

FRANCE

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France has a government tonight, the National Assembly giving a vote of confidence to Robert Schuman to form a new cabinet. ~~Schuman~~ <sup>Schuman</sup> who only *a few weeks* ~~ago~~ previously held the post of Premier, received only a narrow majority -- so narrow that it offers little promise of stability. The word from Paris is that the new Schuman government, with its <sup>slim</sup> ~~tiny~~ majority tonight, is not likely to survive more than a week.

SUB LEAD ZHDANOV

The comment in diplomatic circles tonight is -- that the death of Zhdanov removes the chief rival of Molotov as the probably successor to Stalin. ( Zhdanov, whose death at fifty-one, is announced by Moscow, was long regarded as the number one candidate to take the place of the Soviet dictator, when Stalin disappears from the scene. Molotov was considered his chief competitor.)

Colonel General ~~Amx~~ Andrei ~~St~~ Zhdanov was one of the closest friends of Stalin, a full member of the all-powerful politburo. He won wartime fame in Russia as commander of the defense of Leningrad - and only recently was in the headlines for the part he took in the founding of the cominform, the new Red international organization. ~~Since then, the Cominform has been shaken by the defection of Red Gen Marshall Tito of Jugoslavia -- in revolt against the Red organization sponsored by Zhdanov. After which, we thought he might not stand so high.~~

(Zhdanov ~~is~~ represented an extreme position of - anti-west.) He is regarded as having been an advocate of fast Communist results -- while Nikkmo Molotov is supposed to take a long view. Diplomatic circles in London tonight say that there was a struggle between the two - with Molotov gaining the upper hand.

All of which, is now of mere academic interest, with tonight's Moscow dispatch from the central committee of the Communist Party announcing that Colonel General Zhdanov today ~~had~~ succumbed to ailments involved with high blood pressure and a heart condition.

## SUB LEAD CRISIS

The news from Moscow tonight is that the western envoys there are relaxing - the burden having been shifted from their shoulders temporarily. The heavy weight is now being carried by the commanders in Berlin - Clay of the United States, Robertson of Great Britain and Koenig of France, dealing with Marshall Sokolovsky of Soviet Russia. The four generals were together again today, after not having had a meeting since March Twentieth.

Yesterday was supposed to have brought some sort of decisive announcement from the Kremlin negotiations. But all that emanated was a statement that the discussions in the Berlin crisis were now being turned over to the Generals in Berlin.

~~The western powers agreed to make an six~~  
~~end, etc.~~



In the Kremlin conversations the western powers agreed to make an end to the battle of currency in Berlin, where Western power marks have been competing with Soviet ~~marks~~ marks. They decided to accept the Soviet mark as official - with the western powers sharing control. But it is a complicated thing to straighten out the money tangle, especially the details whereby the western powers will share the control of the ~~marks~~ currency issued by the Soviets. So the negotiators at the Kremlin decided to let their commanders on the scene thresh that out.

That was what the four General<sup>s</sup> were doing today. They met for one hour - a mere beginning. Their ~~conferences~~ conferences will continue. If they reach an agreement they will report results, and these will be the subject for other conferences at the Kremlin.

## ESPIONAGE

A bit of secret history was disclosed today, behind the scenes at the State Department as the European war was drawing to a close. The story was told by former Assistant Secretary of State Adolph Berle. He was questioned yesterday in the espionage investigation, and his testimony made public today.

The former Assistant Secretary of State was telling what he knew about Alger Hiss, formerly of the State Department, who is accused of having been a member of a Communist network in our government. Adolph Berle said that Hiss was a member of a pro-Soviet group in the State Department.

Berle told of a cleavage of opinion, some advocating a "get tough" policy with the Soviets, others *what some call* championing "appeasement." He said that he himself was in favor of a firm policy. The leader of the appeasers, he intimated, was Dean Acheson, then under-Secretary of State.

Naming Alger Hiss as a member of that group, Adolph Berle stated that he did not believe

Hiss was then a Communist, but considered him an idealist who, in the words of today's disclosure "got tangled up in things he didn't understand." Such is the opinion of the former Assistant Secretary of State - although magazine editor Whittaker Chambers has testified that Alger Hiss was a member of the Communist Underground.

★ Adolph Berle says he fought it out with the pro-Communist faction. But, in the words of today's report -- "lost the battle, and was transferred to Brazil as Ambassador."

Whittaker Chambers has testified that, back in Nineteen Thirty-Nine, he went to Adolph Berle and warned him that Alger Hiss and his brother Donald Hiss, both in the State Department were members of the red network. ~~xxx~~ Today we have Berle's account of that. He says that when ~~xxx~~ Chambers gave him the information he did not, in the words of today's disclosure -- ~~xxxxx~~ "consider <sup>the Hiss brothers</sup> ~~the Hiss brothers~~ sufficiently important to be worried about."

However, the warning did cause him to consult



with the F. B. I. As a result of which - security regulations were tightened. He adds that, he was worried about - leaks. In the State Department confidential information had a way of getting out, and he was ~~amazed~~ alarmed about the state Department codes, the diplomatic ciphers. These were in his care and today's report states: "In view of the situation, he ~~was~~ would not let them out of his hands. If the Secretary of State wanted one of the codes, Berle brought it to him personally."

This bit of history from behind-the-scenes at the State Department was made public today by Congressman McDowell of Pennsylvania, a member of the Committee on un-American activities -- who at a news conference, described the testimony given by the former Assistant Secretary of State at the hearing yesterday.

