

Thurs., June 27, 1946.

A surprise from Paris. The foreign ministers made progress today. Molotov was in an amiable mood, and agreed to several things right off the bat.

One - who gets the Dodecanese Islands? These bits of classical land in the Aegean sea are taken from Italy and turned over to Greece. Molotov agreed to that without any argument today - even though the Soviets were supposed to have ambitions in the direction of the Dodecanese.

Molotov also agreed to a proposal for transferring bits of Alpine territory from Italy to France. He didn't argue about that either. Moreover, he said yes to a plan to limit the size of the Bulgarian Navy. Didn't you know there was one? Well, that authoritative year book on sea power, "Janes' Fighting ships", doesn't even list a Bulgarian Navy. But it was limited today.

Molotov was in a melting mood - which surprised the other foreign ministers no end. Of course, he had to throw a monkey wrench into a few other things-

like an attempt to discuss freedom of navigation on the Danube.  
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But the fact that he agreed to anything at all excited an atmosphere of cheer and happiness.

Happiest of all was French Foreign Minister Bidault, France getting something with Molotov's consent. And, at last reports, Bidault was treating Molotov to Champagne.

## SOVIET PURGE

The Soviet Purge reaches right up to the top -- to that powerful ruling body in Moscow, the Council of Ministers. The Moscow radio today announced the removal of B.L. Vannikov, Minister for Agricultural Machine Building. The Minister has been fired, and it's worse than that for two of his assistants -- they're being held for trial.

During the war, Vannikov was ~~General~~ Commissar for munitions, and then took the post dealing with farm machines -- of key importance for the rehabilitation of agriculture in war devastated Russia. And now he's one of the top men held responsible for the industrial scandals about which we heard last night -- the faking of production records, together with various speculations, which has brought about a new widespread purge in Soviet Russia.

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standing vote of one hundred and fifty four to fifty  
three to ~~not~~ withhold U N R A funds from any foreign  
country restricting the activities of American reporters  
seeking information on how the funds are used. Of  
course we all know Russia has banned our reporters, ~~etc.~~

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The OPA bill is being delayed by talk. Senators in opposition are having their say -- lawmakers who are bitterly against even the greatly modified and restricted forms of price-fixing. One after another today, <sup>they</sup> hurled their verbal blasts against the bill to keep ceiling prices on meats and other vital foodstuffs. There's no sign of an organized filibuster, although one Senator vows he'll talk the bill to death -- Pappy O'Daniel of Texas.

Today, while other Senators had ~~their~~ their say, the solon from the Lone ~~Star~~ Star State prepared himself, girded himself for his own supreme effort. He claims he is going to harrangue the O.P.A. bill to death with what he calls -- a talkathon. To do that, he'll have to keep talking until Sunday -- the time when the present price-fixing law expires.

Pappy O'Daniel has good lungs. Down in Texas he was a radio crooner before he was elected Senator on ~~the platform~~ <sup>his</sup> of "Pass the biscuits, Pappy" <sup>platform,</sup> I suppose radio crooning is good training for a talkathon, and all

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day long Pappy O'Daniel made formidable motions, having books and documents brought to him ~~fixed~~ piled on his desk -- "Talk ammunition", as he called it. However, it usually takes more than one Senator to make a filibuster -- they do it in relays. Thus far Pappy doesn't seem to have lined up any partners for his talkathon, and it hardly seems likely that he can keep going all by himself until Sunday. That would appear to be too much of a strain on the lungs, even for a radio crooner.

Administration Senators backing the extension of the O.P.A. bill say they are not worried about the danger of the Texas Talkathon. Senator Barkley declares he will keep the Legislators on the job all night, if necessary to be sure the ~~an~~ extension bill is passed before the O.P.A. expires on Sunday.

