

ITALY *P. 7-8.8.44 Tues. Sept. 25-'51.*

From Paris tonight comes (word that the United States, Britain and France will announce the lifting of arms limitations on Italy tomorrow.) A French Foreign Office spokesman describes the agreement as "a broad policy document", and adds that "the signing of the Japanese Treaty and requirements of the Atlantic Pact make the two hundred thousand man ceiling on the Italian armed forces look ridiculous now."

Meanwhile, at the White House this morning, President Truman had an hour long meeting with ^{Premier} ~~Prime Minister Alcide~~ de Gasperi of Italy. The President told the visiting Italian statesman that America will continue to help Italy to achieve economic and social stability, and "to increase her capacity for defense." Later, at a luncheon given by the National Press Club, ~~Premier~~ de Gasperi revealed for the first time that he was willing to negotiate with Yugoslavia for ~~the~~ settlement of the Trieste question.

OATIS

In Washington today, the Czech Ambassador called a special ^{news} ~~press~~ conference at his Embassy. For two hours the Communist diplomat ^(addressed) ~~addressed~~ the press, talking in the most guarded language. However, the inference placed ^{by newsmen} ~~on his~~ remarks is that Czechoslovakia may be willing to bargain for the release of ~~newsmen~~ William Oatis of the Associated Press. At one point the Czech stated that Oatis "is alive - is quite well - is in jail." He then bitterly denounced the embargo on trade with Czechoslovakia imposed by the United States, stating that "under such conditions no successful negotiations on any subject are possible."

In reply to a barrage of questions about Oatis, he finally remarked: "There is no situation in the world where there would not be a way out." It appears that our trade boycott may be paying off, and that it's lifting may bring the release of the ~~imprisoned~~ risoned correspondent.

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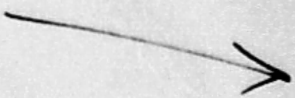
The East-West Cold War in Germany took a new turn today, with a hint that all Communist concentration camps in East Germany may be opened. The release of political prisoners was a condition laid down by the Bonn Government before considering the unification talks asked for by the Communists. In an announcement in Berlin today, the Deputy Premier of East Germany revealed that the records of Germans sentenced for, what it terms, "economic sabotage", are being examined. And this has given rise to ~~the~~ speculation about a possible amnesty for political prisoners.

However, in Berlin, violence continues between the two zones. We learn of more riots in the Soviet sector, with a news-stand burned down today by West Berliners. The Reds *are* also keep^{ing} up their "annoyance blockade" - Unloading parcel post from the railroads is their latest gimmick. Not all the mail, just a few cars at a time, but enough to cause a headache to the West Zone mailmen.

KING

At Buckingham Palace today, King George the Sixth's five doctors ~~have~~ issued their fifth bulletin: "After another restful night the King continues to gain strength." Though this is taken as a hopeful sign that the King is winning his fight for recovery, his life will remain in danger for at least another week.

At the same time, Prime Minister Attlee has called a meeting of the Cabinet tonight at Ten Downing Street, and this has given rise to speculation that the general election, set for October Twenty-fifth, may be postponed.



ADD KING

Late word from London. ^Q~~The~~ ³~~latest~~ bulletin. ~~on~~

And it's

~~THE~~ George the Sixth ^{is} reassuring. "The King has had a comfortable day, has been able to take some nourishment."



KING'S DOCTOR

In London this afternoon, the gates of Buckingham Palace flung open, and the crowds waiting outside the railings for news of the ^{in monarch's} ~~King's~~ illness, parted to allow a Rolls-Royce to drive out. The car swept forward into the Mall, but the driver apparently was too preoccupied to notice where he was going. He crashed into the side of a passing car. Police rushed up to see if anyone was injured, and found - the King's doctor at the wheel, Dr. Clement Price Thomas, the famous surgeon who had operated on the King, ^{He} had only jolted his chin on the steering wheel. It seems the only ^{real} injury was to the Rolls-Royce - a ~~crushed~~ ^{smashed} fender.

