

DULLES

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Congress has lined up solidly behind Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles - as he prepares to go to the Geneva Conference next week. Full congressional support - for the policies he'll pursue when the Western Foreign Ministers meet Molotov.

Dulles held a conference today, with fourteen Congressional leaders - Democrats and Republicans. The Chairmen and minority leaders - of key committees, which deal with various aspects of foreign affairs. Which means, ^{the people who count on} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ matters of international policy. And ^{it} assures - the backing of both parties in Congress.

For nearly two ~~many~~ hours, the Secretary of State gave an account of what he intends to do - and there was a discussion all around. Dulles, we hear, expressed "cautious optimism". Which is ^{the} ~~a~~ common expression, nowadays - concerning the peaceful talk that emanates from Russian diplomacy.

When the conference was over, the Congressional leaders were unanimous in indicating their approval - ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ^{of the}

stand the Secretary of State will take at Geneva. (~~Concerning such matters as - German unification, disarmament, and the lowering of barriers between East and West.~~)

Senator George of Georgia said that he considered - the Geneva Conference "the greatest opportunity of the century", to work for peace.

The State Department, meanwhile, announced - that Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson will accompany Dulles to Geneva. There is no explanation ^{of} why he's going along.

But the news raises immediate speculation - that his opposite number might be a member of the Russian delegation to Geneva.

Soviet Minister of Defense - Marshal Zhukov. If he were to participate - ^{then} it would be natural enough to have our own Secretary of Defense at the conference.

EGYPT

~~Here is~~ a strange report ^{comes} from Cairo. ~~stating~~ - that

Egypt has received a cargo of armament - from Communist China.

The story - attributed to what is called "a well informed maritime source." The armament - mostly machine guns. Said to have been procured at a Chinese port near Canton - and carried by an Egyptian freighter.

The headlines have been telling about an Egyptian deal to procure Communist weapons from Red Czechoslovakia.

But China? Never a mention of anything like that.

There's a surmise - of Czechoslovak armament shipped via China. But why send the consignment all the way around the world? When there are plenty of Communist ports in Europe? Sounds like a Chinese puzzle.

In Saigon, an event - which seals the fate of the Emperor Bao Dai. The army of Southern Viet Nam - declaring for Premier Diem. The military leaders - demanding that the absentee Emperor be deposed. His extensive properties in southern Viet Nam - confiscated.

So now, for the election on Sunday, Bao Dai can only count on the support of the Communists and other die-hard opponents of the Premier. The Reds backing the play-boy Emperor? *That does!* - sounds odd. But - anything to make trouble. That's their motto.

In France, Bao Dai says he is going to appoint, what he calls - an "opposition government". Which seems like the height of futility - on the part of the potentate who, during the troubles of his country, has *remained at* ~~luxuriated in a pink villa~~ on the French Riviera.

MacARTHUR

Tonight, the MacArthur controversy boils down to this - based on the documents released last night by the Defense Department in Washington, and - on MacArthur's reply, today.

The documents and the General agree that - in the period following Pearl Harbor, MacArthur called for the entrance of Soviet Russia in the war against Japan. Then, following that early period, his reports made no further mention of Soviet intervention - until after the Yalta Conference.

The documents indicate that MacArthur was correct, when he said recently - that he had not been consulted, in advance, about agreements made with Stalin at Yalta.

He stated, likewise, that he did not advocate the entrance of the Soviets into the Pacific war. Not - at that late date. So what have the documents to say about that?

They show that, after Yalta, MacArthur advocated Soviet intervention. In advance of an American invasion of Japan. Saying - a Russian attack on the Japanese army in Manchuria would save American lives.

Today, General MacArthur's reply is that he would have opposed the ^{free} concessions made at Yalta - for the purpose of getting Stalin into the Pacific war. Would have been against them - as fantastic. But, after the secret agreements had been concluded, he had simply - to accept them, as arrangements - ~~made by the political chiefs. Therefore, since the Soviets was not consulted - and that he calls had got the concessions - MacArthur did advocate their entrance into the war. Pay the price - for what they'd get.~~ *— arrangements on which he*

All of which leaves the controversy still open - with ~~the~~ ^{many} questions why ^{did} the Reds get so much? The irony being - that the atomic bomb ended the Pacific war, virtually, before the Soviets went in. *There need have been no such price at all.*

CANADA

Here's another disclosure of wartime secrets - how a treasure of seven billion dollars was taken to Canada. So secretly - that we hear about it only now. The story - related by Foreign Correspondent Leland Stowe, in the Reader's Digest.

This tale of treasure ^(goes back to) ~~xxxxxxxx~~ the dark days of Nineteen Forty, when it looked as if Britain might be conquered by Nazi invasion. At the time, the public ~~xxxx~~ statement was - that the British Government would never surrender. If worse came to worse, the King and the court, Prime Minister Churchill and his Cabinet, the whole government, would leave and cross to Canada - to continue the war.

But not a word leaked out - about the London treasury. Which, in fact, was shipped over to Canada - in advance of the dire possibilities. Seven billion dollars in gold and securities - taken over in the deepest of secrecy.

The first consignment of half a billion left Scotland on June Twenty-Fourth, Nineteen Forty - aboard the British cruiser Emerald. For a voyage - across waters infested by Nazi

submarines. The weather was bad - so bad, that ~~any~~ submarine escorts, guarding the cruiser, had to turn back. But, then, maybe the storm impeded the U-boats, as well.

One ship, after another, carried the treasure across.

