

BALKAN TREATY

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A treaty of military alliance was concluded today -- Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey. The ceremony of signing enacted at a Yugoslav summer resort.

This grows out of a pact of "cooperation and friendship" signed in Turkey last year. Now, Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey make it a military alliance. Pledging -- that they'll consider any aggression against any one of the three, as aggression against all three.

Obviously, the only possible "aggression" would be from Soviet Russia, or the Moscow satellites.

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OTTO JOHN

American officials are convinced that the West German Security Chief, Otto John, was "lured" into the Communist area. They base this conviction on two letters, which Otto John wrote to his wife -- after he went behind the Iron Curtain.

One letter -- written three days later. Obviously scribbled in great haste -- on a rough piece of paper. Otto John telling his wife -- "Reasons, which I cannot explain, have compelled me to take a step which I will explain later." The word "compelled" was underlined.

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INDO-CHINA

There's alarming word from Southern Viet Nam -- non-Communist country, under the armistice. Local Reds are conducting a violent agitation, inciting disturbances.

The latest -- a clash in which forty people were killed. Villagers, spurred on by Communist leaders, attacked a Viet Namese outpost -- held by native troops. The Commander nevertheless, pleaded with the mob-- to stay away. But they surged on -- and the soldiers, in self defense, opened fire. Cutting down the rioters.

The Communists in those parts are claiming -- that all Viet Nam will be Red in six months. Meaning -- that they expect to win over the section south of the Armistice line. Do it -- by agitation, rousing violence, raising turmoil.

French officials are apprehensive -- admitting that the regime in the non-Communist area is in danger of collapse. The Army, too, may go to pieces. The armistice, a victory for the Communists -- Having caused a wave of sedition in those parts retained by the French and their Viet Namese allies.

Demoralization is feared!

NEPAL

At Katmandu, the Kingdom of Nepal -- an anti-American demonstration. A crowd -- burning effigies of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

The stunt was run by the Reds -- although the Communist Party has been outlawed *in that Himalayan country.* Theoretically -- underground.

Nevertheless, nothing was done by the police, as Communist leaders directed the anti-American show -- burning the U.S. President and Secretary of State in effigy.

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JAPAN

There was a sit-down strike in Tokyo, today. Some fifty Japanese -- in a demonstration at the Soviet Mission. They invaded the compound -- and sat down. Where they remained, hour after hour, until evicted by the Japanese Police.

This was the Ninth Anniversary of the Russian entrance into the war against Japan -- just as the Second World War was ending. Japan -- trying to surrender. The anniversary was commemorated by a Japanese Nationalist outfit -- fanatically anti-Communist. They held a mass meeting in downtown Tokyo -- denouncing the Soviet attack, nine years ago, as treacherous.

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CRASH BILL

There are no survivors of the air disaster in the Azores. Where -- a Colombian airliner, carrying thirty passengers, ran into a mountain top. Three of the victims -- Americans.

The airliner, on its way from Berlin to South America -- was a casualty of the fog. Making, first, an emergency landing -- then taking off. Only to crash on an island mountain -- in the fog.

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EARN BILL

The Senate passed the Administration Farm Bill tonight, after defeating an amendment proposed by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin. An amendment - to fix price supports at ninety to one hundred percent of parity. The Bill, as okayed, provides for flexible supports ranging from eighty-two-and-a-half to ninety percent of parity.

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WIRE TAP

The Administration wire tap law had a narrow escape in the Senate judiciary committee today - the bill authorizing the use of wire tap evidence to prosecute spies and traitors. Earlier, today, the committee voted six to five to table the bill. The Democrats having that margin of one over the Republicans on the committee. Which, however, came about because several Republicans were absent. Later, they returned - and reversed the decision. So now the wire tap bill will proceed to the Committee of the floor of the Senate.

MCCARTHY

Senator McCarthy will have permission to cross-examine witnesses -- at the hearing ^{on} charges brought against him.

So ~~stated~~ ^{says} by Senator Watkins of Utah -- Chairman of the six man group, which will start proceedings on August Thirtieth.

