

The House voted today to give President Eisenhower almost complete authority to order whatever he thinks necessary for the defense of Formosa. The majority ~~was~~ one of the largest ever polled in the history of the Chamber -- four hundred and nine to three. The three dissenters, ~~were~~ Representatives Barden of North Carolina, Siler of Kentucky, and Sheehan of Illinois.

Today's session was a ~~very~~ solemn one. Leaders of both Parties, calling for a demonstration of American unity in the face of the crisis caused by the Chinese Reds. The Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman James Richards of South Carolina, warned that the resolution could lead to war - but that the choice is up to the Communists. Chairman Richards also told his colleagues that no one should support the motion - unless he was ready to accept all the consequences.

Other speakers generally agreed with Richards - that to give the President the powers he wanted could be dangerous, and that it was necessary to let Mao Tse-tung know that there is no doubt about our defending Formosa. The Chinese Dictator

shouldn't be in any doubt now - after that vote of four hundred and nine to three.

The Senate will vote on the motion before the end of this week. <sup>where it's</sup> ~~It's virtually~~ sure <sup>to</sup> ~~of passing there too~~ although ~~probably not by so tremendous a majority as the House gave it today.~~

## FORMOSA

The first shipload of evacuees from the Tachen Islands reached Formosa today. ~~They were the~~ women, children and sick troops. On arriving at Formosa, they described their trip as uneventful - no Communist interference. Another ship carrying civilians, is expected to arrive tomorrow.

What about the military situation ~~with regard to the~~ Tachens? ~~Should the troops~~ if all are taken off? Could ~~that~~ be done ~~off~~ without involving our fleet in a fight ~~conflict~~ with the Communists?

These ~~are the~~ questions we're being asked ~~that were going the rounds~~ in Formosa on Chiang Kai-shek's island bastion today. The Commander of our Seventh Fleet, Admiral Alfred Pride, repeated that he was ready for anything - ~~to take the soldiers off the Tachens, or to keep his ships closer to Formosa. The decision was up to the Generalissimo who had not yet given any orders.~~

The Communist bombardment went into its second straight day. Artillery, pouring shells into the Tachens, from <sup>a</sup> nearby ~~Tachen~~ Island. ~~the tactics~~ are apparently ~~the same~~

softening up <sup>for an invasion,</sup> ~~that was used against Yi-Kiang Shan, which the~~  
~~Reds invaded and captured last week.~~



# RETAKE

A dispatch from Washington states that we will not have to increase our armed forces in the Far East in order to meet the crisis caused by Communist attacks on Nationalist held islands. ~~(Military men feel that we now have enough men out there to handle anything short of an all-out war with the Chinese Reds. The reason we are prepared to this extent is that)~~ *The* Korean crisis in Nineteen Fifty caught us with our armed forces cut down to a dangerous level. Now it's quite different. So, Formosa is not likely to become another Korea. *So we are told* ~~with too few of our fighting men on hand to handle matters.~~

## RUSSIA

Russia ends its state of war with Germany. A decree by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet states that "peaceful relations are being established." The decree, signed by Marshal Voroshilov, Chairman of the Presidium.

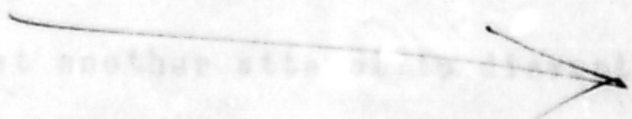
The news was given out by Radio Moscow - at the same time that the press chief of the Foreign Ministry was handing newsmen the text of the decree.

The decree complains of the rearming of West Germany. Then ~~it~~ goes on to say that the state of war between the Soviet Union and Germany is now over. That all restrictions on German citizens as belonging to an <sup>enemy</sup> ~~alien~~ state, are now at an end. But, the decree emphasizes that there is no end to Germany's international obligations.

Western observers in Moscow are not clear just what the results of this decree will be. They point out that the remark about German obligations - could mean almost anything that the Kremlin wants it to mean.

But officially, today's announcement ended the state

of war that began in Nineteen Forty-One, when Hitler's armies invaded Russia. It took almost fourteen years to get back to the status quo.



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(To read: "enemy state" instead of "alien state".)

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~~(Following the words "the Kremlin wants it to mean.")~~

And in Washington, one official called the Soviet move just another attempt to disrupt the common defense of the West. This official also noted that we ended our state of war with Germany three years ago.

