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In Paris, the West makes a quick retort, answering Soviet Russia. Yesterday Vishinsky, with scorn and contumely, rejected the Western proposals for disarmament. So today, the United States, Great Britain and France sent a joint invitation to the Chancellor of Western Germany, asking him to come to Paris, to talk about - German soldiers for General Eisenhower's Western European Army. An inquiry will be put to Chancellor Adenauer - just how soon will German troops be available for Western defense against Red aggression? Which is a pointed reply to Vishinsky's diatribe - for Soviet Russia is known to be most apprehensive of a rearmed Germany.

In addition to which - the Steering Committee of the General Assembly voted today for a full debate on political conditions in the Soviet Zone of Germany. This arises from Red propaganda demanding a united Germany. We agree on condition of a free election - united Germany to choose its ~~for~~ <sup>true</sup> government in a democratic way. So the Western powers have asked the U.N. to make an investigation -

and decide whether or not free elections will be possible in the Soviet Zone.

( In the Steering Committee, the vote was - twelve to two. The two in opposition were - Communist votes. Which might have been expected - Moscow being dead against anything like U.N. investigations or democratic elections.)

At the Allied truce camp in Korea, our negotiators were, today, in conference with General Ridgway. The Supreme Commander flew from Tokyo to talk things over - as the truce team prepared for its seventeenth meeting with Red emissaries. General Ridgway was there in anticipation of a possible shift by the enemy - following yesterday's news that Vishinsky, at the U.N. General Assembly in Paris, had called for an armistice line along the Thirty-eighth Parallel. Last night we heard the supposition that this might be a signal for the Chinese and Korean Reds to go back to their original demand - Thirty-eighth Parallel.

( All of which might seem the more likely, from the way the Red negotiators acted yesterday. In the truce talks, they were obviously stalling, as if waiting for word from higher up. They seemed undecided, as if waiting for Vishinsky to have his ~~own~~ say in Paris. )

All of which created an air of uncertainty and vagueness - as our negotiators ~~was~~ made ready for another session.



The principal war news is - new battles of jet planes in Korean skies. There were two dogfights today - with ~~out-numbered~~ <sup>the</sup> American jets ~~engaging Red M.I.G.s~~ <sup>again outnumbered.</sup> Three Communist planes were shot down, four damaged.

On the ground, little to report. The presence of Red armor seems to hint at a new Communist offensive - but nothing materialized today.



## EGYPT

In Cairo, today, the call for a holy war was proclaimed - by radio. Which certainly put a modern angle on something as old as the Koran, itself. Down through Moslem history, the cry has rung out - Jihad, holy war. Which often has meant fear and peril - far and wide. In Egypt, quarreling with Britain, fanatics have been yelling that ancient summons, and now the government-controlled radio takes up the shout - Jihad.

Today was the Mohammedan sabbath, which is on Friday. To the microphone came Sheikh Mohammed Abu Shedida - Iman of the Mosque of Al Hussein. He went on the air with customary Moslem prayers, to which he added a political harangue. He called on Egyptians to drive the British from the Suez Canal Zone, and summoned them to - a holy war, Jihad.

Well, it's all according to the Koran and the Prophet Mohammed, who authorized the faithful to resort to the sword against the infidel. But never before has the Jihad been proclaimed officially - on the radio.

## POLITICS

### of California

Governor Warren<sup>^</sup> will, announce next week - whether or not he will seek the Republican nomination for president. This is in response to a request from seventeen G.O.P. leaders in California, who urged the Governor to declare himself a candidate. Previously, Earle Warren had not intended to make any decision until early in Nineteen Fifty-two. Today he said the letter from the Republican leaders has made him change his mind, and he will make an announcement in a few days - next week.

There has been some supposition that, if the G.O.P. convention were to run into a deadlock, between Taft supporters and Eisenhower supporters, or what-not - Warren of California might be a likely compromise.

## CONFEDERATE FLAG

Washington news about flying the Confederate flag brings a bit of comment from the Library of Congress, which may surprise a few people. They are not flying the Confederate flag at all.

Recently, the police at the Capital have been making drivers remove the rebel emblem of the Old South from their cars. Because, there's ~~a~~<sup>a</sup> ~~law~~ law which forbids anything but the Stars and Stripes to be displayed on the Capital grounds.

The fad for the Southern Confederacy has been increasing. Natural, <sup>maybe,</sup> enough, in the case of diehard Southerners - but a large <sup>n</sup> number of the <sup>al</sup> Confederate enthusiasts are from states like New Jersey or Wisconsin. Maybe they are rebelling against something - even if they are not Southerners.

But, in any case, what they fly - is not the Confederate flag. The Library of Congress explains that the ~~familiar~~ banner with diagonal stripes of blue against a field of red - is really the Confederate



"battle emblem" The official flag was changed three times, and few people would recognize it. The first version, for example, had three horizontal bars, with a star for each Confederate state. The other two were variants. The battle emblem was flown by the Southern Army, rather than the official flag, to make sure there was <sup>no</sup> confusion with the Stars and stripes of the Union.

So those latter day rebels are not flying the Confederate flag at all. But I suppose they won't be disconcerted. They'll probably say - the rebel battle emblem will do just as well.

## LONGSHORE

The New York Longshore strike has ended - after an agreement sponsored by the State Fact Finding Board. There was a marathon meeting, hour after hour, between the fact-finders and the leaders of the Union faction promoting the walkout on the docks. Early today, they reached a settlement - and the strikers began swarming back to work. By mid-afternoon, the police reported - "normal activity at all docks."

