

"Absolutely by necessity," says the document. Indicating - they'll be forced to listen to the Communist "persuaders" . Which, says our side, violates the truce terms.

American officers are boiling mad about it, and say the prisoners shall not be forced "at the point of a gun" to march before the Red "explainers" and "persuaders."

As for the handful of Americans who refuse ~~to~~ ^(repatriation,) ~~to~~, our "explainers" will bring them up-to-date on the news at home, and try to show them that they^a are victims of Communist misinformation. There'll be no begging and pleading. Today, a U.S. Army officer, one of our "explainers", declared: "If a man really wants to stay with Communism, when we are through talking to him - we don't want him back."

INDO-CHINA

In Indo-China, an army of Reds has been - "retrapped."
Surrounded - all over again.

Last week, the French Union forces encircled some five thousand Communists, massed in rice paddies thirty-five miles to the southeast of Hanoi. These were being wiped out, but a hard core of Red veterans broke out of the encirclement. But - were ^un~~o~~nable to get clear. Flanking forces cut in around them - and, today, the Reds were surrounded all over again, retrapped.

AIR FORCE

The Air Force announces a great increase in the production of the B-52 Stratofort bomber - designed to carry the hydrogen bomb. Air Secretary Talbott states that a second production line for the B-52 will be established at Wichita, Kansas. Right now, the Stratofort is being turned out at Seattle, Washington, the Boeing plant there.

The new plant will increase the production of H-bombers by as much as forty per cent.

Right now, we have some four thousand planes capable of carrying atomic weapons, but only a few could accommodate hydrogen bombs - much larger, much more destructive.

ATOMIC

The Secretary of Defense indicates - that the administration is in the middle between a desire to cut expenses and taxes, and the necessity of national defense in the face of atomic war. Charles E. Wilson talked matters over with President Eisenhower today. And, upon emerging, told the newsmen: "We have to deal with the realization that Russia, too, has atomic bombs, and the probable ability to make so-called Hydrogen Bombs." To which he added: "Our over-all problem is how we can develop the strongest position for our country - within the limitations of manpower and money available to us."

(The Joint Chiefs-of-Staff, headed by Admiral Radford, are studying basic military problems - following the Malenkov announcement that Soviet Russia has the H-bomb. The administration is waiting for a report - which ~~mg~~ might call for an increase of our air defenses and of our strategic bombing forces, capable of delivering an atomic attack. Which, says today's dispatch from Washington, might upset administration Plans to cut expenses and reduce taxes.)

JET PLANE

In Rome, an Italian engineer declares that he has designed a jet plane to fly - at more than three thousand miles an hour. The Italian Air Force announces - that it is building a test model - which it will try out.

Engineer Ruggero (Ru-jay-ro) Rolla says that his three thousand mile an hour jet is shaped like a cigar, and has only a mere suggestion of wings. No landing gear - the contraption is able to rise like a helicopter. And - to stop in the air, and come down like a helicopter. He says the secret is, what he calls, a "jet-fuse." A gadget - for controlling the exhaust of air.

I wouldn't know what this means, but the inventor declares the principle is one that scientists have known about for years.

Substitute CRASH

The air crash at Louisville, Kentucky, took twenty-one lives. Thirty ^{nine} soldiers and a crew of three were in the plane, when it came to disaster. Most of the twenty survivors - injured. The engines of the C-46 failed, the plane plunged to the ground - at the edge of the runway.

DIAMOND SMUGGLING

The government announces the smashing of a huge international diamond smuggling ring. Among the persons arrested are one of the top commercial aeroplane pilots of Belgium - and a New York jeweler. Charged with bringing two hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars worth of diamonds into the ⁱⁿ country illegally.

AUTOMOBILE

Here's an odd statement. The sword of King Arthur conquered in a number one contest, at Indianapolis yesterday. Of course, Indianapolis would sound like an automobile race - and that's what it was. King Arthur's legendary sword was named "Excalibur." The winning car in that Indianapolis classic, called - the "Excalibur-J."

The International Sports Car event featured the cream of the European crop - racing versions of those foreign sports cars. Costing - up to twenty thousand dollars. So let's make the acquaintance of - "Excalibur-J."

It's a combination of the two most inexpensive American automobiles. The chassis of a Henry J, with a Willys engine, six cylinder, modified. ~~Willys~~ That partnership of Henry J. and Willys came in first, in its own class, ~~against six of the most expensive European sports cars.~~ Second place? Why that was taken by another "Excalibur-J."

