuade Hitler to ameliorate the anti-Semitic persecution.

It was at this dinner, that Goering unexpectedly gave him the Nazi medal. Lindbergh obliged to accept it - no way to avoid it. The more so - because of his plea for the Jewish victims of the Nazi terror.

So that's the story of the decoration - which brought odium on Lindbergh - when he was actually doing his utmost for the Jews.

BUDGET

President Eisenhower submitted his budget for election year, / ~~predicting~~ ~~predicting~~ - a surplus of four billion, two hundred million. the largest - in thirteen years. Congress - generally skeptical.

The presidential figures call for a hike of postal rates and gasoline taxes. With Republican, as well as Democratic opinion - doubtful if Congress will go for these increases, with an election coming up.

The budget also calls for a cut of spending on welfare and farm programs. The Democrats - against these reductions.

Hence the predictions that, by the time Congress gets through with the budget - the surplus will not ~~be~~ be so large.

HEIRESS

In Paris, today, Douglas Benedict had a talk with his eloping sister - Gamble Benedict, the Remington Typewriter heiress, who ran off - to marry Andrei Porumbeanu, born in Romania - and described as a former chauffeur, who, they say, has a wife already - from whom he has never been divorced.

Brother and sister met at the home of a mutual friend. He - trying to persuade her to leave Andrei, whom he describes - in most unflattering terms. She - trying to convince him that love should have its way.

Neither - changing the mind of the other.

PARALYTIC

A weird story from the city of Toulon, in France - about a man seventy-five years old, whose wife - was a paralytic. Utterly bed-ridden -- for two years. So the husband, in desperation, decided - he'd end it ~~with a double suicide~~ ^{= for both of them.}

At night, as the paralyzed wife lay sleeping - he stabbed her. But inflicted - only a minor injury. Which awakened her, and she saw her husband - with knife in hand.

She screamed - and leaped from the bed, running wildly from the room.

~~Her~~ ^{The} husband - astounded in seeing ~~his~~ ^{the} paralyzed wife - sprinting so nimbly. But he went ahead with his part of the plan - and hanged himself.

A neighbor cut him down - not badly hurt. The wife [?] completely recovered from what the doctors now call "hysterical paralysis."

SKIING

Banner headlines - in the world of skiing.

Liechtenstein - sending a team to the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley. Liechtenstein ^{to enter a team} in the down-hill ~~race~~, the jumping, and the slalom. ~~Yet it seemed as if this great news would never break - in the world of winter sports.~~

At first, the tiny principality in the Alps decided - that Liechtenstein would not send a team. Figuring - it would be beaten so badly, it would be a disgrace. Prince Franz Josef of Liechtenstein agreed with the pessimistic view. But Baron von Falz-Fein, who runs the tourist business in Liechtenstein - thought otherwise. Which led to a quarrel - between the Baron and the Prince. However, Baron von Falz-Fein won out - and he's the manager of the Liechtenstin team/.

So they went to Zurich, Switzerland - to get visas at the American Consulate there. But, on the way, Baron von Falz-Fein had an automobile crash on an icy road. However, he went on - only to have another crash, when he was driving the team up a mountain for a practice run. They were shaken up a bit.

Then, later, while driving to Zurich for the visas - an enormous icicle from an over-hanging cliff, came banging down. Hitting the car - and smashing the windshield.

Today, they got their visas - a four-man team.

Three of them named - Gerhard Kindle, Herman Kindle,

Silvan Kindle. Let's hope they'll kindle a little hope

- that they'll do better than Prince Franz Josef thinks

they will.

CANARIES

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SUBWAY

To believe this next one - you've got to be a veteran New York subway rider. But it was on the news wire, today - how Roger Cornish, a twenty-five year old airline reservations clerk, waited at the Times Square station for a train, to take him home to Brooklyn.

It was in the early morning hours - and he waited and waited, finally deciding - he'd walk. Nobody was around at that hour, and he climbed from the platform down onto the track - and started walking the ties.

He walked on and on to Pennsylvania station - where he wasn't noticed. Then he kept on going - for nine stations. Before the train he was waiting for - caught up with him. On his way to the ninth station - the train crawled along behind him, while Roger walked.