~~All signs are that President Truman will sign -- even though it causes~~ The resignation of Price Administrator Chester Bowles, <sup>may be near.</sup> The bill to extend and cut down the OPA has been vigorously denounced by Bowles, who says it won't be possible to administer any

such bob-tailed price control.

Today President Truman revealed that Bowles has offered to step out. He called at the White House yesterday and said he was willing to hand in his resignation -- but the President persuaded him to stay on for the time being.

Chester Bowles has wanted to leave the OPA post for some time. When President Truman took office, Bowles handed in his resignation -- but the President asked him x to stick to the Price Administration job. Bowles wants to go home to Connecticut, they say -- and he is more likely than ever to do it now. However, President Truman said today he hoped he could persuade the Price Administrator to stay on. That would seem to mean -- stay on after the President signs the new bill. Although President Truman refused to answer today when he was asked -- would he sign, or would he veto; the signs are that he'll sign it.

FOOD

President Truman said today this nation has done a good job in sending food to hungry countries abroad. The United States goal of six million tons of grain for the first six months of this year - will be met. Five and a half million tons have already been shipped, and the rest is either on its way or ready to go. At the same time, the President warned that the world food crisis is not over, and that we must keep up the fight against famine abroad.

Farmer Pres. Hoover will give the nation his formal report tomorrow night - at 8:30 - telling about his visit by air to 39 countries.



CHINA

Here's a bulletin from China, which people out there hold to be of the utmost importance. The nationalist government has ordered the establishment of what it calls - "citizens<sup>s</sup>" self defense corps". Under this new organization, the entire male population under the nationalist regime, will receive military training. The citizens will be required to devote an hour and a half a day to learn the art of soldiering - this to continue for months. All of which might seem to indicate that nationalist China is preparing for some kind of showdown - and it isn't difficult to guess what kind.

It is pointed out at Nanking that the new self defense corps may be regarded as an answer to a recent enactment by the Chinese communists. The Reds have ordered a general mobilization and military training in the areas they control.

The fact that the two bitterly hostile factions are going in, all of a sudden, for such large scale military preparation, would seem to mean -

At The war trial in Tokyo today, that much debated question was brought into the open -- the responsibility of Hirohito. How far was the Emperor to blame for the crimes of the Japanese war-makers?

A witness testified -- Ken Inukai, son of Tokyo Premier Inukai who was assassinated by the Militarists in Nineteen Thirty-Two. That was the time when the war-makers were getting into power with tactics of terror and murder. They struck down the more moderate statesmen who opposed them, and chief of their victims was Premier Inukai.

Today his son stated that in those days the Premier had told him that Hirohito has tried to restrain the fanatical craze of the Militarists -- who were forcing war on China. But the Emperor, with good intentions had been too weak. Ken Inukai said his father had tried to persuade the Emperor to take the initiative, and order the Japanese Army out of Manchuria. But Hirohito didn't dare. The witness put it in these words today: "Opposition from Extremists in

the Army was so strong that the Imperial Advisers thought the throne could not bear to stand up against the Militarists."

And that, according to the son of the ~~xxx~~ assassinated Premier, seems to sum up the responsibility of Hirohito for the war madness of Japan.

There's a good deal of talk in Tokyo that the Emperor may be called upon to testify against Tojo and the other war-makers -- though the prosecution indicates there is no intention of putting Hirohito on the witness stand.

PALESTINE

The news from Palestine expressed new hope for the release of the three British officers held hostage. This follows the imposition of sentences on the thirty-one Zionist extremists in Jerusalem. The sentences might have been death, but the British court decreed imprisonment, life for one, fifteen years for the others.

This refraining from imposing death sentences leads to the hope that the Jewish extremist organization may release the hostages.

civil war. And in fact, there is a general belief in China that the long time conflict between the nationalists and the communists is about to go to a bloody showdown.

