

HEARING. *L.T.-W. Tues. May 4 - '54, (Toledo, Ohio.)*

EFFORTS TO SHORTEN THE MCCARTHY PROCEEDINGS - CAME TO NOTHING TODAY. THE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO CURTAIL THE HEARINGS BY CUTTING DOWN THE NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL WITNESSES - TO A MERE TWO. SECRETARY STEVENS, WHO HAS BEEN TESTIFYING DAY AFTER DAY, AND SENATOR MCCAREHY, WHO WILL BE CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE ARMY COUNSEL.

THE DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OBJECTED, SAYING - THE CHARGES ON BOTH SIDES WERE SO SERIOUS, THEY MUST BE HEARD IN FULL PROCEEDINGS. ALL OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE ACCUSATIONS - TO TESTIFY.

SO, AFTER A LONG WRANGLE, A PROGRAM FOR A SPEED - UP WAS ABANDONED. ACTING CHAIRMAN MUNDT SAYING THE HEARINGS WOULD HAVE TO PLOD ON SLOWLY - "TO THE BITTER END."

AFTER WHICH, THEY PLODDED ON. PRODUCING AN UPROAR WHEN SENATOR MCCARTHY INTRODUCED A SECRET LETTER, IN WHICH F B I DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER ALLEGEDLY WARNED THE ARMY ABOUT SECURITY RISKS AT FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.

DICKINSON.

Edw.
PRIVATE, DICKINSON ~~WAS~~ - FOUND GUILTY, TODAY. CONVICTED, BY
A MILITARY COURT, ON A WHOLE SERIES OF CHARGES, OF COLLABORATING
WITH THE REDS, SERVING COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA, *and* INFORMING ON HIS
FELLOW PRISONERS - TO GAIN FAVORS FOR HIMSELF. SENTENCED, TO TEN
YEARS PRISON.

DICKINSON WAS THE FIRST OF THE TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO
CHANGED THEIR MINDS, AND DECIDED TO COME HOME - AFTER HAVING,
PREVIOUSLY, PREFERRED COMMUNISM. WHEN HE DID RETURN, HE WAS
GIVEN SOMETHING LIKE A HERO'S WELCOME AT HIS HOME TOWN, IN THE
VIRGINIA MOUNTAINS, HE WAS CHEERED, AND GOT MARRIED.

NOW - A CONVICTION AND A SENTENCE OF TEN YEARS. ALL - TO BE
REVIEWED BY THE JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE.

GENEVA.

THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS TAKING A TWO-DAY RECESS - TO GIVE THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS A CHANCE TO GET TOGETHER AND HARMONIZE THEIR VIEWS. GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES - AT ODDS ABOUT THEIR OWN PROPOSALS FOR KOREA AND INDO - CHINA.

THE COMMUNISTS, HEADED BY RUSSIA AND CHINA, APPEAR TO BE UNITED. BACKING - A NORTH KOREAN DEMAND, THAT KOREA BE UNIFIED BY ELECTIONS UNDER CONTROL OF THE REDS. FOREIGN TROOPS - TO BE WITHDRAWN IN SIX MONTHS. UTTERLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST-WHICH, HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROPOSE AN ALTERNATIVE. FOR ONE THING, THEY'VE GOT TO GET THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT OF SYNGMAN RHEE TO AGREE ON SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE.

THE SAME LACK OF UNITY GOES FOR INDO-CHINA - THE WESTERN ALLIES TRYING TO FIND A PLAN THAT WOULD NOT INVOLVE PARTITION, OR A SURRENDER TO THE REDS.

INDO-CHINA PEACE TALKS ARE SUPPOSED TO BEGIN, AS SOON AS DELEGATIONS FROM INDO-CHINA ARRIVE AT GENEVA. RED REPRESENTATIVES ARE ALREADY THERE. THE OTHERS - ON THEIR WAY.

INDO-CHINA.

