

INDO-CHINA L.P.-K. Wed June 9 - '54.

The focus of international news shifts - from Geneva to Paris. Where the government of Premier Laniel is fighting for its life. Today, Foreign Minister Bidault made ~~an~~ a tense appeal to the National Assembly. Arguing - that there's reason to hope for an Indo-China settlement in the peace talks at Geneva. He warned that, if the Laniel government is overthrown, it would merely give the Communists more chance to stall at Geneva - while the rebels try for new military successes in Indo-China.

At the conference ^{at} ~~in~~ Geneva, Red China today launched a verbal attack on the United States. Which was not surprising - but France was also included in the diatribe. Foreign Minister Chou en-Lai accused the U.S.A. of "blocking progress" in the peace talks. ~~blocking progress~~ He assailed what he called - "the faction in France which favors continued American aid to carry on the war." This is interpreted as being aimed - in the direction of the National Assembly in Paris. Enemy diplomacy at Geneva - trying to

bring about the fall of the government of Premier Laniel.

The Reds - hoping that the present Cabinet will be succeeded by a regime in favor of "peace at any price." Which, of course, would weaken ties between the United States and France - and facilitate Red schemes to take over in Indo-China.

MOSCOW

The Kremlin announces a bond issue - a state loan. The first - to be floated by the Malenkov regime. A sixteen billion Ruble affair - four billion dollars.

Under Stalin, there was a regular sequence of state loans. Voluntary * in name only. Workers - requested *to drive up* ~~to drive up~~ two weeks of ~~their~~ salary. Nothing compulsory, theoretically - but, they *had to* ~~had to~~ buy the bonds, *- or else.*

Stalin used the state loans as a way of dealing with shortages in consumer goods. People, with less money to spend, wouldn't be so keenly aware - of how little there was to buy.

~~That seems to be the purpose of the new Malenkov~~

~~bond issue.~~ After the death of Stalin, there was no new bond issue - until now. Which would seem to mean - that Malenkov's promises of the abundance of consumer goods are not being fulfilled as well as had been expected. Presumably, the money raised would enhance production to increase the supply - while, at the same time, decreasing the demand. Not so much money - to spend.

This new sixteen billion ruble loan has an odd feature - in the matter of interest. Sixty-five per cent of the bond buyers will get no interest whatever on their money. Thirty-five per cent will get three per cent. All of which is determined in a lottery. Bond buyers, who draw lucky tickets - will get interest on their money. That was the way Stalin worked it, and Malenkov is doing the same.

COLOMBIA

In the Republic of Colombia - a clash between students and police. In which - eleven students and one woman were killed. There was trouble yesterday, in which a student was a victim. Today, there was a march to the presidential palace, but that was stopped by soldiers on guard. The crowd of students refused to halt, and shooting began.

It isn't clear, in the news from Bogota, just what the political significance of these disturbances may be.

In East Africa - one of the biggest battles against the Mau Mau. Security forces of the province of Kenya - in an all-day gunfight with a band of one hundred and fifty terrorists.

The gang was what they call - a "persuasion force." On a mission - of compelling people of the tribes to take - the "blood oath." The savage, bloodcurdling pledge - a superstitious terror for the natives of the African bush.

The persuasion force had gone to a village of the Masai - and that points to a singular phase of the terrorist campaign. The secret society of the Mau Mau originated in the *Kikuyu* tribe, and the Kikuyus are traditional enemies of the Masai.

Time was when the Masai, mighty warriors and lion hunters, almost exterminated the Kikuyus. But British rule stopped that long ago - and recently the Mau Mau terrorists have been forcing tribesmen of the Masai to take the "blood oath."

At dawn, today, British security forces found the Mau Mau band, and the gunfight was on. The Mau Mau -

retreating through the jungle.

Seven of the terrorists are known to have been killed. The others - taking refuge in the crater of a volcano. At last reports, there was talk of having a bombing plane blast the volcanic lurking place of the Mau Mau. I

wonder which crater? Maybe the vast Norongoru, famous as a rendezvous for vast numbers of African animals. But, the dispatch doesn't say.

HEARING

Roy Cohn bowed out, and McCarthy bowed in - amid fireworks of dramatic action today. Army Counsel Welch announcing suddenly - that he was through cross-examining Cohn. He said this in a tense emotional outbreak - following a McCarthy charge reflecting on an attorney in Joseph Welch's law firm.

Most of the day, the Army counsel ^{was} making things hot for Roy Cohn, hammering at him with angry questions, ridicule, mockery. He treated Cohn ^{to} some farcical ~~dramatics~~, ~~and~~ ^{when asking} ~~asked~~ the question - why didn't the McCarthy Committee take its evidence to Secretary Stevens, instead of launching an investigation of Communist infiltration in the Army?

Army Counsel Welch wanted to know - why didn't Cohn go to the Secretary's office with his information about Communists? Why didn't he

^{shout:} ~~say~~ - "Sick 'em, ~~Stevens~~, Stevens." That phrase got a big

play amid the laughter of the audience. ~~He~~ Repeated again and again: "Sick 'em, Stevens!"

McCarthy objected to the way Welch was questioning

Cohn, and ^{(that brought} ~~culminated with~~ mention of - Fred Fisher, a member of Welch's law firm. He said that Fisher had been a member of a Communist Front organization, the National Lawyers Guild, which has been cited by the Attorney General as the "legal arm of the Communist Party." McCarthy said, further, that Welch had wanted to bring Fisher, as an assistant, into the present hearing.

