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The news today, introduces an expression - of which we are likely to hear a good deal. The sixteenth parallel. Viet Nam - to be divided along that line. That's the compromise proposal. We all recall the thirty-eight parallel in Korea. Now - the sixteenth - ~~in~~ in Southeast Asia. The cases are, would you say - parallel?

At first, the French argued for - the Eighteenth, farther to the North. The Reds - insisting on the fourteenth, which would give them a good deal more. Then the West split the difference, and made it - the sixteenth.

That's the main point in the compromise devised by Premier Mendes-France and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. ~~The arrangement~~ <sup>And</sup> okayed by - Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in Paris. The terms will have to be accepted by the Communist negotiators at Geneva, but <sup>we hear</sup> the prospects appear to be good. In western circles - there's ~~high~~ <sup>optimism</sup>.




Well, now for the geographical angle. A glance at the map will show that nearly all of Indo China lies between the tenth and twentieth parallels of latitude. Not so far above the Equator. The sixteenth parallel splits Indo China into about equal halves. Most of Viet Nam lies above the parallel. The Reds would get the bulk of that country. Including - the Red River delta, the <sup>almost priceless</sup> rice bowl, and the city of Hanoi! The port of Haiphong is likewise well above the line, but the western powers will try to keep that naval base. The point is - doubtful..

That's the compromise that would divide Viet Nam. -  
*Ans* what about the kingdoms of Laos and Cambodia? According to the terms, these two principalities would be -  
neutralized.



(The compromise includes other details, and there would seem to be plenty of scope for further argument. But Premier Mendes-France wants to have a cease-fire signed on Monday. His dead-line for bringing about a truce arrangement.)

Secretary of State Dulles arrived in Washington, today, returning from Paris. He said he had agreed to support the armistice effort and, in return, had received pledges from France and Britain. Pledges - to join in a defense of southeastern Asia against further Communist aggression. Secretary of State Dulles called the whole thing - a formula for constructive allied unity." And <sup>then he</sup> added: "It carries ~~no~~ no danger that the United States will abandon its principles."



*Meanwhile* The war in the Red River Delta was a battle for highways today. Communist regiments - over-running outposts, which guarded the main roads. The French command says the purpose of the enemy is to seize the network of communications around the defense ~~perim~~ perimeter of Hanoi.

RED CHINA

The House of Representatives, today, voted -

three-hundred-eighty-one to zero. Opposing admission of  
Red China to the United Nations. The resolution has no legal  
force - but the unanimous vote sure does express the opinion  
of Congress.

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## PRISONERS

The seven American soldiers, held by the Reds of Czechoslovakia, were handed over today. Brought to the border, and marched across - after spending eleven days in Communist captivity, charged with espionage. - But that accusation doesn't seem to have ~~been~~ been taken seriously, not even by the Reds themselves.

The seven seemed in good condition. Said they hadn't been badly treated. But - mighty glad to get back, even though they may be disciplined. In an automobile, they went straying <sup>thru</sup> ~~into~~ the Iron Curtain - and that ~~was~~ against army regulations.

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## MUSICIAN

A top ranking musician has fled from Communism. The Polish composer - conductor, Panufnik -- arriving in London. Said to be asking - for political asylum.

In Nineteen fifty-two, Panufnik's "heroic overture" was awarded an Olympic Gold Medal - at the games in Helsinki. In Nineteen Fifty-three, Panufnik won the Stalin peace prize, for his "peace symphony." ~~But~~ last year he headed a mission of Polish artists to Red China.

But, while winning communist honors, Panufnik was becoming more and more disgusted with the tyranny of the Reds. So how did he manage to get away?

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In Switzerland, Panufnik was joined by his wife -  
who is British. She had been in London all this year - during  
an illness of her father. The composer and his wife talked  
matters over - and, instead of going back to Red Poland, he  
accompanied her to London.

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EGYPT

In Egypt, fire-bomb attacks against U.S. diplomatic centers. Yesterday, at Cairo, a fire broke out in the U.S. information library. Simultaneously, there was a similar fire at <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ information center in Alexandria. Total damage - a few thousand dollars worth of books destroyed,

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ATOMIC

A United Nations committee, tonight, endorsed the right of the United States to conduct hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific. The okay was - indirect. The trusteeship counsel recommending safety measures - ~~to~~ to avoid a repetition of ~~radiation~~ radiation injuries. If - the United States considers it necessary to hold further ~~atomic~~ atomic tests - in the interests of world peace.