Which only confirmed the result of a similar race at Watkins Glen, a week ago - the "Excalibur-J" hitting it up

at a speed of ~~one hundred and twenty-six~~ miles an hour. Thus far, in fact, the combination of Henry J. and Willys has finished in the money in eight major road races. *P* It says a lot for American automotive engineering, when you can take one inexpensive American car and put into it the engine of another, and beat out the speediest racing autos turned out by the sports car ~~experts~~ experts of Europe, with their high priced models. *— Mercedes, Renault, Isotta Fraschini and all the rest. P* The "Excalibur-J" as remarkable, in a way, as that original "Excalibur", the sword which King Arthur got from the magician Merlin and the Lady of the Lake.

TREASURE

Another search for sunken treasure - this one in Lake Erie. A dispatch from Port Dover, Ontario, states that four treasure hunters, two Canadians and two Americans, will try to raise three-hundred-and-thirty-eight thousand dollars' in gold that foundered with ^{the} S.S. Atlantic, one-hundred-and-one years ago.

The disaster, in Eighteen Fifty-Two, was the worst ever known on the Great Lakes - three hundred lives lost. The Atlantic, a steamer in those early days of steam, ~~was~~ in a collision with another vessel. ~~and sank immediately.~~

Two of the treasure hunters are divers, and one of them, Jack Holzer, has actually stood on the deck of the sunken Atlantic - which lies under two hundred feet of water. He made the descent several weeks ago, and states: "It took three passes, before I landed on the deck. It was icy cold, and pitch black, at that depth. But the deck felt solid, and the ship was standing upright."

Two of the treasure hunters are engineers, and

they've constructed a diving bell for the main task - that of locating the captain's cabin. Which is where the treasure was in the shipwreck one-hundred-and-one years ago.

PRINCETON

There's a rebellion at Princeton University - because of the long sleeves in the gravy. At the end of the last term, an old university custom was revived, students wearing formal academic gowns in the dining hall. Making a stately scene - in handsome, cathedral-like Proctor Hall. Graduate students wearing traditional robes of the university - as they sat at the tables, and the sleeves went into the soup, the meat, the gravy.

Today, 30 who scoff at tradition rebelled, and ate in a special dining room, dressed even as you and I.

The Dean, Sir Hugh Stott Taylor, the eminent scientist, who so wisely revived a fine old custom, calls it - "esthetically pleasing." But the rebels retort - "There's nothing esthetically pleasing about the long sleeves of the academic gown dragged through the soup and the gravy."

Ah well, there are always those who scoff at the

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past - many no doubt who think it would be more
appropriate to attend a philosophy class wearing shorts
or levis! As for me - well, I salute the Princeton
Dean.

DIAMOND JIM MORAN

United Press Correspondent Harmon Nichols has made a discovery, it seems - in New Orleans. In a dispatch, today, he tells of - "Diamond Jim Moran." New York used to have its own "Diamond Jim Brady", but New Orleans wins the competition. His real name is Brocato, and he runs - a glittering spaghetti restaurant.

He's a two-hundred-and-seventeen pounder, who gazes at you through spectacles, the rims of which are studded with diamonds. Every button on the front of his shirt is a diamond. The belt that holds up his trousers is encrusted with diamonds. Harmon Nichols declares that even his shoe-laces are studded with sparklers. As he presides over his spaghetti restaurant, in the old French quarter, he wears two-hundred-and-ten-thousand dollars' worth of diamonds.

There's a report that "Diamond Jim Moran", born Brocato, was a bodyguard to the late Huey Long. He began his career as a prizefighter, but found his fortune in spaghetti and meat balls.

He has more than one hundred suits, none costing less ~~xxx~~ than two hundred dollars. Seven hundred shirts, with his name hemstitched across the front - forty bucks apiece. One-hundred-and-twenty-four pairs of monogrammed socks. And, to cover his bald head, eighty-six hats. He prides himself, especially, on his neckties - of mink! Every color ~~of the~~ ~~rainbow~~ - including platinum. No other human being, he boasts, "has as many mink ties as me!" *Vanity, vanity, all is vanity."*

"Diamond Jim" comes to his climax, when he changes his teeth. Ordinarily, he's no show-off, and chews with a common sort of denture. But, on a special occasion, he goes behind the bar, and gets out his diamond store teeth. These he inserts, and flashes a smile glittering with diamonds. *That*

make is
The smile - of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ spaghetti man, "Diamond Jim Moran." *Vanity - vanity - all to publicity!*

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