That brought Welch to Fisher's defense. In an emotional scene he accused Mc Carthy of trying to crucify a young lawyer. He said that Fisher had made "one mistake."

At Harvard Law School, and for some months thereafter - he had belonged to the Lawyers' Guild. In tense emotion, Welch said to McCarthy: "Have you no sense of decency left,

Senator?" Whereupon, the Army counsel abruptly discontinued the cross-examination of Cohn.

That brought Senator Mc Carthy to the witness stand - with a promise of blazing fireworks when Welch cross-examines him. But, first, the Senator was questioned by

Committee counsel Jenkins, and the proceedings went into the discussion of the Communist menace in this country. The day ending - on that note.

QUOTATIONS

There was a striking object lesson at a Congressional hearing today. A special committee - considering charges that tax free foundations are helping subversive causes. Congressman Hayes of Ohio said the Committee Researcher, Thomas McNiece, was lifting paragraphs out of context - to support the charge.

To illustrate, the Congressman handed McNiece three quotations, and asked him - did they sound Communistic?

One quotation read: "Social justice demands that reforms be introduced, without delay, which will guarantee every adult working man just such a wage." Which referred - to a proper living wage.

Another quotation mentioned - "The gulf between vast wealth and deep poverty."

A third said: "Some remedy must be found, and quickly found, for the misery and wretchedness which press so heavily, at this moment, on the large majority of the very poor."

The researcher read these, and replied: "All of

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these are closely comparable to Communist literature that I have read."

Whereupon Congressman Hayes identified the quotations. One - written by Pope Leo the Thirteenth. The other two - by Pope Pius the Eleventh. But you could hardly suspect a Pope of Rome^q being a Communist.

PRIMARIES

Figures from South Carolina show that Lieutenant Governor George Timmerman will be the next Governor. Of course, ~~the~~ he only won the Democratic nomination yesterday; but, that's all that's needed in South Carolina. His majority - one hundred and sixty-three thousand to one hundred and three thousand over his rival. Timmerman is pledged to maintain segregation in public schools. So is his opponent, for that matter. And also - retiring Governor Byrnes.

In California, it was a walk away for James Roosevelt, who won the Democratic nomination for Congress in a Los Angeles district. ~~He~~ is five-to-one over his nearest rival. This - in spite of his troubles with his wife,

~~featured by that astonishing letter he wrote. Also - in spite of the disapproval of the Democratic National Committee, which refused to support him. James Roosevelt was ~~also~~ in the Republican primary, ^{too,} according to California law. But he didn't have a chance there.~~

Another winner in California - Congressman Robert

Condon. Who - was barred from atomic bomb tests in Nevada,
as a "security risk." Charged with having Communist
connections. The Democratic National Committee frowned on him.
Nevertheless, he won in the primary.

LABOR

The C.I.O. and the A. F. of L. took a long step toward labor unity today -- when they signed a "no raiding" pact. ■ Agreeing - not to raid each other for members.

A.F. of L. President George Meaney and C.I.O. President Walter Reuther attended the signing in Washington, and said they were confident that there would be a merger of the two great labor organizations before long.

RETAKE

In Texas, Protestant Episcopal clergymen are protesting against the decision of their Church - to cancel a convention at Houston. The next Episcopalian Convention was to be held there, but that has been reversed. The reason - racial segregation in Texas.

The protest of the Texas clergymen is joined by the Episcopal Bishop of Rhode Island, The Right Reverend Granville Bennett, who says: "I think we might have gone to Houston without too much trouble."

WORD

At Los Angeles, there's a word - which may be deadly to speak. The hope is - that no one will utter it, at the wrong time.

There's a runaway dog, which becomes a man-killer -- when it hears that word.

The dog, a German shepherd, belongs to Army Sergeant Jim DeRosa, who explains - that the animal was trained in England during World War Two to attack and kill upon receiving a command. Ordinarily, the German shepherd is gentle and friendly. But - will jump at the nearest human being, when the command is given. The command being - that one word.

The Sergeant isn't saying what the word is. Somebody might be tempted to speak it - in the hearing of the dog. Somebody, in fact, might just happen to speak it - because it's a common word.

All - a strange twister. The dog - and the deadly syllable, or syllables.

DEPORTATION

At Buffalo, the Immigration authorities have begun deportation proceedings against Miss Marie Frances Jefferson. In Detroit, four years ago, they deported Mr. Francis Eugene Jefferson. Strange part of it is - they're one and the same. Another case - of sex change through surgery.

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This provides something of a legal dilemma. Miss Jefferson is charged with illegal entrance into the United States. But is it - a second offense? A man was guilty, and now a woman is guilty. He is she, and the ~~pronouns~~ pronouns get confused.

PIGEONS

At Belfast, northern Ireland, hundreds of pigeons are flying in; - worn out, ~~and~~ weary birds. Which brings to an end an unlucky homing pigeon race.

It began three days ago - Wales to North Ireland. Swarms of pigeons - taking off. But, immediately after the race began, a violent storm burst - a wind from the west. The birds - flying into the tempest. They couldn't buck the gale - couldn't make headway. Some were blown sixty miles back to ^{the rear of} the starting point.

Finally, the storm died down, and today, ^{miles -} those weary pigeons were coming home to roost.

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