

DULLES

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Secretary of State Dulles accepts the basic principles of the "Eden plan" for the rearmament of Germany. This ^{today} ~~came out~~ after a conference between Dulles and ^{Eden.} ~~the British Foreign Secretary.~~ A communique charges that the present dilemma was caused by the French National Assembly - when it rejected E D C. So now America and Britain both agree to full sovereignty and equality for West Germany.

The Eden Plan calls for a conference on German rearmament. And Dulles gives his okay. The conference, to bring together most of the nations of western Europe. If agreement is reached there, then the issue will go to the full NATO meeting. After which, West Germany will become a sovereign state. And half a million German troops will join the forces of the West.

The West German government also agrees with the "Eden Plan". ^{That came out definitely} ~~So stated,~~ at the meeting between Dulles and ~~Chancellor~~ Adenauer.

But Paris

~~But one European capital~~ is not pleased with ~~it~~ this.

Paris ^{are} newspapers still scathingly hostile to our Secretary of State - because he by-passed France in his trip to Europe.

BOBBY SOXERS FOLLOW DULLES

When Secretary Dulles arrived at the London airport to take off for ~~Wah~~ ^{British} Washington, hundreds of bobby-soxers were on hand. They ~~as~~ waved at him. And the Secretary beamed - and waved back. Later he learned that the girls were waiting ^{— not for him, but} for the arrival of Cronner Frankie Laine.

UNITED NATIONS

In Washington, Acting Secretary of State, Bedell Smith, today swore in the team of American delegates to the United Nations. The group, headed by ^{Henry} Cabot Lodge.

The main problem facing Lodge and his colleagues ^{is} to see ^{to it} that Red China doesn't get a seat in the U N., at least for this year. When the General Assembly opens on Tuesday, the strategy will be to force a postponement of that issue. The idea being, to get the British delegate to vote with us. Britain doesn't want to vote against Mao Tse-Tung -- because ^{Mao's} ~~his~~ regime is recognized in London. But the British might support us in calling for a postponement.

This would be in line with our strategy last year - when Secretary of State Dulles won support for his postponement resolution. We ^{re} are hoping for the same ~~success~~ this time.

STASSEN

More than a quarter of a million people from Northern Viet Nam did flee south - in the first six weeks after the country was partitioned. So stated today by Foreign Aid Director, Harold Stassen, at his news conference. He added that the Reds are still attempting to interfere with the exodus, both physically and by means of propaganda. But that refugees are still pushing in the free area of Viet Nam - arriving in French and American planes and ships. Our Foreign Aid Director termed the movement as "epic" and added that the numbers are far greater than anyone had expected. One of the French pilots, Jacques Charmoz, who has been flying these refugees, tells me it is a pitiful sight - his plane jammed with refugees leaving everything behind. He says his plane is usually loaded with twice the normal number of passengers.

PICCIONI

The newspapers in Rome are saying that the Italian Foreign Minister will resign very soon. Minister Piccioni, to stop down because his son is involved in the ~~scandal of~~ *scandal - the actress* Wilma Montesi - who was found dead on a beach some months ago. The younger Piccioni has also been named as the alleged "assassin" of a drug ring.

When the scandal first broke, the Foreign Minister tried to resign. The Premier, refusing to accept the resignation. Last week, the police seized the younger Piccioni's passport - which usually means a quick arrest. So now the newspapers say that the Foreign Minister will offer to resign again - and ~~that~~ this time ~~he~~ will ~~insist~~ *insist* on leaving ~~the~~ *the* cabinet.

Will Premier Scelba try to keep him in his job? The newspapers say - no. Because it's feared that Foreign Minister Piccioni has lost his usefulness in the Italian Parliament. Lost it because of his son.

RICHTER

In Buenos Aires, the former head of Argentina's atomic energy Commission goes to ~~xatixha~~ jail. Dr. Donald Richter is the scientist who claimed he had discovered a method for obtaining Atomic Energy without uranium. He was in charge of Argentina's Atomic Energy project - until he fell into disgrace with the Peron government, and was relieved of his job.

