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POLITICS

News from Paris, but don't think it has anything to do with - - France. The city of the boulevards being now - - a headquarters for American political news.

The word tonight is that General Eisenhower is moving to get advice - - on how to ^{return} ~~go~~ home and campaign.

Which is a little complicated - - since he would have to resign his command of the west European International Army.

General Ike's top aide, General Alfred Gruenther, is flying from Paris to Washington tonight - - to testify before a Congressional Committee concerning the white house foreign aid program. It should not be cut. - ^{That's what} - Gruenther will say, speaking for Eisenhower.

But, while in Washington, the General will sound out the top Command at the Pentagon - - asking advice on procedure for General Ike's return. Questions of - - military protocol. Would it be sufficient for

Eisenhower merely to request the U S defense department to release him from his post in Europe. Should he ask President Truman to releive him? The President has already said the General can come home any time he sees fit. But would it be necessary to ask Nato, ^{- that is, asks} all fourteen member nations, for permission to resign the command? Such are the questions of protocol that Gruenther will bring up at the Pentagon in behalf of Eisenhower. ~~Such, at least,~~ ^{That's} are the reports in Paris tonight.

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Most significant of all is a statement that British Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery has promised to serve under General Gruenther. Who all along has been named as Eisenhower's probable successor. Monty of El Alemein is known to be proud, ^{and} touchy. Willing to serve under Eisenhower - - who ranked as his superior officer in the Second World War. But, would he take

a secondary position to an American officer

/// lower in rank than the British Field Marshall

and of less experience in war? The supposition was

that Montgomery would not. He'd walk out. But now

~~that's changed in~~ today's ^{latest} ~~dispatch~~ from Paris

^{tells us} ~~declaring~~ that Montgomery has pledged himself to

serve under his American junior. "Faithfully and

proudly," says the dispatch.

All of which is the background for the belief in

Paris that Ike will return to the United States

between May fifteenth and June first - - which time

is said to have been named by his backers over

here as the best for beginning a personal campaign

for the G O P nomination. ^R Of course, there's a little

American political news here at home - - Senator

Taft announcing that he will have his name removed

from the primary ballots in New Jersey, as soon as he

can find out how to do it legally. The deadline is passed for this, but the New Jersey authorities have informed the Senator that an exception could be made in his favor as a "courtesy."

Yesterday, Taft withdrew from the New Jersey primary campaign - - with a bitter blast at Governor Driscoll because the New Jersey Governor declared for Eisenhower after Taft was in the primary. Taft says he was tricked.

INVESTIGATION

At a Senate hearing today, one witness was the former wife of the Vice-President of the Bank of China, a communist financial institution. Mrs Harriet Levine Chi - - whose first two names are decidedly not oriental.

Mrs Chi made an appearance in ^{connection with} that same old question

- - The Institute of Pacific relations. Which is being investigated by the Senate internal Security Committee - - on the charge of communist domination.

She worked for them in nineteen thirty-six. - - and ~~for a time, was a secretary to Far-eastern-Expert~~

~~Owen Lattimer, who has been quizzed intensively on the subject of communism.~~

~~Her testimony today, the same old story. Refusing to answer whether she was ever a communist - - because it might incriminate her. The former wife of the banker of Red China is the twelfth witness connected~~

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revival of something rejected weeks ago.

In the air, american pilots ^{now} report a full flight
of the new type of communist jet plane about which
we heard yesterday. But these refused to fight.

So our pilots had to be content with shooting down
five of the older style ~~4/4~~ Mig fifteens.

- - offering that kind of aid to the enemy in war.

U. N.

The United Nations offers medical help to the Chinese and Korean Reds. They've been charging that the forces of the United Nations have been conducting germ warfare, spreading epidemics. So now the U N offers to help in checking the outbreaks of disease behind communist lines. Something without precedent - - offering that kind of aid to the enemy in war.

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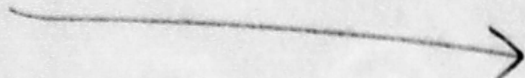
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and French ^{is} ~~ambassadors~~ in Rome.

TRIESTE

The Italian government protests against police tactics in riots at the port of Trieste last night. In the disputed city, political demonstrations are forbidden, but there was an outdoor concert - - and this turned into a rally of Italians, demanding that Trieste be reunited with Italy. The crowd was charged by the police. Thirty-one injured, sixty-one arrested - - in a series of clashes.

