

DURKIN

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The Secretary of Labor resigns from the Cabinet!

An announcement from the White House reveals that Martin Durkin is no longer a member of the Eisenhower team.

The President, accepting the resignation with what he calls "deep regret".

Martin Durkin himself gives the reason for his resignation. Yes "it's: the Taft Hartley Law." Durkin as Labor's spokesman, always said he wanted that controversial law changed. He also said, many times, that he would resign, if he were not satisfied. Now he reveals disagreement with President Eisenhower over what should be done about the Taft-Hartley issue. As a result, the Secretary resigns.

Martin Durkin was the only Democrat in the Eisenhower cabinet, until Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby was appointed. Before coming to Washington, he was head of the Plumbers' Union, and Mr. Eisenhower appointed him in spite of the fact that Durkin had complained for Stegenson. At this time, Senator Taft called the appointment "incredible."

So the head of the Plumbers' Union joined what ~~was regarded as a~~ ^{many were calling the} "business man's cabinet." Washington humorists referred to it as "nine millionaires and a plumber."

This is the first resignation from President Eisenhower's cabinet. Accepting the resignation, the President wrote to Durkin ^{saying: -} "You will be both missed and remembered. I say this, not only with the warmth of a friend - but also as one deeply concerned with all the problems that are the special charge of the Department of Labor."

ADD DURKIN

Representative Kearns of Pennsylvania, a Republican, ^{says} remarked of the resignation:~ "It comes as a ~~very~~ great shock. I have no grievance with Durkin. I felt, however, that it was premature to be making recommendations for ~~in~~ changes in the law."

~~At the same time, Senator Maybank of South Carolina, a Democrat, declared that he was not surprised, because in his words: "The administration has done nothing for labor."~~

VINSON

Washington pays its last respects to the late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The rites for Fred Vinson were held in the capital's Episcopal Cathedral. The Cathedral, filled with high officials. Among them, both President Eisenhower, and former President Truman.

Chief Justice Vinson will not be buried in Washington. His body to be taken back to Louisa, Kentucky. His final resting place - a high bluff overlooking the Big Sandy River - back where Fred Vinson came from. The small town where he opened his law practice - and started the career that was to take him all the way up to the Supreme Court.

PRINCE

Crown Prince Akihito of Japan today called on President Eisenhower. The two talked privately for about fifteen minutes; and the Prince presented the President with a Japanese silk screen, about six feet tall.

President Eisenhower who is himself an enthusiastic artist, was much impressed with the screen. What will happen to this present from Japan's Crown Prince? Well, here's the President's prediction: "As soon as my wife sees it - I am going to lose it." In other words - it may soon be hanging in the living quarters at the White House.

EARTHQUAKE

This time its the island of Cyprus - in the Eastern Mediterranean that is the scene of the latest earthquake disaster. Reports, still incomplete, tell of forty killed and a hundred or more injured; also thousands homeless. Dispatches tell of a village, "virtually flattened." And of others partially destroyed.

This famous island only forty ~~nine~~ miles off the coast of Turkey is about a hundred and sixty miles long. It was shaken from one end to the other - probably doing still more damage to the ancient crusader castles for which Cyprus is famous.

The quake struck just before dawn, hurling thousands ~~of~~ of Syrians from their beds, and burying ~~in~~ many of them beneath falling walls.

Rescue teams are being rushed from nearby Syria, Turkey and ~~Ex~~ Egypt.

Cyprus is held by the British - in fact is an important British air and naval base.

ADENAUER

Chancellor Adenauer asks France to ratify the West German peace pact. A dispatch from Bonn reports that he may give the French a time limit of ninety days on this. Then if Paris refuses, the German Chancellor may suggest alternatives to the present plans for Europe. That is he may propose the formation of a German National army -- instead of the European Army which would include German units. He may also ask for Germany's admission to NATO.

The reason for the Adenauer demands? He says he can't wait, because he won the recent election on a program of rearmament, and the alliance of West Germany with the West. The failure of these, might cause his government to fall. So he demands the two things he feels are necessary - a peace pact, and a European army. If the French do not agree, then he will seek some other way to satisfy the West German people.

REFUGEE

The Iron Curtain countries are bent on war! So says that Polish interpreter who fled from the Red inspection team in Korea; appealing to American authorities for political asylum.

Today, this Pole told a news conference how he feels about communism. He says Poland is preparing for war; in spite of the fact that practically all Poles are against Communism. Also that war preparations are being pushed by the Red regime; and that consumers' goods are very scarce. Even clothing he described as a "luxury".

The interpreter planned to escape as soon as he got out of Poland on the way to Korea. He says he has only one regret - that his parents are still in his homeland. He is now worried about them.

In his interview he also told how the Polish government suppresses the facts about political developments. For example, he told how the Reds never did inform the people about the two Polish pilots who flew their MIGS to the free -

world. The truth about that ^{did get thru however - via the} ~~was learned through the~~
West European radio. The Reds also said that the
recent riots in East Germany were put down by the
people there. - no mention of the Russian tanks that
were rushed in to restore order.

Polish officials are charging that the
interpreter was kidnapped. But the American
officials say he wants to go to America. So he
will be flown to this country and granted political
asylum.

PRISONERS

More violence at Pan Mun Jom. A riot by anti-Communist North Koreans. Hurling stones at Chinese observers. While they chanted insults at the Reds. The incident was brief - and was put down by the Indian troops guarding the Pan Mun Jom "peace camp." Then the Indians moved the Chinese observers out of sight, to prevent further demonstrations.

Meanwhile, the Reds refuse to account for more than three thousand missing prisoners. The Peiping radio terms our list of missing men "a fake"! Which sounds like a rejection of our request for information about the prisoners who have not yet been accounted for.