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## SOCIALISTS

The leader of the West German Socialists warned today that his Party will do everything it can to block the ratification of the Paris Agreements on German rearmament - until further talks have been held with the Russians on the question of German reunification. Socialist Leader Eric Ollenhauer spoke over the radio in behalf of his Party's anti-rearmament campaign. He bitterly criticized the government of Chancellor Adenauer - for failing to take seriously Kremlin threats to keep Germany permanently divided, if the Germans were rearmed. The Socialist leader called on the Chancellor to negotiate further with Malenkov.

Diplomats in Bonn say it's certain that the Chancellor will reject this proposal.



ATOMIC

*From* *we hear*  
official sources in Washington ~~reveal~~ that Russia is definitely making hydrogen bombs. According to ~~these sources,~~

*That*  
many more atomic explosions have been touched off inside the Soviet Union, - ~~more~~ *more* than the eleven officially reported.

~~In fact, we hear that the true figure may be double that the Russians testing around twenty five atomic weapons.~~

But we still have a big lead in such tests. This country has revealed fifty atomic explosions. While the British are credited with three. ~~And~~ *Both* America and Britain are preparing for more *of these* ~~atomic~~ experiments. ~~this year.~~

## STALIN

A British expert on the Soviet Union believes that

Josef Stalin died a natural death - but that the colleagues of

the Dictator <sup>nevertheless</sup> were responsible. How <sup>British</sup> does ~~that~~ make sense?

~~Well~~ General Claude Dewhurst told the American Legion Club in

Omaha last night, that Stalin was subject to convulsions -

which demanded the immediate attention of a physician. ~~He says~~

Malenkov and the <sup>others</sup> ~~rest~~ removed <sup>Stalin's</sup> ~~his~~ doctors, and permitted him

to die ~~after one attack~~. So, it was a natural death - <sup>but</sup> ~~that was~~

caused by <sup>Stalin's colleagues</sup> ~~the rest of the men~~ in the Kremlin.

The motive - fear that Stalin had decided to prevent

German rearmament by war. General Dewhurst asserts that the

Russian army knew that it was not ready for war. So the Soviet

marshals made up their mind to prevent Stalin from starting one.

<sup>So, they saw to it that</sup>  
~~They worked with Malenkov and the other civilians - to see that~~

his  
Stalin never recovered from ~~the~~ next convulsion.

SUB-COMMITTEE

The Senate Investigating Sub-Committee is forbidden to hold any more one-man hearings. The decision was taken today by the parent group - the Senate Government Operations Committee. The change was proposed by the new Chairman of both the Committee and the Sub-Committee, Senator McClellan of Arkansas. ~~And then~~ <sup>T</sup>he Operations Committee voted unanimously to accept the ~~McClellan~~ proposal, ~~the vote~~  
~~ten to none~~

One member of both the Operations Committee and the Investigating Sub-Committee, ~~who~~ was not present at the session today - Senator Mc Carthy, who once presided over ~~the~~  
*some of those*  
~~best known of all~~ one-man hearings.

## ECONOMICS

This country is in the midst of a moderate economic advance. So say two federal agencies - the Commerce Department and the Federal Reserve Board. In their monthly report, they stress such things as the high level of personal income, increased spending, and the boom in the construction business. The agencies add that there are two big reasons for present prosperity - the automobile industry, with its new popular models, and the marketing of more household appliances like T.V. sets and washing machines.



## ARCTIC

A new radio station in the Far North - on the tundra - inside the Arctic Circle - maybe. The Canadians fear Red Moscow may spread propaganda among the Eskimos and the Indians, of Far Northern Canada. A member of the Northwest Territories Council points out that Radio Moscow's short wave program can be picked up along the Arctic Circle much easier than Canadian programs. So, CBC engineers are at work on the problem.



## COSTA RICA

The last batch of rebels has crossed the border from Costa Rica into Nicaragua. So reported from the Costa Rican capital of San Jose. Observers for the Organization of American States declare they saw the rebels leave the former "buffer zone" along the frontier of the two countries. And the Costa Rican Foreign Minister states that this is the end of the revolution that began two weeks ago today.

The rebels are now interned in Nicaragua - including their leader, former Costa Rican President, Rafael Guardia.

But the Nicaraguan government does not seem convinced that the incident is all over. Mobilization has been ordered, and government controlled newspapers are calling for action against the President of Costa Rica, Jose Figueres. Nicaraguan troops are still on the border, and Nicaraguan planes are patrolling the area. ~~Nicaraguan~~ The Nicaraguan Radio has broadcast a warning that border violations will not be tolerated. Which sounds like rather belligerent language.-  
~~but the O.A.S. is waiting to see just what the Nicaraguans mean.~~

## DUEL

A couple of weeks ago, we had the story about how President Somoza of Nicaragua challenged President Figueres of Costa Rica to a duel with pistols. The Nicaraguan sharpshooter, proposing to end the war between the two countries by confining the shooting to the two heads of state.

