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The Army-McCarthy feud reached a thundering climax

today. The Army making - a skin-em-alive attack.

Concentrating its fire on Roy Cohn, Chief counsel of the
 McCarthy sub-Committee. ~~This~~ ^{Then} afternoon, Senator McCarthy
 replied with a violent blast. Charging the Army - with
 blackmail.

The furious controversy features the two names -
 Cohn and Schine. Which for more than a year, have been
 prominent in McCarthy sub-committee affairs. Constantly
 mentioned together - Cohn and Schine, like ham and eggs.
 So let's take a look at these two young men.

Roy Cohn is the son of a judge ~~of~~ on the New York
 Supreme Court. ^{An unusually bright young man he} ~~He~~ graduated from Columbia Law school at
 nineteen. A few years later, he was an Assistant U.S.

Attorney - helping the Department of Justice in the
 prosecution of the atom spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

He was prominent in other anti-Communist cases. - ~~and, then~~

in January of last year ^{he} began sharing the headlines of the

McCarthy sub-committee, as chief counsel. He is now only twenty-seven.

David Schine is the son of a millionaire hotel and theater owner, J. Meyer Schine. The son, right now ~~is~~ President of the Schine hotels chain. *David Schine* joined the McCarthy sub-committee as an unpaid consultant. He's twenty-six.

Cohn and Schine teamed up, up and soon were in the news as partners in McCarthy's investigation of Communism. They made a trip to Europe, investigating Red influence in American affairs over there. Their activities - angrily *And they were the butt of many jokes in Europe.* assailed. The team was broken up last November, when Schine was drafted into the Army, which event - brings us to the main point in the *wrathful* argument raging today.

It has been rumored that Cohn, and his chief, Senator McCarthy - sought special treatment for Schine, in the Army. And today, the Army gave its version of this.

And The report *does* paint an astonishing picture.

AN ARMY

According to ~~the~~/statement, Senator McCarthy

tried to get an officer's commission for Schine - with Cohn urging this insistently. The Army refused, and Schine was drafted in as a private. Whereupon, Attempts were made to have him kept in the New York area - on the ground that he, while a G I could still help in anti-Communist investigation.

For example - hunt out Red influences in text books at West Point. That was refused.

Next, ^{that} an effort was ^{made} to keep Schine from being sent overseas for military duty. Again the Army said - no.

There was even a plea to get Schine out of K P duty.

Which the Army also rejected. Private Schine to get kitchen ^{just} police like any other G I/.

The Army report pictures Cohn ~~as~~ trying to exert pressure in all this - ~~maxim~~ making promises, making threats. Insistent communications, ~~is~~ day after day - in behalf of Schine. Climaxing with menace - saying

he'd "wreck the army." He would, in the words of the report - "expose the Army in its worst light, and show the country how shabbily it was being run."

He'd get - Army Secretary Stevens fired. The

report pictures Senator McCarthy as interceding for Schine,

but a lot less. And - with curious qualifications. McCarthy

is quoted as telling top Army officials - that Schine was

a "pest" and a nuisance. ^{that} But Cohn was not to know what he

had
said.

This afternoon, Senator McCarthy, with Roy Cohn sitting beside him - made his reply. He told a news conference that the Army ~~is~~ charges were - "blackmail." He said the Army people boasted they were holding Schine as a "hostage."

The Senator made public memoranda from his office. One of which, written by committee staff director Carr, says: "I'm convinced that they will keep right on trying to blackmail us, as long as Schine is in the Army."

Another memo from Carr reads this way: "I'm getting fed up with the way the Army is trying to keep Schine as a hostage, to pressure us to stop our hearings on the Army."

To this "blackmail-hostage" accusation, Senator McCarthy today, added another - even more serious. He says that Secretary of the Army Stevens suggested that the McCarthy sub-committee switch its investigation from the

Army - to the Air Force, the Navy and the Defense Department.

And - offered to provide the evidence, the "dirt."

A McCarthy memorandum says the following about Secretary Stevens: "He suggested - we go after the Navy, Air Force, and Defense Department. Adams (meaning Army Counsellor John G. Adams) said - there was plenty of dirt there, and they would furnish us the leads." ^{So} says the McCarthy memorandum.

This, later, in the afternoon, was denied in the most positive terms by Army Secretary Stevens. He called

the charge - "utterly untrue."

→ Army Counsellor Adams described the McCarthy story as -- "fantastic, and false."

Obviously, there's one enormous lot of contradiction between the Army report, and the McCarthy reply. It's largely, of course, the Army versus the committee chief counsellor. Today, Senator McCarthy said: "I believe what Roy Cohn has told me."

MCCARTHY - RADIO

In the McCarthy radio-television war, there's news of stations offering free time to the Wisconsin Senator. He was on the Mutual ~~Network~~ last night - and today, in Chicago, Station W G N, an ~~an~~ affiliate of the Chicago Tribune, announced that half an hour will be given to the Senator, next week.

Senator McCarthy announces - that four stations have offered him free time. One of these - WTNJ. Which, however, is answered by the General Manager of the Station. He says the Senator will ~~ga~~ be given the time - but there's a big "but".

Manager William G. Long explains that the offer to McCarthy was made - by a disc jockey. Nevertheless, WTNJ will go through with it. But, declares the Manager, the disc jockey will have to pay for the time. Free for the Senator, but - "ouch!" for the disc jockey.

