

DE GAULLE

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Gen. De Gaulle was elected Chief of the Government of France today -- and that would seem to end the matter. But, it doesn't.

The constituent assembly voted unanimously in favor of DeGaulle. But when he was informed of this, he replied that he would give his own decision in a few days - whether or not to accept.

The General insists that he must be able to form a cabinet of National Coalition. That is, he wants a cabinet in which the three chief parties will be represented - the Communists, the Socialists, and the popular Republicans.

That's where the difficulty lies - those three parties being involved in bitter disputes. If they can't come to terms, it may be impossible to form a Coalition Cabinet to serve under DeGaulle -- in which case the General might reject the post of Chief of Government. And then former Premier Leon Blum, head of the Socialist Party, might be summoned as a substitute.

## ATTLEE

In his address to Congress in Washington today, British Prime Minister Attlee mentioned the Atomic Bomb only once -- though that weapon of world terror was constantly in the background of his words. Nor did he speak of the plan that he brought to the Atomic Bomb Conferences with President Truman -- the suggestion that the Atomic Secret should be given to a world organization on condition that other nations, like Soviet Russia, pledge themselves to cooperate fully in the United Nations.

Attlee's theme, chiefly, was one of general morality, the contention that if mankind is to survive, the new and frightful dangers created by science, the world must accept a principle of christian brotherhood.

Clement Attlee presented the peril and the problem in these words: "Man's material discoveries have out-paced his moral progress."

As for the four billion dollar loan or grant that Great Britain is seeking from the United States, Attlee did not mention that ~~it~~ at all -- not directly. But the idea was in the background of much that he said.

He made a series of statements designed to answer the argument advanced by many Americans -- why should we put up our money to finance the establishment of socialism in Britain? Attlee's thesis dwelt on freedom, liberty. He contending against one line of economic thought which holds that socialism, of necessity, will always turn into a centralized despotism of the state.

The Labor Prime Minister stated to the <sup>Joint</sup> gathering of Congress: "You've heard that we are Socialist, but I wonder just what that ~~xxxx~~ means to you. I think that some people over here imagine that ~~xxxxxx~~ Socialists are out to destroy freedom, freedom of the individual, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of the press. They are wrong. The Labor party, ~~xxxxx~~ "Attlee went on, "is in the tradition of freedom loving movements which have always existed in our country. Sometimes the battle of freedom had to be fought against Kings, sometimes against religious tyranny, sometimes against the power of the owners of the land, sometimes against the overwhelming strength of moneyed interests."



PALESTINE

President Truman has accepted the British compromise plan for dealing with the question of Palestine. The President announces that he still believes that a hundred thousand Jewish immigrants should be admitted into Palestine above the present quotas. He made that suggestion to Prime Minister Attlee, but it was rejected.

Attlee ~~responded with a proposal~~ <sup>proposed</sup> that the United States join Great Britain in conducting an inquiry into the whole problem of Jewish refugees in Europe, and the possibility of admitting them to the Holyland.

This compromise President Truman has accepted -- with the proviso that the inquiry be made as speedily as possible, the President stating; "The situation faced by displaced Jews in Europe during the coming winter allows no delay in this matter."

ADD PALESTINE

In London, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin made a simultaneous announcement that an Anglo-American Committee would investigate the problem of Palestine. At the same time Bevin affirmed Britain's intention of establishing a Jewish National Home in the Holyland -- but not a Jewish State. There is a distinction -- which ties in with the extreme Zionist demand that Palestine be established as a Jewish nation, a Sovereign Jewish State.

Still later news -- a Jewish strike has been declared for tomorrow, in Palestine -- the Jewish Council ordering a walkout in protest against the statement by Bevin.

## JAVA

In Java, the heads of the so-called Indonesian Republic have completely transformed their government. The Extremists are out and moderates are in. This is obviously a move for a compromise, the Indonesians realizing that they can't cope with the armed might of the British.

Meanwhile, violent fighting still continues at the great naval base of Soerabaja, swarms of Indonesian snipers defending parts of the city, while the British pound their way forward with blasts of artillery fire and air bombs.

CHINA

Late word is that Soviet Russia has granted permission for the Chiang Kai-Shek Government to fly troops into a key airbase in Manchuria - Hsingking. The Soviet permission specifies -- fifteen hundred Chiang Kai-Shek Troops a day. This follows word that Soviet Troops are evacuating Manchuria, in accordance with the post-war Chinese -Russian agreement. With Red Army Troops pulling out, the ~~Chi~~ Kai-Shek Forces and the Chinese ~~Communists~~ Communists will be left to settle matters for themselves -- by Civil War, apparently.



YAMASHITA

The Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands has issued an order in behalf of Japanese Lieutenant General Yamashita. The Philippine Tribunal asks -- why shouldn't Yamashita be granted a writ of Habeas Corpus? And American Lieutenant General Styer, Commander of the Western Pacific, is directed to answer that question.

The American officers acting as Defense Counsel to Yamashita, have been invoking all the protection of the law for their client. They appealed to the Philippine Supreme Court for a writ of Habeas Corpus -- arguing that the Military Commission trying the Jap General has no ~~authority~~ authority, that martial-law is no longer in force in the Philippines, and that General MacArthur's directive for trying war criminals applied only to Japan. Therefore Yamashita should be turned loose.

If the Philippine supreme court should refuse to <sup>issue</sup> a writ of Habeas Corpus, it is believed that his American counsel will appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. So will the prosecution, if the Philippine Court should grant the writ.

