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The news <sup>WS</sup> from Indo-China is - explosive. Echoing - ~~that~~ with giant explosions at a couple of places.

Twelve miles from Hanoi, the Reds had a secret base crammed with munitions. Intended - to play an important part in a campaign for the Red River delta. Today, a fleet of fifty bombers hit the secret base, where the munitions were concealed in a village of bamboo huts. The village - erupting like a volcano. ~~The French command reports - the bombers did a "one hundred per cent" job of wiping out the secret base, which the Communists had concealed so cleverly.~~

The other scene of explosion - South Indo-China, the city of Saigon. There, a great ammunition dump blew up today. There was a fire of mysterious origin, and then a series of devastating blasts. ~~The circumstances were such that there were no casualties - but immense damage.~~

Two years ago, Red saboteurs were able to start a fire, which caused explosions - at that same place. This time, the French authorities are not sure. Today's big blow-up might have been caused by sabotage - or spontaneous combustion.

GENEVA

At Geneva -- a wrangle over the make up of a commission to supervise an armistice, if there is an armistice. Molotov demanding Communist neutrals on the commission. The West -- rejecting that peculiar form of neutrality. Meanwhile, the military committee began its meetings -- to draw up a cease fire line for a truce.

EISENHOWER - INDO-CHINA

The White House has no intention, at present, of asking Congress for authority - to intervene in Indo-China.

At his news conference, today, President Eisenhower explained that U.S. officials are constantly discussing all contingencies - including the possibility that military action by this country might be necessary. But the President has, by no means, decided to take the matter to Congress.

ATOMIC

Soviet Russia has blocked all agreement on that Eisenhower program of a world atomic pool. So stated by the President, today. However, he hopes the Kremlin leaders will ~~still~~ change their minds. So American diplomacy, from time to time, will bring up that "atoms for peace" plan.

Meanwhile, the Atomic Energy Commission states that, atomically speaking, the United States has reached what it calls a "high state of preparedness." We've progressed so rapidly in the making of atomic weapons, that this country must now assume the lead in developing atomic energy for peace-time use.

## TITO

The kingdom of neighboring Greece gave Communist Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia a cordial greeting today. Visiting Athens, he was welcomed by King Paul and Queen Frederika - while huge crowds acclaimed the Communist head of state, who broke with Soviet Russia.

All - much in contrast to the state of affairs a few years ago; ~~The~~ Greek Civil War - when Tito's Yugoslavia backed the Red insurgents in a bitter struggle. But the Communists in Greece lost out, and then Tito renounced allegiance to Stalin. Hence the welcome today - to an enemy of the Kremlin.

## IRELAND

In Dublin, tonight, the government of Ireland is headed by - Prime Minister John Costello. Replacing deValera.

This was a foregone conclusion, after deValera lost the recent election - his party failing to get an outright majority. The vote, in the Dublin Parliament today was - seventy-nine to sixty-six. The majority - a coalition of parties opposed to deValera.

However, the new Prime Minister may find the going rough. ~~The coalition - stable.~~ The Costello party is conservative, standing for low taxes, low prices, and little government interference. But it's allied with ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> Labor faction, which advocates a policy of social benefits and government spending. So the coalition may be shaky.

Apparently, deValera, who is said to be nearly blind, remains as leader of the opposition. The New York born statesman - sole survivor of the Easter Rebellion of Nineteen Fifteen. <sup>Now</sup> The most renowned of Irishmen - like an Irish legend.

PHILIPPINES

A dispatch from Manila says that President Magsaysay has - a puzzle on his hands. A puzzle - named Luis Taruc, former leader of the Huks. <sup>P</sup> Some little while ago, we heard how Taruc had come in and surrendered. Which sounded as if the Communist insurrection was about over. Maybe so, but that makes Taruc all the more of a puzzle. He says he gave himself up to - "join the government." And one suspicion is that the Huks, having failed as rebels, will now try to "move in" politically.

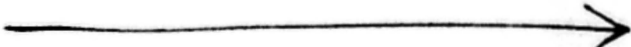
~~Legally, the Manila government should put Taruc on trial for capital crimes - rebellion and for murder. But they don't want to make a martyr of him. He is being held in comfortable detention, while the government of President Magsaysay tries to decide what to do with him. Suspecting - that the scheme may be for Taruc to lead the Huks for a move into politics.~~

HEARING

Senator McCarthy exploded a bombshell at the hearing today. Two bombshells, in fact! -- charges concerning the Central Intelligence Agency, and U. S. atomic plants.

He said -- there was Communist infiltration of the C. I. A. Which is the super-secret, hush-hush agency of U. S. Intelligence.

This was answered immediately by the head of the C.I.A. -- Allen Dulles, brother of the Secretary of State. Dulles denied the Mc Carthy charge. He said there had been a previous Mc Carthy suggestion of Reds in the C.I.A., and he had then asked for evidence. But the reply was -- there was no evidence. So now Allen Dulles brands this newest accusation as -- false.

At the hearing, the Wisconsin Senator went on from the C.I.A. to the atomic plants -- which produce A-bombs and *H-bombs.* 



~~He~~ ~~bombs~~ → He said that a year ago, he thought of holding public hearings <sup>on the atom and the Communists.</sup> ~~into Communist infiltration in that all important area.~~ But - changed his mind, after a conference with high administration officials. They talked it over, and decided - it would not be wise to hold public hearings. However, he's continuing an investigation of the atomic angle of Communist infiltration.

Members of the Atomic Energy Commission reply - that the Commission is doing a good <sup>security</sup> job. ~~and~~ They ask - for any information McCarthy may have.