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The armed forces have dismissed eighty security risks in the last four months. And - are investigating three-<sup>and</sup> hundred-ninety two other cases. So stated by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

He said at the same time, that the Defense Department still has not received Senator McCarthy's list of one-hundred<sup>and</sup> thirty alleged Communists in defense plants. Which list was the subject of a lot of noisy argument at the McCarthy ~~in~~ hearings.

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MCCARTHY

The Republican policy committee in the Senate, will try to block the attempt ~~to~~ by Republican Senator Flanders, to strip Senator McCarthy of his investigating powers. By - depriving him of investigating committee chairmanships.

The Republican policy committee opposes any such attempt.

The resolution adopted does not mention Senator Flanders, or his demand. It would merely table any motion involving the organization and operation of the Senate <sup>at</sup> this present session.

~~( Senator Flanders <sup>says</sup> remarks he's not surprised. <sup>And</sup> <sup>add that</sup> He <sup>says</sup> he may change his plan to squelch McCarthy. May - try something that would not involve Senate organization and operation. )~~

## MCCARTHY COMMITTEE

The McCarthy committee was to have had a showdown today - the business of "house-cleaning." Republican committee member, Senator Potter having ~~an~~ called for a change that would oust - committee counselor Roy Cohn.

But McCarthy blocked the decision - by refusing to accept a proxy vote. Senator McClellan, top Democratic member, was back in Arkansas, campaigning. He left a proxy vote in favor of the "house cleaning." But McCarthy, as chairman, ruled the proxy was too vague. Without Senator McClellan's vote, there was no majority.

**STRIKE**

An airline strike was called off at Chicago tonight.

Twelve hundred members of the pilots' union - scheduled to walk out. But, at the last moment, the union agreed to postpone the strike during mediation.

## WET BACKS

The wet-back round-up was on in the lower valley of the Rio Grande today. The border patrol in action - picked up the five men on that raft. Which brings to using planes and jeeps.

Small scout planes flew over great fertile fields of the Rio Grande Valley - spotting parties of illegal Mexican laborers, hiding in various places. The planes directed a fleet of jeeps, which proceeded to round up the

The leader of the expedition - a retired ship-builder, an elder of the Mormon Church; Devere Baker - wet backs. Two thousand illegal aliens in ~~xx~~ custody - by noon.

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## RAFT

A banana freighter off the California coast picked up the five men on that raft. Which brings to an end a luckless adventure. The navigators aboard the raft, Lehi, had intended making a romantic, drifting voyage to Hawaii. - But they ran into a gale and heavy seas. The raft - in a sinking condition.

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But the venture comes to a quick ending - before the raft **Behi** got far from the California coast.

PALESTINE

Near the old <sup>town</sup> ~~city~~ of Beersheba, in Israel, a

French archaeological mission was making excavations, when a workman, while digging, disappeared. He fell through a hole. <sup>And</sup> That's the way an important archaeological discovery was made.

The workman had fallen into a cave. Which turned out to be a sort of ~~new~~ treasure cave. Where they found - a wealth of ancient objects. Beautiful bowls made of basalt, magnificent pottery, sculptures carved of bone. Jewelry too - like pendants of turquoise.—

A cave-village - dating back five thousand years. Fifteen hundred years ~~is~~ before the days of the Patriarch Abraham.

In the cave village - stores of grain, and the remains of a copper ~~new~~ smelter. First sign that the people of Palestine smelted copper that early.



The cavern had been made artificially - a series of rooms carved in the rock. Indications are that, for some reason or other, the inhabitants abandoned their cave-village suddenly - leaving their possessions in tact. Possibly - some forgotten episode of war, five thousand years ago.

## TALL

The Queen of the tall gals is- Joan Zan of Chicago, five-foot, eleven. Statuesque Joan won the beauty contest held at Palo Alto, California - by the International Tall Clubs Convention. Taking the prize -in competition with caroline Cheatham, five-foot, eleven, and Marilyn-Ann Jensen, six-foot-one.

The tallest gals at the convention were Nancy Cowan and Nadine Nash. Each - six-foot-two-and-one-half.

The tallest man in attendance - Bill Anderson of Berkeley, California, six foot eleven.

This bit of news is - in a way -- a tall story.

FARMER

Near Valparairo, Indiana, a farmer is <sup>selling</sup> ~~selling~~ tickets - to a nudist camp show. The sun bathers, who prance around in the altogether, have a place along the lake. Farmer Amos Martinal owns the property next door - from which an excellent view of the nudists can be had. So he has put in a parking lot, charging motorists one dollar for parking there. Parking - plus the show.