As we know, President Figueres declined the challenge.

~~Could it have been~~ Because the dueling code had been violated?

A dispatch from U.P. Correspondent Harman Nichols states that

~~President~~ Somoza was guilty of two violations of the basic <sup>dueling code.</sup> ~~rules.~~ First of all, he challenged President Figueres directly, <sup>It should always be</sup> ~~instead of~~ <sup>done</sup> through seconds! <sup>Also, Pres.</sup> ~~And~~ Somoza explicitly stated that the duel would be ~~held~~ with pistols, <sup>But he shouldn't have! For the</sup> ~~when he should have left the~~ choice of weapons <sup>goes</sup> to the man <sup>who is</sup> ~~he had~~ challenged!

So, according to the dueling code, President Figueres was quite right to reject the challenge. <sup>To be polite,</sup> ~~because Somoza just~~

~~didn't follow the rules of etiquette. The old school says that~~ <sup>according to the code.</sup> if you want to kill a man - you should do it ~~politely.~~ President Somoza just ~~wasn't polite enough to President Figueres.~~ <sup>That is, if you want to fight a duel.</sup>

## MacARTHUR

General ~~Douglas~~ MacArthur will celebrate his Seventy-Fifth Birthday tomorrow - in Los Angeles. The General, ~~to be~~ on hand for ceremonies that include the opening of a park named after him. At the park, he'll watch Mrs. MacArthur unveil his statue - which will be accepted for the city by Mayor Pulson. Governor Knight will participate in the ceremonies, riding from the hotel to "MacArthur Park" with the General. ~~And Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, will deliver the invocation.~~

Following the dedication, General MacArthur will attend the annual convention luncheon of the Episcopal Church - <sup>and</sup> where he ~~will~~ receive an award as an outstanding Episcopal layman. <sup>Then</sup> ~~and~~ in the evening he <sup>will</sup> ~~will~~ deliver a <sup>special</sup> ~~special~~ address at ~~by~~ an American Legion dinner in his honor.

~~Early Thursday morning, General MacArthur and his party will be en route back to New York - after a reception such as few old soldiers have ever received from any American city.~~

## LOCUSTS

Morocco suffering from one of the oldest plagues known to man - a plague of locusts. That type of plague mentioned in the Bible, has repeatedly descended upon North Africa to cause widespread destruction.

Eleven weeks ago, the latest horde of locusts bore down on French Morocco. The beginning of a new seven year ~~xxx~~ cycle. Coming from the interior of Africa, they usually are stopped by the Sahara Desert and the Atlas Mountains. But this time, the wind blew them across both desert and mountains - on into Morocco.

Some of the swarms are twenty miles long and ten miles wide. The Arabs call them "the red typhoon" because they obscure the sun, and its rays are filtered through their red wings, producing a blinding glare that looks like fire.

The locusts will strip an orange tree completely bare in ten minutes - and destroy thirty acres of tomatoes even sooner. They've already devastated three hundred <sup>miles</sup> ~~xx~~



fertile land - ruining thousands of ~~Arab~~ <sup>S. Arab</sup> farmers.

So far, nothing ~~has been able to stop~~ <sup>the</sup> locusts.

The authorities brought in thousands of men, hundreds of trucks, eighty planes, and forty helicopters. All these forces were used to spray the area with insecticides. But even flame throwers have not been able to end the scourge.

It's become so bad, that the farmers have given up their faith in modern technology. <sup>and are</sup> ~~They are~~ described as returning to the methods of their forefathers - beating on drums and kettles, and lighting ritual fires, in the hope of frightening the locusts.

But that hasn't worked either. And now the authorities say there's only one hope of a quick end to the plague - <sup>an abrupt</sup> ~~a sudden~~ change in ~~the~~ weather. ~~Either~~ <sup>a</sup> sudden cold wave <sup>to</sup> ~~that would freeze~~ the locusts, or ~~else~~ <sup>to save</sup> a strong wind ~~that~~ <sup>to</sup> blow them out to sea. ~~In the meantime,~~ Morocco ~~has to~~ <sup>from</sup> suffer through the ancient terror of the region - <sup>locusts.</sup> a plague of locusts. Now, something pleasant, Hugh!