

COMMUNISTS

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The House of Representatives, today, passed a bill to deprive the Communist party of all its rights and privileges, under the law. Which is a compromise - modifying the measure passed by the Senate last week. The Senate - having voted to outlaw Communist party members. Making membership - a crime. Today's bill - much milder. Depriving the Reds of legal rights as a political party - like the privilege of entering candidates in elections.

The White House didn't like that action by the Senate, last week. Contending - that if membership in ~~the~~ the Communist party were made a crime, it would make the Reds harder to control than ever. By - driving them underground. Which, by the way, is the view of F B I Chief J. Edgar Hoover.

So there was a conference at the White House - Republican leaders in Congress confabulating with President Eisenhower. A compromise was arranged - a compromise in the form of a bill passed by the House of Representatives today.

The matter ~~now~~ now goes to the Senate, which is asked - to accept the much milder measure.

SUBSTITUTE LEAD COMMUNISM

The Senate issued three citations for contempt of Congress, today. Charges - against witnesses who appeared before the McCarthy sub-committee and refused to answer the sixty-four dollar question. They are Albert Shadowidz, Abraham Unger and Corliss Lamont. This last - a member of the wealthy Lamont family, who has been so prominent in left wing affairs.

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~~Member of the Fifth Amendment.~~

~~Refusing to answer, they invoked the first amendment, not~~

~~the Fifth.~~ Shedowitz declared he did so - on advice from Professor Einstein.

Well, the Fifth amendment is protection against - self incrimination. So what about the first - which starts off the Bill of Rights? The clause invoked by the refractory witnesses concerns - freedom of speech. The first amendment, brief and to the point. Saying: "Congress shall make no lawabridging² the freedom of speech."

It may take a bit of reasoning to figure how that legalizes a refusal to answer congressional questions about Communism. But, anyway, ^{Dr.} ~~Eisen~~ Einstein figured it. ^{But then} Einstein can figure anything.

ATOMIC

The Senate passed the Atomic Energy Bill tonight.

A compromise - into which the Democrats forced Amendments intended to promote the public use of atomic power. as against - atomic power developments by private concerns.

All this grows out of that famous filibuster, several, weeks ago in which insurgent Senators staged a talk-a-thon of dreary proportions. The Filibuster ended with the passage of an atomic energy bill - which thereupon, had to be harmonized with a measure voted by the House of Representatives. The Harmonizing - done by a joint committee of the Senate and the House. But it produced no Harmony.

The Senate - rejecting the compromise.

So there had to be another harmony session, which produced another compromise. That went before a night session of the Senate - and has just been passed. The vote fifty-nine to seventeen.

The matter now goes to the House. No difficulty - expected there. The Atomic twisters and complications - finally at an end.

TAX BILL

President Eisenhower signed the tax bill today - the first ~~■~~ comprehensive tax revision in seventy-five years. Individuals and business concerns - getting an ~~■~~ over-all reduction of seven billion, four hundred million dollars.

President Eisenhower called it - "a good law." And added: "It will help our people to produce better goods at cheaper prices. It will help to create more jobs."

The President also made one other observation - much to the point. The tax bill is huge - nine hundred and twenty-nine pages. The President flipped through the pages, and laughed: "Boy, there is a lot of work in there for the lawyers."

Right you are, Mr. President.

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RUSSIAN-FOOD

Soviet Russia is having trouble with - food supplies. So indicated by an article in Pravda, official newspaper of the Russian Communist party.

Pravda calls on the entire Soviet press to run a campaign -- exposing the reason for a poor harvest, bad crops. Who is responsible?

"It is necessary," declares Pravda, "to expose shortcomings ruthlessly, and to uncover bureaucrats and officials, who stand in the way of innovations." Some of the top agricultural officials are being held to blame - for the food shortage.