Meanwhile - what about the fighting -
**at DIEN BIEN PHU, AT LAST REPORTS, THE REDS WERE LESS THAN
FIVE HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE COMMAND POST - OF GENERAL DE CASTRIES.**

**THIS - FOLLOWING A SUDDEN RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNIST ASSAULT. IN A
NUTCRACKER ATTACK FROM EAST AND WEST, THE REDS WERE ABLE TO
CAPTURE TWO IMPORTANT STRONG POINTS. ONE - RETAKEN BY THE FRENCH
IN A COUNTERATTACK. THE OTHER - STILL IN ENEMY HANDS, AFTER A
COUNTERATTACK FAILED.**

**ALL OF WHICH MAKES THE SITUATION AT DIEN BIEN PHU MORE
CRITICAL THAN EVER. THE MONSOON RAINS, CUTTING DOWN AIR SUPPORT.
THE FRENCH COMMAND EXPRESSING THE BELIEF - THAT THE FATE OF THE
FORTRESS WILL BE DECIDED "ONE WAY OR ANOTHER" BY THE END OF THE
WEEK.**

SPACE.

WARNING WAS GIVEN TODAY THAT SOVIET RUSSIA MAY SURPRISE US - WITH A SATELLITE. OF COURSE, MOSCOW HAS A NUMBER OF SATELITTES, PUPPETS - BUT THAT'S IN A POLITICAL SENSE. TODAY'S WARNING IS - ASTRONOMICAL. THE SOVIETS MAY LAUNCH A ROCKET CONTRAFTION - TO GO CIRCLING AROUND THE EARTH, LIKE A SMALL MOON.

THIS EMANATES FROM A SYMPOSIUM ON SPACE TRAVEL, SPONSORED AT NEW YORK BY THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND THE HAYDEN PLANETARIUM, ONE EXPERT SAYING - THE RUSSIANS ARE FAR AHEAD OF US IN ROCKET STUDY. HAVING - A ROCKET ENGINE, WITH A "PUSH" OF FIFTY - THREE JET ENGINES. BY USING "CLUSTERS" OF SUCH ENGINES, THEY COULD PLACE A "SATELLITE" WEIGHING ABOUT ONE TON, IN AN ORBIT, CIRCLING THE EARTH, AT AN ALTITUDE OF TWO HUNDRED MILES.

SO SAYS GEORGE P. SUTTON, ^A NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION. WHO ADDS: "THINK OF THE POLITICAL VALUE OF SUCH A SOVIET SATELLITE. IT WOULD CIRCULATE AROUND THE EARTH EVERY FOUR HOURS. IF SOMEBODY PUT A STRONG LIGHT ON IT," HE GOES ON, "YOU COULD SEE THIS 'SOVIET STAR' PASSING NEW YORK REGULARLY. THEY COULD PUT A RADIO TRANSMITTER ON IT, AND SEND PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS TO ALL THE WORLD."

we are told ie -
THE MORAL, ^A ~~FE~~ - THAT WE SHOULD DO IT FIRST, AND PUT AN AMERICAN SATELLITE IN THE SKY.

SOVIET SCIENCE

A NEW SOVIET PUBLICATION HAS APPEARED, GIVING THE LATEST -
IN RUSSIAN SCIENCE. ONE THING ABOUT IT - THERE ^{is} MUCH LESS HOSTILE
CRITICISM OF WESTERN SCIENCE. ANOTHER SIGN OF EASING UP - SINCE
THE DEATH OF STALIN.

ALL THE SCIENCES ARE COVERED - WITH REPORTS OF PROGRESS
IN RUSSIA. ^{one of} THE MOST INTERESTING SUBJECT, ^{Russian notions regarding} ~~HOW~~ THE PLANET
MARS.

SOVIET ASTRONOMERS PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THAT OLD
QUESTION - LIFE ^{on} MARS. ACTUALLY, IT SEEMS - THEY HAVE GOOD
REASON FOR THIS. THE VAST REALM RULED BY THE KREMLIN HAS AN AREA
WHICH RESEMBLES THE RED PLANET - MORE THAN ANY PLACE ELSE ON EARTH.