Meanwhile, at the trial, there was a break of favorable testimony for the Jap Lieutenant General. On the witness stand, the now familiar horror of Jap atrocities continued today in ghastly stories told by witnesses. But one witness helped the Jap a lot. He was a fourteen year old boy, the grandson of a Filipino who collaborated with the Japs. Evidence had previously been given that Yamashita had told the Philippine collaborator that the Filipinos were to be wiped out. Also that in the interview between the two, the interpreter had been the Philippine collaborator's grandson, today's witness -- <sup>who</sup> he was educated in Japan. The boy today denied the whole thing -- denied the meeting between Yamashita and his grandfather, and declared that he had never interpreted any conversation between them.

## NAZI

In the atrocity trials at Lueneburg, Germany, the prosecution summed up its case before a British Military Tribunal. The Prosecutor Colonel Thomas ~~Blank~~ Backhouse, charged that the mass murders in concentration camps, with the methodical killing of great hosts of pitiful victims, was a deliberate Nazi attempt to do two things:- First - wipe out the Jewish people. And secondly - break the strength of Poland.

He put it in these words: "Deliberately and carefully organized murder -- an attempt to murder and destroy the Jewish race and to destroy the strength of Poland."

Along with this we have a disclosure of how Hitler had an elaborate plan to cause the disappearance of the Poles as a nation and as a people. Documents outlining this have been found in Berlin -- after a search in the fire-blackened basement of the Reichschancellery. There, secret files were discovered including the plan for the ~~obliteration~~ obliteration of the Poles.

The method to be used was - "Biological assimilation." That is, the Poles were to be ruined and weakened and then absorbed by migrations of Germans that would be sent into Poland.

All of Western Poland was to be annexed to Germany. This part of the program was in fact carried out during the war. Then what was left of Poland was to be divided by a wedge of German population, a migration of Germans to be thrust eastward through the remainder of Poland. That would divide the main Poles into two isolated groups. These, it was reckoned, would not be able to maintain any kind of separate existence, and the Poles would be assimilated by what the Hitler document called - "Biological and economic Forces."

That's the way the Nazi tyrant planned to destroy whole nations.

## HONOLULU

The trouble in Honolulu brings to light a bad situation out there. There always was a certain amount of friction between soldiers and sailors and the rougher element of the local population -- which is a hodge-podge of mixed races and polyglot peoples. This now has got so bad that the news tells of a thousand sailors of the Honolulu Air Station rioting through a section of the town. Armed with Bayonets, clubs, hammers and rocks, they went on a two-hour rampage, smashing things up and inflicting beatings on a number of local characters. The sailors claimed they were taking retaliation for a number of unprovoked attacks that they had endured from Honolulu toughs.

The men in uniform out there call their civilian opponents "Gooks." They claim that time and again servicemen when in the minority, have been ganged by the Gooks. They've been attacked in buses and parks and restaurants, and some have been beaten so badly that they have had to go to the hospital.

~~What the soldiers and sailors think of the~~

## RATS

Page the Pied Piper of Hamelin -- and send him to New York. The big town is having trouble with a plague of rats.

It is another one of those results of the war. The New York waterfront always had plenty of rats, and new swarms of them arrived in the transports and cargo ships of wartime. So we are told by a government public health service report. And the rats from aboard, combined with the local variety, have become a menace.

The plague of rodents is the greatest in the areas of docks and markets, and from these ratty sectors come tales of woe. At Washington market, the rats are so bold they run around in the daytime among the stands of produce, the potatoes, the onions, the asparagus. One produce merchant declares that he was sitting at his desk, when he felt something pulling his feet, he looked down and saw a rat gnawing at his shoe.

Another merchant, whose business occupies a two story building, states that it became a question of

whether he or the rats would use the second floor.

The rats won.

Why don't they use cats? They tried that. Cats have always been the normal anti-rat protection around the market. Today, a wholesale dried fruit dealer declared: "We've lost three cats, killed by rats in the last month".

They say the rats go hunting for cats.

So summon the Pied Piper of Hamelin - only the rats might go hunting for him.

Maybe one of our American boys of Simpson's Ninth Army who chased the Nazis out of the city of Hamelin, home town of the Pied piper, maybe one of them brought back the Pied Piper's magic flute! That was the Thirtieth. If you have a husband or a father or a brother of the Old Hickory Division - the Thirtieth - ask him if he brought home the Pied Piper's flute. If so tell him to hurry to New York and report to Butch LaGuardia - I mean the Little Flower, otherwise known as The Hat.

## CURATES

I was startled when I took my first glance at this next bit of news -- I was shocked. It was a dispatch from London, telling of what ~~it~~<sup>is</sup> called - "A black market in clergymen." In other words - Ministers of the Gospel being bootlegged. Here's the lamentable story:—

Over in England, one of the historic institutions is -- the Curate, the assistant clergyman who serves under a Rector or a Vicar. England, in addition to its other shortages, is now having a shortage of curates. As a result of the war, there are not enough Curates to go around. So many a Rector or Vicar is left to take care of his church all by himself.

What's the result? Well, they say it reminds one of the practices of British housewives, faced with the wartime shortage of household help. Housewives don't hesitate to steal maids and cooks from each other. You know how a lady will entice a first class cook from her best friend -- by offering more wages, more



days off, fewer guests. It seems incredible, but we hear that the Rectors and Vicars of old England are resorting to similar practices -- pirating curates from each other.

Today, the London Daily Mirror quotes the Reverend G. W. Clarkson, Rector of Skegness, Lincolnshire as follows: "All kinds of offers," declares the Rector of Skegness, "are being held out to entice Curates from other parsons. It's a regular black market," says the Rector of Skegness. — a black

1/2 market in Curates! Yea verily strange things have come to pass — stranger even than atomic fission, eh Hugh? Did you ever hear of anything stranger — # ?