McCarthy has demanded the right of cross-examination -- and ~~that~~ that's granted.

Senator Watkins ~~explains it this way. Saying~~ ^{says the} the major of New Orleans - De Lesseps Morrison. Prospects the expansion of American industry in south America. trial. Not with any loose informal set of rules -- as in

that famous television affair which dragged along for weeks.

At these next McCarthy hearings, rules of evidence will be followed -- witnesses not allowed to talk all over the place.

Regular court procedure includes -- cross-examination.

So Senator McCarthy will have that right.

KAISER

Autobobile business - in the Republic of Colombia.

Today, American industrialist Henry J. Kaiser went into conference with Colombian authorities - discussing the establishment of an automobile factory and other industries in that South American land. Henry Kaiser arrived in Colombia, accompanied by his wife and the mayor of New Orleans - De Lesseps Morrison. Prospect - the expansion of American industry in South America.

MARCANTONIO

In Chicago -- a startling legal decision. A Federal
Today, on a rainy downtown street in New York -- passersby
Judge ordering the release of -- Roger (The Terrible) Touhy
saw a man slump, and sink to the sidewalk. An ambulance was
called, and the doctor said -- dead, probably from a heart
attack. The victim's belongings were examined, and he was
found to be -- Marcantonio. Long a stormy petrel of New York
politics.

Also -- that sentences imposed for a subsequent jailbreak
His power was in the Eighteenth Congressional District --
were invalid.
a complex "melting pot" neighborhood. Marcantonio --

In Prohibition-time-Chicago, the Touhy gang went in
repeatedly elected to Congress. Denounced -- as a Communist,
for bootlegging, beer running, gambling, robbery, and safe
following the party line. He was beaten for Congress in
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Nineteen Fifty -- but it took a Democrat-Republican coalition
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to do it.

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Jake The Barber, who bragged that he rose from a crap shooting
office -- to plan a political come-back. He intended to run
bootblack to big-shot gambler. And once played rackets with
for Congress again in the November election. His associates
the King of England. Jake The Barber testified in court that
say he had suffered from diabetes. In any case, on his way
the Touhy mob held him captive for eleven days -- and released
to make plans for a come-back, he was stricken on the rainy
street.

TOUHY

In Chicago -- a startling legal decision. A Federal Judge ordering the release of -- Roger (The Terrible) Touhy. Cancelling out prison sentences of two-hundred-and-ninety-eight years, against the notorious gangster of Chicago Prohibition Days. Finding -- that Roger (The Terrible) Touhy was not guilty of kidnapping Jake The Barber in Nineteen Thirty-Three. Also -- that sentences imposed for a subsequent jailbreak were invalid.

In Prohibition-time-Chicago, the Touhy gang went in for bootlegging, beer running, gambling, robbery, and safe cracking. Roger (The Terrible) -- a big-shot, second only to Scarface Al Capone. An arch rival -- of Capone.

His downfall came when he was convicted of kidnapping Jake The Barber, who bragged that he rose from a crap shooting bootblack to big-shot gambler. And once played roulette with the King of England. Jake The Barber testified in court that the Touhy mob held him captive for eleven days -- and released him on a seventy thousand dollar ransom.

Today, Judge Barnes ruled -- the whole thing a frame-up. Jake The Barber -- faking the kidnap. Plotting with the Capone Mob -- to get rid of Roger (The Terrible) Touhy; who was given a sentence of Ninety-Nine years. Today the Judge cancelled that out.

In Nineteen Forty-Two, Touhy and five other desperadoes broke out of the Illinois State Prison -- but were all recaptured or killed. The Terrible One -- getting a sentence of one-hundred-and-ninety-nine years for that. Which was, according to some technicality of Illinois law. Judge Barnes, today -- holding that this angle of the law was "unreasonable." So out go the one-hundred-and-ninety-nine years.

The State's attorney, Thomas Courtney, who prosecuted Touhy -- is now a Judge. He calls today's decision - "startling".

Well, it does rather leave us gaping with amazement. Roger (The Terrible) Touhy relieved of two-hundred-and-ninety-eight years of prison sentences. Of which he has already served -- twenty.

