

FOOD RELIEF

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In the world of communism - a surprise reversal. The Reds now accept President Eisenhower's offer to send food relief behind the Iron Curtain - to help victims of the Danube floods.

This changes a policy that Stalin established soon after the second World War - when he compelled the Red satellites to refuse economic aid under the Marshall plan. Since then, such refusal was automatic - until now.

Last month, the countries in the valley of the Danube were hit hard by the deluge. The mighty stream and its tributaries - pouring over their banks, inundating towns and farmlands. Then, July twenty ninth, President Eisenhower announced - we'd send large quantities of relief, taken from out stocks of surplus food. All the Danubian countries were included - free and satellite.

Nobody expected the Reds to accept this offer, and immediately - it was treated with scorn by Red propaganda. Called - infamous. Just a scheme - to introduce American espionage.

Communist East Germany is one of the lands ravaged by the Danube floods - and, today, the Red government sent a message to the U.S. High Commissioner in Western Germany, James B. Conant. The note - all the more impressive, because it was transmitted through the Soviet High Commission. The wording as follows: "The government of the German Democratic Republic thanks the President of the United States for the offer ~~and~~ to lend assistance. The government of the German Democratic Republic declares its readiness to accept this offer."

although, There's guessing, of course, about the reason for the Communist "right about face." One supposition is that the Communists may remember those East German riots of Nineteen Fifty-three. In that instance, they refused an offer of American food, and the result was - a revolt of East German workers.

OTTO JOHN

The West German government has asked the allies to seek the "release" of Otto John, the West German security chief who disappeared behind the Iron Curtain. In an official note, West Germany requests the allied high ~~anti~~ commission to make representations to Soviet Russia. Calling - for the return of Otto John.

This is as good as saying - that the missing security chief was taken into the Communist area, against his own free will. The West German regime - taking that view.

Otto John has been making pro-Communist addresses - although, of course, this might be under duress. Today, Communist newspapers in East Berlin printed pictures of the former West German security chief - smiling with a group of Communist leaders.

PROTEST

The United States has rejected the protest from Red Poland. Which charged - that U S planes fired on two Polish merchant vessels, off Hainan Island. The State Department in Washington calls this - "completely untrue." Saying: "No American plane fired on any vessel, or ship of any kind, Polish or otherwise, in that area."

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TRIESTE

The British announce - they're withdrawing a battalion of troops from the disputed area of Trieste. The first battalion of the Suffolk regiment - to leave. Which is taken as a sign - that the long quarrel over Trieste is near settlement. No other British unit is now scheduled as a replacement of that battalion of the Suffolk regiment. ~~Which would normally be the case.~~

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COLOMBO

One item of international news tonight is about - the Colombo powers. Which might remind us of the old sea chanty: that they'll join the defense alliance.

"In fourteen hundred and ninety two powers.

Colombo sailed the ocean blue." But no - that's

not the r However, this has nothing to do with that mighty Colombo, who discovered America.

It concerns five countries of South Asia - India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia. Which - formed a sort of compact in a conference at the city of Colombo, capital of Ceylon.

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The other two Colombo powers, Pakistan and Ceylon, will probably attend the conference - but without any promise that they'll join the defense alliance.

So that's the news about the Colombo powers.

"For he knew the world was round, yo ho." But no - that's not the right song.

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ATOMIC

Atomic Energy workers made an appeal to President Eisenhower today - to help settle their wage dispute, and prevent another strike at the Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Paducah, Kentucky, atomic plants. Their difference, pertaining to wages, is with a private company that operates the plants - producing atomic materials.

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MCCARTHY COMMITTEE

The committee to investigate censure charges against Senator McCarthy have elected Senator Watkins of Utah as their chairman. He's the ranking Republican on the six-man bi-partisan group.

At the same time, the Committee voted - no television, ^{and} no radio, when they hold hearings. They may let in the public and the press, but that's not decided.

~~Chairman Watkins ~~ind~~ indicates that a final report is not expected before autumn. Which would seem to leave open the question - whether or not there can be any Senate action on the McCarthy charges before the November election.~~

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Senator McCarthy, today, told about a list of officers provided by the army - officers involved in the Peress case. There are thirty names on the list, including five Generals.