Well, it was about time. The ~~midshore~~ wildcat strike lasted for twenty-five days, tying up the great harbor of New York. Tonight twenty-five thousand longshoremen are on the huge job of loading aboard ship one billion dollars' worth of cargo - that much having piled up on the docks, in warehouses, in railroad yards, during the strike.

## PRINCESS

Princess Elizabeth has been showered with gifts, during her tour of Canada and sojourn in the United States - and today she was given the rarest present of all. The Princess and her husband were on Prince Edward Island, smallest Canadian province. Their visit is about at an end - they sail home in three days. The Prince Edward Islanders came forward with a series of gifts, that included a fox cape of royal sapphire, and that inspired the heiress to the crown with ecstasies. "This rare, beautiful fur has delighted me," she <sup>exclaimed.</sup> ~~she~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~^~~

But the most curious gift of all was a flock of - trumpeter swans. Those magnificent birds are among the rarest, the trumpeter swan almost extinct. Efforts have been made to keep them from dying out altogether, so today Prince Edward Island was able to make that present - six trumpeter swans.

Actually, the birds ~~aren't~~ weren't there. Were presented - in absentia. The trumpeter swans will be flown

to England later on - likely enough to be a royal exhibit in <sup>the</sup> London zoo, *or maybe in The Serpentine!* <sup>^</sup>



## METEORS

Another brilliant meteor sighted in the Southwest. Which, together with a series of other fireballs, causes a scientist to say - "the most remarkable concentration of meteor-like objects in historic times."

The newest - seen all the way from Los Angeles to El Paso, Texas. Described - as a dazzling object with a long tail of blue-white fire. Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, head of a New Mexico Institute for the study of meteors, says it's the seventh fireball in eleven days.

One was a double meteor, a pair ~~of heavenly sparklers.~~ <sup>/ of heavenly sparklers.)</sup> ~~of heavenly sparklers.~~

Dr. LaPaz spotted them - with two bright green trails. "I've never heard of anything like it," says he.

His belief is that the earth must be passing through an area of space where there's an unusual amount of ~~cosmic~~ cosmic debris. Or he thinks that, possibly, the fireballs may be connected with some sort of military test. Which reminds us that the recent

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atomic try-outs were held out there - on the Nevada desert. Other scientists, however, say - meteors, just a surprising number of those visitors from outer space.

From a far off island in the New Hebrides, comes a story of ancient terror - with a modern slant. Sailors adrift in an open boat, five Polynesians of the Marshall Islands drifting for three months and a half, they and <sup>^</sup>attribute their plight to - radioactivity.

On a trading voyage from Kwajalein Island to Namu Atoll, they were sailing home in a twenty-four foot boat, when a storm hit them - and drove them near Bikini, the Far Pacific atoll where atomic bomb tests were held. That, they say, was the cause of their trouble - their compass went awry. The needle no longer pointed the true direction. This they attribute to radioactive rain water in the vicinity of the atomic testing ground - the atmosphere impregnated with radioactivity, which came down in the raindrops.

With the compass out of gear, their navigation went wrong. Which, I suppose, would indicate that Polynesian sailors, going modern with a compass, have lost their old skill of reading the stars.



In any case, they were lost on the blank spaces of the wild Pacific, and drifted - they knew not where.

Soon they ran out of water and food. To slake their thirst, they licked the dew left on the planks of their boat at night. For food, they caught an occasional fish. Two members of the crew succumbed, but five survived.

They saw no sign of land for one hundred and two days, and drifted all the way from the Central Pacific to the New Hebrides, off Australia - where they came to the island of Epi. The French manager of a plantation found them, half dead - Polynesian castaways of the sea, because of radio-activity.

## CHECKS

I suppose this country might be called - a check writing nation. Nearly everybody writes checks. So here's a novelty - the largest and the smallest.

What would your guess be - for the <sup>champion check?</sup> ~~check made out for~~  
~~the largest amount?~~ Answer - seven billion, five hundred million dollars. Obviously, it had to be a government check - who else could have that much? The multimillion dollar piece of paper was drawn by ~~one branch of~~ the Treasury - ~~Department, and made payable to another branch all in the~~  
~~formal business of~~ <sup>in</sup> transferring funds from one Treasury account to another.

The smallest check? Well, it couldn't be tinier. Received by the Income Tax Office, when the sense of humor of some taxpayer got the better of him. He figured he owed the government nothing, which he paid with a check made out for zero dollars and zero cents.

## DEER

This next item comes as news on the wire - although it sounds like a tall story. John Behrmann of Lemmon, South Dakota, was out deer hunting. He wanted to shoot a deer, and not ride one, like a cowboy - but here's what happened.

A big buck charged him. He couldn't get out of the way - and his rifle got entangled in the deer's antlers. Behrmann hung onto his rifle, whereupon the buck gave a mighty toss of its head, hurling Behrmann into the air. When he came down, he landed on the back of the deer - straddled. The astonished buck dashed away, with Behrmann riding him like a cowboy.

To get rid of this unexpected burden, the animal ~~soon~~<sup>animal</sup> charged a ~~thick~~ tree - trying to knock the rider off. But Behrmann is quite a horseman - even when the steed is a deer. It was only when the buck arrived at another tree, that he was thrown.

Ride 'em cowboy! <sup>which Buckaroo</sup> ~~and~~ Behrmann sure <sup>did</sup> ~~was~~

buckaroo.