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Western Europe, today, hailed an event - of immediate importance. Which may also be - a bright omen for the future. A six-nation treaty - which might herald the fulfillment of a long time ~~in~~ dream. The dream - of a United States of Europe.

The signing - held at an appropriate place.

The Capitoline Hill, in Rome, which historic site recalls - that ancient Roman empire, under which so much of western Europe was united, together with large areas of Asia and Africa.

On the Capitoline Hill ^{the} (cahm-pee-dohl-yo) - the Campidoglio. A small exquisite square - designed by Michelangelo. The ceremony staged - in an old City Hall - France, West Germany, Italy, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg - entering an alliance. Economic - and atomic.

The economic agreement providing - that all tariffs and other trade restrictions, among the six countries, are abolished. For a period - of twelve to seventeen years.

Eventual aim - to make this permanent. Forming - a free trade area. Such as we have over here, among the forty-eight states of the American Union.

The "Euratom" atomic pool - providing that the six countries will combine their atomic resources and skills into one agency. To produce atomic energy for industry on a scale that would be impossible, if each nation acted on its own.

This combination of economic and atomic union promises to put western Europe on a par with the United States, on the one hand, and Soviet Russia on the other.

As the signatures began - bells rang out on the Capitoline Hill. The ceremony - televised all over western Europe. As an accomplishment for the present - and a ~~new~~ hope for the future. That hope cherished ever since the Middle Ages - of a United States of Europe.

At the White House - a large, important conference, today. Twenty one ~~xx~~ ranking members of Congress. Summoned by President Eisenhower. To hear a report - on the Bermuda conference.

A mere twenty-four hours after his return, President Eisenhower acted - in accordance with the bi-partisan foreign policy. He and Secretary Dulles - giving the congressional leaders a detailed account of the talks with British Prime Minister MacMillan.

Telling - of the decision, whereby the United States will ~~join~~ join the Baghdad Pact. Also - the agreement on guided missiles. This country to supply Britain with - ~~xxxxxxx~~ rocket weapons - capable of carrying atomic warheads. The warheads - however - not to be provided except in time of war.

(Prime Minister MacMillan has described the Bermuda ~~xxxx~~ conference as "very successful.")

ADD EISENHOWER

Today's White House meeting lasted for seventy-five minutes. The President assuring the legislators - that he had entered into no secret agreements at Bermuda.



Second add Eisenhower

In the discussion, there was talk - of supplying France, also, with guided missiles. One of the Congressional leaders - raising the point. And the latest word from the White House is that the ~~XXXX~~ Program may be expanded. American rocket weapons - for other free countries.

MIDDLE EAST

U N Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is winding up - his talks with Egyptian Premier Nasser, in Cairo. The proceedings - kept a secret. Today's Cairo dispatch calling the ~~xxx~~ negotiations - "quiet^t/₁ diplomacy." Meaning - unexcited conversations, behind closed doors.

However, Egyptian sources in Cairo give some inkling. Saying - that Egypt intends to remain in the Gaza Strip, according to the Palestine armistice of NineteenForty Nine. But - will continue to cooperate with U N troops.

However, Nasser to make ~~any~~^{no}/₁ formal agreement about the future of the U N ~~ix~~ police force. Basing this refusal - on the fact that Israel has, thus far, refused to let the international soldiers move over on to the Israeli side of the border.

The question of the Gulf of Aqaba - still undecided. Whether or not - the Arab countries will allow Israeli navigation through the Strait of Tiran.

Today, a Danish freighter, under Israeli charter,

steamed through the narrow water at the entrance to the Gulf - and on to the Israeli port of ~~Elath~~^{Elath}. With a cargo of vegetable oils and corn from South Africa. No hindrance or disturbance - an uneventful voyage.

As for the Suez Canal, the Hammarskjold-Nasser talks have produced no change, we hear - in the ~~strong~~ stand Egypt has been taking. (That the vital waterway shall be under Egyptian control - and ~~that~~ all tolls ~~shall be~~ paid over to an Egyptian Canal authority.)

Today, the U N Secretary General witnessed the raising of a sunken ship, one of the two remaining obstacles blocking the Canal. Actually, the raising of this one opens the waterway to large vessels - like ²⁰~~two~~ thousand ton oil tankers. So announces the U N salvage ~~in~~ chief, American General Raymond Wheeler.

The other sunken ship still to be raised lies in the entrance of the port of Suez. But General Wheeler explains that there is a clearance of one-hundred and thirty-two feet ^{width,}

~~wide~~ Large enough - for big tankers to get through.

JERUSALEM

In Jerusalem - a murder trial. Eleven Israeli border policemen - charged with the massacre of forty-seven Arab villagers. Which occurred - the day that Israel invaded Egypt. Arabs, men, women and children - violating an Israeli curfew, whereupon - they were shot down.

In the Jerusalem trial, the State Attorney contends - that the border policemen had no orders to shoot. Among the witnesses called ~~upon~~ upon to testify - Major General Moshe Dayan, Israeli Chief of Staff. Today, the court asked him to appear tomorrow.