A dispatch from Washington tells of the disappearance of atomic secrets from the great atomic plant at Hanford, Washington. Congressman Pelly of Washington states - this has been confirmed by the Atomic Energy Commission, and an investigation is being made. He says the missing confidential documents add up to "substantial quantities." Classified as - "highly secret."

Was it espionage? ~~The~~ The Reds getting hold of atomic secrets at the Hanford plant? There's no answer. The mass of papers may have been mislaid through carelessness. Nobody knows.

*I can hear my fellow
countrymen ^{everywhere,} saying: why don't we
know? And how long is this to continue?*

The congressional Atomic Energy Committee wants to know - why were two hundred and sixty-four persons, out in the far Pacific, sprinkled with radioactive dust? ~~This~~ happened in those atomic tests which are now being held.

~~A team of medical experts was flown out to the scene. Nobody, we hear, suffered from radioactive burns. All - reported in good health. Of the two hundred and sixty-four, twenty-eight were Americans. The others - Pacific islanders.~~

The Congressional committee is asking the Atomic Energy Commission - exactly what happened. Was there any negligence? One report is that it all came about because, when an atomic blast was fired - it turned out to be far more powerful than had been expected. ~~and~~ people, ~~supposed~~ ~~to be~~ at a safe distance, ~~were~~ exposed to radio-active dust.

The surprisingly powerful explosion might suggest ~~a~~ hydrogen bomb. But the ~~word has been that an~~ H-bomb ^{was} ~~would~~ not ^{to} be touched off until next month.

Bills proposed in Albany today are described as being - among the "most drastic and far reaching" ever introduced into the New York State legislature. Bills - for carrying out Governor Dewey's recommendations on harness racing.

That scandal ridden sport has been under investigation, with disclosures that prominent politicians were huge stockholders in the trotting tracks. Including - the former Republican National committeeman, J. Russell Sprague.. All suggesting - ugly ties between politics and harness racing. The investigating committee suggested severe correction, and Governor Dewey ^{agrees emphatically.} ~~says okay~~ →

~~(His recommendations call for the state to take a much larger share of the money bet on the trotting horses - an additional six million dollars ~~ay~~ a year. The tracks - to be placed under the rigorous control of the racing "Czar" the Governor has named. Former New York police commissioner, George Monaghan.~~

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Force out "undesirables." All employees of the
tracks to be - licensed and fingerprinted. Keep out-
underworld characters.

GERMANY PLANE

In Germany, two U.S. Navy planes attacked by a Red fighter. One of the American aircraft - badly shot up. But both planes -- propellor driven -- managed to land safely.

This happened near the border of Germany, in Red Czechoslovakia. Apparently the two American aircraft had strayed off course. Sounds like the old story of Red fighters shooting at American planes - although there hasn't been a similar incident for some time. .

PHILIPPINES

In the Philippine Islands, a disastrous famine ~~is~~ threatened -- because the fields in a whole province have been devastated - by rats. On the island of Mindinao - voracious rodents eating up the food supply of thickly populated areas.

The Province of Cotabato has rich fields, interspersed with dismal swamps. And - in the swamps, the rats have been breeding by the millions. They pour out into the fields, devouring everything. The people - helpless against numbers ~~is~~ that seem like infinity.

The Director of the United Nations Relief Agency, James McCall, makes a report - that two hundred thousand inhabitants are in the grip of famine, because of the rats.

NUDISTS

In Oklahoma, the Reverend Braxton B. Sawyer is raising a fund - to finance a lawsuit. A libel suit - against four magazines. They^are - nudist magazines, which stated that, in the town of Binger, Oklahoma - there are nudists. Sun bathers - who prefer the costume of Adam before the Fig Leaf. Their names - not given. That's the mystery - who are the nudists of Binger?

The reverend Braxton B. Sawyer says he has an idea, but he wants to make the four magazines disclose the names. That, he says, can be done - if the town of Binger goes to law, with a libel suit.

Today's news tells how he addressed a gathering of a thousand people - to raise a fund for court expenses. All to answer the question- who are the nudists of Binger?

POODLES

A dispatch from Paris tells of - a "poodle war."
Commercial hostilities between France and the United States.
The article of merchandise - the French poodle.

For generations, France has exported ^{out} that funny
looking pooch ^{ex:} ~~the~~ Pom Pom, ^{and his friend Phi Phi.} clipped in fancy ~~in~~ ways, with
tufts ~~of~~ at odd places. The poodle - as typically French as
Parisian fashions and vintage champagne.

France had something of a monopoly, until after
the second World War, when American kennels began to produce
French poodles in a big way, and took over most of the
business in the U.S.A. which caused anguish - among ~~the~~
Parisian poodle dealers.

So, recently, they started - a counter-offensive.
Vive La France, [!] vive la poodle! [!] They slashed the price -
the fanciest ~~and~~ poodles across the Atlantic to sell at
about eighty dollars each. American bred poodles - priced
at about one-hundred-and-fifty dollars a piece. So now,

says the dispatch from Paris, the French export trade in poodles has revived.

To which, ~~we can only respond,~~ ~~by repeating,~~ ~~Harry,~~ ~~by saying~~
I guess we should!

"vive la France! vive la poodle!" Pom Pom to me,
Harry, and Phu Phu to you!

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