

SOCIAL SECURITY

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The Senate passed the Social Security bill tonight -- whereby ten million additional persons will be put under Social Security protection. For the first time farmhands, domestic servants, together with some other categories - will be eligible. Minimum old age benefits increased from ten dollars to twenty dollars a month. The maximum for families - from eighty-five dollars to one hundred dollars a month. At the same time, payroll taxes are increased - to pay the cost.

The vote in the Senate was almost unanimous -- eighty to two. The House of Representatives passed a similar bill last year. President Truman is committed to sign the measure - all of which makes tonight's news appear to be definite and final.

PARIS

Today in Paris, French Foreign Minister Schuman stated: "Never has a system resembling that which we have in view, been attempted."

Sounds like something new, and it certainly is - in the affairs of the nations, the political systems of this world.

"Never," the Foreign Minister went on, "have states entrusted, or even considered - jointly delegating a fraction of their authority to an ~~independent~~ independent super-national organization." To which we may add - never have six countries, each sovereign and independent, joined to pool their basic industries under an international economic authority, having power above the governments of each of those nations.

In other words, France, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy and Western Germany today began their conference to put into effect the Schuman Plan for a joint partnership in coal and steel - those two dominant modern industries. Great Britain was prominent - by her absence. The Labor Government in London

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"The latest, in London tonight Winston Churchill, supported by the Conservative Party and the Liberals, presented a demand in Parliament - that the Labor government shall take part in the conference at Paris."

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The program under discussion is as follows:

The six countries would put their coal resources and steel industry under the control of an authority composed of delegates representing each government. This super-national authority would be a policy-making body, with power to regulate production and prices, suppress tariff barriers, develop export markets, and improve the living conditions of coal and steel workers. This international economic control would not issue orders to the coal and steel industries directly, but would pass along its decisions to the various governments in the pool - these being pledged to have the recommendations carried out by their own industries.

The key to the whole thing is, of course, the French and German coal and steel - which rival

industries of the two long-time enemy countries are concentrated close together, eastern France and the German Ruhr. Today the French Foreign Minister placed the emphasis, stating: "We are determined to associate, in a joint and permanent task of peace, the two nations that for centuries have been opposed in bloody competition."

Well, it certainly looks as if they were trying to build an interesting structure of international authority above nations and their governments - in the all-important matter of economics, industry. For comment, we can best repeat that statement by the French Foreign Minister: "Never has a system resembling that which we have in view, been attempted."

P.S. The Communists. The French and German Reds, join in a blast, denouncing the Schuman Plan as a new villainy perpetrated by - "American imperialists."

RUSSIA

I see by the Moscow papers - that the Russians are going to keep on talking Russian. This - by order of Stalin. Today the Soviet autocrat entered personally into an argument that has been agitating Russian newspapers for days - whether or not the Soviets should have a new language, to replace Russian.

The proposal to abolish Russian was advanced by a Red philologist named N. Y. Marr, ~~sounds like New York, but it means something else. Anyway, N. Y.~~
^{who} ~~Marr~~ propounded a theory that, according to Marxian dialectics, a language is a production of a social class, the ruling class. So, when another class takes power, there should be another language. Which, of course, is along the line of the Marxian doctrine - that governments and social institutions are the product of class warfare.

So N. Y. Marr contended that the Russian language was the production of the old Russian ruling class, which has been overthrown - and there should be a new language to express the dictatorship of the

proletariat.

Sounds a little extreme, even[^] for Bolsheviks
- but that notion has been plugged, and hushed, in Soviet
philological circles, and recently the argument burst
forth in the Russian newspapers.)

{ All so serious, that Stalin now steps in
personally - deciding the matter. He wrote a "letter
to the editor." Which Pravda, newspaper of the
Communist Party, prints as an article covering a page
and a half. ~~So~~ Stalin wrote plenty!

He declares that it is bad Marxism to say that
a language is the product of a ruling class of society.
"Language," he writes, "is not created by any given
class, but by a whole society of all classes - by the
efforts of hundreds of generations.

Then he goes on to ask: "How could the
existing language be destroyed and a new language built
in its place, within the space of a few years, without
introducing anarchy into social life?"

He ridicules the extremists. "Once we had

Marxists," he says, "who asserted that the railroads remaining in our country after the Bolshevik Revolution were Bourgeois railroads. That - to us as Marxists it was unbecoming to use them. That - we should blow them up, and build new Proletariat railroads." Which indicates that Stalin has more sense than some of the comrades.

He describes the philologist N. Y. Marr in these words - "A confused man who wanted and tried to be a Marxist, but could not."

Looks bad for N. Y. Marr, [!]- but, he died some while ago.

LORELEI

The United States High Commissioner to Germany, John J. McCloy, states that there is no plan to blow up - the haunt of the Lorelei. A great rock in the River Rhine, where the stream is narrow - and where the Lorelei is said to have sung her siren song, while combing ~~out~~ her golden hair, ^{with} ~~and~~ boatmen on the river ~~were~~ lured to their doom. A romantic landmark of the Rhine, the Lorelei rock.

Well, that nymph of ancient Germanic legend appears in the news today, for the familiar reason - the Communists. Red propaganda in Germany is taking the line that the Allied military commanders have laid plans for huge demolitions, if war should come - blowing up all sorts of things to delay a Red army advance. One - the Lorelei rock.

But why should the western commanders want to destroy the haunt of that ancient enchantress of the Rhine? What have they got against the Lorelei? The Communist reply is that, by blowing up the huge rock, they'd flood a large area of the valley of the Rhine -

and thereby impose a military obstacle.