ALBANIA

Moscow admits - an anti-Communist revolt in the satellite state of Albania. The Moscow radio telling of an attempted rising against the Red regime.

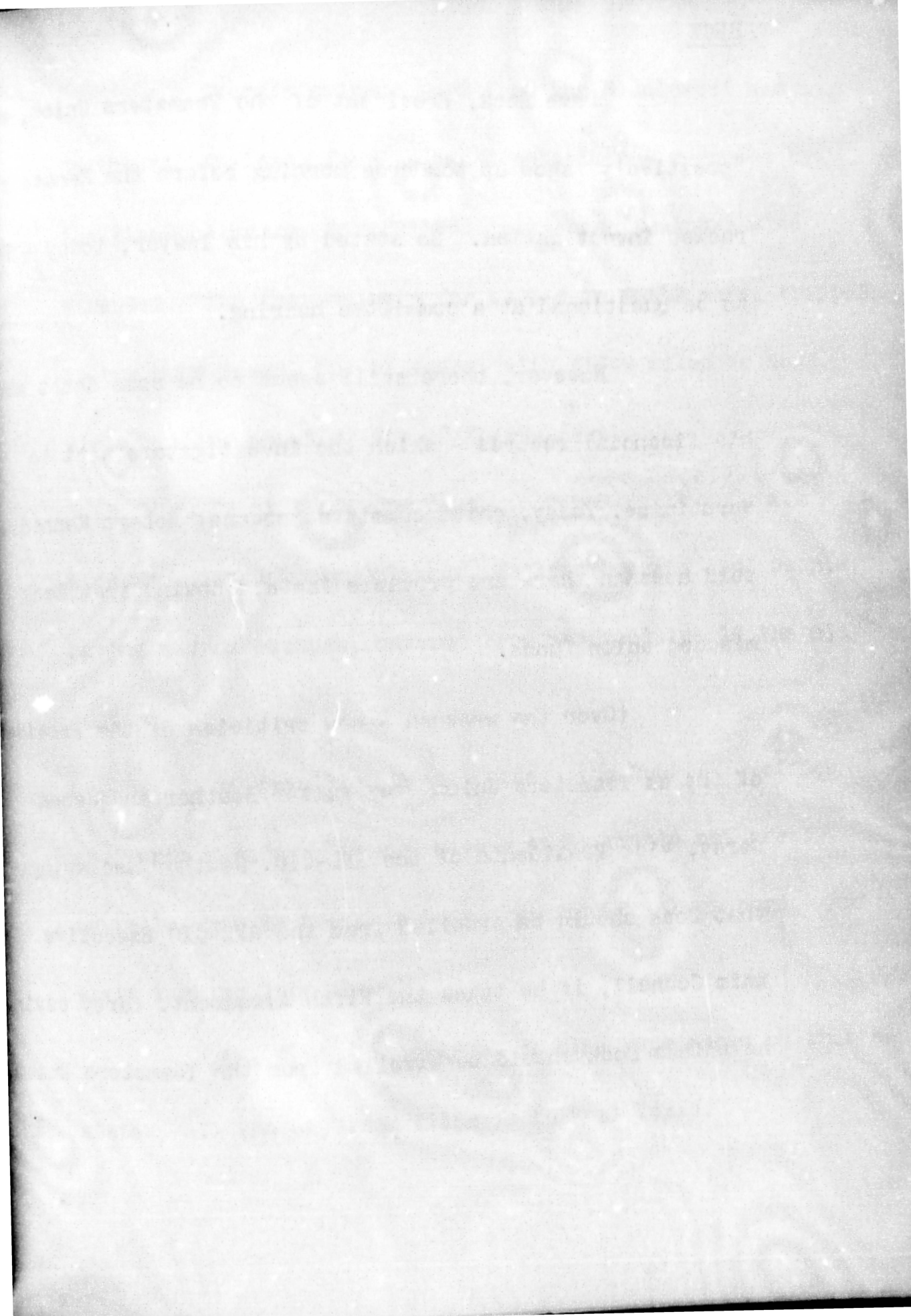
This confirms previous rumors - telling of anti-Communist outbreaks in Albania at the time of the Hungarian rebellion. Which were suppressed by what are called "shootings, mass arrests, and a new reign of terror."

Of all the Russian puppets, Albania retains the most brutal system, in the style of Stalin.

SUPREME COURT

A simple ceremony - in the Supreme Court today. As Charles Evans Whittaker of Kansas City took the oath - as an Associate Justice. The Senate, last week, okayed his nomination by President Eisenhower. So now we have - Mr. Justice Whittaker.

He's a Republican. The high tribunal now having - five Democrats and four Republicans.



BECK

Dave Beck, President of the Teamsters Union, will "positively" show up tomorrow morning before the Senate's racket investigation. So stated by his lawyer, today; - Beck- to be questioned at a committee hearing.

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However, there still seems to be some doubt about his financial records - which the investigators want to scrutinize. Today, chief committee counsel Robert Kennedy, told newsmen there are provable facts, showing that Beck misused union funds.

