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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY!

America will come to the rescue in case of any attack on Europe. That promise was made tonight by Secretary of State Dulles. In outlining our government's attitude, in a radio and TV address to the nation, the Secretary of State noted that European defenses are already quite strong. No longer a "push-over" was the way he put it. Adding that NATO Commander, General Ridgeway, is anxious to make Europe even stronger. But Secretary of State Dulles said General Ridgeway believes that the Russians cannot overrun Europe now without bringing large-scale reinforcements farther West. Which "they could not do without our knowledge," - was the way the Secretary put it.

Then he repeated, what he has said before, that the real necessity for Europe is a European Union. That so far as peace and adequate strength are concerned "there is no other good solution of the problem."

The Secretary of State added a remark that will be music to the ears of the American taxpayer. He believes the time is coming when we will be able to cut down on our economic aid to Europe. In other words he is optimistic about Europe getting back on its feet.

EISENHOWER

The White House announces - that a new defense program will be presented to the country tomorrow. A program - suggesting large cuts in military spending. In the morning, President Eisenhower will meet with Congressional leaders. Then, he will go into a special session with the National Security Council. Following that - the military budget announcement will be made public at a presidential news conference. The indications are that the President will suggest huge reductions with a view to cutting taxes.

## INDO-CHINA

There's to be a major shake-up in the French command in Indo-China. So announced in Paris by the Minister for Indo-China. According to the Minister, the situation there has become so serious that the commanding general will be replaced. Said he: "We are considering names among the interested government departments." Then he went on: "You can expect an announcement momentarily, although the change-over will not come until the end of May or the beginning of June."

The Commander in Indo-China is General Salan. He has been out there for over two years, since he succeeded Marshal Tassigny. Salan's critics in France say that he has none of the brilliance of Tassigny. And that he should be replaced by someone less cautious.

The Minister in Paris admitted that he has no concrete plan for stopping the Communist invasion of

Laos. He added that the rebels are receiving about seven hundred tons of military supplies every month from the Chinese.

Meanwhile, another spokesman reveals that the French Government may turn the Indo-China problem over to the U.N. This spokesman notes that Laos is faced with disaster. That France may not have the strength to save her protectorate. And that it may be necessary to ask the U.N. to step in.

But this already is meeting opposition in Paris. For many Frenchmen fear that France will lose Indo-China if the U.N. takes over. The problem before the Cabinet, is to find a formula for keeping the protectorate and at the same time gaining the support of the U.N.

We also hear that French leaders have discussed

the problem with Secretary Dulles. Paris officials say that America is not using any pressure on France. But they reveal that our Secretary of State did encourage them to appeal to the U.N.

As for the situation in Laos, it's critical. With the Reds regrouping for an all-out attack on the capital city of Luang Prabang.

Within the city, preparations have been made to fly out both the King of Laos, and the sacred golden image of Buddha, the image which is said to protect the kingdom. The inhabitants of the area believing that they will never be conquered as long as they possess the image.

In spite of the French preparations to evacuate him, the aged King of Laos is remaining in his palace. He's described as convinced the Communist attack will

be beaten off. The reason being a series of dreams. The King says that repeatedly he has dreamed of an eagle looking at his palace from the mountains twelve miles away. The Red forces are now in those mountains, getting set for the final dash into Luang Prabang. A Buddhist priest interprets the King's dream. According to the priest, the enemy will be defeated twelve miles from the city. In other words, the eagle in the dream represents the Communists. And just as the eagle remains twelve miles away, so - says the Buddhist priest - so will the Communists.

Optimism at Panmunjom. For the first time since the truce talks were reopened, our delegates say that the Reds have made <sup>a</sup> ~~some~~ concession. The last meeting went on for over an hour. And afterward <sup>U.N.</sup> ~~our~~ chief delegate, General Harrison reported that ~~some~~ progress had been made.

The main problems on which the progress was made, were - what neutral country shall receive the prisoners who don't want to go home, and how long are these prisoners to be held? The Reds did <sup>'</sup> not go ~~very~~ far in their concessions; But General Harrison declared: "At least they have made some kind of a move on a neutral, and indicated they are not adamant on the time the prisoners are to be held in custody."

The Peiping Radio accuses America of holding up the truce proposals. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Its announcer stated: "Obviously the foreign policy of the U.S. Government differs greatly from President Eisenhower's peaceful assertions." The Red broadcast then urged the Allies to study Communist proposals in search of a compromise.

So the latest word on the truce talks is - the Reds claiming to be sincere about a truce. And even making some slight concessions in the talks at Panmunjom.

SYNGMAN RHEE FOLLOW KOREA-TRUCE

South Korean President, Syngman Rhee, has his own ideas on an armistice. He declares that non-Communist North Korean prisoners must be held in South Korea. He doesn't want any Koreans sent to a neutral country. Furthermore, Syngman Rhee warns his Allies that he intends to unify all of Korea. By force, if necessary. Says he: "All we want to do, is go to the Yalu River - our natural boundary."

The South Korean President thinks that the real trouble is the presence of the Chinese in Korea, ~~And~~, that once the Chinese leave, it will be possible to unite the whole country. Syngman Rhee, laying down the terms he demands, no matter what the U.N. may decide about peace in Korea.

## PRISONERS - LANDING

The first thirty-five American prisoners-of-war, set free by the Communists - came home today. Flying in a huge C-97 transport, they landed at San Francisco, greeted by a huge crowd.

