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The Senate puts its okay on the Paris agreements for rearming West Germany. The vote, overwhelming - seventy-six to two. The two voting no -- Langer of North Dakota and Malone of Nevada.

In a single vote, the Senate approved two different pacts. One, to restore almost complete independence to Germany - including her right to rearm as an ally of the West. The second, to allow the Germans to enter NATO.

During the debate before the vote, Senator George of Georgia pointed out that the Paris agreements contain safeguards -- against any revival of German militarism. The Germans, to be rearmed - within the framework of western defense. Senator George also said that the agreements improve the hope for the unification of all Germany - because Russia might ~~not~~ be forced to make concessions, now that there is no chance ~~of~~ defeating German rearmament.

Senator George added that there was a better chance

now for a Big Power meeting. Because, the West will be able to negotiate from strength - instead of facing an overwhelming edge in military strength, In the hands of the Soviets.

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Only ~~Senator~~ Langer and Malone spoke <sup>and voted</sup> against, ~~the~~ Paris agreements. ~~Those two Senators, going on to vote~~ against them. But ~~The~~ rest of the Senate ~~agreed with their~~ colleague from Georgia ~~and voted~~ <sup>ing</sup> right down the line for the proposal.

## GERMAN PLANES

Today, a plane flew from Hamburg to Dusseldorf. which doesn't sound far or important. Except that the plane flew for a German airline - the first time in ten years the Germans have been permitted to have their own planes.

Since May of Nineteen Forty-Five when Hitler's Reich surrendered unconditionally, not a single German plane has left the ground. So today's flight marked the return to the air of a nation, that once had vast aerial power.

Not military aircraft; not until the Paris agreements go into effect. And then limited to medium fighter bombers. Today's operation was the revival of German civil flying. Flown by British pilots, for Germany has not had a trained transport pilot in a decade. Later Americans will join the Britons, until enough German pilots have been trained.

CYPRUS

On the Island of Cyprus, there was a new outburst of terrorism today. The British turned that Mediterranean Island into their headquarters for the Middle East - following their removal from the Suez Canal Zone. But Greece claims Cyprus, and there have been many riots and incidents during the past few months.

Today's affair was one of the worst. Masked raiders, coordinating strikes all over the island. They bombed military bases, ~~the~~ police installations, and radio stations. The coordination of the attacks, so precise - that many residents believed the island was under an aerial bombardment.

Police report at least one death. ~~in the outbreak.~~

And many Greeks and Cypriots have been arrested. ~~The violence on Cyprus, one more example of Nationalist terrorism, that is so prominent in so many places.~~

PAKISTAN follow CYPRUS

Pakistan had its share of violence today. Rioters demonstrating against attacks on Pakistani diplomatic missions in Afghanistan, Pakistan charged afterward, that the violence was touched off by the Afghan Premier - who denounced Pakistan's decision to take over the region called the Northwest Frontier.

Disputes over that frontier are an old story. In the Nineteenth Century, Britain claimed it as a part of India, so Pakistan fell heir to that claim. But Afghanistan disputed the British case - and continues to protest.

Today's violence centered mainly in the city of Peshawar, near the eastern end of the Khyber Pass. A big crowd attacked the Afghan consulate in Peshwar. Special police had to be called in. And guards now are patrolling the streets, guarding the homes and the offices of Afghan officials. Also special protection for busses carrying passengers between Peshwar and Kabul - through the Khyber. Trouble again on the Northwest Frontier.

SAIGON

A dispatch from Saigon, Indo China, ~~reveals~~ that the *situation* ~~condition of the city~~ is becoming ~~very~~ serious. Food supplies dwindling under the blockade that the rebels have thrown around it.


Two of the sects opposing Premier Diem have <sup>now</sup> joined ~~their~~ forces to block roads and river communications. And the two million inhabitants of Saigon are feeling the pinch - *with food stopped* ~~as food is prevented~~ from coming in from Cochin, China, and the Mekong Delta.

Premier Diem is still in control of Saigon - after beating back the rebel attack on his palace. But the rebel armies are entrenched in the suburbs of Saigon - which enables them to maintain their blockade.

## ISLANDS

There was a heated debate in the Senate today - over the question of whether President Eisenhower should issue a formal statement about Quemoy and the Matsus. The President to say whether he will, or will not, defend those islands.

Senator McCarthy charged that we might invite a war in the Far East - by not telling Mao Tse-Tung plainly our intentions.



## ISLANDS

McCarthy, one of the most urgent of the Senators who want us to defend the islands.

But Senator Morse of Oregon called for a statement that Quemoy and the Matsus will be evacuated. Senator Morse, wanting a resolution to that effect.

But the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator George, insists that the President is right in his refusal to state just what we will do if the Chinese Reds attack the islands.