(Last Friday, Moscow made the announcement - that the Soviet government was raising the prices of food. Trying - to attract agricultural products to the markets. Sounds capitalistic - this price manipulation. *Also launching a* ~~now a violent~~ press campaign to get things working better, down on the Soviet farm.)

On the Danish island of Bornholm, people were astonished to see - an eskimo kayak, paddling into port.

Two men - navigating a craft so typical of the arctic shore.

They turned out to be two ~~raft~~ refugees from Communist Poland. Who had been paddling for two days and two nights.

Nobody at Bornholm could speak enough Polish to get an explanation of - where they got the kayak. Or - how they learned to handle that kind of tricky boat.

Well, people have used many kinds of conveyance - in escaping from behind the iron curtain. Now - a flight to freedom in an eskimo kayak.

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BRITAIN TRADE

Today, was the day for the British to begin a new era of trade with Soviet Russia and the Red satellites. A relaxation of restrictions \leftarrow going into effect. The British starting in to fill millions of dollars worth of orders from behind the Iron Curtain.

Soviet Russia has ordered one hundred and twelve million dollars worth of merchandise - and Soviet bids for ten million dollars worth of steel plant ~~equip~~ equipment are being considered.

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High jinks in Red Peking over the weekend, Chinese Communists entertaining the visiting British laborites, headed by former Prime Minister Clement Attlee. Tonight, another exotic banquet, given by the Chinese. Which friendly display ~~sexes~~ makes big propaganda, although you might wonder - how the hungry Chinese masses take all that sumptuous banqueting.

One feature noticed is this: All the limelight - on Premier Chou En Lai. The Red Chief of State, Mao Tse-Tung -- conspicuous by his absence. This continues a thing noticed for several months. Mao - virtually dropped from the news. ~~But~~ During which time - Chou En Lai monopolised the headlines at the Geneva Conference, and in various visits of state.

Now the same thing - in this Chinese British hoopla. With much dining and toasting. Gam Bay! Bottoms up! Gam Bay all over the place.

INDO CHINA - CRASH

Indo China reports a frightful air crash. Disaster
- befalling a passenger plane crowded with refugees from
Communism. ~~62~~⁶² persons aboard - ~~51~~⁵¹ lost.

The airliner was coming in to Saigon, when one of
two engines failed. The plane - losing altitude, ripping
through a house, and plunging into the river.

TYPHOON

Camp

In Korea, today, the G I's were getting ready for the big wind - and a giant breeze it is. A typhoon - that hit Okinawa with winds of one-hundred-and-thirty miles an hour. Okinawa was ready for the blast, and had everything tied down.

At last reports, the typhoon was moving north - headed for the southern coast of Korea. So the G I's there are warned.

G O A

The "Liberation" march on G O A - didn't amount to much. Over the weekend, Hindus from surrounding India straggled into the Portuguese possession. About one hundred and fifty arrested. No trouble - the whole thing pretty much of a fiasco, as ^a~~the~~ means of putting India in possession of Goa.

KAISER

A statement at Rio de Janeiro - that investment prospects in Latin America are exciting. So says Henry J. Kaiser, who is making a South American tour.

Studying - industrial possibilities. The head of the great Kaiser industrial empire in the United States is thinking of expanding to the lands of the South, and says - he's excited by the prospects.

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The background for that emotional scene today.

PARAGUAY

There was an emotional ceremony, today, at the city of Asuncion, Capital of Paraguay. That South American Republic has just inaugurated a new President - General Alfredo ^{(Straessner.} ~~SKXXXXXXXX~~ The climax of the celebration - the appearance of President Peron, strong man of Argentina. Who brought some old flags, and other tattered military trophies. These he handed over to the Paraguayan President - amid thunders of applause of a huge crowd, and the roar of a twenty one gun salute.

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CHURCHES

at The World Council of Churches, ~~is~~ meeting in Chicago,
today a report was handed in by the right Reverend G. K. A.
Bell, Anglican Bishop of Chichester, ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~New~~ England. He noted
that clergymen of Communist countries were forbidden to attend
the assembly, and this he deplored. Saying that the strain
between East and West could be eased by a "round the world"
fellowship of churches.