MARS IS INTENSELY COLD - BEING MUCH FARTHER FROM THE SUN
THAN THIS EARTH. AND SOVIET SIBERIA HAS WHAT IS CALLED - THE POLE
OF COLD. IN YAKUTIA, LAND OF THE TRIBES OF THE YAKUTIS - ON THE
ARCTIC SHORE OF EASTERN SIBERIA. TEMPERATURES RUNNING DOWN TO
NINETY BELOW ZERO. THAT'S THE FROZEN EARTH WHERE THEY DIG UP
MAMMOTHS, WELL, PRESERVED, REFRIGERATED FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
YEARS. SO, STUDYING THE QUESTION OF LIFE ON MARS, RUSSIAN
SCIENTISTS - GO TO YAKUTIA.

MARS HAS WHAT SEEMS TO BE POLAR ICE CAPS. WHICH RECEDE -
IN THE MARTIAN SUMMERTIME. AND PATCHES OF BLUE APPEAR - JUST BELOW
THE ICECAP. SUGGESTING - SOME KIND OF PRIMITIVE PLANT LIFE.

BUT THERE'S ONE BIG REASON TO DOUBT THIS EXPLANATION.
STUDIED WITH A SPECTROSCOPE, INDICATIONS ARE - THAT THOSE PATCHES
ON MARS DO NOT CONTAIN CHLOROPHYL, THE GREEN STUFF IN PLANT LIFE -
CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR ALL VEGETATION.

WELL, THE SOVIET SCIENTISTS FIND THAT, IN THE INTENSE COLD
OF YAKUTIA, THERE ARE PRIMITIVE PLANTS - WHICH DO NOT GIVE THE
SPECTRUM OF CHLOROPHYL. SO, IF THAT HAPPENS IN YAKUTIA, IT MIGHT
HAPPEN ON MARS. WHICH CONVINCES RUSSIAN SCIENTISTS - THAT THERE
IS PLANT LIFE ON THE RED PLANET, *if not human life.*

QUEEN.

AT MALTA, TODAY, QUEEN ELIZABETH AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH -
WENT INTO AN ECLIPSE. THE SPOTLIGHT - ASSUMED BY PRINCE CHARLES.
A HUGE CROWD IN VALLETTA, *— the picturesque capital of Malta —* GAZED WITH DELIGHT AT THE SHOW PUT ON
BY THE FIVE YEAR OLD. HE WAS EVERY INCH A KING, ALL OF HIS THIRTY -
SIX INCHES OR SO.

WHEN THE ROYAL FAMILY CAME ASHORE, PRINCE CHARLES STEPPED
BACK WITH A BOW AND A FLOURISH - "LADIES FIRST." THEREBY PERMITTING
HIS THREE YEAR OLD SISTER, PRINCESS ANNE, TO STEP ASHORE FIRST.
HER FEET WERE A BIT UNCERTAIN, AS SHE STEPPED DOWN THE GANGPLANK.
SO HE OFFERED HER HIS ARM, IN GALLANT STYLE - LIKE A TRUE BONNIE
PRINCE CHARLIE.

~~THE ROYAL PARTY WAS MET BY GOVERNOR SIR GERALD CREASY,
WITH ALL HIS MEDALS. PRINCE CHARLES SHOOK HANDS WITH HIM -
VIGOROUSLY. RIDING BY AUTOMOBILE THROUGH THE STREETS, HE WAVED
TO THE CROWDS IN RIGHT ROYAL FASHION.~~

~~THERE WAS A PARADE OF TROOPS, REVIEWED FROM A BALCONY
BY THE ROYAL FAMILY. THE FIVE YEAR OLD PRINCE - WATCHING THE
SOLDIERS THROUGH A PAIR OF BINOCULARS, LIKE A MILITARY EXPERT.~~

~~NEVER WAS A SMALL BOY MORE KINDLY, BUT THAT ENDED SUDDENLY -
WHEN A DOG TROTTED ACROSS THE PARADE GROUNDS. A MONGREL POOCH -~~

BOTTLE.