Senator Alexabder Smith of New Jersey backs down from his statement that President Eisenhower die not believe Russia would support the Chinese-Communist attack on Quemoy and the Matsus. He admits he was wrong in representing that - as the Presidents opinion.



MACARTHUR

General MacArthur did not tell the late Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal, that Russia should be brought into the war in Nineteen Forty five. ~~So says~~ MacArthur's aide, General Courtney Whitney, *so states*

~~Whitney's challenge came~~ in a letter to the Washington Post - replying to an editorial in that newspaper. The editorial quoted the "Forrestal Diaries" as saying that MacArthur told Forrestal in February of Nineteen Forty five that we should do everything we could to get Stalin to attack the Japanese Army in Manchuria.

General Whitney says that ~~statement just~~ isn't true, *and* ~~he declares~~ that the diary is even wrong about the place where the conversation is said to have been held,

Forrestal mentioning McArthur's headquarters as in Manila, at a time when the General *was not there* ~~actually was a hundred miles to the North of that city~~

General Whitney *also say* ~~agrees~~ *see* that Forrestal did visit McArthur - but during their ~~ix~~ talks there was no *reference* ~~allusion~~

to possible ~~an~~ entry of Russia into the war against Japan.

Then he adds that he has examined the documents and that the original entry concerning the meeting is not in Sec. Forrestal's handwriting. So General Whitney thinks the mistake arises because someone other than Sec. Forrestal dictated the passage from the diary notes.

Whatever the explanation he says, McCarthy did not want Russia brought into the Pacific war - just when Japan was on the verge of collapse.

## EARTHQUAKE

That earthquake in the Phillipines has caused more than five hundred casualties - with the number of dead running close to two hundred. Manila reports "thousands are homeless".

Highways closed by gigantic landslides. A number of churches were destroyed. Communications shattered, water lines wrecked and contaminated. Relief teams are struggling to get through with food clothing and medicine.

Fort Santiago sank four feet below its former level. One observer told of "Several army trucks in Fort Santiago - swallowed up in the great cracks of the earth".

The death of Colonel Robert McCormick removes one of the most colorful newsmen in the history of American journalism. Colonel McCormick, leader of half a dozen different crusades - usually for Americanism, as he saw it. He crusaded against the new deal, against the United Nations, against prohibition. Only last year he helped form a group dedicated to opposing, what it called, "super-internationalism" These crusades, kept his Chicago-Tribune constantly in a fight against opposition to his ideas.

When Colonel McCormick died early today, he left his newspaper business in good shape. Two years ago, he began to plan the future management - intending to make sure that the editorial policy should not change radically from the one he laid down. At <sup>the</sup> Tribune, it <sup>is</sup> announced that details will be revealed after the Colonel's ~~Funeral~~ funeral.

The death of Colonel McCormick came less than twenty-four hours after that of another famous publisher -

Joseph Pulitzer of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. American journalism, losing two great figures, within the space of a single day. The loss is indicated in a tribute from President Eisenhower, who termed McCormick and Pulitzer "staunch champions of a free press so essential to our freedoms."

## SWISS GUARDS

From Rome, a report that military men are wanted.

The number - about fifty. The small number meaning - candidates for the Swiss Guards.

Those famous soldiers have served as bodyguards to the Popes for over four hundred years. Visitors to the Vatican always remember the ~~fine~~ glamorous uniforms designed by Michel Angelo - the gold, red, and blue - and the helmets and the halberds.

Recently, volunteers for the Swiss Guards have fallen off. The reason - conditions in Switzerland are so good, that eligible men are staying at home. As a result, the guards are down to sixty men - where there should be <sup>one</sup> hundred and fifteen. So a famous military unit is asking for more volunteers - volunteers for the Swiss Guards, who patrol Vatican City as bodyguards of the Pope.

## DRESS

Mrs. Eisenhower intends to keep on wearing that dress. So says her Secretary, Mary Jane McCaffrey. The reference being to the model that is owned by ninety other women.

1/2 We already know how the First Lady appeared at a reception wearing a dazzling new gown - a blue and green taffeta print. And she found that one of the other ladies present, Mrs. Durries Crane, was ~~ma~~ wearing exactly the same model.

Well, that coincidence didn't disturb the First Lady. ~~nor Mrs. Crane either.~~ But it ~~id~~ did disturb the dress designer. Molly Parnis of New York confessing, "I'm simply miserable." The designer adding that she was going to go home and crawl under the rug.

There was a lot of discussion in Washington about what Mrs. Eisenhower would do about that dress - when she learned that ninety other women had one just like it. Now the First Lady's secretary says that Mrs. Eisenhower will

keep on wearing the dress, just as if nothing had happened.

And in Washington, it's believed that all the other women with that model - will keep wearing it too.

It would make quite a picture, Hugh, if we had all 90 of them, having tea together, wearing the same dress!

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