Richter, accused of throwing away seventy millions in a futile attempt to build ~~up~~ an atomic pile. He sent telegrams to the Presidents² of both houses of Congress - asking for a chance to defend himself. ² These letters have landed him in jail. ~~They are called~~ *They are termed* "disrespectful" to the Chamber of Deputies. ~~And that's~~ *And that's* a crime in Argentina. ~~So Richter gets a sentence of five days.~~

NEWFOUNDLAND

In St. John's, Newfoundland, a court sentences the man who was once called the "boy wonder" of European ~~ee~~ economists. Dr. Alfred Valdmanis, given four years at hard labor - for defrauding the ^{Newfoundland} government of two hundred thousand dollars.

The economist began his career in Riga, Latvia, where he rose to the post of finance minister. Then came the ~~war~~ war; ~~and~~ ^{ing} Latvia ended up behind the Iron Curtain. Valdmanis made his way to Ottawa. And finally got an appointment with the government of Newfoundland. The former Latvian "boy wonder" - given the job of developing Newfoundland industries.

As part of his ~~ka~~ job, Valdmanis toured Europe - persuading firms to establish branches in Newfoundland. But he didn't confine himself to legitimate business. A number of European firms ~~can~~ charged that they had to pay him large sums - before they could get construction contracts.

Today, Valdmanis pleaded guilty to the charge. And

from Latvia

so, the "boy wonder" goes to jail for four years.

TRUMAN

Former President Truman is in ^{high} ~~good~~ political ^{fettle} ~~shape~~
 ~~to judge from~~ ^{according to} a letter he wrote to ^{an Indianapolis} ~~the~~ Democratic rally,
 ~~in Indianapolis.~~ The former President, ^{did not attend} ~~kept away from the~~
 rally, because of his health. ^{But his} ~~He sent the~~ letter ~~instead~~ -
 ~~and it sounds like one of the~~ ^{is just like} slam - bang attacks on the
 G O P ~~that~~ he used to make. ~~when he was in the White House.~~

The burden of ^{it being that} ~~the Truman letter is this~~ - President
 Eisenhower needs a Democratic Congress if he is to get what
 he wants in the way of legislation. ^{That} ~~Because~~ he won't get
 it from a Republican congress! Mr. Truman describes ^S ~~the~~
 last Congress as a "do-wrong, give away" Congress.

And he charges ^S ~~that~~ the G O P always tries to turn
 back the clock. Meaning, that in the former President's
 view, another Republican Congress would prevent full
 cooperation with other nations. Also, that only the Democrats
 would permit a sound internal economy.

^{Would you call that} ~~Well, we don't expect~~ a purely objective view of
 politics from H.S.T! ^{At any rate he must have} ~~He's always the fighting exponent~~

been feeling full of beans
of Democratic politics. And he was in fine fettle when he

wrote that letter to Indianapolis.

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NIXON FOLLOW TRUMAN

Vice President Nixon, on a tour of the West, today told an audience in the town of Nevada, Missouri, that during the Truman administration we lost ground to the Reds. In the words of the Vice President, "we lost six-hundred- million people to Communism". And then he went on to tell what the Eisenhower Administration is doing to meet the challenge of the Kremlin. For example that presentation of Cinerama in Damascus which is the sensation of the Syrian Fair and which the Russians say is unfair competition. They are real mad because they didnt invent Cinerama.

BATCHELOR

Corporal Claude Batchelor recommended that an American prisoner be shot - when they were both prisoners of war in a North Korean prison camp. *This was in the testimony* ~~So testified today by~~ Wilbur Watson of Corinth, Mississippi. According to Watson, the Chinese guards accused him of being a spy. After which, Batchelor participated in a phoney trial, and said that *Watson* ~~he~~ should be executed. Batchelor, accused of being one of the leading "progressives" *so called* (in the camp. ~~But~~ The Corporal ~~made derogatory remarks~~ *all this.* ~~denies the Watson testimony. Batchelor~~ *Says* he never mentioned anything about a death sentence - merely that the "progressives" made derogatory remarks about Watson. Moreover, Batchelor claims that Watson used to sing an anti-American song made up by the "progressives."

In defending himself against the charge of treason, Corporal Batchelor *insists* ~~declared~~ that he ~~was~~ was the one who talked Corporal Ed Dickinson into going home. The soldier from Cracker's Neck, Virginia, ~~was~~ was the first "progressive" to change his mind about staying behind the Iron Curtain.