The first one to set foot back on his native soil was Sargeant Edward Anderson of Alabama City, Alabama. He said that, in a Red prison camp, he lost fifty pounds - on a meager diet that consisted mostly of rice and soya beans. But, he feels fine now - after a few days of American chow.

Of the thirty-five home-comers, twenty-seven are walking cases - eight on stretchers. They're on their way to homes in twenty-one states. One - bound for Puerto Rico.

## GERMAN CHURCH

In the Soviet sector of Berlin, today, a Protestant Paster posted a notice on his church - a proclamation openly defying the Communist government of East Germany. Paster Heinrich Grueber acts as liaison officer between the Lutheran Organization and the Red authorities. He is in charge of the Marien Church, where Bishop Otto Dibelius preaches, when he visits the Soviet sector. Yesterday Bishop Dibelius denounced the Reds, and today Paster Grueber followed suit, with his own proclamation. ~~posted on the church~~ Saying the Reds are making war against Christianity, and that the Church would overcome their persecution, just as it overcame the oppression of the Nazis. He called upon East German pastors and church members to make sacrifices for their faith.

Well, the Year of Fifteen Seventeen, more than four hundred years ago, was made memorable by the posting of a ~~pr~~ placard on a church door - when Martin Luther tacked up his theses, beginning the Protestant Reformation. So, in a way, history was repeated again today, and it is all the more

interesting - because, simultaneously, Bishop Wilhelm Weskamm, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Berlin, also came out with a denunciation of Communist oppression.

GERMAN REFUGEE

The director of a big manufacturing plant in East Germany flees to the West. Erich Binnemann is the owner of a metal manufacturing company in the Communist Zone. His plant turns out seventy per cent of East Germany's light metal. Such a valuable business came to the attention of the Reds, who like to control everything in the country. They subjected Binnemann to threats for some time. And finally it became clear that he was about to be arrested.

So today Binnemann fled with his family to the Western Zone. Here is his explanation of why he left: *He says:*

"One official told me last week, in a threatening tone, that 'it is now five minutes to twelve.'" Then in Binneman's words, "he said I would be arrested soon, because I had illegal ties with the West." *And he adds,* "That was the final ~~min~~ thing that determined us to escape to Berlin."

So he and his wife and daughter *fled* ~~came~~ to the German capital. "We parked our car near the station, and boarded the elevator train which runs to West Berlin," he said. "My

hands trembled when two Peoples' Police guards in the station asked to see the small suitcase I was carrying. But luckily they found nothing in it, so they let me pass."

So, like many others, this big manufacturer is now a refugee in West Berlin. He ~~had~~ brought some of his production plans, and left them with friends <sup>there.</sup> ~~in Berlin.~~ But now his plant will undoubtedly be taken over by the East German Reds.

STATE DEPARTMENT

A Senate Committee heard evidence today from a top State Department official, dealing with public affairs in Germany. Theodore Kaghan, who had authority over U.S. Information Libraries in Germany. He denied, under oath, that he was ever a Communist - but stated that, back in the late 'Thirties, he had attended many meetings. Which, in his words - "may have been Communist directed." He also said he roomed with a man whom he "assumed" to be a Red. He signed a nominating petition for a Communist candidate in New York City, in ~~Nineteen~~ <sup>Thirty</sup> ~~Twenty~~-Nine. All of which would seem to indicate a certain degree of sympathy. But Kaghan declared - he changed his mind about Communism.

Recently, in Germany, he was questioned by Roy Cohn and David Schine, who were investigating in behalf of the Senate Internal Security Committee. Today he admitted that he described the two investigators as "junketeering gumshoes." And said - they were ridiculed in Germany.

RED\_SPY

That a Red spy ring did operate in a General Motors plant in Cleveland toward the end of World War Two, is now the belief of the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee. This, on the basis of information given by ex-spy Thad Mason, who says that he was part of the ring.

G.M. officials have thrown doubt on the Mason statement. They question that he had access to any blueprints when he was there. They also doubt that there were facilities for photographing the blueprints.

But Chairman Welker of the Sub-Committee discloses that he and his colleagues accept what Mason has told them. Senator Welker put it this way: - "Whether or not General Motors believes this existed, the Sub-Committee is convinced that it did exist. And," he adds, "we have corroborative evidence to this effect."

The Chairman adds that the Sub-Committee is following up Mason's evidence. Trying to trace others who may have belonged to the spy ring.

## TORNADOES

Stormy days - in the South. A wave of bad weather, breeding tornadoes, swept over Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky <sup>today.</sup> Two twisters hit Louisiana towns.

One, cutting a swath a mile wide and ten miles long, ~~XXXX~~

~~RustixxAlabama~~ A deputy sheriff on the scene says, "It looks like a thousand bulldozers had driven through there."

Six houses hurled from their foundations, one crowded with seven people. But there were no fatalities.

All along the weather front, a deluge of rain and howling winds. At Jackson, capital of Mississippi, the gale was so violent that it turned a huge bronze eagle around. The bird, weighing two tons, with a fifteen foot wing-spread, used to face South. Tonight, it faces to the <sup>Southeast</sup> ~~southeast~~ - after having been swept around by the wind.

This is the latest phase of the tornado weather that hit Texas yesterday, causing a loss of six lives. The "front" moving eastward through the South.

And now - here's that human tornado - you

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