

GERMAN PROTESTANTS *L.P.G.F. i. Feb. 27 - '53.*

A dispatch from Berlin reveals that the East German Reds are ^{now} stepping up their opposition to the Protestant church. Three high clergymen reported arrested, including a pastor of the great Marien Church in the eastern zone - the Reverend Reinhold George, who was seized by Communist detectives immediately after services last night. He was ~~xxxxxx~~ carried off, and is now being held without any formal charges against him.

The Reverend ^{Reinhold} George lived in the western zone.

The Communists having refused to allow him into the Soviet ~~xxxx~~ zone, ^{for his visits to} ~~except to take care of~~ his church. Now he disappears, and Protestant representatives are trying to find out what has become of him. The ~~xxxxxxxx~~ episode ^{is} described as part of a Red plan to divide the Protestant Church into East and West German sectors. The idea

being thus to bring the Protestant church completely under Communist control in East Germany.

REFUGEES

Refugees continue to stream across from East Germany.

And - this doesn't seem strange - Communist spies are reported among them. Five already arrested. All belonging to an espionage ring that obtains information about Western Germany to turn over to their Soviet masters.

The Bonn government estimates there is approximately one Red agent to every one thousand refugees. A West German spokesman points out that it's hardly necessary for the Reds to plant spies among the refugees, ^{since} our side permits East Germans to move freely back and forth across the border. So this twist of espionage will only begin to pay the Communists, ~~in~~ if they do finally seal off the border.

KOREA - AIR

In Korea, the Reds, at the moment are avoiding air warfare. This, in spite of the fact that American planes have been roaming up and down the Yalu, just across from Manchuria - trying to lure the enemy into coming out. Today Allied bombers blasted the Chusan military academy, only thirty miles from a great Mig base at Amtung, in Manchuria. Returning pilots report that at least ten buildings were shattered, flames and smoke everywhere as they turned for home.

American jet fighters flying cover for the bombers, tried to draw the Red Air Force out of its Manchurian lair. They swept up and down the Yalu while the bombers plastered Chusan. But the raid ended without a single Mig coming out to contest the sky.

MEDAL OF HONOR

President Eisenhower presents his first Congressional Medal of Honor since entering the White House -- to a veteran of the Korean War. This, the first time the General ever had an opportunity to present our highest military decoration.

Corporal Duane Dewey, of South Haven, Michigan, was a Marine machine-gunner. Last April he was wounded, and a medic was treating him, when suddenly, a hand-grenade landed nearby. The wounded Corporal threw himself on it. "Doc," he shouted, "I've got it in my pocket.!" Then the grenade exploded. Miraculously, the Corporal wasn't killed. But he spent two months in the hospital. Now, out of service, and at home, he receives from President Eisenhower the Medal of Honor.

NATO

In Paris, General Mathew Ridgway plans to put all allied land, sea and air units in the central European area - under one command. The American commander of the North Atlantic ~~T~~ Treaty forces, announces - that he has asked Nato to unify all forces - from the North Sea to the Alps.

Who is to be the commander? The word ^{is} ~~is~~ *is that it will be* ^{to be in} ~~is~~ *of France.*
Paris ~~names~~ ~~French~~ Marshal Juin ~~to take~~
~~charge in Central Europe for Nato.~~

RESOLUTION

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House
okays the Eisenhower resolution - condemning Soviet
violations of wartime agreements; like ~~the~~ Yalta,
and ~~the~~ *Alsoy* expressing ~~the~~ hope for the liberation
of enslaved peoples. The ~~committee~~ vote - unanimous.

Twelve amendments were offered - to strengthen the
resolution. Some Republicans - wanting an outright
repudiation of ~~the~~ Yalta and Potsdam ~~agreements~~.

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But ^{*all*} ~~the~~ amendments were ~~all~~ rejected.

The Senate, as a whole, voted a resolution
today - condemning Soviet anti-semitism. The Stalin
regime accused of "vicious and ~~in~~ inhuman"
attacks ^{*m*} ~~at~~ Jews and other minority groups."

Secretary of State John Doster Dulles

defends the right of Congress to investigate his

department. *This came out when the* ~~The~~ secretary issued a special

statement in answer to reports that Senator ~~Joe~~

McCarthy has ^{been} undermined ^{ing} morale in the State Department.

With those Mc Carthy charges
~~The Senator from Wisconsin, of course, making~~

~~accusations~~ of Communism in high places in

Washington.

Sec. Dulles states that there is no evidence that Senator McCarthy is harming State Department morale. The Secretary adds that he welcomes

congressional investigation. *Then he goes on to deny* ~~But he~~ emphatically

~~denies~~ that anyone is dictating State Department

policy. The responsibilities for the department,

in the secretary's words, "fall squarely on my

shoulders, and I expect to exercise them in a

just and fair manner."

PROFESSOR

A Congressional Committee votes to bring charges of contempt against a professor - who, today, refused to answer questions. Professor Barrows Dunham of Temple University, Philadelphia, who teaches philosophy, took refuge in the Fifth Amendment -- possibility of self-incrimination.

He even refused to say where he was born - until after an argument. The Committee finally persuaded him to say - that the historic event occurred at Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

Now the Professor is charged with contempt of Congress.

TAXES

Says Senator Carlson of Kansas:- Congress can balance the budget, and cut taxes, this year! Congress has, what he calls - "the determination."

He's a member of the Senate Finance Committee -- and, what is equally important, he is a close associate of the new President. One of his chief political advisers during the campaign.

This is the more interesting because of reports that the administrations sees little hope of balancing the budget this year - because of all the money needed for defense and foreign aid. Carlson of Kansas, says it can be done.