TRUCE

From Tokyo tonight the news has a familiar ring - General Ridgway is waiting for the Communists to reply to his latest truce note. It's becoming ^{difficult} ~~quite hard~~ to follow the battle of words, of note and counter-note. ~~at Kaesong.~~

In his most recent message, the U.N. Supreme Commander has asked the Reds for a further meeting at ten o'clock tomorrow morning. ^{only} ~~That's just~~ a few hours from now, ~~by~~ our time.

And again he has asked them to come prepared - "to discuss conditions mutually satisfactory for resumption of armistice talks." Exactly the same words, ^(he used) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ yesterday in his ^{previous} ~~last~~ message.

At today's meeting, Colonel Chang carried on the usual propaganda ^{harrange -} ~~wrap-up~~ for fifty minutes. Then, as U.N. headquarters put it, ^{he} "strode angrily from the tea house."

One thing is clear, however - General Ridgway will insist on a new meeting place for the negotiations, before the full cease-fire delegations come face to face again.

ADD TRUCE

Late word from Kaesong. An urgent message has just been received for General Ridgeway. It was handed to U.N. Liaison officers, who flew to the truce zone by helicopter a few hours ago. But there is no word as to the contents of the note.

KOREA - AIR

Over North Korea today, "Mig Alley" was the scene of the longest aerial battle of the Korean War. For more than half an hour, thirty-seven Sabre Jets fought a swirling battle with eighty Red M.I.G. 15s. We learn that five of the enemy jets are down, with five more damaged.

KOREA

Also, In Korea today, Allied troops stormed bunker after bunker to capture a commanding summit overlooking an important Communist supply and assembly area. Nearby "Heartbreak Hill" is still in enemy hands, with American troops dug in on the north and south slopes.

Elsewhere on the front, the "Battle of the Hills" has slowed down, with action confined to enemy probing attacks. In a duel off the east coast between a South Korean warship and shore batteries, the frigate Apnok received three direct hits in the engine room, and had to be towed to port.

HONG KONG

Hong Kong is in for a big blow, with a typhoon, a tropical twister headed for the colony. Late word places the storm two hundred miles out in the China Sea. And tonight the junk fishing fleets are headed for shelter, with the big blow due to hit the island tomorrow morning.

EAGAN

There is one man I want to congratulate tonight -- Colonel Eddie Eagan -- who has resigned from just about the most thankless and difficult, if not impossible, job in this country. He has been New York Boxing Commissioner since 1945, and today stepped out -- after those years of untiring, ceaseless effort in a situation that could only produce headaches. Governor Dewey has appointed Robert Christianberry, top-ranking hotel executive, - the Hotel Astor - an able man, to take over for another attempt to clean-up prize fight practices in New York.

CONVICTS

In Georgia tonight, the hunt is still on for those six escaped convicts, described as the "state's most notorious public enemies." All last night, sixty law officers, with eleven bloodhounds, were out combing the Blue Ridge ~~Mountain~~ foothills, without finding a single trace of the fleeing men.

A midnight deluge seemed to have washed out the scent; ^{making} ~~and~~

it easier for the ~~helped~~ the prisoners to escape. ^R In Villa Rica, fifty-five

miles west of Buford, a cafe owner has been kidnapped and

robbed by a group of desperadoes, two of whom have been

identified as members of the band. The cafe owner has

identified them from pictures flashed on the television screens

in Atlanta.

Meanwhile, in Atlanta, police this morning gave chase to a man who abandoned a truck; but he too got away.

Tonight the whole state is on the alert, ~~on the~~ ~~lookout~~ for the ~~two~~ tattooed brothers and their ~~four~~ dangerous companions.

ISLAND

The news wire brings a surprising item from Minneapolis tonight - "they've caught the island." The floating island on Lake Minnetonka has been brought to shore - grass, trees and all. And, we are told, demolished bit by bit.