~~According to Batchelor, he talked Dickinson into going home.~~

Meanwhile, Batchelor's ~~lawyer~~ lawyer wants an inquiry into the Corporal's sanity. The lawyer, feeling that the accused may be unable to ~~so~~ distinguish right from wrong.

Which, in the lawyer's view, would ~~remove~~ ^{affect} the charge ^{against} ~~him~~ - collaboration with the Reds.

~~and George Illie of Chicago, was convicted bank robber,~~

~~was described as "degenerate and dangerous,"~~

~~asking at one roll call after which prison guards returned~~

~~and low - without finding any trace of the fugitive.~~

~~looking to see whether or not they ^{want} got over the hill~~

~~or whether ^{are} they just hiding somewhere inside.~~

~~They did get ^{it} out - possibly the first in~~

~~series from the United States Penitentiary since Lincoln Tunnel~~

~~They~~

CONVICTS

Officials of the U.S. penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, are ~~out~~ red-faced today. ~~Because~~ They admit they don't know whether two missing convicts have ~~xx~~ escaped, or are still ^{there} in the prison.

The two, ~~xx~~ Charles Stegall of Louisville, Kentucky, and George Ellis of Chicago, ~~are~~ convicted bank robbers, ~~Both~~ described as "desperate and dangerous," ~~They turned up~~ missing at ~~one~~ roll call. After which prison guards searched high and low - without finding any trace of the two ~~men~~. Nothing to show whether or not they ^{went} ~~got~~ over the wall -- or whether ^{are} ~~they~~ are just hiding somewhere inside. If ^{they did get} ~~Stegall and Ellis~~ ~~get~~ out - they'd ^{be} ~~be~~ the first to escape from ~~the~~ Atlanta Penitentiary since Nineteen Twenty-

Three.

COWBOYS

The Supreme Court is considering an appeal from a couple of cowboys, who are familiar to ^{most} ~~most~~ of us - Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. This time they are galloping into court - to protest against television.

It all started when T V began to show a lot of their old movies - with certain commercials. Gene Autry and Roy Rogers are opposed to these commercials because they are sure the nation's youngsters will get the notion they are endorsing the products of these sponsors. So they want the commercials dropped.

They lost their case in the Appeals Court of San Francisco. But they are taking the case on to the U.S. Supreme Court. Asking our top court to save their reputations. Run those cowboy pictures - but without commercials.

GUATEMALA

A dispatch from Buenos Aires tells of ^{an} heroic offer by four men aboard a crippled plane. It was a transport, carrying Guatemalan exiles from their homeland to Argentina. High over the Andes, one of the motors stopped. The twenty passengers ^{were} ordered to throw their baggage, and their seats ^{But} overboard. The plane continued to lose altitude - the weight too much for one engine ^{way up there above the Andes.}

At this point, four of the exiles volunteered to jump overboard - without parachutes. Offering to sacrifice themselves to save the rest of the passengers. ~~which was certainly one of the most heroic offers in the history of aviation.~~

But the pilot refused to let ~~them~~ them ^{jump}. And, a little later, the ^{at} second engine started again. ^{And} they ^{made it on to} ~~transport came down safely at~~ Buenos Aires, ^{with} ~~carrying~~ all the passengers, including the ~~heroic~~ four ^{who had gallantly over to jump.}

PLANE

We can

~~We could~~ build a passenger plane to fly at two thousand miles an hour. So says Clarence Johnson of Lockheed.

~~Johnson told a Paris meeting~~ *today the Lockheed officials said* that such a plane would be

powered with jet engines; ~~would~~ fly at around forty-five

thousand feet, and ~~would~~ carry more passengers than the

present transports. *What's holding it up?*

~~But Johnson added, such a plane won't be built for~~

~~a while yet.~~ *for the present.* The cost; prohibitive, Manufacturers, not

ready to ~~build even a model~~ *give us the 2000 mi an hour plane* until they get orders from

civilian lines or from the Air Force.

CASHIER

A bank cashier in Whitesville, Kentucky, cashed half a million dollars in bad checks merely because he couldn't say no! Bernard Barrett says he couldn't turn down anyone who needed money! After being arrested by the F B I he remarked, "I just cashed the checks because people had problems - and I couldn't say - no! None of the money went to him. So he says. The bank and the F B I are working on this. If he didn't ~~kw~~ keep any of it - that, will mean a lighter sentence for the man who couldn't refuse to cash bad checks. *And now, Mike!*

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