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FOLLOW TRIESTE

The latest - a general strike, the Italian Unions calling a walk-out in protest. At the stroke of one minute past midnight, local time, fifty thousand workers were on strike for a period of twenty-four hours, as a demonstration. Pace promises congress

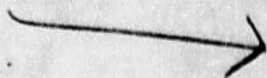
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BASES

The army has removed the engineers in charge of the construction of air bases in North Africa - - about which there has been so much complaint, on the score of blundering and extravagance. And Secretary of the Army Frank Pace promises congress that the whole north African air base program will be abandoned, if the shake-up today doesn't bring about more efficiency and economy.



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Secretary Pace indicated that he had considered ~~canceling~~ cancelling all contracts - but had decided against that, hoping that the construction of the North African bases would get going in the proper way.

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STEEL

The steel industry denounces the settlement recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board. Saying the wage hike would cost - - "more than twelve dollars per ton of steel." The industry calls it - - "not in the public interest and disruptive of our economy." The Union is jubilant, has called off the strike, for the time being, and - - is ready to resume negotiations with industry, on the basis of the recommendation.

SUTTON

-the-actor-
At the trial of Willie Sutton, a witness refused to
identify him today - - the custodian of the bank
vault that was robbed. Immediately after the hold-up
sixty-four year old Thomas Weston identified a police
picture of Sutton. But today he looked at Willie-the-
Actor in court and said; "I can't be positive."
Whereupon the district attorney declared that the
witness was afraid to identify the defendant - -
far inspired by the murder of Arnold Schuster, the
clothing salesman who led to the arrest of Sutton.



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Later in the day, the story was different. Another witness, Theodore Sands, assistant manager of the Manufacturers Trust Company, identified Sutton.

He walked from the witness stand and placed his hand on the shoulder of Willie, The Actor, saying he was one of the robbers.

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BARBARA

In Hollywood, movie actress Barbara Payton today told the court that her husband, actor Franchot Tone, was worth more than a million dollars. So she would like what she called - - "a reasonable part of it."

This followed an announcement by Barbara that, after a divorce from Tone, she intends to marry actor Tom Neal, - - who gave Tone such a beating in a fight over the actress. At that time she called Neal a "beast," and married Franchot Tone.

Now she has decided to go back to Neal, and wants a "reasonable part" of Tone's million.

DOGS

Things look more hopeful for the ~~the~~^{two} three dogs marooned on a mountain ledge - - and attacked by ~~Eagles~~. Tonight a rescue party ~~is~~^{was} fighting its way up Whitehorse Mountain in the Cascades. ~~Among~~^{Including} six members of the University of Washington mountaineering club. Their plan is to reach a point above the ledge, and lower a climber by rope - - he in turn to lower the dogs by rope.

Inspection by telescope shows the dogs to be still alive, moving around - - while the ~~Eagles~~ appear to have stopped their dive-bombing attacks. Discouraged may be, by the fierce resistance of the Cougar Hounds - - a fighting breed used to hunt mountain lions.

SHIP HOLD - UP

Aboard the U S Carrier Midway, off the south coast of France, Rear Admiral A. K. Doyle, today, confirmed the astonishing fact, which had been rumored, but hitherto denied - a hold-up aboard an American War Ship. Bandits in masks - robbing a crap game, Nothing like that ever happened before in the history of the U S Navy - hold-up of a crap game aboard the giant carrier Midway.

Admiral Doyle gives an official version of the story - going back to last weekend, when the Midway was lying at anchor off the French coast. In one compartment of the carrier, a crap game was going on - and that, also, was against regulations. But, the sailors were rolling the bones, and it was quite a game - lots of cash lying there, several thousand dollars in bets. When - three bandits entered, They were in sailors' uniform, had masks over their faces - and revolvers

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in their hands. Members of the crew, ^{apparently -} so you can't say the hold - up on the Midway was by land-lubber crooks from the outside.

The masked robbers made the crap-shooters put up their hands, and line up against a bulkhead. Then, scooped up the cash in the game, three thousand dollars - and faded out. Well, the Navy knows plenty about the galloping dominos, but they never heard about winning that way, aboard a war ship. Using pistols - instead of seven and eleven.

The command has gone out from the top brass - to put aside other business in an all-out effort, a sleuthing job, to find the robbers.

The clues are something for a navy Sherlock Holmes.

The bandits are - some where in the crew. The crap-shooters think they might be able to recognize the voices of the robbers. ^{So} I suppose they go around -

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listening.

Robbery on a ship might come under the heading of piracy; but not in this case, because the midway was anchored twelve hundred yards off shore.

Technically - in France.

The other day I was talking with a couple of Admirals who deplored the title of the novel - The Cain Mutiny. They said there had never been a mutiny in the U S Navy. But here, ^{Nelson,} we have something just as shocking - the hold-up of a crap game aboard a great aircraft carrier.