

Wed., June 22, 1949.

Secretary of State Acheson told Congress today that it is urgent to give quick approval to the North Atlantic Security Pact and the program of armament for Europe. He said the recent conference of ~~the~~ Foreign Ministers in Paris had only made this the more imperative. He described the Paris parley as having produced what he called - "Some worthwhile progress." But he made it clear that the Soviet attitude is not changed; ~~and~~ the cold war ~~is~~ still on.

GOVERNORS CONFERENCE

The conference of Governors at Colorado Springs adjourned tonight - with a call for a quick Senate approval of the North Atlantic Security Pact. The resolution by implication okayed the program of arms for the free nations, and also said - let's continue the European Recovery program, the Marshall Plan.

Before winding up business today, the Governors selected a Chairman for the conference next year - Frank Carlson of Kansas, a Republican, ~~to~~ ^{to} succeed Governor William Preston Lang, Delaware, Democrat. Republican following democrat, non-partisan, ~~even stephen~~.

FOLLOW FOREIGN POLICY

Some interesting interpretation of the Soviet attitude is given tonight by John Foster Dulles, the Republican policy adviser who attended the conference of Foreign Ministers. He says the Soviet behavior at the Paris parley was more moderate than in the past, and from this he draws the conclusion that there may be a struggle going on behind the Iron Curtain.

In the satellite countries, he says, there is a steadily growing revolt against the extreme intolerance of Soviet Communism - and he refers back to the ^(savage) ~~XXXX~~ purge trials before the war. These, in the words of Dulles, "resolved an internal struggle in Russia toward a more intolerant form of Communism". But now there is a revulsion, at least in the satellite nations. "In Jugoslavia" he explains, "Marshall Tito tends to reflect the more tolerant Bukharin type of Communism as against the Stalin type of Communism".

Well Bukharin was condemned and executed

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in the Stalin purge trials - but the puppet Communists might well prefer his more tolerant and easy going kind of Communism.

SOVIET DOGS

News from the anti-Communist underground, the escape routes from behind the Iron Curtain. There is a new way to beat the Communist guard along the borders.

† The Reds, patrolling against the flight of refugees, use dogs - Police Dogs trained to intercept fugitives, the canine aspect of the Iron Curtain. But the escape experts have found a way. They merely take a cat along - and, when detected by the Soviet dog, they release the cat. Dog chases cat, and the refugees get through.

So now, I suppose, the Soviets will have to develop a new breed - dogs that love cats.

ATOMIC

Testimony about Atomic bomb production, and one word says it - okay. The evidence, given in the present investigation, is from Walter Williams, production manager of the Atomic Energy Commission. Today he defended the administration of Chairman Lillienthal, and stated: "If you were able to tell the public what has been accomplished by the Commission, the people would feel the program is in good hands. The security of the country, as far as making bombs is concerned, is - okay."

Today brought into the sharpest focus the extraordinary character of ~~the case of~~ Alger Hiss. All along, it has been an amazement - the high standing and personality of the former official of the State Department, who participated in the founding of the United Nations, and who was a confidential aid of the late President Roosevelt at the Yalta Conference. That - as contrasted with the story told by former Communist agent Whittaker Chambers, the charge of Red espionage, the evidence of those famous Pumpkin Papers, some of which are in the handwriting of Alger Hiss.

The court proceedings brought an event without precedent - two justices of the United States Supreme Court appearing as character witnesses in a criminal trial, Justices Felix Frankfurter and Stanley Reed. In Supreme Court circles in Washington, they say that this is the first time any such thing has ever happened.

The star witness - Justice Frankfurter, who was a close adviser to the late President Franklin D.

Roosevelt during the days of the New Deal. ~~It~~ He it was,
as a Harvard professor,
who started Alger Hiss on his brilliant career,
recommending him for the post of Law Clerk to Supreme
Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, one of the most
distinguished jurists in American history.

Today, on the witness stand, Frankfurter
told the following story: ^{*how*} In Nineteen Fourteen, when
he was a member of the faculty of the Harvard Law
School, Justice Holmes asked him to pick each year a
student to become his law clerk - a magnificent post
from which to rise quickly. Deeply confidential,
involving closely guarded secrets of the Supreme Court.

"The Holmes request," related Frankfurter today,
"was a serious responsibility. I would keep a sharp
eye on potential choices. I would watch and try to
find out what manner of men they were, to find out
about their personalities, character, and all the
things that go to make up a man who would be a law
clerk to Mr. Justice Holmes."

Prof Frankfurter
So, through the years, ~~he~~ suggested one
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after another culminating with the case of Alger Hiss, "Sometime in the spring of Nineteen Twenty-Nine," said Justice Frankfurter, "I decided I could, most confidently, recommend Hiss to Mr. Justice Holmes."

He went on to testify that he had never had any reason to change his opinion about Alger Hiss - though he admitted that he had heard of differences, when Hiss worked for the old Agricultural Adjustment Administration. But he denied that these differences affected, in the words of the Justice, "Loyalty to this country or involved betrayal."