(Over the weekend - new criticism of the President of the ~~the~~ Teamsters Union - by Walter Reuther and James Carey, Vice Presidents of the AFL-CIO. Reuther declaring - that Beck should be expelled from the AFL-CIO Executive ~~Council~~ Council, if he takes the Fifth Amendment. Carey saying - he thinks Beck should be expelled ^{anyhow} from the Teamsters Union.)

BLIZZARD

There's ominous word from the Middlewest and Southwest. At least four thousand motorists - marooned by the giant blizzard. Six railroad passenger trains - also stranded. The fear being - for people in motor cars, trapped by the huge snows. The blizzard, with fifty miles an hour winds, piling up ~~in~~ drifts of thirty feet.

In at least one case, four men ^{were asphixiated} ~~from asphyxiation~~ - in a snowbound truck, in Oklahoma. Endless reports - of people having narrow escapes, rescued from ~~the~~ vehicles in the nick of time.

At Amarillo, Texas, today, the Sheriff's office ^{the following} gave grim warning: "we may have a story that's not pretty to tell, when we are able to get at some of those cars - and start looking into them."

The spring blizzard - pouring huge snows on thirteen states, all the way from Illinois to West Texas.

ADD BLIZZARD

For an illustration of what the big snow is like, here are a few sentences from a dispatch filed by United Press correspondent, Daniel Gonzales, at Elmwood, Nebraska: "It has been snowing ~~in~~ steadily for thirty-three hours," he writes. "Traffic has completely stopped. Electricity went off Saturday afternoon. There was no water when we got up this morning. Telephone service stopped shortly before noon today. The town is virtually dead."

SHIP

Houston, Texas - admits there's nothing like courtesy, Houston - having an inheritance of ~~the~~ traditional southern good manners. But, just the same, things were tied up for a whole day at the Port of Houston - by an act of courtesy.

(No, it was no case of a southern gentleman - being too polite. It was a ship - a British vessel. Which played the alphonse and gaston act - with calamitous result.^s)

The British freighter, Meadowbank, was navigating through the Houston ship ~~the~~ channel - with a cargo of aluminum sulphate, bound for Calcutta, India. When another ship came along. - ~~and there~~ ^{sure to} be trouble passing. Because a strong northwesterly wind was blowing ^{at} a gale. So the freighter Meadowbank said, in effect - after you, my ~~dear~~ dear Alphonse. Dropping anchor off to one side - so the other vessel could pass.

All went well, until the Meadowbank tried to

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raise anchor - and couldn't. Two anchors, in fact, were snagged at the bottom - and couldn't be raised. The ship, veering around in the strong wind - and blocking the channel.

That happened early yesterday - workmen toiling to get the anchors free. Which they succeeded in doing - this morning. The ship channel - tied up all that length of time.

All, the result of ~~our~~ courtesy - among ships.

HUMAN FLY

In London, Scotland Yard would like to have - a big fly swatter. To use - on the "human fly". A thief who has an uncanny way of getting into almost impossible places. Today, Scotland Yard officials were calling the latest exploit of the "human fly" astounding.

He climbed up to the top of a building, made his way across the roof, and then jumped across a gap to the ledge of another building. The ~~an~~ gap - ten feet wide. The ledge - a mere two feet wide. A perilous perch - with a drop of seventy feet to the pavement below.

Then, on the two foot ledge he chiseled a hole in the wall, and climbed through - into a storage room for valuable furs.

Whereupon, he dropped fur pieces - to an accomplice in the street far below. Thousands of dollars worth of loot. Finally, ~~that~~^{he} "human fly" climbed back out on the two foot ledge, and again jumped across the ten foot gap.

~~I say, where's the fly swatter.~~

BEAUTY QUEEN

In Florida, a mystery has been solved - the mystery of the missing beauty queen.

Alice Thomas, eighteen years old - named to represent the Florida West Coast at the National Press photographers beauty contest in Washington. She was in St. Petersburg, on her way to compete - but yesterday she vanished.

In the mystery, there was one point of evidence - given by the beauty queen's parents. They said - Alice had a boy friend, Philip Phipps. Phil - objecting to the beauty contest idea. He didn't want Alice to go. So what solution would you deduce from that?

Well, today came the answer, an old one - an elopement. Alice phoning her parents - that she and Phil had ^{been} got married.

So Phil had his way - in one respect, at least. But Alice declares - she will still go to Washington and appear in that beauty contest.

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Sounds like an old story, The husband objects -

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and so what!

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Announcer - and now Lowell Thomas recalls

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L.T.: During the past year, Khrushchev has taken back a good deal - of the damnation heaped on Stalin. Which might ~~well~~ well trace back to news - a year ago today, when dispatches told of disturbances in Stalin's native province of Georgia. Violent reaction - against the degradation of the memory of the murderous tyrant. Riots were suppressed- but later came further opposition. And, presently, Khrushchev began eating some of his own harsh words. *we're all puzzled.* Until, today - *present* we don't exactly know the *present* status of Stalin in the official Soviet record.

And, solong until tomorrow.