HERE'S INFORMATION FOR A CITIZEN - IN BROOKLYN. A
DISPATCH FROM ITALY STATES THAT AT THE TOWN OF LECCE (LAY-CHAY)
A BOTTLE WAS WASHED UP BY THE WAVES. IN IT - A MESSAGE DATED
SEPTEMBER FIRST, NINETEEN FIFTY - THREE. THE MESSAGE SAYING:

"WHO EVER FINDS THIS BOTTLE PLEASE WRITE AND TELL ME
WHERE IT WAS FOUND." SIGNED - "SAM PALUMBO, THREE THIRTEEN,
SOUTH FOURTH STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, U. S. A."

SO THERE'S YOUR ANSWER, SAM. THE NAME "PALUMBO" SURE
SOUNDS ITALIAN - AND YOU MAY BE PLEASED, ESPECIALLY, TO LEARN
THAT YOUR BOTTLE DRIFTED OVER TO ITALY.

YOUTH HOSTEL

HERE'S AN ITEM THAT INTERESTS ME, PARTLY BECAUSE I
KNOW SO LITTLE ABOUT IT. WHEN I WAS A YOUNG ^{fellow} ~~snappy~~ RUNNING
AROUND THIS COUNTRY AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, THERE WERE NO
SUCH THINGS AS YOUTH HOSTELS. BUT NOW, APPARENTLY, THEY ARE
EVERYWHERE;-- WELL RUN INEXPENSIVE PLACES WHERE MIGRATORY YOUNG
PEOPLE CAN STOP OFF FOR A NIGHT OR SO WITHOUT MUCH EXPENSE.
THERE IS EVEN A NATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL WEEK AND THIS IS IT.

GOVERNOR DEWEY, IN AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, POINTS OUT
THAT MANY THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE DERIVE GREAT BENEFIT FROM
YOUTH HOSTELS IN NEW YORK STATE. HE AND OTHER GOVERNORS AND
CIVIC LEADERS ARE URGING THAT WE ALL SUPPORT OUR YOUTH
ORGANIZATIONS.— including Youth Hostels.

HEROINE.

THE MISSING HEROINE HAS BEEN LOCATED - THE ONE WE HEARD ABOUT LAST NIGHT. I HAD A PHONE CALL FROM A NEWSPAPER MAN IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, LUCIEN AGNIEL (ANN-YELL), WHO GIVES THE WHEREABOUTS OF MISS NELLIE J. PARKER, AWARDED A CARNEGIE MEDAL FOR HEROISM - IN SAVING A FIFTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL FROM DROWNING.

NELLIE LIVES AT LONG CREEK, NEAR CHARLOTTE, AND TEACHES SCHOOL THERE. BUT HER ADDRESS WAS GIVEN AS CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA - WHERE SHE COULDN'T BE FOUND. HER FATHER, AN EPISCOPALIAN MINISTER, *does* LIVES AT CONCORD. SO IT WAS ALL - A MIX - UP IN ADDRESSES.

AT LAST REPORTS, NELLIE PARKER HAD NOT YET HEARD OFFICIALLY - OF THE CARNEGIE AWARD.

SWINDLE/

AT SYRACUSE, WALTER HENDERSON MOAK WAS FOUND GUILTY, TODAY. GUILTY - OF ONE OF THE MOST ASTONISHING SWINDLES ON RECORD. DEFRAUDING A MASSACHUSETTS BUSINESS WOMAN TO THE TUNE OF SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

MRS. AMY KEATING, SIXTY YEARS OLD, RUNS A BAKERY AT NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS. SHE SAYS SHE MET MOAK IN FLORIDA, THREE YEARS AGO. LATER - IN BOSTON, NEW YORK CITY AND ALBANY. IT WAS AT ALBANY THAT THE SWINDLE WAS PERPETRATED. TWO MEN, MAKING AN OMINOUS APPEARANCE. IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES - AS AN F B I AGENT AND AN INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE. THEY ACCUSED MOAK OF BEING A JEWEL THIEF, AND CHARGED THE MASSACHUSETTS BUSINESS WOMAN WITH BEING HIS ACCOMPLICE IN THE THEFT.