The Peress case was prominent in the Army-McCarthy feud, and Army Secretary Stevens promised a list of all persons who played any part in that affair. The promotion, the change of orders for overseas duty, and the honorable discharge of the Army dentist - who refused to answer questions about Communism. Senator McCarthy calling Peress - a "Fifth amendment Communist."

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SCOTLAND

John Bull is having his troubles nowadays, and here's news that might sound like still another headache for the portly fellow. A dispatch mentioning - the Scottish Republican Army. Which would evoke uncomfortable memories of - the Irish Republican Army. That nationalist outfit in Ireland has been a plague for the British. The I.R.A. -- so, now, the S.R.A.!

At the harbor of Millport, in Scotland, they were expecting a cabinet minister from London - the Secretary of State for Scotland, James Stuart. When - a newspaper received an anonymous telephone call. Saying - the dock at Millport would be blown up if the Secretary from London landed there. The caller saying - he was a member of the Scottish Republican Army.

Police retorted - there was no such thing as a Scottish Republican Army. But, under the dock at Millport, they found sticks of dynamite, wired for an explosion. The

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However, ~~this is~~ a reminder that there ~~is~~ a Nationalist movement in Scotland; and John Bull hopes there isn't any Scottish Republican Army.

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QUINTUPLETS

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who succumbed at a rest home in the Laurentians. The cause

was at first of her death/~~was~~ withheld - at the request of ~~her~~ the

parents. But it is ^{she was} known/~~that she was~~ in ill health for

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FOLLOW QUINTUPLETS

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A later dispatch says that Emilie had fainting
spells this morning, and - after the third one she did not
revive. We're told - she suffered from fainting spells ever
since she was three years old.

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SHOOTING

At Lexington, Tennessee, a wild shooting fray -
and started shooting. Patrolman Arthur Quiry - killed
a policeman killed, the chief of police critically wounded.
The killer, allegedly - a disappointed candidate who lost
out in an election for Sheriff. A Korean veteran - who was an
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Police Chief Stanfield - wounded. Later, Cogburn and two

companions were cornered in a barn, and exchanged

shots with State Police. The latest - Cogburn

captured.

Strange end of an Enoch Arden story.

But that's not the picture of the wedding we hear about now. Today's dispatch quotes the commanding Arkansas evangelist, Dr. Braxton Sawyer, who - made his way into a nudist camp, near Battle Creek, Michigan, and took a camera along. He snapped a series of pictures, color film - until indignation nudists grabbed him and tossed him out. The photographs have now been developed, and here's what the commanding evangelist says.

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WEDDING

Now let the organ play - here comes the bride. Look at her, with her flowing veil - and her wedding gown with a long trail. The bridegroom - in a morning coat and striped trousers. The clergyman - wearing the ecclesiastical robe.

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That echo you hear is the wedding march - with a few sour notes.

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They got into a quarrel over some petty military matter, and tried to decide it with gunfire. Approaching each other, each one in his jeep - they blazed away.

Both - seriously wounded, in a hospital tonight. ~~It was~~

another first, ^{Troops used} ~~where no one had ever heard of a jeep~~ in a ~~combat~~ war. But now Troops have been used for everything.

JEEP

Fort Myers, Florida, reports - a duel in jeeps.

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ROME

In Rome - an Army of Trojan warriors routed by

the charge of a chariot. NOthing like it since Hector and Achilles fought their famous fight in Homer's Iliad.

Rome is not Troy, but they were filming a movie about fabulous Helen. With an Army of movie extras - shields and spears. Also - Chariots. The spectacular feature - the Trojan horse. A huge steed, carved of wood.

Two other horses, live ones, attached to a chariot, got a look at the wooden horse of Troy, and panicked - in a wild runaway. So that was the charge of the chariot - plunging into the Trojan Army.

The movie extras went scurrying in a wild stampede - fifty-six taken to hospitals, for treatment of bruises.. One hundred and fifty - receiving first aid.

Homer ~~was~~ should have been there - when ~~they~~ *Hollywood-*

Rome improved on the Iliad. *And now Mike.*