

OIL

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(Given by Allan Jackson, L.T. in Zanzibar)

Today Premier DeGaulle used the phrase "The symbol of a new France." DeGaulle, touring the oil fields of the Sahara -- and deciding, ~~that~~ they're worth exploiting to the full. He's giving French geologists and businessmen -- the green light. He spoke of "A new France," because he hopes ^{that} oil revenue will stabilize the economies -- of both Algeria and France. The big step now is to build a pipeline -- from the oil fields in the desert -- to the Mediterranean. The length of the pipeline -- over three hundred miles. The cost -- the equivalent of a hundred million dollars. That's a lot of money - but DeGaulle is depending on his experts -- who say that Sahara oil may prove the richest natural resource in all of the French territories.

PILOT

Our government will not deal with the East German Reds -- in the case of that American pilot who parachuted from a crippled plane. Lieutenant Richard Mackin, of Washington, D.C. -- came down behind the Iron Curtain. He's not injured -- but he's being held by the Puppet Regime of East Germany. Washington ^{considers} holds the Russians responsible for Lieutenant Mackin -- and will ask the Kremlin to see that he is released.

FINLAND

Finland is without a government tonight.

The non-Communist parties failed to come up with a solution -- when they met this morning. And around Helsinki, the feeling is -- that some Communist deputies will have to be brought into the Cabinet -- before another government can be formed.

The big issue is -- relations with the Soviet Union. Former Premier Fagerholm's government fell -- because of his strong stand ^{against} ~~with~~ the Russians.

BRAZIL

A dispatch from Rio describes -- more rioting in Northeastern Brazil. The cause -- drought. Crops have been ruined -- by this year's dry spell. Thousands of sheep and cattle -- dead of starvation. Half a million people on relief, ~~which isn't arriving fast enough.~~

As a result -- mobs are storming public buildings throughout the area. Towns are being sacked -- by hordes of the jobless, looking for food. One Cabinet Minister just back from the area -- calls the situation ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ "catastrophic."

MAU MAU

From Nairobi, in Kenya, comes word -- that the Mau Maus are on the loose again. The secret society of terrorists -- initiating recruits. Apparently getting set for another orgy of ~~mayhem~~^{mayhem} and murder.

The Kenya government is bracing itself -- to meet the attack. The irony being, that the Mau Maus were smashed in Nineteen Fifty-five -- after accounting for eleven thousand victims, in three years.

FOG

London is still in the grip of that ^{heavy} "killer fog."

Thick vapor, blanketing the city on the Thames -- for

the twenty-⁸~~fifth~~ day in a row. Transportation in the

London area -- chaotic. ^{mans} Planes, grounded. Trains,

running late. Abandoned cars, lined up through the

streets. Two convicts tried to ^{escape} ~~XXXXX~~ in the fog today --

but they couldn't find the outer wall of their prison.

VACCINE

A Soviet scientist claims his country has a polio vaccine -- superior to "Salk shots." Professor Alexei Tufanov told newsmen in Washington -- that the Russian inoculation is "much better." That it's stood up better under rigorous ~~xx~~ testing -- conducted in Moscow. But Professor Tufanov admitted -- the Soviet Union doesn't produce enough of its ^{own} ~~xxx~~ vaccine. And will have to import "Salk shots" from America -- in the coming year.

ROCKET

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At Cape Canaveral, a tall rocket stands on its launching pads, tonight. Juno the Second -- a new version of the famous Jupiter-C. Army scientists hope to launch Juno the Second -- to the moon. Probable firing time -- early tomorrow morning.

The payload of the rocket is small -- but full of instruments. It's been sterilized with ultra-violet rays -- to prevent any contamination of the moon.

What are the chances of success? According to Dr. Werner Von Braun -- ten-to-one against reaching our natural satellite -- but any deep penetration of Outer Space -- would be a success, at this stage.

MILITARY

Here's a report on -- military standardization.

Which means -- an attempt to cut down on the number of items -- used by the Armed Forces. So let's take a look -- at a few figures.

The military budget used to list -- ninety-eight kinds of erasers. Now the number is -- sixteen.

There once were nineteen thousand -- varieties of machine screws. Now -- six thousand. Loud speakers have dropped from seven-hundred-and-thirty-two -- to one-hundred-and-twenty-five. Here's an item that seems hard to believe -- eight-hundred-and-two listings for women's dress shoes. We are told that figure will be cut -- by about two hundred.

Then there's the question of -- curing bacon. The Army takes forty-two hours -- the Navy, only twenty-four hours. From now on, the Army will use the same time as the Navy -- and that will save Uncle

INTRO. TO THE TAPE (Wedemeyer)

Tonight's report from Lowell Thomas shows - he's been reading up on Asiatic affairs. Telling - of a curious incident - in the Far East.

Have you had a look at the Wedemeyer report - so long suppressed? It's the talk of the country. General Wedemeyer - at last has been able to give us his story. Readable and exciting too - because it includes his own autobiography. Al Wedemeyer who may have been one of the great military figures of our time.

It's a volume full of things that will startle you. Also it's livened up by the General's well known sense of humor.

General Albert C. Wedemeyer, who played so important a part in World War Two - and its aftermath, was, you will recall, U.S. Commander in China, associated with Chiang Kai-shek - and he relates a curious twister.

He made a recommendation to Chiang Kai-shek on the subject of highway traffic. In China, you drove on the left hand side of the road - as in England. But American military vehicles, which were supplied in great numbers to the Chinese Nationalists - had our right-hand drive. Which

caused confusion - in military movements. Quite logically, therefore, Wedemeyer suggested - a change in traffic regulations. Drive on the right, instead of on the left. Chiang agreed, and issued an order. Right hand drive henceforth in China!

Whereupon, there was an outbreak of opposition. Chinese newspapers - violently attacking the order, to the surprise of both Chiang Kai-shek and Wedemeyer. Why the noisy objection? Ah, ha! The campaign of opposition was finally traced to the British Embassy. The British were afraid - the regulation for driving on the right would impede the sale of their left-hand drive automobiles in China.

The uproar was a bit ironical - because, soon, the Communists were swept into power. The sale of British or American automobiles in China - quite academic. Leaving the whole question - an oddity.

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Tonight, the U. S. mail, is full of invitations --
to a mathematical competition. High School pupils
all over the country -- are getting a chance to show
how good they are -- at algebra, geometry, trig, and
calculus. The prizes -- cash awards -- and University
scholarships.

This contest is sponsored by the Mathematical
Association of America, and the Society of Actuaries.
The ~~main~~ purpose -- to help boys and girls who are
good at equations and formulas. Another step toward
finding talent early -- now that our schools are
operating in the Space Age.

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