

FRANCE II - Deco - Wed. Jan. 4 - '55.

The Premier of France asks his ^{rival - and they are} bitter rivals, to join him in a political alliance. Edgar Faure, making the proposal to Mendes-France.

Faure stated his plan in a speech before the Foreign Press Association. As we knew, the election did not come out as ^{Premier Faure} he hoped - the Left and the Right, winning seats at the expense of the Centre. Also as we knew, no moderate government for France is possible, unless the two leaders of the Centre - Faure and Mendes-France ^{do} unite.

The Faure Plan includes deputies all the way from the Socialists on the Left - to the Independents on the Right. Excluded, the Communists on the Left - and the followers of Pierre Poujade on the Right. The two extremes ^{make} ~~making~~ any government that includes them - impossible, unless it does what they want.

Edgar Faure noted that Poujade, the anti-tax crusader, rose to power because of the constant government crisis in France. Poujade, winning support from ^{the ranks of those} ~~quiet~~ people, who are simply disgusted

with what goes on in Paris. So, he again repeats ^{that there is} ~~Therefore, there is~~ only one solution - a middle of the road coalition - Faure and Mendes-France to pooling their strength against the threat of the extreme right and the extreme left.

All of which poses a nice question:- who would to become Premier in such a coalition? Edgar Faure admitted today that he has little hope of continuing in office. But would he back Mendes-France for the job? He refused to say. In Paris, it's believed that Faure may suggest someone outside both his party and the party of Mendes-France - - perhaps Robert Schuman ^{again} - - who has a ^{top} ~~European~~ reputation as the man responsible for the "Schuman Plan" ^{- the plan} that put the ^{all-important} production of coal and iron under an international authority.

PAYROLL

That Army payroll theft in Germany became a *bit* more complicated today. With the arrest of a second man. We've had the story about Sergeant Donald Molter of Detroit - who sped off with the payroll, leaving two German civilians staring down the road after him. Sergeant Molter, arrested at the Luxurious Europea Hotel in Copenhagen. Last night we heard how the police also seized his girl friend, known as The Mask because she's a fraulein with a deadpan expression

Now they've picked up Warrant Officer Hubert Martin, of Seattle - who confesses that he drove Sergeant Molter and the girl to Cologne, where the three divided the payroll - more than eighteen thousand dollars. This, the U.S. military police in Germany believe clears up the case.

GOUZENKO

Uphor *where I now am* —
In Canada, they are still discussing the

strange behavior of the Russians in the Ottawa Embassy

- - who refused to let firemen in when the building
was blazing. *Now we have* ~~Here~~ the opinion of a man who ought to

know something about what goes on in the Embassy - -

Igor Gouzenko, the former cipher clerk who went over
to Freedom ten years ago and exposed a Soviet spy
system in Canada.

Gouzenko, ^{*in*} ~~wrote~~ a story for Canadian Newspapers

~~He~~ says that the reason firemen were kept out of the

Embassy - - is that ^{*the*} Russians are still engaged in

espionage. Their Embassy, full of incriminating

documents. ^{*So*} ~~That's why~~ they preferred to let the

building burn to the ground rather than let Canadian

firemen get a look at the files inside.

QUEMOY

As the artillery barrage continued today, on the China Coast, at Quemoy, we again hear about Two Gun Cohen -- General Morris Cohen, quite a fabulous character, ~~who once served as~~ ^{personal} bodyguard to Sun-Yat-Sen, who led the revolution that overthrew the Manchu dynasty.

Two Gun Cohen ^{long} remained an influential figure in China, ^{even} after the death of the Chinese George Washington. Last month, in London, he set out again for Peking. And the report now is that Two Gun Cohen has proposed a new formula for settling the dispute between the Nationalists and the Reds - between Chiang and Mau. Now the word is that Mau Tse Tung is interested, and that Cohen is headed for Taipei to see what Chiang will do.