THEN, THEY MADE AN OFFER - TO THE ALARMED LADY. THEY'D LET HER GO, IF SHE PUT UP SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO MAKE "RE^SSTITUTION" FOR THE JEWELRY, SUPPOSEDLY STOLEN BY HER ALLEGED ACCOMPLICE.

DELUDED AND INTIMIDATED, SHE PUT UP THE MONEY. LATER TO FIND OUT - THE WHOLE THING WAS A SCHEME ARRANGED BY MOAK. WHO, TODAY, WAS SENTENCED TO THIRTEEN YEARS IN PRISON.

BLONDE.

A DISPATCH FROM LOS ANGELES TELLS HOW PEGGY LOU, A SWEETLY SMILING BLONDE, SAT IN COURT -- WITH HALF A HOTEL ON ONE SIDE, AND A GAS WELL ON THE OTHER. THAT'S WHAT IT REALLY MEANT. THE TWO PROPERTIES -- REPRESENTED BY TWO HUSBANDS, EACH OF WHOM HELD PEGGY LOU'S HAND. ONE HUSBAND - HOLDING HER RIGHT HAND. THE OTHER - HOLDING HER LEFT. THE JUDGE - TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE PEGGY LOU IS MARRIED TO, LEGALLY; IF, SHE'S ACTUALLY MARRIED TO EITHER ONE.

PEGGY LOU FIRST WEDDED GLYNN WOLFE, A HOLLYWOOD HOTEL OWNER. LATER SHE MARRIED WILLIAM HIRSCH, A TEXAS NATURAL GAS OPERATOR. THE WHOLE THING TANGLED IN A QUESTION OF - MEXICAN DIVORCES.

THE LAW WILL SOLVE THE MATRIMONIAL PUZZLE. BUT, MEANWHILE, EACH HUSBAND MAKES AN OFFER.

"IF PEGGY LOU COMES BACK TO ME," SAYS HOTEL OWNER WOLFE, "SHE'LL GET HALF AN INTEREST IN THE HOTEL."

WHILE NATURAL GAS OPERATOR HIRSCH PROMISES: "IF PEGGY LOU STICKS TO ME, I'LL GIVE HER A GAS WELL."

THE CAPTIVATING BLONDE JUST KEPT SMILING. THE SCIENTIFIC THING WOULD BE FOR PEGGY LOU TO GET BOTH - HALF A HOTEL AND A GAS WELL. IF - SHE CAN MANAGE IT.

INVENTIONS

COCKEYED INVENTIONS ARE ALWAYS AMUSING - AND HERE'S NEWS ABOUT AN INVENTORS' EXHIBITION IN PARIS. TODAY'S DISPATCH GIVING A LIST OF WEIRD ONES.

ONE THAT I LIKE IS - THE AUTOMATIC SPAGHETTI FORK. AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, OR SHOULD KNOW, IT'S VIRTUALLY A CRIME - TO CUT SPAGHETTI. YOU WIND IT ON A FORK - WHICH CAN BE TRICKY. SO NOW, UP COMES A FRENCH INVENTOR - WITH A PATENTED FORK, WHICH SPINS ON ITS OWN. WINDS THE SPAGHETTI AUTOMATICALLY.

THERE'S THE AERONAUTICAL BICYCLE - EQUIPPED WITH PACKAGED BALLOONS AND A TANK OF HELIUM. AS THE RIDER GOES PEDALLING ALONG -- SUPPOSE HE COMES TO A STREAM WITH THE BRIDGE WASHED OUT? ALL HE DOES IS PRESS A BUZZING BUTTON. THE BALLOONS ARE THEREUPON INFLATED WITH ~~HEAVY~~ HELIUM. THEY RAISE BOTH BICYCLE AND RIDER, AND OVER THEY GO - AS NIMBLY AS THE MAN ON THE FLYING TRAPEZE.

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— Heavy —