SWIM

Today, Florence Chadwick failed to swim -- the Strait of Juan De Fuca. The California mermaid, famous for conquests of other difficult waters was defeated by the treacherous, cold currents between Vancouver Island and the Mainland.

She struck out this morning from Vancouver shore, trying for Port Angeles, Washington. Distance -- Twenty-six miles. She swam for five hours and eleven minutes -- and was only four and a half miles from her starting point. Actually, she had paddled for eleven miles, but the powerful tide was driving her back. The water -- chilly, forty-nine degrees. When they took her out, she was exhausted -- blue from cold.

Florence Chadwick made the channel swim four times, paddled her way across the Dardanelles, the Bosphorus, The Straits of Gibraltar, and swam from Catalina Island to the California Mainland. Breaking records -- in one exploit after another. But she couldn't win against the Strait of Juan De Fuca -- which has never been conquered by a swimmer.

HAIR

~~Here's a criticism of the looks of American women --~~
~~their hair-do~~ ^{that is} Their hair, looks like -- the wool of sheep.

Who says that? An Army cook. At Fort Dix, New Jersey, Sidney Morris presides over the pots and pans, ~~and the hot stove.~~ So who's he to criticize milady's hair-do?

Well, Morris is the son of a hair stylist, over in England. He learned the trade from his father, came to this country -- and was drafted. At Fort Dix, they weren't giving the G.I. ^{any} hair-dos, so they made Morris a cook.

Recently, he had a furlough, and entered an "All-American hair styling competition," in New York. Taking - third prize.

So now the Army cook says: "In Europe, women want to be individualists. American women want to look - mass produced. The way they have their hair fixed, they look like sheep -- all with the same kind of wool."

The Army cook is aware -- the ladies may not like what he says. But he isn't afraid. "With the protection of the Army," he points out, "I think I'm safe."

SWINDLE

~~Here's a reminder of the way -- old swindles can still work.~~

In Los Angeles, a customer at the bar told the tavern keeper about a machine, which duplicates money. Invented by a German chemist -- and smuggled into this country from Canada. You put money in, and it's duplicated -- another vanished in the usual performance of swindling sleight-of-hand, marvel of science.

Several days later, the swindler returned to the bar, and brought the machine. A complicated affair, with electrical gadgets, something like X-rays -- and tricked out with chemicals. He put a five dollar bill into it, turned on the juice. Lights flashed, and in the contraption -- there were two five dollar bills.

The tavern keeper saw -- sudden wealth. He happened to have eleven thousand dollars in cash. So why not turn that into -- twenty-two thousand?

The bank roll was put into the machine, and the

mumbo-jumbo of lights and chemicals blazed. The swindler said -- they'd have to wait a couple of hours for the scientific process to take effect. He had to go on an errand. He'd be back -- and they'd open the machine.

Hours went by - and then the tavern keeper opened the contraption himself. It was empty. The bank roll had vanished in the usual performance of swindling sleight-of-hand.

The victim could only go complaining to the police. He still has the money-making machine, which does flash pretty lights -- and, might amuse the children.

The starting time is September Fifteenth, and Goff says he'll take the northerly route, via Salt Lake City, Cheyenne, Denver, Chicago. He's in training now -- to get used to walking forty miles a day. He'll win the money, but he'll certainly

just

WALK

Los Angeles reports a ten thousand dollar bet -- and a pedestrian is going to start walking across the continent. Al Goff -- picking them up ^{putting them} and down, all the way from Los Angeles to New York. Doing it -- in one hundred days.

Goff is a former Army paratrooper, who now runs a small business -- with a partner. They got into an argument about the possibility of a man past forty making a trans-continental hike. Goff is forty-one, and said -- he'd do it. In -- one hundred days. The argument so hot, a bet of ten thousand dollars was made.

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I don't know if he'll win the money, but he'll certainly win the bunions.

And now here's Harry Marble, just back from his vacation on the Maine Coast. Looking bronzed and fit enough to win this \$10,000 bet.