


WEST GERMANY

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The West German government indicates - agreement with a plan for West German rearmament within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty organization. Meaning - that West German military power would be under control.

The proposal was made by the London government - which suggested a conference to work out a substitute for that international Army project, E D C. Which -France rejected.

We hear that top American officials have given assurance that West Germany ~~will~~ will get full sovereignty. And, on that ground, the West German government is willing to rearm, under the ~~g~~ guidance of N A T O. 

ADD WEST GERMANY

A dispatch from Washington says the United States is ready to ship large quantities of military material to West Germany - to equip an army there. As soon - as the diplomats clear the way.

SOVIET NOTE

The western Big Three have agreed upon an answer - rejecting a Soviet ~~xxx~~ proposal for a four power conference this month. British, American and French representatives, meeting in London, have been considering diplomatic notes from the Kremlin. Their view is, that any four power ~~xxx~~ conference would be useless - until Moscow agrees to the fundamental principle of free ~~xx~~ elections for all Germany. So the Russian proposal will be rejected - on those grounds.

British Labor Party leader, Clement Attlee, says  
- he talked back to Mao Tse-Tung, the Communist Boss of China.

Mao told Attlee that his Red government wants to  
get possession of the island of Formosa. And the United  
States should stop trying to rearm Germany and Japan. Attlee  
says he replied that Mao should give some good advice to his  
friends in the Kremlin. Pointing out - that, while they talk  
disarmament, they maintain the most powerful war machine  
in the world. Also - the satellite states of Europe should be  
given more freedom. And - Russia should stop the "constant  
intrigues" against the governments of other nations,

( The British Labor Party leader, following the  
entertainment he got in China, is now at Hong Kong. He says

Red China is making progress in public health and education.

But ~~the~~ <sup>that their</sup> trade unions are merely ~~an~~ <sup>s</sup> instrument of the Red

government. )



Manila reports the arrest of two men, charged with espionage. Gathering information - concerning the Manila conference, which begins next week. One - a Filipino, the other - a South Korean. They were seized in the Manila YMCA where - the Filipino was passing documents to the Korean. The material consisted of data concerning the organization of the meeting on South East Asian defense. Together with - drafts of the proposals from the ~~naxia~~ various nations participating in the conference.

The Manila police believe the Filipino is a local representative of a Red spy ring. The Korean - a courier assigned to transmit secret material to Communist espionage. The Korean however, claims he was merely gathering material for writing a book.

JAPAN

# RETAKE

The United States expresses concern over the critical illness of a Japanese fisherman - injured by radio active dust in the hydrogen bomb test on March first. The wireless operator aboard the Japanese tuna fishing boat is in critical condition. There's Japanese resentment - with statements that the Americans don't care what happens to the victims of the atomic accident.

So, today, Ambassador John Allison delivered a message expressing "deepest regret", and offering - any possible medical assistance.

PALESTINE

There's a new crisis in Palestine. With the King of Jordan calling in the British and American Ambassadors, and telling them - that Jordan may be "compelled to reconsider" the truce in the Holy Land. Unless Israel ends, what he called -- "aggressions." A thinly veiled threat - of renewing the war.

All following - an incident ~~is~~ of last night. The Arabs declaring - that a Jewish military force crossed the border, and raided four Jordanian villages. Eight hundred soldiers of Israel - using machine guns and grenades.

Illuminating the scene - with searchlights. Raiding the villages, they got into a five hour battle with Jordanian troops. Two soldiers of the Arab Legion - killed. Three others listed as - missing.

That's the Moslem side of an episode, which brings a threat from the King of Jordan - to end the Palestine armistice.

Senator McCarthy - lashing out in protest.

Complaining about Senators Arthur Watkins of Utah and Edwin Johnson of Colorado. He's angry at Watkins, Chairman of the committee investigating McCarthy, because that Senator said - complete impartiality is impossible in members of the committee. Because - all Senators have their own opinions in this case. So there was no reason to exclude Senator Johnson - who in a <sup>Dawson</sup> newspaper interview is quoted as having said that the Democratic Senators "loathed" McCarthy.

All of which ~~leads~~<sup>leads</sup> the Wisconsin Senator to intimate that he might not get a "judicial" hearing.

Both Watkins and McCarthy make their statements- on television. T V - excluded from the hearing. The television <sup>this time</sup> cameras are out in the hall.



TEXAS

In Texas, there's an investigation in an election precinct - where more votes were cast than there were voters. The political ideal is to get the voters out - one hundred percent. In this case it was - one hundred and fifteen percent.

Last weekend, Texas had a run-off race for Governor - all the more exciting because of a political feud. Between - factions of the Democratic party. Governor Shivers, who backed General Ike in Nineteen-Fifty-two - opposed by Democratic regulars, who ~~■~~ denounced him as a "bolter". Shivers won out, over Candidate Yarborough.

At the town of Crosby, East of Houston, two ~~■~~ hundred-and-ninety-two voters were registered. But the count came out three-hundred-and-forty-two for Yarborough. None - for Shivers. Which, not surprisingly - leads to an investigation.

## FORD

The Ford people will neither confirm nor deny a report - that Ford Motor Company stock will be put on the market for public sale. Fortune Magazine printed an article, saying - that Ford stock would be offered "within the next several months." The company replies by calling that - "mere speculation." A company spokesman stating: "Some of our officials and the Ford Foundation may have chatted informally, about issuing such stock. This we cannot confirm or deny. But, at any rate, there has been nothing definite," says the spokesman.