The Nationalists insist there's nothing to it. And that they won't dicker with the Reds, even with Two Gun as the intermediary.

DOCTOR

The Chinese Reds have been shouting that Chinese students in this country want to return home - and we have told all of them they are at liberty to do so. Well, here's one who doesn't want to go back. Doctor Stella Yen -- who has been studying medicine in Cincinnati. Doctor Yen was in Shanghai when her hometown was captured by the Communists. Today she said they murdered her father and brothers, and would have killed her too if she had been there. She says that even now if compelled to go back it would mean her death.

Congressman Hess of Ohio has just introduced a bill to allow her to remain.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower had an easy day at Key West - strolling around, and playing bridge with some of his old friends - including his brother, Milton, and General Grunther, Commander of NATO. Mr. Eisenhower, getting some of that sun, fresh air, and moderate exercise prescribed by his doctors. The President, able to relax a bit now - because his State of the Union message is ~~finished~~ and ready to go to Congress tomorrow.

In previous years, ^{Pres.} ~~Mr.~~ Eisenhower has delivered this key address in person. But this time, it will be read by the Clerks of the Senate and the House.

The State of the Union message will set forth the general outlines of the Legislative Program ~~that~~ ^{the President} ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ hopes to see get through Congress next year. He is expected to stress the "Peace and prosperity" theme - and to go on from there to deal with such things as social security, the farm problem, and school construction. Details, to be spelled out in *later messages.*

ADD EISENHOWER

Ward Gray
~~Informed sources in Washington~~ ^{is} believe that

the President will ask for limited authority - to
commit ^{the U.S.A.} ~~this country~~ to a long-term foreign aid plan.

A ten year program costing up to one billion dollars.

The money, to finance such things as the giant Aswan
Dam, ^{way up} ~~across~~ the Nile.

This "limited authority" would mean that

Prer. Eisenhower could promise long-term aid to our
Allies - without leaving them in any fear that
we might back out at some future date.

AGRICULTURE

Secretary of ~~Agriculture~~, Ezra Benson, has a new plan for dealing with the crisis in agriculture. ~~The Secretary~~ ^{He} discussed his plan at a meeting with GOP leaders today, ^{but} ~~he~~ declined to comment until he has seen President Eisenhower, ^{about it,} ~~but~~ ^{publicly} Congressman Melvin Laird of Wisconsin ^{has} made some of ~~the suggestions public.~~ ^{it known - today.} ~~He told~~ ^{He told} reporters that Secretary Benson is giving his support to the ^{so-called} "Soil Bank" system that would reimburse farmers for taking land out of production. Secondly farmers who grow the four big surplus crops - - corn, wheat, cotton and rice - would be paid for further cuts in the acreage they have already allotted to those crops. ^{The idea being} that this Benson plan would lower production - - and reduce the surplus commodities now stored by the government.

WESTINGHOUSE

More Violence at Westinghouse; - for the second straight day. Yesterday - - it was Columbus - - today, Mansfield, Ohio. The outburst, short but ^{rather intense.} ~~very bitter.~~

One employee had his car overturned when he drove

through a picket line. And in a series of ~~short~~ ^{that followed ten} scuffles ~~ten persons~~, were injured. ~~Union leaders~~


~~declare they're glad nothing worse has happened - - with tempers very short, and numerous attempts to cross the picket line.~~

Meanwhile, the Federal mediation service has moved the negotiations to Philadelphia, ^{where} Westinghouse ^{are now in session} representatives, ~~meeting~~ with Union leaders - - trying to get fifty-four thousand workers back on the job, at forty Westinghouse plants.

INCENDIARY

The pilot of a trans-world Airlines plane - may have saved it from going down in flames - when he discovered a strange object aboard. Captain L. Ryan took his ship up at Columbus, Ohio, bound for Washington. There were thirty-two passengers.