Other espionage evidence today concerned the mysterious ~~man~~ Alexander Stevens, otherwise called J. Peters -- who is said to have been chief of Soviet espionage in the United States. ~~An alien, a native of~~



ESPIONAGE insert

→ ~~IP~~ Witnesses appeared, former Communists

One stated that he knew Stevens - Peters at Communist headquarters in New York - also at headquarters of the comintern in Moscow. Another said that, as a Communist instructor in this country the alleged Red had taught Red classes that the United States government must be overthrown by blood, force and violence. Still another declared that Stevens-Peters was a top Communist official assigned to the task of giving the signal for insurrection in the United States, when this country got into an economic crash or into a war.



~~and later became a teacher, passing along the doctrine he had learned from Stevens-Peters. He put the doctrine in these words: "the ultimate aim of the Communist Party is the overthrow of capitalist government and the establishment of a dictatorship of the proletariat by force and violence."~~

Before the Congressional Committee yesterday Stevens-Peters refused to answer whether or not he was a Communist. Today Congressman McDowell said he will be prosecuted for contempt of Congress. He refused to answer on <sup>the</sup> constitutional ground that he might incriminate himself, taking refuge in the Fifth Amendment, <sup>the</sup> Bill of Rights. Eleven other witnesses, refusing to answer, have resorted to that same pillar ~~of~~ of American liberties, the Bill of Rights.

Congressman McDowell's view is that all these alleged Reds have pushed their constitutional rights to what the Congressman calls -- "ridiculous extremes." They have been poll-parroting that same reply about self-incrimination and the Fifth Amendment in a pattern

-- an absurd pattern, the grotesque repetition is quite obviously - Communist Party line. So says the Congressman, adding -- that all of these enthusiasts for the Bill of Rights may be prosecuted for contempt of Congress.

All of which leads one to go back to the Constitution, and take a look at those first ten amendments - the bill of rights. The Fifth Amendment has to do with criminal prosecution, guaranteeing us the right of a fair ~~xxx~~ trial. It lists a whole series of safe-guards - declaring that no person shall be subjected to this or submitted to that. ~~Down~~ toward the ~~end~~ it reads: "Nor shall he be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself."

That is the basis of all these refusals to answer questions about Communism refusals on the ground of "self incrimination."

They sure love their Bill of Rights.



# SUBSTITUTE WALLACE

Late news tells of a surprise, Henry Wallace was received in a small North Carolina town without tomatoes or eggs, hissing or booing -- the crowd listened. But in other places it was the opposite, as in Charlotte. ~~The Governor of North Carolina promised protection etc.~~ →

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WALLACE

*It happened again.*

Henry Wallace was at Charlotte, North Carolina today amid southerners, tomatoes and eggs. Yesterday, the Third Party Candidate was given a Dixieland greeting - a barrage of red and yellow, the red of tomatoes, and the yellow of eggs. Not at all deterred, Wallace continued on, and today reached the city of Charlotte. His entrance was quite an event - not the sort a hero gets, but the kind that requires a hero to take.

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When the Third Party candidate on a platform in the public square, tried to give his address, he was drowned out by an uproar of a booring and jeering.)

The crowd howled against the gospel of racial

rights that Wallace was there to preach, and roared against Communism -- Wallace having the support of the Reds.

The police did nothing to make the crowd keep silent -- on the principle, I suppose, that you can lead an audience to the speaker, but you can't make them listen.

So Wallace himself ~~f~~ tried to achieve the impossible, with a sententious gesture. In desperation, he pointed his finger up at a tall white shaft nearby - a monument. Charlotte is in Mecklenburg County, and the North Carolina story is that, in the Revolutionary war, Mecklenburg County declared its independence from England in Seventeen Seventy-five, a year ~~f~~ before the declaration of independence in Seventeen Seventy-Six. Hence the tall white shaft, a monument to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. To this Wallace appealed, with pointed finger, shouting: "If you don't believe in the principles of that monument, there is no need for me to talk to you."

But that too was shouted down - and there was

no need for him to talk to them. ~~Maxi~~ Mecklenburg County declared its independence in Seventeen Seventy-five while today Mecklenburg County declared it did not want to hear Henry ~~Maxi~~ Wallace.

These events ~~if~~ were denounced by President Truman - in advance. At the very time that Henry Wallace was getting his North Carolina reception today, the President ~~maxi~~ was issuing his opinion of the bombardment of Wallace yesterday. He called it - "Un-American." This was stated to newsmen by White House Secretary Moss in the following words: "The President said he thought the throwing of eggs and other missiles at Mr. Wallace was certainly <sup>an ugly</sup> ~~ugly~~ un-American business, and violated the American spirit of fair play."

Not that anybody supposes Harry Truman is cheering for Henry wallace. ~~The Presidential attitude today was expressed in a classic phrase a couple of centuries ago. At that time, in France, Voltaire came to the defense of somebody who was being suppressed for~~



LONG

Late Louisiana primary news gives figures favoring Russell Long, son of the late King Fish. Running for the Senate, he has a big lead, in the early returns. Right now in Louisiana a brother of Huey Long is Governor, and now the Long Dynasty seems likely to score another triumph -- with the election of the son of the King Fish to the U S Senate.



## HURRICANE

The hurricane is leaving ~~us~~ <sup>^</sup> refusing to pay a visit to our <sup>Atlantic</sup> shores - and good riddance; the tropical storm, which was expected to hit Cape Matteredas, has changed its course, and tonight is ~~is~~ moving eastward out toward the middle of the Atlantic - missing the American Coast altogether. ~~So have good-bye and keep going!~~

But, meanwhile, another hurricane is brewing far to the south, in mid-Atlantic. Ships in those waters report violent winds -- signs of a hurricane in the making. *And*)

*>* There's no telling which way this one will travel, ~~and here's hoping that it blows along far out to sea - spending its fury on the churning water.~~

*And now while Nelson Case vacations - getting in the hay at his farm - here is Jay Sims.*