Well, if it did happen, it sure would be a headline in the world of big business. Ever since Henry Ford founded the company in Nineteen Three, the stock in the company has been held privately. A billion dollar corporation - but not a share has ever been sold in the stock market. Henry Ford did not go in for that usual way of financing, and the company has followed his example.



The report of a change is connected with indications that the Ford Motor Company intends to go all out - in an effort to surpass General Motors. In recent years, Ford has advanced mightily - passing Chrysler in volume of sales. Chrysler - having, for years, ~~ranked~~<sup>ranked</sup> second to G M. So now the Big Three is rated in this order - General Motors, Ford, Chrysler.

G M - with about half the market. Ford - thirty percent of the sales.

Recently, Ford officials made it clear - they plan to increase their share of the market. A battle of titans - in which Ford might well go in for some new big time financing. A public issue of Ford stock - one ~~poss~~ possible way.

The ownership of the company is like this:-The Ford Foundation owns about three million shares of - non-voting stock. Which, of course, does not influence the control of the giant corporation. The voting stock, one hundred

and seventy-two thousand shares of it - is owned exclusively by members of the Ford family. Giving the family - sole control.

Business revolution, indeed - if stock of the Ford Motor company went on the market.

AMERICAN LEGION

The new American Legion commander is Seaborn Collins of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Who did a lot of flying in the Second World War. No fighter or bomber pilot - he was in Air Transport Service. But you couldn't beat that for thrills - where he was. He flew planes across the Himalayas "over the Hump", in the ~~the~~ China-Burma-India theater. Now - National Commander of the Legion.

The war of aviation says farewell - to Bert Acosta. That legended flyer, ■■ dying at the age of fifty-nine in Denver. Irrepressible Bert Acosta - whose life was a fantastic series of ups and downs. Up - to glory in the air. Down - to all kinds of trouble on the ground.

Bert Acosta was regarded as a natural genius of aviation - the old "seat of the pants" flyer. No instruments - mostly instinct. In Nineteen Twenty-six, he was the chief pilot on Admiral Byrd's headline Trans-Atlantic flight. But - always a madcap, in one scrap after another.

So, I suppose the best way to say farewell is to tell a Bert Acosta story. For example - how late one night, Bert and ■■ an aviation pal, were at a Long Island flying field. And wondered - what time it was. Neither had a watch.

So, to ascertain the hour, they wheeled out a couple of single-seater planes, and the two of them flew over to New York, buzzing around the Metropolitan Life Building, with its large clock. They found out what time it was, all



right. But there was quite an uproar - about two planes roaring right down around among the buildings of Mid-Manhattan.

## HONEYMOON

Here's the story of a honeymoon with an unseemly ending - the bridegroom in jail. For - non-payment of a hotel bill.

It was a sumptuous honeymoon. The newlyweds, married in Boston, went to New York - putting up at the Waldorf. Where, they ran up a twelve hundred dollar bill. The bridegroom paid that, and all was well.

But the costly honeymoon continued on to Chicago - where, at the Edgewater Hotel, the bill pretty soon came to thirteen hundred dollars. The hotel people thought - they'd better collect something. But the bridegroom from Boston put them off. Saying - he was about to open a big advertising agency.

Then, in the next few days, the bill climbed another two-hundred-and-ninety dollars. The <sup>(total now</sup> ~~total now~~ - fifteen-hundred-and-ninety.

The hotel insisted on collecting, and there was an



argument, which produced - half a settlement. The bride's parents, in Boston, sent a check for eight hundred - to pay her share. The bridegroom - left to pay the other half, ~~but~~ ~~he~~ was out of cash, *and today*

~~Today, the case was~~ in court, The Judge *said:-* saying - "ninety days, and no room service."

So that expensive honeymoon ends with - free accommodations for the bridegroom. A guest - of the county for ninety days.

## DUEL

In Rome - a challenge to a duel. But don't ask who the gentlemen are! They're ladies. The one challenged is Joanne Connelly Sweeny Patino, the American beauty who married the heir to a Bolivian <sup>(tin/</sup>~~king~~ fortune. But the romance - broke up.

She charges that a woman companion, who went with her when she fled from her husband, absconded with valuable clothing of hers. So now it is this lady, Mrs. Doria De Randich, who issues the challenge. Wanting - to meet Joanne on the field of honor, in a duel. The dispatch doesn't say pistols. So, maybe with long old fashioned hatpins. Left hands poised <sup>over</sup> behind each gill. Hatpins extended a la rapier!

SURGEON

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A dispatch from London relates a classic hospital story - along the line of the surgeon who, in an operation, leaves some odd object inside the ~~patient~~ patient - then - sews him up.

The British medical journal reports a recent operation, in which a glove was taken out of the chest of a patient. A glove - left there by a surgeon twelve years ago. Patient - okay, after having had the glove inside him all ~~the~~ those years.

Which reminds one of the ~~story~~ story of the patient - who, after an operation, was wheeled into a hospital room. Where - there were two other fellows. One said: "I hope they didn't leave anything ~~side~~ inside you. When I had my operation, the Doc sewed me up - leaving a towel inside."

"That's nothing," said the other fellow, "the doc left a pair of scissors in me."

- Mike -  
At that moment, the surgeon entered, asking:

"Where's my hat?"

Whereupon, the patient, just operated on, fainted.

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