The McCarthy bombshells interrupted a day of testimony given by Committee Counsel Roy Cohn. <sup>the</sup> The high spot some snarling cross-examination by Army Counsel Welch. He clashed with Cohn in the matter of ~~some~~ two words - "romping around." <sup>wanted to know</sup> (Questioning Cohn about Private G. David Schine, he ~~asked~~ who gave orders to Schine, when Schine was a member of the Committee staff, And asked, with a sneer - if Schine was just "romping around.")

Cohn said he didn't like the remark about "romping around." Welch retorted by repeating the two words.

Cohn <sup>replied</sup> ~~said~~ angrily that members of the Committee staff - "do not romp around." He told how hard they work - with little time for "romping."

EISENHOWER - COMMUNISTS

President Eisenhower today made a brief statement of the record of his Administration - in the fight against Communism in this country. He told his news conference that the Department of Justice and the F.B.I. are doing the ~~bulk~~<sup>bulk</sup> of the work, and that the Administration, during sixteen months in office, has cracked down on five-hundred-and-eighty-five Reds and sixty-two subversive groups.

This was obviously aimed at Senator McCarthy; but the President refused any further comment on that Army-McCarthy feud.

Meanwhile, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has informed Congress that it has eliminated two-hundred-and-thirty-eight "security risks", including one-hundred-and-fourteen employees, whose records indicated some form of Communist association.

## FOSS

A final count of primary votes in South Dakota - completes the picture of an overwhelming triumph. Air Ace Joe Foss polling more votes than the combined total of two opponents. He gets fifty-three thousand. They, together, get forty-six thousand. Joe Foss - ~~is~~ now the Republican candidate for governor.

This victory in politics reminds one of the victories that Joe Foss won in war - as a Marine Corps flyer. He shot down twenty-six Japanese planes, and won the Congressional Medal of Honor.

For the Senate, the South Dakota Republicans named Karl Mundt, Acting Chairman of the Army-McCarthy hearing in Washington. No contest - Senator Mundt was unopposed. His opponent will be Kenneth Holum, nominated by the Democrats.

BENZEDRINE

A new evil fact appears - in the Greenlease kidnap case. In Washington, the revelation that the kidnap-murderer, Carl Austin Hall, blamed the crime on - benzedrine. In a confession not long before he was executed, Hall stated that he would not have committed the kidnaping or the murder, unless he had been "stimulated" by the drug.

The Hall confession includes the following: "Since Nineteen Forty-Six," he said, "I've been a habitual user of liquor, as much as a fifth <sup>of a</sup> gallon a day. In order to stay awake, I started to use benzedrine tablets."

The drug, legally, can only be procured on doctor's prescription. But Hall said that he was always able to buy benzedrine illegally. Criminals use it to buck up their nerve and make themselves alert. Hall doing that - in the kidnap-murder. ~~Saying he could not have committed the crime, except for benzedrine.~~

This was revealed by the Deputy Food and Drug Commissioner, George Larrick, in testimony before a ~~Congressional~~

Congressional Sub-Committee in March. The story - made public today. The Deputy Commissioner told it, to illustrate the need for a nationwide crack-down on the illegal sale of benzedrine and similar drugs.

LONDON - PLAY

Here's news of the drama - notices of a play produced in London last night. Assistant Stage Manager - Princess Margaret. Her Royal Highness - assisting in the direction of the scenes, the acting, <sup>and</sup> the speaking of the lines.

A melodrama thriller called - "The Frog", by the late Edgar Wallace. The cast - like a page out of Burke's Peerage. Titled Lords and Ladies playing the various roles.

A smash hit - financially. Taking in nearly nine thousand dollars - for charity. Princess Margaret flitting around - anxious that everything should go well.

Later, she went to a night club - until the morning papers came out. What would the reviews be like? What would the critics say?

Well, they sure said it. One described the performance as - "appalling." Another said - "amateurishly bad." Seldom has a play got such a roasting.

~~Maybe Princess Margaret will now devote herself to directing garden parties, instead of the drama.~~

ADD LONDON-PLAY

However, here's the latest from London. Princess Margaret took her sister Queen Elizabeth, and her mother, the dowager Queen -- to the play tonight. Crowds were gathered. The drama - a royal and popular success, no matter what the critics may say.

~~(Note: Kill last short paragraph of the original story.)~~



## SAVOY

In London, a hotel is celebrating a birthday -  
- *in The Strand - overlooking The Thames.*  
the Savoy, That hostelry of world renown - founded sixty-five  
years ago. But the name goes back before that.

Away back in the Thirteenth Century, King Henry the  
Third married a Princess of Savoy, and gave some land in London  
to her uncle, the Duke of Savoy. He built a palace there,  
which stood for many years, the Savoy Palace - giving its name  
to that section of London.

Centuries passed, and there was a theatre, the  
*Still there.*  
Savoy, Made famous by Gilbert and Sullivan - the stage where  
The Mikado, Iolanthe, The Gondoliers, were produced. The  
impresario - the famous D'Oyly Carte.

Well, it seems that D'Oyly Carte came to the  
United States back in the Eighteen Eighties, and was impressed  
by the hotels in New York - their up-to-date ways. He  
thought - London should have something similar. So, with  
profits from the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, he built the  
Savoy Hotel - which opened its doors in Eighteen Eighty-Nine.

What an opening! The first manager of the Savoy -  
Cesar Ritz, who made the name "Ritz" famous in the world of  
hotels. The head chef - Escofier, lord of the kitchen.

Director of Music - Johann Strauss, the waltz king.

Wouldn't that have been an occasion to attend! *Harry?*

Greeted - by Ritz. Dinner prepared - by Escofier. Then,  
*with the orchestra*  
later, dancing The Beautiful Blue Danube, <sup>^</sup>conducted by the  
waltz king!