This - during a period of three months, when German submarines destroyed one hundred and thirty-four vessels in the North Atlantic. But not one of the treasure ships - was lost.

(In Canada, the gold and securities were placed in vaults at Montreal and Ottawa. Royal Canadian Mounted Police - on guard, night and day. The treasure later - taken back to Britain.)

SENATORS

There's a flurry in Washington, over the sending of two Air Force planes - to bring three Senators and their wives home from Europe. The Defense Department says - this will cost twenty thousand dollars.

The Senators are - McClellan of Arkansas, Stennis of Mississippi, and Chavez of New Mexico. One Air Force transport - picking up McClellan and Stennis and wives in Spain. The other - going to Paris for ^{Senator} ~~the~~ and Mrs. Chavez.

Recently, Secretary of Defense Wilson issued an order - for Air Force economy in the matter of travel arrangements. But a spokesman, today, said - the Senators requested the transportation, ~~so~~, there was - "no alternative."

The three lawmakers are members of a Senate Committee that went abroad - checking on expenditures of defense money in Europe and the near East. According to law, it's up to the Air Force to provide means of transportation for members of Congress - on official business. But, ordinarily, this is arranged - on regular Air Force flights. Not - by special plane.

However, the three Senators have dates to meet in this country - and regular Air Force flights would not get them home in time. Hence, the special planes.

LEHMAN

Senator Lehman of New York - comes out for Stevenson.

In which - he merely repeats his former preference. Lehman -
having ~~again~~ declared for Stevenson months ago.

The point about the repetition is - that the Senator
now makes it clear. He's not joining the boom for Governor
Harriman. New York Democrats - lining up for the Governor,
as New York's favorite son in the Nineteen Fifty-Six Democratic
National Convention. But - not Senator Lehman.

TAX

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The U. S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue resigned, recently - to become the head of an Insurance Company.

T. Coleman Andrews - taking a commercial job. Today he stated that the Company is involved in a four million dollar tax fraud case.

He says that, as the Federal Tax Chief, he had no connection with the case - except to make sure that the government claim was properly prepared. In retiring, he told Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey - that, outside counsel had assured him there was nothing wrong in his accepting the job. Also - that, after he becomes President and Chairman of the Board of the Company - he'll have nothing to do with the tax case.

(The firm is the American Fidelity and Casualty Company. which claims - it owes the government nothing. Instead of evading to the tune of some four million dollars, the Company, actually, over-paid its taxes. That's the Company contention.)

PERON

Over in Italy, the land of Carrara Marble, there's a sculptor - working on a statue. A tall statue, sixteen feet high - of a woman, a beautiful woman. Evita Peron - the late wife of the fallen Argentine Dictator.

Today's dispatch from Italy tells how Peron, some two years ago, placed an order with a firm of sculptors at the Carrara Marble quarries. For a mausoleum, to commemorate - the famous Evita. Who had been his partner in the dictatorship at Buenos Aires. So Sculptor Riccardo Barsanti began the statue - and it is now nearly completed.

Meanwhile, Peron has fallen from power - now in exile. Nevertheless, the work on the statue of Evita continues. Why? Because it was paid for in advance. Cash on the line - and no further instructions have come from Argentina.

It all seems futile - and, today, Sculptor Barsanti exclaimed sadly: "All this work, gone to waste!"

The statue of Evita is only one that Peron ordered - for the mausoleum. Another - a marble image of himself, sixteen

feet high. That was ~~finished~~^{with} first - and has already been shipped across to Buenos Aires. Although - the Argentinos are not likely, now, to put up an effigy of Peron.

But all this is only the smaller part of it.

Peron thought he'd set up a really tall figure of himself.

A statue - two-hundred-and-sixty feet high. Which he ordered

from a metal foundry at Milan - to be cast in bronze. *Higher even than the Colossus of Rhodes. A super Colossus* Peron. The work on that was being done in Milan when the Dictator fell. Now, the bronze, we suppose, will be melted down - and used for something else.

Well, it would seem as if the Argentine Dictator had been affected by *that same* ~~the~~ megalomania *that led Ramesses and other* ~~which led the~~ Pharaohs and other potentates to glorify themselves with gigantic monuments.

MARGARET

In London, today, a member of Parliament announced - he'll bring up a formal question in the House of Commons, on Tuesday. Labor M.P. Marcus Lipton says - he'll ask: "Will the Prime Minister introduce legislation to repeal or amend - the Royal Marriage Act of Seventeen Seventy-Two?"

The purpose- is obvious. The Royal Marriage Act of Seventeen Seventy-Two provides that a member of the royal family, like Princess Margaret, must give Parliament notice - of intention to marry. The House of Commons - having the privilege of taking a year, in which to decide. Whether - to consent or object. Which, of course, could interfere with the wedding of Princess Margaret and Group Captain Peter Townsend.

By bringing up the question in Parliament, Marcus Lipton, M.P., proposes - to bring the romantic problem out into the open. Force an answer to the question that has Britain agog with interest and agitation - will they, or won't they, get married?

Tonight, the Princess was in Townsend's company, again. For the seventh time since he came back from Belgium. Both - guests of Mrs. Willis, Margaret's cousin. They drove separately to the town house of their hostess. The Group Captain - followed by journalistic pursuers. Like bloodhounds - on his trail.

They gathered outside the house - which attracted a crowd of spectators. It was raining - same old London weather.

This drove many indoors - from time to time. ^{Do you ask} Indoors where? ^{ugh?}

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The news dispatch says the pubs in the neighborhood did a roaring business.