Supreme Court Justice Reed, taking the stand, declared he had never heard any question of the "Integrity, loyalty and veracity" of Alger Hiss. This followed by similar evidence from Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and Judge Calvert McGruder of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, - an imposing array of character witnesses.

~~After which the proceedings went on to that~~
~~abysmal contrast - evidence intended to support the~~

CHURCHES

The religious quarrel about schools became sharper ~~was~~ today with a Protestant spokesman, Glenn L. Archer, accusing Catholic prelates of - falsehoods and attempts to raid the United States Treasury, because they ask that, if government money is contributed to schools of the nation, some of it should go to Catholic schools. They argue that Catholics, by supporting their own parochial schools relieve the tax-payers of a burden. But this is contradicted by the Protestant spokesman who says: "Money contributed by Catholic citizens for the support of Catholic public schools in no way results in a saving to American taxpayers."

The reply to this is made by Monseignor Middleton, spokesman for Cardinal Spellman of New York. He argues that schools in which religion is taught have a right to government support, as well as public schools.

KLAN

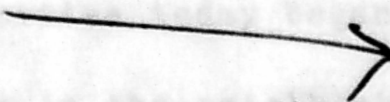
The Alabama Legislature held hearings on the Ku Klux Klan today, and a witness appeared about whom we heard last night. - ~~but~~ ^{However} his testimony was not what we had been led to expect.

He is a Baptist preacher, the Reverend Alvin Horn, an official of the Klan, who announced that he would tell the legislature all about the doings of the hooded order. This, today, amounted to a series of statements that the official K.K.K. had nothing to do with some of the recent violence committed by hooded gangs, ~~The~~ list of which now includes eleven incidents of kidnapping, the beating of victims, and, threats of hanging.

Actually the Klan official defended the hooded order, and argued in opposition to an Alabama bill to unma~~k~~ the K.K.K. and forbid the wearing of hoods. Speaking in the state capitol, the Reverend Alvin Horn delivered a harangue in terms of Southern Confederacy and Civil War. "I would rather," he cried, "be hung from the balcony over the steps where

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Jefferson Davis was inaugurated, than have the masks
be taken from the Klan." But they didn't hang him
from the balcony - and the shade of Jefferson Davis
was left in peace.



In spite of all this, the Alabama Legislature Committee voted its approval of a law to forbid the public wearing of masks or hoods. While, in Washington, a Congressional Committee today began an investigation of the hooded terror in the neighborhood of Birmingham.

SHIP

A pair of heroes appeared today in stories of the sinking of the Belgian passenger steamship, Princess Astrid. Five lives lost, when the crowded passenger vessel struck a wartime mine in the English channel - and there might have been a holocaust except for courage and discipline aboard.

Today one of the passengers, Miss Betty Jenkins told about American Major General John Hilldring and his wife - who were aboard, she says they both refused to leave the ship in the early lifeboats, insisting that other passengers go first. Instead, they waited for the last one - after which the steamer sank to the bottom of the channel.

Passenger Betty Jenkins declares that, in all the fine discipline, General and Mrs. Hilldring were the coolest among the passengers. But the General disagrees - about his wife, at least. Today he said: "Our family discipline wasn't too good. I tried to get Mrs. Hilldring off in one of the first lifeboats, but she refused."

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Well, wives have a way of sticking around,
not letting hubby be by himself - which can be trying,
especially when it's a case of wanting wifie to take
the first lifeboat off a sinking ship. Imagine

~~staying~~
~~sticking around~~ with hubby until the last lifeboat!

General, you should enforce better family discipline -
the kind you no doubt enforce among the G.I.'s.

ILLINOIS SHOOTING

Illinois reports two cases of shooting, melodramatic and a strange coincidence if they are a coincidence. The town of Madison; shotgun blasts fired into the home of the Illinois State's Attorney, his wife narrowly escaping. Mrs. Austin Lewis tells how she was in the kitchen, when suddenly the window near her was shattered by a burst from a shotgun. She ran into the dining room, as four more charges of shot were fired through the kitchen windows. State's Attorney Austin Lewis was not home at the time.

About the same ^{hour,} ~~time~~ a gun-fire-assault on the Two Hundred Club at Madison. This is a gambling casino, newly reopened - a series of shots fired into the place, nobody injured.

It is ~~not~~ clear whether or not the two attacks are in any way related, but they coincide with a resumption of gambling activities in Madison and St. Clair Counties - both of which are ^{right near} ~~across from~~ St. Louis ^{where it} just across the Mississippi ~~which~~ divides Missouri from Illinois.

LOS ANGELES SHOOTING

Los Angeles appears to be having quite a gang war - judging from a fusillade that rang out today, a prolonged blast of gunfire, at a swanky apartment house. It happened when Neddle Herbert came home - this individual being a henchman of Mickey Cohen, who is reputed to be the boss of the rackets in Los Angeles. Neddle Herbert has a long police record, suspected of offenses all the way up to murder.

As he walked into the apartment house, two men appeared from a patio, - (nearly every place in Los Angeles has a patio.) They dashed forward, each brandishing a forty-four calibre automatic. Neddle saw them coming, and traveled fast, darting up the stairs - as the two gunmen blazed away.