In the air, Captain Ryan examined the cargo section - and ~~he~~ noticed something that looked like a cartridge lying in the aisle. It was about two and



a half inches long - - and three-quarters of an inch in diameter. Captain Ryan knew it wasn't part of the plane - - but he was so sure it was harmless that he slipped the cartridge into his pocket.

The Captain reported his discovery at Wheeling. ~~and~~ ^{now} a report by Army explosives experts ~~will~~ ^{reveals} states that the device contained an ^{explosive,} inflammable powder.

A sharp blow would have caused it to burst into flames.

~~You~~ ^{we} can ^{all} imagine what that would have meant. - - ~~a great~~ ~~airliner, suddenly turned into a blazing inferno~~ ~~carrying thirty two passengers and the crew to their~~ ~~death.~~

~~The authorities are doing everything they~~ ~~can to find out just how this deadly incendiary device~~ ~~got on the plane. In the meantime, they're~~ ^{The Army experts are} congratulating Captain Ryan for spotting it in time.

SPACE

The Ruler of Outer Space reveals his design for a space ship. James Mangan, of Chicago claims everything beyond the atmosphere of the earth. Has it all officially recorded in Cook County - as his! And his plan calls for a ship with five floors and a basement. Can you visualize a basement in a space ship? Weight, one thousand tons; and no problem at all, because the inventor points out that there won't be any gravity once he gets out of our atmosphere. The space ship, designed to travel at one hundred and eighty-thousand miles a second. That's the speed of light, which means, that Mangan will be able to fly to the Moon in two seconds - and to the Sun in nine minutes.

What will be used for fuel? Space Skipper Mangan says: "celestial energy." But so far he hasn't figured out how to make that. Says it's just a detail.

ROMANIA

The British Football Team, known as The "Harlequins", got a new player today. Which may not sound like much of a story - but there's a twist to it. The new player is a Romanian who came to England with a Communist squad - to play against the "Harlequins."

Stanislav Luric helped his team win that game. In fact he was one of the Romanian stars who was acclaimed by the British press. And then, the day before his team was scheduled to leave for home, Luric disappeared.

Three weeks ago, one of the "Harlequins" ~~players~~ ~~XXXXXXXX~~ recognized Luric, on a London street. He was invited to work out with the team he had helped beat. ^{And} He was so good, they've now put him ^{regular} in the lineup.

Stanislav Luric, a political refugee from Romania - now one of the British "Harlequins".

AVALANCHE

A family from Thermopolis, not Thermopolis
XEE Greece. This is Thermopolis, Wyoming, were caught
in an avalanche - and
~~in a snowslide.~~ In recounting their experience today
they told how they were sure their last hour had come.
A rancher, Don Buchanan, was driving along with his
wife, Ruth and their two children. It all happened
not at Thermopolis, Wyoming. They were in the
Snoqualmie Pass, about fifty miles from Seattle,
when suddenly the snow above started moving. Said
Rancher Buchanan, "the slide hit us before we knew
what happened. There we were in complete darkness."

Rancher Buchanan started to dig through the
window with his hands - while his wife and children
first cried and then prayer. A particularly
terrifying situation - because they didn't know how
much snow was piled over them - or if they would
ever be found.

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And then they heard just about the most
pleasant sound you could hear under such circumstances.
Then some minutes went by before the big ~~is~~ rotor

reached them. But soon it was pumping a fountain of snow off them. And they were saved. After being buried completely by an avalanche in Snoqualmie Pass, one of the number one snow spots of the Pacific Northwest - in the Cascade Mountains.

MOOSE

Moose again invading Anchorage, Alaska.

Those lumbering animals of the north country, trying to escape unusually heavy snows that cover their feeding grounds, have moved into Anchorage enmasse. They charged two automobiles, killed a sled dog, and terrified one citizen so that she fell and injured herself as she fled. Moose even on the business streets of Anchorage, ~~which is~~ Alaska's largest metropolis.

The authorities don't want them shot, but the moose don't go away when citizens say "shoo-oo!" So, Henry what do you do when a moose doesn't shoo?