

COUNCIL

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The Atlantic Treaty Conference in London agrees to establish what is being called - a "Little Security Council." The twelve nations in the Atlantic alliance will form a permanent council, always in session, to do day-by-day work in building and maintaining the defenses of the West - in the cold war.

This was decided upon today in London, and the word is that the "Little Security Council" of the Atlantic Pact, will be headed by an American, probably. They want what the dispatch calls - "An American civilian of great international prestige." Two names are mentioned - General Eisenhower, and Averill Harriman, ambassador for the Marshall Plan.

In New York - General Eisenhower says he has heard nothing about any plan to name him for the post - director of the military and economic defense of the West.

TRYGVE LIE

Trygve Lie, having had a long talk with Stalin, had to answer questions about the apparent state of health of that formidable individual. To which he replied, "I talked to the Generalissimo for an hour and a half. He sat across the table from me, as close as you ladies and gentlemen are. He seemed as lively and healthy as in Nineteen Forty-Six, when I saw him." To which the Secretary General of the U N adds: ^{said he,} "All the rumors abroad regarding S_talin's bad health are lies. Maybe" he explained, "some of these rumors are due to wishful thinking."

TRYGVE LIE

Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, declares that he intends to hold new talks with the heads of the Western democracies - after the conversation he had with Stalin. He saw them previously, before his trip to Moscow, but now the things that Stalin had to say put a new light on the subject of peace. So says Trygve Lie - interviewed by newsmen in Moscow today.

GERMANY

We hear that Soviet Russia has ordered the Communists in Western Germany to be ready to go - underground. The Communist Party is legal right now - but the word is that Moscow has told the Reds to prepare to become altogether a secret conspiracy.

One reason - the existence of anti-Soviet elements in the legal, open party, Titoists - especially. Recently, there has been a purge - fifty Red leaders deposed. Moscow thinks that the peril of Titoism could be handled better if the Communists in Western Germany were to organize ^{as} _^ underground nests of conspirators.

Another purpose would be to link up with remnants of the Nazis, in a secret campaign to raise riot and disorder in Western Germany. This, to discredit the occupation by the Western Powers.

The Communists are having their troubles in Germany - and their situation won't be improved by a statement in Moscow today. The Communist publication, New Times, declares that the "missing" German war

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prisoners are - dead. This is a follow-up to a previous Moscow statement that - all Germany war prisoners have been repatriated, sent home. The Germans maintain that there are still a-million-and-a-half - missing. So now the Soviet claim is that - these perished in the war.

Grim word for tens of thousands of German families, ~~which are~~ still waiting for the return of a husband or a son from Russia. But I suppose there are plenty who will be inclined to accept this new word from Moscow that the-million-and-a-half missing persons are - no longer alive.

ATOMIC

In Brooklyn, an atomic robbery. Somebody stole an automobile carrying plans for a new atomic pile. The documents were in the care of an employee of the Atomic Energy Commission, who parked his car in front of a restaurant in the Red Hook section. While he was in the restaurant, a man wearing neither a hat nor a coat, got in the car, and drove off.

Tonight there's a widespread hunt - though the plans are not said to be top secret. But they do apply to a new atomic pile, *which sounds top secret!*

FILIBUSTER

The latest from Washington -- a statement that all is ready to choke off a southern filibuster against the Truman Racial rights bill. This is announced by administration leader Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois, who has lined up twenty-six Republicans and fourteen Democrats in the Senate pledged to close debate and keep the southerners from talking the bill to death.

PENNSYLVANIA

In Pennsylvania, Governor James H. Duff issues a blast of triumph tonight, declaring that his overwhelming victory is a sign of the times in the Republican Party - a turn to the Progressive side.

The final figures today show how decisive the result was in yesterday's primary election - after the bitterest kind of campaign, Governor Duff running for the G.O.P. nomination to the Senate, ~~he~~ waged an all-out battle against the old guard political machine of former Senator Joseph Grundy - which he denounced as reactionary. He wins the nomination by more than two-to-one -- nine hundred and twenty-one thousand to four-hundred-and-six thousand. Duff's running mate for governor, superior court justice John Fine, piled up a majority of more than two-hundred thousand. Startling success against the once all-powerful ~~x~~ Grundy faction.

So tonight the victor calls upon the Republicans to become a Progressive party - "As it was", says Governor Duff, "in the days of Teddy Roosevelt."

JEFFERSON

An historical refrain seemed to re-echo today - "When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary..." What becomes necessary?

Well, this was a solemn occasion in the Library of Congress, with President Truman presiding - over the appearance of the first volume of one of the largest tasks of publication ever attempted. They~~are~~ bringing out the complete writings of Thomas Jefferson - first volume today.

Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, was a man of many words, including those most famous words in the Declaration of Independence. Every schoolboy knows that opening phrase - "When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary," and so on. The Jefferson writings are from the time he was a sixteen year old schoolboy to his death, at the age of eighty-three. Making the collection is a twenty year job, at a cost of one million dollars. The series will consist of fifty-two volumes, the last of which will be published in Nineteen Sixty-Three.

"When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary" to publish the complete writings of Thomas Jefferson.

ARMY

The Army is explaining those overpayments at the finance center in St. Louis - overpayments to the tune of a-hundred-and-sixty-million dollars. Money sent to dependents of service men during the war, when the Army policy was - "get 'em paid."

That's the explanation - fast payment and hasty bookkeeping. No fraud or any sort of crookery involved.