It was a regular machine gun performance ^{with} the automatics, twelve shots fired, the bullets peppering the stairway - which was perforated with holes. But they missed Neddle, who got into his apartment, and threw himself on the floor - expecting, apparently, that they would start shooting through

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the door. But the two gunmen must have run out of ammunition, after all the shooting - and missing.

Today Neddle was asked if he thought it was a hold-up attempt or gangster warfare - vengeance of the underworld. He said shortly: "Take your pick."

Well, the pick would seem to be dictated by the fact that Neddle's present apartment was formerly occupied by another associate of racket boss Mickey Cohen - a character named Hookey Rothman, who was murdered a few months ago. Shot by gunmen in the swank haberdashery shop that Mickey Cohen runs.

FIGHT - KANSAS CITY

In Kansas City, a triumph of the Christian spirit, when today a minister of the Gospel dropped a lawsuit against another preacher - for punching him in the nose.

The argument, ten days ago, was over a wedding. Now, we ^{do} know that marriage does produce fights, but seldom between preachers. In this case, however, the two ministers got into an argument about which one should perform the ceremony, a lively row between the Reverend Ellis Howe, paster of the Third Presbyterian Church, and the Reverend Kenneth Bressler, a Methodist " who hauled off and swung a haymaker that broke the ^{Presbyterian} ~~other~~ parson's nose. The excitement was such that a third preacher was called in - and he married the couple. I don't know what they thought about it - what kind of omen for wedded bliss!

The Reverend Bressler pleaded guilty in court to a charge of assault and paid a fine of Twenty-Five Dollars, while the Reverend ^{Howe} ~~Bressler~~ entered suit for damages - Thirty Thousand Dollars. But today he

dropped the case, saying: "I don't believe a minister should cling to a spirit of vengeance."

That may have been the inspiration for an overture in Congress today - a fight between lawmakers.

In the Chicago brawl, attention is on the age of one of the combatants, Jersey Joe Walcott, who was regarded as an aged veteran when he first fought Joe Louis a couple of years ago. *TR* The legislature in Chicago is also featuring venerable age, and out-ages the Illinois being fought today. But, he was a fighter today - against a much younger opponent. Congressman Cox of Georgia is not yet seventy, though he will be soon.

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CONGRESS - FIGHT

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with a left and right, swapping right^s snappy
punching - until other legislators intervened. Afterward
the two batlers posed for pictures, arm in arm, ~~two~~
friends, like two comrade pug~~s~~ after a bout in the
ring. ^R Such was the Congressional preliminary to the
Chicago championship affair tonight, which will decide
the heavyweight boxing title - or will it? Some say
no - including New York boxing commissioner Colonel
Eddie Eagan. Which leads us to suggest that if
tonight's winner is not recognized as the champion,
why not hand the title to Congressman Sabath of
Illinois? At Eighty-Three.. What do you say, H?

LIE

Looking over the news wire today, I reflected that running this program is kind of a cinch. The idea is to broadcast the facts, and that's so easy, it's hardly worth doing - according to Otis Hulett of Burlington, Wisconsin. He says telling the truth is a measly thing, which takes no skill whatever. Brother Hulett's the President of the Burlington Liars Club, a celebrated organization of prevaricators.

Today he described how difficult it is to tell a good lie, a real big whopper. "Everybody," says he, "spends half his life trying to get away from the truth - but most people never succeed. Their attempts to tell lies are so clumsy that they'd be better off telling the truth."

The Burlington Club, by the way, was founded, quite properly, on a lie. Otis Hulett is a newspaperman, and back in Nineteen Twenty-nine he and another reporter were hard up for a story. So they faked one. They sent their papers a phoney yarn, telling how a local ship

captain, who sailed the Great Lakes, had been named the champion liar of Burlington. The next year they were asked to file a story about a new champion - and that started the association of tall story tellers, which today has an international membership of a hundred thousand. They are now getting ready for their next whopper competition, and hope it will produce a few masterpieces of mendacity.

Like the one about the Georgian who reported that it was so warm one day down in Savannah that his shadow was overcome by the heat. Whereupon a gentleman from Kansas retorted by pointing out that his native state is so tough that the tornados write ahead for permission to enter Kansas.

Yes, it's a cinch to be here at the microphone, stating the facts, telling the truth - like that news dispatch we had the other night about the mysterious stranger who cured a case of long-distance hiccups by lighting two black candles and draping a wet noodle over the head of the patient. This obviously truthful story

attracted the attention of Mrs. Clifford Meredith of Shinnston, West Virginia, who seems, for some strange reason, to be a trifle skeptical about that noodle cure. She wires: "I have a better remedy for hiccups than the one you gave. Mix a tablespoon of granulated sugar and juice of half a lemon, and eat it, and it will cure them immediately."

Sounds a lot simpler than black candles and wet noodles. Don't you - Hic - think so, Nelson?

As Lowell Thomas says, So Long Until Monday!

CHARLES COLLINGWOOD substituted, from Washington,
on the following dates, preparing his own scripts:-

MONDAY, September 19, 1949

TUESDAY, September 20, 1949

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 21, 1949

THURSDAY, Sept. 22, 1949