It seems that, early this month, a huge section of marshland broke adrift and started off across the lake.

It sailed ^{around} about, sideswiped three docks - then crashed into a rowboat. But now its travels are over. The floating island back on terra firma!

INDIANS

At Regina, capital of Saskatchewan, two scientists met, and compared notes today. Two archeologists who, all summer were on expeditions into far Northern Canada, seeking signs of the earliest Indians. Trying -- to trace the trail of the first Americans. Working separately and far apart, they arrived at the same conclusion -- as they told each other today.

Dr. R.S. McNeish, of the Canadian National Museum, explored in the Northwest Territories. Today he said: "We uncovered signs of the earliest Redskin civilization yet discovered on this continent."

Everybody knows, of course, that the ancestors of the Indians are supposed to have come from Asia via the Bering Strait. Dr. McNeish pinpoints that more accurately. He says they were bands of Asiatic nomads -- who ^{(ten} ~~thousand~~ ^{thousand} years ago, the glacial age, crossed on a bridge of ice. The Sea around Bering Strait frozen over -- and there was an ice bridge fifty miles long.

~~"The evidence is clear that the American Indians came from the same stock as the Alaska."~~

(They traveled down the basin of the MacKenzie River, which ~~river~~ flows along ~~the~~ inside of the Canadian Rockies. There he found a trail of arrowheads, fragments of pottery, and remains of skeletons - showing the route taken by the ancestors of the Sioux, the Blackfeet, the Apache, the Iroquois.)

Scientist Number Two is Boyd Wettlaufer, sponsored by the National Museum at Ottawa. He investigated a series of prehistoric Indian camps all the way from the northern wilds of Saskatchewan down to the American Dakotas.

At a place called Mortlach in Saskatchewan, he discovered what is called a "midden." Meaning, an ancient campsite. There were five levels, that many different Indian settlements one on top of another, the earliest dating back nine thousand years. As you dig down, you get a picture of the developing culture of the tribes of the Great Plains.

Boyd Wettlaufer says his findings agree

entirely with those of Dr. McNeish -- that Asiatic nomads migrated across a great ice bridge into North America, toward the end of the age of glaciers.

IMPELLITTERI

Here's ~~the~~ news -- in Italy, Mayor

Impellitteri of New York was finally able to get a plate of spaghetti. As an Italian-American who has eaten spaghetti all his life -- he did want to sample some in Italy, the home of spaghetti. But no place did he find spaghetti on the menu.

The reason was, of course, that he did not travel down to Naples or his own native Sicily. Anyone who has been around in Italy knows that spaghetti is mostly South Italian. In the north, as in Rome, the favorite dish is -- fresh noodles. Called by many names -- like Fettucini (fay-too-chee-nay, accent on Chee). Further north -- Rice, Risotto. Or -- corn meal, called Polenta.

But our Sicilian-born Mayor wanted spaghetti, and never did he see it -- dining around Rome. At last he asked for it -- and got it. Where? At the American Embassy. There, at a luncheon they obliged, and served the first plate of spaghetti Mayor Impellitteri saw in Italy. Except for the charity of the American Embassy, he might have had to wait until he got back to New York.

NUDISTS

The Association of American Nudists has given up hope in the case of the college Professor fired from his job because he believes in the doctrine of -- no clothes. The nudist Professor was on the faculty of a Presbyterian institution of learning - Dr. John Bauman, who taught zoology at Bethel College, in Tennessee.

Today Alois Knapp, leader of the American Nudists denounced the action of Bethel College, saying: "It ought to be one of the basic freedoms - to wear or not to wear clothes as one pleases."

Knapp said he would have gone down to Tennessee to lead the fight personally, but he had to go to New York to welcome his sister and her son arriving from Austria. "She and her son are nudists," he says. The son's wife is expected to arrive in this country soon. "She also will become a nudist," says Knapp.

2/4 Nelson, Sounds like - everybody a nudist before long.