

ALGERIA

L.T. Deco. Wed, Jan, 14-'59.

Italian Premier Fanfani is in Paris. His visit accompanied by insistent reports of secret negotiations between the French government and the Algerian rebels. Fanfani - represented as taking part in peace talks, Acting - as a mediator between the Algerians and the regime of President DeGaulle.

Recently the Italian Premier was in Cairo, conferring with Nasser, head of the United Arab Republic. The rebel Algerian government in exile has its headquarters in Cairo. So they say - Fanfani contacted them there.

He's in Paris, ostensibly to attend a meeting of the European economic council. But, immediately upon his arrival - he went into conference with DeGaulle.


These reports are denied officially, but they^are so insistent # that one prominent French official, today, predicted ~~that~~ a cease-fire in Algeria might be arranged by Tuesday of next week.

MIKOYAN

Mikoyan - on Wall Street. The Moscow Deputy Premier visiting what Soviet propaganda likes to call - the depth of all iniquity. The den - of the capitalist warmongers.

However, it was Mikoyan's own idea to take a trip to the Manhattan financial district - where he had lunch at the First National City Bank, the nation's third largest. Top flight financiers played host - to the Soviet number two man.

But I don't suppose they made mention - of those old ~~old~~ Russian bonds, for example. The millions upon millions of dollars - which American investors lost, when the Bolsheviks, upon seizing power - repudiated the debts of ~~the~~ old Czarist Russia.



ADD MIKOYAN

Later the First National Bank revealed - that it had a number of complaints from its customers, because of its reception for Mikoyan. Some customers - closing out their accounts in protest.

And, of course, anti-Communist refugees - picketing. Hungarian exiles - staging a demonstration outside the bank building on Wall Street.

CHINA

Here's another report on that astounding experiment in China. The regimentation of tens of millions of peasants - in agricultural communes, Each of which - is rather like a human ant hill.

According to figures taken from Chinese Communist newspapers - more than twenty five million children have been taken away from their parents, and placed in nurseries, which are run in connection with the agricultural communes.

Red newspapers admit that the nurseries are badly equipped - and run by aged persons who don't know how to take care of ~~in~~ large numbers of children. In some of the nurseries - as high as twenty percent of the youngsters ^{are} constantly on the sick list.

Communist reports add - ~~in~~ in some cases children are permitted to be with their parents at night. But that will soon be remedied - and all children will be separated from their parents, permanently.

Chinese Communism - making desperate efforts to break up the family system, which for ages has been - the key to Chinese society.

DRUGS

A huge drug smuggling syndicate, run by Red China - described in a federal court at San Francisco, today. Three Chinese residents of the west coast - indicted. One - a former president of the Hip Sing Tong in San Francisco.

The prosecutor charged that, in the past eight years, the conspirators distributed two thousand four hundred and seventy pounds of heroin, largely in California cities. Heroin, which on the narcotics market would ~~be~~ bring - a hundred million dollars.

They say the dope was manufactured in China, at a point near Chungking; Then - smuggled across into the United States via Hong Kong, Tokyo and Singapore. The head of the conspiracy - Wong Man, a mystery man in Hong Kong, who lives there - in the style of a lord.

CUBA

The wave of executions in Cuba - continues. Earlier in the day the announcement was - that action by firing squads was being discontinued for the time being. "Interrupted" was the word. But that only caused confusion.

Later, Fidel Castro held a news conference. The leader of the victorious rebels declaring - that vengeance against the henchmen of the fallen dictator Batista would be pursued, "Until" said Castro, "the last of the assassins has been made to pay in full for his crimes."

That was followed by the statement - that there were nineteen more executions this morning.

Meanwhile, protests against the ferocity in Cuba continue - in this country. Indignation in Congress - because of the summary, deadly ~~trials~~ trials.

Nevertheless, the Castro people sent circulars to New York news offices today -including my own, Invitations with Castro's signature - asking American tourists and businessmen to come back to Cuba.

BUDGET

There's an uproar in Congress - over the disclosure of a warning to chiefs of the armed forces. Director of the Budget Maurice Stans, informing the top brass - that they^are forbidden to ask Congress for more military funds than the new budget provides. This memorandum - circulated at the Pentagon a couple of weeks ago. Then - getting into the hands of Congressman Flood of Pennsylvania, a member of the Defense appropriations sub-committee of the House of Representatives.

Many Democrats argue - that the current Eisenhower budget fails to provide enough money for national defense. The President - so eager to balance the budget. Congressional hearings will be held - with top officials of the armed forces appearing as witnesses. So now they^are to be gagged - says the Democrats. Forbidden -to state an opinion that more ~~money~~ money is needed.

The memorandum says - it's all right for them as witnesses to give a personal opinion, ~~But~~ they're not to ~~as~~ make requests for more money.

EISENHOWER

The national press club in Washington ^{is} celebrating ^{it} its fiftieth anniversary. The chief ceremony, today - something without precedent. A luncheon - at which President Eisenhower ~~was~~ faced a question-and-answer session, for nearly an hour.

He gave replies on subjects of all kinds - national and international. One point of lively interest - racial segregation in the south.

The President told the assembled newsmen that he didn't think there was any need ~~for~~ of new legislation by the government in the school question. More important, he thought, was the matter of strengthening the voting rights of negroes in the south. Explaining - that if negro voters ~~were~~ were given their full ~~political~~ political influence, they'd settle the question of school segregation.

NAME

Here's a note for Shakespeare. Telling him - what's in a name.

Today, finds Shirley Povich of Washington - listed in the first edition of a new publication. "Who's Who of American women!"

Well, you wouldn't expect a burly, cigar-smoking sports writer to have the name of Shirley. How Povich got it - is not explained.

But he's used to mix-ups of that kind. The sports columnist on the Washington Post and Times Herald was invited - once - to join the League of American Penwomen.

— and you too, Don — that
So that, Mr. Shakespeare, [^]is what's in a name -

2 confusion putting Povich in the Women's Who's Who.

ADD NAME

Here's a post script. The Western Union telegraph operator, Nat Gold, who handles our copy tells me - that, at a big sports event, he too was confused about the name of Shirley. The sports writer, informing him - that he got the ~~girl's~~ girl's name because his parents wanted a girl. Whom they intended to name - Shirley. Getting a boy, ~~instead~~ - they went right ahead with the name - *and now Shirley is a burly cigar-smoking sports writer.*