The nudists are suing, claiming - it's an invasion of their privacy. But the farmer says - it's his land. So what's to prevent him from having a parking lot - at the place where the view is best.

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PAUL SMITH

I'm starting West, once again, to do some broadcasting on the Pacific Coast. The travel schedule is such that I'll have a friend in my place -- on the air tomorrow night. *just the one night.*

Paul Smith, President of Crowell-Collier. Who has just become Editor in Chief of the magazine -- Colliers, The American Magazine, the Woman's Home Companion.

Which, in a way is a reminder of an anniversary that's coming up - the tenth anniversary of the American landing on the island of Guam in the Second World War. Guam - the first American territory that we recaptured from the Japanese.

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That was ten years ago, and I've asked Paul Smith  
- to tell us a thing or two about those days. And these,

Should be interesting - and meanwhile, I'll be  
back on the program next week - broadcasting from San  
Francisco and Los Angeles.

He's one of the ablest young men I know. With  
quite a record as a newspaper reporter and editor,  
Marine fighting man, and now Editor-in-chief of three  
of our top magazines - Womens Home Companion; The  
American Magazine, and Colliers. In addition to being  
president of Cromwell-Collier.

Don't miss him tomorrow nite! Ed, while I'm in  
the air - he'll be on the air!

GENEVA. L.T.-W. JULY 16, 1954.

GENEVA. GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

Last night, in a villa on the shore of Lake Geneva, two statesmen talked-for more than four hours. French Premier Mendes-France - and Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov. The Frenchman - tried to get the Russian to accept a compromise, agreed on by the Western Powers. They ended - in a deadlock.

Today's news dispatch from Geneva - says Molotov was in one of his most exasperating moods - "Cool, correct, unperturbed, and courteous." Chain-smoking all through the long session - and talking. But - giving way not an inch.

The most important point in the debate was - a dividing line for partitioning Vietnam. The French want - the eighteenth parallel latitude. The Reds - the go rteenth parallel, much farther South. Giving them - much more territory. The West is willing to compromise on - the sixteenth parallel. But, last



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night, Molotov stuck to that original Red demand - an Armistice Line on the fourteenth parallel.

The discussion also focussed on a question of elections - in the Kingdoms of Laos and Cambodia. It's agreed that both of these principalities - shall be neutralized. ~~And you might expect~~ ~~the West would argue~~ the West would argue for free elections at an early date. But it's the other way round. Molotov demanding elections within six months after the Armistice. The reason - a Communist belief that, as things now stand, the people of Laos and Cambodia would vote in Communism. The Western statesman, we hear, are inclined to fear - that this would be the case. So they do not want to fix a date for elections, not right now.

Today, there was another meeting with Molotov. British Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, participating - along with Mendes-France.

Trying to get Molotov to agree to a settlement that would be acceptable to the United States. Probably the Moscow Foreign Minister was in an exasperating mood, all over again.

Tonight, Geneva is dubious about the prospect of getting an Armistice by next Tuesday -- the deadline named by Premier Mendes-France.

The latest - a Geneva dispatch saying that Mendes-France and Anthony Eden were not able to persuade Molotov. He wouldn't ~~give~~ yield an inch, apparently, in *reducing* ~~meeting~~ the demands of the Reds.

INDO-CHINA - WAR.

The French defending the Hanoi perimeter  
launched  
^ a counter-attack, today - to seal up a breach  
in the defenses northeast of Hanoi, Seven or Eight  
thousand soldiers, backed by artillery, tanks, and war  
planes, driving to save the isolated fortress of Son  
Tay. The French Command reports, "favorable progress,"

## INDO-CHINA - PRISONERS

Returning French prisoners tell an ugly story of mistreatment -- a "March of Death" following the surrender of Dien Bien Phu. The captives were marched through the jungle for several hundred miles, driven <sup>on</sup> by Communist soldiers. Five hundred falling out of line from exhaustion -- and left there to perish.

Today, two hundred French prisoners were handed back by the Reds in exchange for two hundred of their own. They say that General de Castries, Commander of Dien Bien Phu, has been taken to a secret place of imprisonment <sup>on the</sup> Chinese border. The Reds -- afraid he might be rescued. Thinking -- the French might attempt a parachute raid, like the one in which the Nazis rescued Mussolini in World War Two.