Most of the overpayments were made during ~~1944~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Nineteen-Forty-Five and early in Nineteen Forty-Six, when G.I.'s were being discharged from the Army by the hundreds of thousands - and checks were sent to their families after they were out, but before notice of their discharge was received. A G.I. would be demobilized - and, before the finance center could find that out, his family would get the cash.

Today Assistant Secretary of the Army Karl Bendetsen told a Congressional sub-committee that there was pressure from Congress - the lawmakers urging that the Army take care of G.I. families first, and worry about possible mistakes later on. Also - don't be too

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stern in trying to recover those overpayments. Four thousand letters were received from Congressmen, urging leniency. Not such good politics to be tough, trying to get overpayments back from G.I.'s and their families.

FLOODS

In Winnipeg, the flood situation remains as it was -- the dikes holding, the Red River slowly subsiding. But new rains threaten to weaken the dikes and the warning is that the flood fighters must keep on fighting.

FLORIDA - FOLLOW FLOOD

In Florida, there's a dike built to hold back the waters - and it's in danger of burning up. Which certainly is another kind of peril. A flood levee of the Everglade Country - where, right now, fires are smoldering.

Today in Miami, people sniffed with wrinkled noses, and hoped for rain - to stop the burning of thicket and grass in the vast expanse of swamp. For two weeks, a creeping fire has been moving through the Everglades, with vast clouds of smoke, sweeping down upon Miami. So dense, it looked as if the Miami Airport might be blacked out.

The swamp fire is advancing on a fifteen mile front, and is approaching a flood wall in the neighborhood of Lake Okeechobee. There, the levee is constructed of swamp mud, something like peat. Which, when dried out, burns and smolders like punk. So they are afraid the dike may catch fire, and burn up - which would be awkward if a flood should come. Curious combination of fire and water.

WINDSOR

The most famous love story of our time is now being told - by the Duke of Windsor, formerly King Edward the Eighth. In Life Magazine he states that from the first he was determined not to make a dynastic marriage of the loveless sort. He says he had seen "too many" unhappy unions in royal circles. "From the first," he writes in Life, "I was determined that my choice of a wife would be dictated, not by considerations of state, but by my own heart." So he married the American divorcee, Wallace Warfield Simpson, and abdicated the throne.

In the first article of the series called "A King's Story," the Duke tells about his famous visit to the United States in Nineteen Twenty-Four, when he was the Prince of Wales -- a sort of international fair-haired boy. He says his father, King George the Fifth, kept tabs on stories in the American newspapers. So, when his royal Highness returned to Buckingham Palace he found His Majesty ready with a series of clippings of American papers. One headline read "Prince gets

in with milkman". Another "here he is girls - the most eligible bachelor yet uncaught." A third: "Color of Royal Pajamas still a mystery."

King George showed them to his son and heir and asked, "did you see this while you were in New York. Fancy their saying that about you."

The Prince told his father he had missed some of the headlines. After which His Majesty decided the U.S.A. was no place for members of the royal family to visit.

EGYPT

The trouble in the royal family of Egypt brings a new disclosure today - with queen mother Nazli making a reply to her son, King Farouk. In San Francisco, the dowager queen gives her own explanation of the reason why the sovereign of the Nile has deprived her of her property in Egypt - and ordered his sister, Princess Fathia, to break with her newly married husband, an Egyptian Christian. Unless the princess obeys, she, too, will be stripped of her property - and of her ~~ix~~ royal title to boot.

~~They are most resentful because of one accusation made against the bridegroom, named Ghali - who is political adviser to the queen mother. King Farouk - having charged him with seizing a-hundred-and-twenty-thousand dollars of Queen Nazli's money. She calls that - "shameful." She says Ghali could be a rich man - the way the royal court in Cairo tried to bribe him to leave the princess.~~

The explanation she gives is - that it's all the doing of Prince Mohammed Ali, a cousin of the King.

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Yesterday's royal decree, pronounced against mother and sister, was given in Cairo on the advice of the crown council - headed by Prince Mohammed Ali. The queen mother says: "He is next in line for the throne, because King Farouk has no sons. He is an intriguer, and he wants to be king so much."

So, from San Francisco, we have a glimpse of the court affairs of eastern royalty, like an echo from palace plots in the Arabian nights - the intrigue of ~~the~~
^{man}
who wants to be king.

SINATRA

We now come to a lamentable subject - the fickleness of women. Poets have told in mournful numbers - how a woman can change her mind, change her heart, in the shortest length of time. Which is illustrated by the latest in the romance of the crooner, the lady, and the bullfighter. Today, in Spain, movie actress Ava Gardner said good-bye to Frankie Sinatra, and ten minutes later greeted the toreador, Mario Cabre.

It happened in the Village of Tossa Del Mar - sounds like castles in Spain. Frank Sinatra, having gone there to see the enchanting Ava, had a last meeting with her, in her villa on top of a hill. They had a final breakfast together, and then he left, driving off in a car. The newsmen say that the favorite crooner of the bobby soxers looked angry and grumpy - and no wonder.

Frankie had hardly disappeared from view, when the Village of Tossa Del Mar rang with cheers - the entrance of the bullfighter, who arrived in a horse carriage. Hearing the tumult, Ava ran down the hill

from her villa, and blew kisses to the toreador, Mario Cabre. Crying out in Spanish: - "Mario mio, Mario mio." Which in English means pretty much the same thing - Mario mine, Mario mine!"

Which was followed by a scene even more sentimental, when Mario mine embraced Ava and kissed her. His greeting to her was not in Spanish, but in English, of which he speaks a few words. He said: "Okay baby."

Well, it all means the same thing, no matter how you say it, Spanish or English. "Mario Mio - okay baby."

2 1/3 And Okay, Nelson?