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DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles asks the nations of the Western hemisphere to stand together against Communism. Speaking in Caracas, before the Tenth Inter-American conference, he said we should all get together on something like a "Monroe Doctrine", to keep out Communism.

He thinks we should warn the Kremlin that we do not intend to permit ~~any~~ Red infiltration. "There is no place here for political institutions which serve alien masters. I hope we can agree to make that clear," was the way he put it.

Which does sound like that famous declaration by President Monroe - when he announced that this hemisphere was no longer open to colonization by Imperial powers. Says Secretary of State Dulles, let's all agree on a similar declaration about Communist imperialism.

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He also advocated closer ties - financial, economic, and cultural for the Americas. And he promised that we will do our part.

Oh yes and Secretary Dulles mentioned the burning issue of the day - coffee. He expressed the belief that the high price of coffee is due mainly to natural causes - such as the effect of the weather on the crop. He did admit that we don't like the present price of coffee!

The western Foreign Ministers were responsible for preventing agreement at the Big Four conference in Berlin.

So says
~~The assertion comes from~~ Molotov - in a report given out by the Soviet Foreign Office.

According to Molotov, Dulles, Eden and Bidault were determined to revive German militarism. ^{on} And that ~~was~~ ~~the point on which~~ the conference foundered. The Soviet Foreign Minister asserts ^{that} America, Britain and France, are not interested in maintaining peace in Europe. And the villain, of course, is the United States. Molotov asserts that we have tried to build a foreign policy based on ~~the~~ strength, and have failed in Germany, Korea, and Indo China.

The Kremlin statement attacked us ^S ~~all along the~~ ~~line~~ ^{for} for NATO, the German Army, and ^{for the aid we have} ~~our General aid to~~ the nations of the free world. ^{according} ~~What is~~ the moral ~~of all this?~~
to Molotov
Well, ~~it seems that~~ all nations should ally themselves with the peace-lovin Soviet Union. ~~So says Molotov~~

G_O_P

Some of the leaders of the Republican Party seemed to be handing out Olive branches today. In connection with controversy between McCarthy and the administration.

Yesterday the President Eisenhower condemned, what he termed, the disregard of the standards of fair play," by congressional investigators. Meaning, presumably the Wisconsin Senator's handling of General Z wicker.

Today, Senator McCarthy reiterated that he is not fighting the administration but he added that no one expects the President to agree with every Senator -- or every Senator to agree with the President. And he ended by saying, "I hope the matter can drop here."

G O P chairman, Leonard Hall, today again denied that the party is split by "the so-called McCarthy situation." According to the Party chairman's interpretation, the controversy is merely about emphasis and approach -- not about the investigation of Communism in this country,

Len Hall remarked that the Democrats charged the G O P with being divided by a conflict of personalities. His reply:- "that's nonsense!

Another prominent Republican, Senator Mundt of South Dakota - a member of the McCarthy sub-committee -- says the whole controversy is simmering down. He also thinks the statements on both sides "helped to clear the atmosphere." He went on to say he believes the sub-committee will be courteous to Army officers in the future.

Meanwhile, White House press Secretary Hagerty, says the President has received hundreds of telegrams supporting him in the McCarthy Army dispute. Hagerty states that the telegrams are still pouring in & most of them praising President Eisenhower's statement at his news conference yesterday.

Both sides seem anxious to end the affair.

Olive branches instead of shillelaghs.

Naturally there are
But ~~some~~ ^{who} Democrats are not interested in seeing
it all quiet
~~the McCarthy issue die~~ down! Today, ^{one} Senator referring to
David Schine - who was a researcher for the McCarthy sub-
committee, ~~McClellan says he~~ asked the Army to say whether
or not Schine has received preferential treatment.

There have been charges that Schine was sent to a
special army school - even though he did not have the ~~rank~~
rank or military experience for it. ^{That} ~~According to the charges,~~
the Army was prodded by the McCarthy sub-committee -- to
give Schine preferential treatment.

Senator McClellan, ~~is~~ a member of the sub-committee,
~~is~~ also a Democrat ~~and he~~ wants to know whether the
charges about Schine ~~are true~~ ^{Young David} ~~are true~~ ^{has any} foundation!

WILSON

Secretary of Defense Wilson says the Army is not "coddling Communists." The Secretary made the statement at a news conference - and added however that the handling of the case of Major Peress could be criticized. He says he is - ordering a special investigation of the Peress Case. Then he went on: - But "The idea that the Army would be coddling Communists is just blankety blank tommyrot."