ON BORROWED TIME

This week New Yorkers have been helping celebrate the seventy-sixth, or perhaps the seventy-seventh birthday -- there seems to be uncertainty about it -- of a man who is often referred to as our most popular - best loved - living actor, the former Mr. Throttlebottom.

Victor Moore's admirers -- and they are legion -- are thrilled because right now he is giving one of the finest stage presentations of his long career -- a career that has included so many successes.

ON BORROWED TIME, one of the better plays of this generation, is now better than ever, because Victor Moore is playing the roll of Gramps; playing it with that special Victor Moore touch. Seldom have audiences had so many hearty laughs in one evening.

Years ago in London, Sir Johnston Forbes-

Robertson told me that he considered Hamlet the heaviest of all roles, mainly because Hamlet is on stage two-thirds of the time. But in this play Victor Moore is on nearly the entire time!

There is another human interest story in connection with this revival of ON BORROWED TIME. Beulah Bondi, star of stage and screen, plays opposite Victor Moore. The show was to open on the road, at Seattle. But Beulah fell and broke her leg. So, that seemed to put her out. But champions so often turn disaster into triumph. And that's what happened in this case. Beulah Bondi insisted on playing the part, in a wheel-chair. And she's still in that chair, perhaps handling the part with even greater skill than if she hadn't broken her leg!

JELKE

In New York, tonight, Jelke was convicted -- the jury finding him guilty of "compulsory prostitution". After three and one-half hours deliberation, the jury convicted him on two counts. One - involving the nineteen year old girl witness, Pat Ward. The other - concerning another of the young women who testified against the heir to a three million dollar fortune.

This ends a trial, which created a storm of controversy, when Judge Valente kept newsmen out of court, while witnesses were testifying, that Minot (Mickey) Jelke was running a vice racket. The heir to a fortune, himself, did not testify. The only defense witness was his mother, who told how^s he helped provide him with enough money - saying he didn't need the kind of income the prosecution accused him of earning.

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Tonight, the defense lawyer said that, in returning a conviction, the jury was influenced *by* ~~that~~ "little black books" with names of prominent men in business, motion pictures, politics.

Judge Valente will impose sentence on March twentieth, and Jelke could get a maximum prison ~~xxxxxxx~~ sentence of forty years. The jury, however, recommended mercy.

Jelke's lawyers declared - that they will appeal the case.

GIRLS

Last night we heard of an insurrection of the girls at Reading University, in England.

Threatening drastic measures - to prevent the male students from importing three Mademoiselles from France -- to preside over the annual University "rag". Co-eds ^{from} ~~at~~ the Sorbonne. The boys arguing - that French girls were more glamorous.

Today, the girls of Reading put their plan into execution - and what do you think it was? In London, they marched on Number Ten Downing Street - to present a protest to Prime Minister Churchill, himself.

They ~~xxx~~ wore alluring costumes - to prove that English girls can be as ~~x~~ glamorous as any. And - carried a banner, asking - "what's wrong with British women?"

At Number Ten Downing Street, the police allowed one of them to go to the door - where she rang the bell. The Prime Minister's butler appeared, and she handed him a written protest - "what's wrong with British women?" the Butler didn't try to answer the question. With the ineffable politeness of a British butler, he said: "Thank you very much." And - closed the door.

The girls never did see the Prime Minister, who tonight, presumably, is pondering over that question: "What's wrong with British women?"

But, actually, the co-eds of Reading won out. At London's Victoria station, a delegation of male students waited for the three mademoiselles from Paris, to arrive ^{by} ~~on the~~ train. ^{Alas!} ~~but~~ They never came! ^{Or, maybe it wasn't a lass!} ~~showed up.~~

Word from Paris is - that the hullabaloo

raised by the co-eds at Reading frightened off the girls at
the Sorbonne.

ALASKA

Here's a news dispatch for those of you who have been to Alaska. I, myself, have spent considerable time in that land of rugged northern grandeur, and I can appreciate this account - of a twenty-six year old school teacher and dog musher, rescued at the last moment. Here's how he tells it to the United Press.

"On a trip with my dogs from Pedro Bay to Pile Bay," writes Jim Corey, "I was crossing a lake - when a blizzard came up. It really howled. Then I heard something worse. The ice under me groaning and cracking."

A moment later it opened up, and in he went. "But I hung onto my dogsled, kept yelling to the huskies, and they pulled me out of that water!"

"Soaking wet now I wondered what chance I had - with the temperature thirty below!" What did he do?

"I dug through the snow until I hit ground," he says.

"Then I pulled the dogs down on top of me - and the heat from their bodies is what saved my life that night."

The next morning, the blizzard was over, but his feet were frozen - and he still had five miles to go. First he took a stick of driftwood, and used it as a crutch. But no go! He collapsed! Then a plane flew over. A bush pilot spotted him - and summoned rescue.

A great country, Alaska - if you're really rugged.

RESCUE

Out on the Atlantic, there's a network of floating emergency stations - rescue ships constantly on patrol, in case they are needed. They are operated by Great Britain, France, the Netherlands and ourselves. Is this patrol needed? Here's what happened today.

A Navy plane with ten aboard, halfway between Bermuda and the Azores; an engine failed. The pilot, a Lieutenant Commander Bird, radioed they were coming down, in a high sea/.

That message was picked up at one of these emergency stations - by a U.S. Coast Guard Cutter. Thirty-five minutes after the Navy plane hit the water, the cutter, Coos Bay, was there - picking up six men from a rubber raft, and taking four more out of the water, Nelson. All hands saved.