(~~Disappointment is expressed, because representatives~~
~~of the Roman Catholic church are not attending the council.~~
~~Forbidden to do so by Cardinal Stritch of Chicago.~~)

(The fifteen hundred delegates represent one hundred
and sixty one Protestant and orthodox churches, from forty
eight nations.)

DINNER TABLE

Today brings a call for a return - to the old time dinner table. The family - sitting around the table in the dining room.

The call was issued at a convention of the American federation of Teachers in Chicago. With a statement - that the passing of the old-time dinner table is a cause of juvenile delinquency. There's a decline of the family influence on children - and gathering around the table at meal time draws parents and youngsters ~~ix~~ closer together.

Today, Selma Borchardt, Vice President of the Teachers Federation said: "Many homes, today, do not have dining rooms, or even kitchen tables large enough for family meal time conferences."

She pointed out that nowadays, children are likely to snatch their meals, catch-as-catch-can -- straight from the stove. Or even - out of the ice box. Maybe, rushing with plates to the T V set. Which says she, makes for a loss of family discipline.

And adds: "Teachers wish that parents could have ~~more~~ more time with their children as a family. We believe it would reduce the school discipline problem."

NIAGARA

~~NEW YORK STATE IS ASKED FOR MONEY TO RESTORE THE~~

At the same time there's a move to

~~clear away - thousands of tons~~

^{the} of rock that fell from the brim of the mighty cataract last month. The masses of debris - piled up at the bottom in such fashion, the view of the falls is blocked. The view - when you stand at the base of the giant cascade.

Today, A. M. Anderson, Chief Engineer, declared:

"We had a beautiful view there before the big rock-fall.

You could almost ~~feel~~ feel you could catch the water, ~~and~~ as it came over the drop of one-hundred-and-sixty feet. Now, the rocks are piled so badly - the view has been dissipated."

He says the huge pile of debris could be pushed into the pool at the foot of the falls. The pool there - one hundred and eighty feet deep.

~~RECALLS, HOWEVER, THAT THE VIEW WAS BEING RESTORED~~

~~AND THAT THE STATE HAS OFFERED TO PAY FOR THE WORK~~

~~SPENDING~~

Save the scenery at the paradise of honeymooners!
Rally to the cause - of the newlyweds!

INDIANS

A big pow wow began in Oklahoma, today. Three thousand redskins belonging to fifty tribes, from six western states -- gathered at the town of Anadarko, where - an American Indian exposition is being held. Featuring - dance contests. The braves of the tribes - stomping and chanting in rituals of pre-Columbian America.

There's a question, however, about - the rain dance. Will Pale Faces be permitted to witness the dance that brings water down from the sky? The younger braves are not particularly concerned. But the older Chiefs and medicine men shake their heads. If the White Man should gaze at the secret ritual, the rain dance wouldn't produce any rain.

CHANNEL

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An astonishing channel swim is reported. The oddity
- the cheering crowds ~~mf~~ on the beach near Folkstone, greeting
the swimmer, when he arrived, after paddling his way across
from France. *Actually* No crowds at all! - nobody! not a soul!

Today, Murat Guler, a Turkish engineer - told how he
struck out from Calais, on the French coast, and made the swim
in seventeen hours. Arriving - at the beach near Folkstone
during the night. The shore - utterly deserted. Nobody had
heard of him. He says that, for fifteen minutes, he signalled
~~me~~ with a flashlight - but couldn't stir up a single human
being. So he got aboard the boat which had accompanied him,
and went back to France.

The Channel swimming association is investigating ~~if~~
what would seem to be the first Channel swim ever to take
place, unnoticed.

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And now let's invite Mike Fitzmaurice
to come down from the Green Mts. of Vermont
and say a few words in behalf of our
sponsors.