Defense Secretary Wilson, after giving his answer to the charges made by Senator McCarthy, was asked whether he would see to it that Army officers are not bullied by the McCarthy sub-committee. His answer:- emphatically: "yes".

Meanwhile, Senator McCarthy demands to know who assigned an Army doctor to a hospital near a secret ~~is~~ defense project -- after the doctor had refused to answer questions on his loyalty? The doctor ^{in this case being} ~~is~~ Private Marvin Belsky. ^{who} ~~he~~ was inducted as a private because he refused to answer loyalty questions. According to ^{Sen} McCarthy, Belsky was assigned to the Murphy General Hospital at Waltham, Massachusetts. Which put him close to a project which McCarthy terms "not only secret but top most secret."

^{Prv} Belsky challenged the right of the McCarthy subcommittee to question him. He argued that, as a soldier, he is under the jurisdiction of President Eisenhower -- the commander in chief of all the armed forces.

^{Sen} McCarthy denied this ^{and} ~~he~~ pointed out that the President has called on Army personnel to testify. ^{Then} ~~the~~ the Senator recommended that Belsky be prosecuted for contempt.-

The Defense Department is asking for legislation which would allow doctors refusing to answer loyalty questions - to be drafted as enlisted men. This ^{to be} a change from existing law - under which the doctor must be either commissioned or discharged.

Today a famous psychiatrist testified that the Reds ~~xxxx~~ broke the will of the Marine Colonel who signed a false confession of germ warfare. Dr. Winfred Overholser, declaring that Colonel Frank Schwable was not completely normal when he signed that confession.

"In essence, he was a man without a will."

That's the way the psychiatrist put it.

~~Overholser added that he did not believe anyone~~
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could resist Red torture indefinitely - the type of torture
Col. that Schwable had to undergo during his imprisonment, *said* according
~~to the psychiatrist, "I would not want to offer a guarantee~~
~~about anyone not breaking at one time or another."~~

He ~~was~~ was asked - what about those other prisoners
who say that they successfully resisted? *The doctor* Overholser replied
by making two points: ~~in the~~ [first, ~~place,~~ *place,* he noted that
individual resistance varies. ~~and~~ *Secondly,* it is possible
the Reds gave up on the others before reaching the limit. *and*
the Marine
~~They~~ did not give up on Colonel Schwable.

A dispatch from Hanoi reveals that artillery fire has been heard in ~~the~~^a Indo-Chinese capital. The Reds, hurling an attack against the French post of Senho - only six miles from Hanoi. The attack, part of the strategy of Red General Giap, ~~the~~ so-called "Jungle Fox." The attack on Senho was thrown back. But the sound of the battle carried to Hanoi - ~~in~~ indicating how close the "jungle Fox" has *approached that vital city* ~~pushed~~ in his drive through the Red River Delta.

French officers believe ~~that~~ the assault on Senho, ~~was~~ a feint - possibly ~~the~~^a prelude to a big Communist drive somewhere else in the delta. So Hanoi is on the alert - in case the Reds mount a real attack on that city.

LABOR

The House Labor Committee refuses to reconsider its decision on the National Labor Relations Board. Yesterday the committee voted to strip the N L R B of authority to handle unfair labor practice charges. These, to be left in the future to the courts. The vote was fourteen to thirteen -- and ~~is~~ ^{right} cut across party lines.

The committee was asked to reconsider. ^{In fact} C I O

President Walter Reuther made a last minute appeal to defeat the proposal. In a telegram to the chairman, Reuther said that Labor problems would become involved in Red tape - because rich employers could involve the unions in drawn out litigation. Reuther charging that the decision would help the enemies of Democratic trade unionism.

So the committee took up a motion to reconsider.

This time, the voting went fourteen to fourteen - a tie vote.

Which meant that the proposal would not be reconsidered.

The N L R B still loses its authority on charges of unfair labor practice.

However, the chairman points out that the committee may reverse itself - when actual legislation is drafted.

That squabble over the New York Central Railroad took a new turn today - when Robert Young filed suit against the management. Young is the Texan who is trying to gain control of the railroad. Today he sued the directors - charging that they are spending company money in their attempt to defeat him.

According to Young's suit, the directors have dipped into company funds to hire public relations counsel and a proxy soliciting firm. Young wants them to make good that outlay of cash. Also, he to use their own money for such purposes ~~etc~~ in the future.