This is what high Commissioner McCloy denies today - in a formal statement to check the Red propaganda. He admits that, in case of war, there would be some demolitions. But they won't blow up the Lorelei rock. So, if that lady should decide to return she can sit up there all over again, and sing her siren song, while combing ~~and~~ her golden hair. And - boatman, look out!

AMERASIA

Moves were made today to issue a citation of contempt of Congress against Philip Jaffe, the wealthy New York greeting card manufacturer who was the central figure in the Amerasia Case. Called before the ~~Senate~~ Senate Committee, Jaffe refused to answer questions.

(All they could get out of him was a string of refusals to reply to anything - about that affair of seventeen hundred stolen State Department and military documents found in the office of the left wing magazine. So today the chairman, Senator Tydings of Maryland, called upon the investigating committee to cite Jaffe - for contempt.)

The committee also wants to question former ambassador to China, General Pat Hurley, who charges that the State Department hushed up the Amerasia Case. Afraid, says Hurley - that the evidence would show how pro-Communists in the department sabotaged American policy in China. He accuses them of selling or giving top secrets in Nineteen Forty-Five to Amerasia Magazine - which was backing the Chinese Communists.

But the former ambassador to China refuses to go to Washington and testify. He is now in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where Senator Tydings talked to him by telephone today. The senator quotes Hurley as saying that he has "no direct" evidence about the Amerasia affair, and that it would be useless for him to testify unless the State Department were to release various ~~pm~~ papers that would prove his accusations.

He declares the department refused to let him cite those documents five years ago - when he resigned as ambassador to China, with charges that American diplomatic officials were helping the Chinese Reds.

Secretary of State Acheson, meanwhile, makes a new defense of his department. He appeared today before the conference of governors at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, and went through a question and answer session. In this Secretary Acheson described the officials of the State Department in these words: "A good, clean, loyal outfit." (He said

there was trouble because, at the end of the war, the department was required to take in some three thousand employees of war-time agencies, which were passing out of existence. They included, what he called - "misfits." But these^s, he said, have been weeded out.)_^

LOS ANGELES STRIKE

The transit strike in Los Angeles ended today - the street car and busmen voting to accept a two year ~~new~~ contract offered by the company. This ends a five-day walkout that paralysed ~~transportation~~ transportation in Los Angeles.

FROGS

On this program we make it a point to have news occasionally from various branches of the animal kingdom. Sometimes vegetable, or even planetary. So tonight ~~we have~~ ^{there's} news from the realm of the frogs.

The Government of New Zealand announced a special measure today to protect the granddaddy of all frogs. Which primordial member of the genus ranidae has been discovered recently on the tiny island of St. Stephens - just off the coast of New Zealand's North Island. Scientists declare it is the most primitive species of frog known to be alive - the prototype of those honking bullfrogs that keep you awake at night when you live in the country.

On St. Stephens Island the ~~the~~ archaic amphibian ^{is} ~~are~~ found along a slope strewn with boulders, ^{an} ~~and that~~ ^{that has now been} area ~~is now~~ turned into a sort of scientific reservation - so proclaimed today by the New Zealand Minister for Internal Affairs, William Bodkin. The boulder-strewn slope is being fenced off - so that cattle may not stray in and trample ^{these the most} ~~some of the~~ venerable

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bull-frog^s ancestors. Moreover, trees will be planted and special water supplies provided - to make it a paradise for ^{them,} ~~Adam and Eve of the frogs.~~

From Oklahoma City, which is not in New Zealand, we have a report of a frog which was dug up yesterday - when workmen removed the concrete floor of a hangar at the local flying field. That concrete floor was laid down nine years ago, and the frog was underneath it - still alive when dug up.

Eugene Meadows, a pipe fitter, took the remarkable amphibian home, and today ~~tells how he tried to feed the frog a bug - but the frog shied away, frightened by the bug. Strange for a frog but that one seems to have got used to being buried.~~

Mrs. Meadows says, "We have him in a tub of dirt in the basement, but he doesn't seem to want to do anything but bury himself in it. Mrs. Meadows goes on; ~~"he just crawls backwards and buried himself in the dirt, until his nose is showing."~~

A philosopher frog - he takes a look at the world, and wants to be buried again, Nelson.

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ENGLISH NAMES

There's a Hollywood gag man having philological adventures in England - he's all tangled up with the pronunciation of English names...as what American isn't - in the land where they use a lot of letters to spell out ^{whole} a series of sounds, ^{then} and pronounce it all in one syllable?

Jokesmith Sid Resnick is in London, digging up English gags for Hollywood comedians. So right away he saw the name of Colonel "Leveson-Gower" - Sid pronouncing it as spelled. Whereupon he was told the correct pronunciation is "Loosen-Gore."

Sid was astonished, and then ran into a whole series of new surprises, stumbling over aristocratic English names, he pronounced them as spelled. Like - "Mahoribanks". But it's "Marshbanks." When he said "Myerscough", they told him it was "Maskew." "Hawarden" - "Harden."

~~"How are you, Mr. Falstaff?"~~

~~"Beg pardon, the name is 'Doc'."~~

~~I suppose if Sid were a member of the House~~

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~~of lords, his name, of 'Resnick' would be pronounced~~
~~Resnick~~

Well, "Wriothsley" may be "Roxly" and

"Cirencester" may be "Sissister". But Nelson Case is

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Nelson Case.