PATROL BOAT

Last night we heard about the Chinese Reds attacking a British patrol boat. More details are in today, telling about the hero of the occasion, a seaman, Gordon Cleaver. The Reds began by firing a few hundred rounds into the British naval craft. Then they opened up with their guns; scoring two direct hits. One in the wheel house, and one in the engine room - causing the six casualties, and badly damaging the engine.

The British officers aboard by now were either dead or wounded. Whereupon Seaman Cleaver took charge, nursed the engine, somehow got it working again, and brought her in to Hong King.

The official British statement today is that the patrol boat was in international waters when the Reds attacked. The Queen's top naval commander in the Far East, has flown to Hong Kong to investigate, but so far has made no comment.

INDO_CHINA

America to step up aid to the French in Indo-China. No details yet, but the state Department is consulting the French government on how we can help. In fact Congress already has voted four hundred million dollars for this. Now the National Security Council proposes that we double our financial aid to Indo-China.

This follows the statement by Secretary of State Dulles who speaking before the American Legion, said that we must support the French in their fight against the Reds in South East Asia. Dulles also warned Mao Tse Tung not to send troops to support the rebels.

EXPLOSIONS-CLEVELAND

Today, a series of explosions blasted one street in the heart of Cleveland. It was a chain reaction, one following the other, for more than a mile along the street. The explosion, caused by either gas mains or else ~~the~~ sewer lines. And they tore up the street almost from one end to the other.

Automobiles ~~and~~ were tossed into the air and traffic was blocked. At least one person was killed and more than sixty others injured.

HOLD-UP

In Stamford, Connecticut, a couple of bandits held up a bank -- right on a main thoroughfare. There were no customers in the bank when the robbers entered. Pulling out their pistols, they said to the manager and the other employees: "This is a stick-up. Put your backs to the wall."

One bandit produced a paper bag, and began to stuff money into it. When the cash drawers were empty, he asked the manager about the money in the vault. There was -- over fifty thousand dollars in the vault but the manager replied that there was nothing but coins. The bandits took his word for it - departing with almost thirty thousand dollars, but without the fifty thousand in the vault.

The two bandits fled by car - and made a clean get away.

PLANET

Is a tenth planet circling around the sun? The question arises from a discovery by a Danish astronomer, who sighted an unfamiliar stranger in the sky. A cable from Copenhagen to Harvard Observatory describes the discovery as a "planet." This would make it the tenth planet; and the first to be discovered since Nineteen Thirty-One, when the planet "Pluto" appeared, and found a place in books on astronomy.

Some movements of Pluto are unexplained - puzzlers for astronomers. And one suggestion is that its movements are interfered with by another planet further out in space. Maybe this tenth planet. However, one Harvard astronomer says that the truth about this new discovery is not yet absolute. He thinks maybe its a comet or an asteroid. But the Danish astronomer who discovered it says it definitely is a new planet - another for our space ships to explore someday - maybe a million years from now!

VERSE

From Shape headquarters in Paris comes - some
doggerel. ~~verse~~ ^{all} ~~it's~~ the result of an ad that General
Gruenther noticed in a newspaper. Someone was
advertising for a tutor - to teach Scottish dialect
to a parrot. General Gruenther thought ~~that~~ that this
should be brought to the attention of his intelligence
officer, Colonel Bernard Fergusson--a braw scot, who
wears a Black Watch kilt most of the time. General
Gruenther suggested that Colonel Fergusson might apply
for ^{the} ~~that~~ job, ^{and} ~~of~~ ^{his} ~~he~~ teaching Scottish dialect to a
parrot.

Colonel Fergusson responded ⁱⁿ ~~with a set of~~
~~verse~~ ^{as follows:-}
~~Here's how they begin:~~

The especially succulent carrot
That you dangle in front of my eyes
To apply for a job with a parrot
Has caused me no little surprise

But then Colonel Fergusson goes on to suggest
a danger in the ad:

There are dangers both serious and solemn
From which we can scarcely escape.
Could the parrot comprise a fifth column
Intended to penetrate SHAPE?

MOROCCO

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An attempt to assassinate the new Sultan of Morocco. Assassination - by automobile.

Today at the city of Rabat, the Sultan, recently installed by the French, was proceeding to a mosque, riding a horse. When, an American automobile, a Ford convertible, came speeding - and crashed into the potentate on horseback. The horse was knocked down, but the sixty-four year old Sultan threw himself clear, and avoided injury.

The automobile careened into the crowd, and people were injured. Soldiers of the imperial guard opened fire, and killed one of two men in the car. The other - arrested. In the shooting, two members of the imperial guard were wounded.

Tonight the French authorities are taking security measures, afraid that disturbances will follow this attempted assassination by automobile.

RETAKE

Colonel Fergusson notes that he has always believed that an intelligent life is one of wine, women and song. Now he remarks that he is disillusioned:

Alas, that illusion has vanished
 I see it was wholly absurd
 But I'm ~~happy~~ ^{blanched} if I want to be banished
 From SHAPE to teach scotch to a bird.

~~The Scot~~ Colonel ~~Fergusson~~ is an Assistant to Intelligence Chief, General Robert Schow. ^{and} here's how ~~the Colonel~~ ^{he} concludes his dofferel:

And I now go on record that never
 Do I want to abandon Bob Schow
 For a parrot which, if it were clever
 Would be talking Scotch anyhow - now.

Well, there's one of the most interesting documents to come out of SHAPE in a long time. And it shows that the Colonel of the Black Watch, Bernard Fergusson, is as adept at shaping his verses as he is at intelligence work.

17 Now what do say about that, Mike?