Young denies that his lawsuit is a maneuver to help him gather proxy votes - for a showdown at the Stockholders meeting in May. He says he just doesn't want any more company money ~~etc~~ spent for the purpose of keeping the present directors in office.

The President of the New York Central, William White, replies that Young is trying to intimidate his

opponents. According to White, the Texan wants to disarm the opposition before the big battle for control begins. He accuses Young of being greedy for power - trying to drive a wedge between the management and the stockholders of the New York Central.

The President of the railroad ~~made one point~~ ~~that seems pretty obvious.~~ He says there ~~is~~ no possibility of a compromise with Young before the stockholders' meeting.

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A famous name is mentioned in ~~the~~ the dispute - Vanderbilt. We all know that Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt was the most famous individual connected with the New York Central. Today, there are two Vanderbilts on the Board of Directors. Young says that, if he wins, he would like to have a Vanderbilt among his directors. But both William and Harold Vanderbilt reply to this - that they will not serve on any board that is controlled by Young.

LAWRENCE

In Britain, a controversy is brewing - that is sure to spread to this country. Because it concerns a man who became a legend. Lawrence of Arabia -- who, in World War I led the revolt in the desert.

British author Richard Aldington, as you may have heard, is bringing out a book - or hopes to - in which he pictures the fabulous career of Lawrence of Arabia as a myth, a fraud. Exploits - imaginary. The epic story - false.

This will interest nearly ~~all~~ everybody, and happens to be no little interest to me. Because I was the first to tell about Lawrence of Arabia. In the First World War, I had the good luck to encounter the young Englishman who was then making history as a leader of the Camel Riding Arabs. For a time I was with him in the desert -- the only observer who was. What a story to get. What a story to tell. And I told that story very nearly from one end of the earth to the other. That is, told it in person. And later in a book, the first

that was written about him.

Now some thirty-five years later Lawrence is called a fraud.

I haven't seen the Aldington book. It hasn't been published. Maybe it never will be. I hear his publisher is worried. My first impulse has been to communicate with people who knew Lawrence, and ask them - what do they think of this attack? It so happened that Britain's veteran press baron, Lord Beaverbrook, arrived in New York today on his way to London, from the Caribbean. I knew he had had contacts with Lawrence, so I asked him what he thought of the threatened attack. He replied that he was sure it would raise a storm in England -- not only because of the legend of Lawrence, but also - because of the prominence of Richard Aldington as an author, novelist - biographer.

I asked Lord Beaverbrook if he knew what evidence is being cited? He replied -- that Aldington had analyzed Lawrence's own account, in his book -- "The Seven

Pillars of Wisdom," and, no doubt, found contradictions - just as you'll find contradictions in almost any book.

Lord Beaverbrook said that, after the First World War, he discussed with Lawrence ~~some~~ ^a problem ^{then} concerning Arabia; ~~involving~~ a struggle among the Arabs - at the time of the rise of Ibn Saud. He ~~added that he'll~~ ^{said he would} tell me more about this when he gets back to London and has a chance to consult his papers - his written record of that episode in the career of Lawrence of Arabia.

At any rate today the firey Lord Beaverbrook spoke warmly of the young Oxford archaeologist who became a hero in war and who then became a legend, and of who's greatness I myself feel just as sure as I did thirty years ago. Aldington was not there. I was. And this attack on Lawrence will probably just add to his fame. Lord Beaverbrook thinks so. He put it this way: "No really great man ever escapes attack."

Today the students of Melbourne University gave the Duke of Edinburgh the most unusual reception he has received in Australia. When he arrived on the campus, an "honor guard" was there - ~~a group~~ ^{also} in masks and costumes, — carrying mops instead of rifles. Banners inscribed with the words, "in defense of Edinburgh!" ^{IP} As the Duke stepped from his car, students dressed as eastern potentates rolled out a moth-eaten carpet. Then "delegations" waited upon him - and presented him with a cricket bat and a pair of crutches. All the while, student commenators were "broadcasting" outlandish descriptions of the scene - punctuated with an American style "commercial" - for a ~~an~~ popular brand of razor blades.

A news dispatch describes the Duke ~~as~~ as startled - but only momentarily. The Consort of the Queen dropping his dignity to join in the fun. ~~It all sounds like one~~

~~reception that~~ ^{seems to} The Duke ^{really} enjoys ^{the horse play.}
^{Meanwhile}
~~At the same time,~~ the Queen was at a more solemn

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function; at Government house, presenting medals, and
conferring knighthoods. Very formal, very royal!

Arise Sir Knight - and all that!

Arise Mike!