This ties in with Nanking reports about the intentions of reactionaries in the nationalist party, militarists who are bitterly anti-communist. They are said to be determined on a policy of - no compromise with the Reds. These reactionaries, it is claimed, are lined up with German Nazis, said to be still influential in China. With Nazis for advisers, the reactionaries are resolved to settle the Communist question with civil war to the bitter end.

What's the position of Chiang Kai-Shek? We are told that the militarists are likely to have their way - even if Chiang Kai-Shek objects. They are powerful enough in the nationalist government to bring him around to their way of thinking.

Even if a "paper peace" is made under the aegis of American Ambassador General Marshall, the militarists will see to it that the "paper peace" won't last long. So we are told.

## CHILE

The Republic of Chile faces a lot of political confusion following the death today of President Rios. He had long been ill, his life despaired of -- though no mention of this was ever made by Chilean Press or radio. President Rios was a Democrat and a liberal, and did well for the cause of the Allies in the war.

Today Chile faces the question -- who will succeed him? The country, according to its constitution, has no Vice-President. For the time being, the executive power is in the hands of an acting President -- who, in fact, has been exercising the Presidential authority for months, during the grave illness of Rios. He will carry on until an election is held to select a new President.

That, according to the Chilean Constitution, must be done within sixty days -- and it finds the political parties down there all split up and entangled in factional ~~fix~~ fights. There are, in general, a right wing and left wing alignment, but it won't be any simple

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case of two candidates. Political schisms and  
cleavages are so intricate, that there are likely to  
be seven candidates for President of Chile.

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## JUMP

And now suppose somebody, deciding to end it all, takes a jump from a high bridge -- and right in the middle changes his or her mind. What does he or she do? That might seem to be a difficult problem -- but it was solved by Mrs. Grace May Wright of Kansas City.

Today, she had eight or nine cocktails, as she explained, and decided that life was not worth living. So she went to the bridge over the Missouri River, and jumped. On the way down, she thought -- it's all a mistake. She changed her mind, which is a woman's right -- but what a time to do it! *Well,* Mrs. Wright figured it all out right. She ~~wxx~~ wiggled herself around in such fashion that she hit the water in a sitting position, which *I guess must be* one of the best positions for landing with a minimum of injury. In that sitting position, she went under ~~at water~~ quite a way, came up and, swam out. A woman ~~changing~~ changing her mind.



## ATOMIC

The announcement of a new atomic development from Soviet Russia is none too clear. Splitting the atom is much too complex for the layman, and the ~~atomic~~ cosmic ray is even more intricate. So what can we do when Moscow talks about -- "The splitting of atomic nuclei with cosmic rays?" Just cry "Comrade", I suppose.

This news comes with an award made to Professor Alexander Pavlovich Zhdanov. He gets the Stalin Prize and a hundred thousand rubles -- ~~eighty-three~~ hundred dollars in American money. By using cosmic rays, Professor Zhdanov is said to have split the atoms of bromium and silver. Which no doubt is of deep scientific import -- but what has it to do with the atomic bomb? We Don't know. And its much too intricate for even a guess.

Meanwhile, from our own side of the atomic line, scientists preparing for the test at Bikini are expressing doubts about the prospects for the big show. Maybe the atomic blast will be hidden by a cloud. Of course, the way to do it is to touch off the bomb when

there are no clouds around, but apparently the atomic explosion is capable of creating a cloud of its own. Today Dr. Royale Frye mentioned what they call - "The Wilson Cloud Chamber". This is a hazy and misty effect produced when there is adequate ionization and high humidity. That, too, is deep, dark and technical -- but it would seem that anything like this ~~the~~ Atomic explosion might produce a dense cloud, if there is moisture enough in the air. There wasn't a sufficient amount of moisture in the Mexican desert ~~of~~ or at Hiroshima or Nagasaki, but there is out in the Mid-Pacific, says the Professor.

And he fears -- "A Wilson ~~is~~ Cloud Chamber." Who, by the way is Wilson?

We don't know who Wilson is  
but we do know who Hugh is —  
and here he is!