

ROMANIANS 47-D Tues - Feb. 15-55.

~~A dispatch~~ From Bern, Switzerland, <sup>we have been hearing</sup> ~~telling~~ of one of

the strangest developments of the cold war. ~~At midnight last~~

~~night~~ - A band of seven ~~men~~ attacked the Romanian Legation in

the Swiss capital. First, they broke into <sup>an other</sup> ~~a small~~ building

used as living quarters. <sup>W</sup> There they seized the chauffeur's wife,

and bound and gagged her. <sup>Cutting</sup> ~~They cut~~ the telephone wires, and

<sup>they started for</sup> ~~then moved into~~ the main legation building. <sup>As they crossed</sup> ~~the lawn~~ the chauffeur spotted them ~~on the lawn~~. But when he

tried to stop them, they killed him with a burst of machine gun

fire. <sup>du</sup> ~~Then they struck the next~~ ~~stunned~~ the main building,

<sup>t</sup> ~~They~~ rounded up the staff, and took over the whole Legation,

<sup>throwing out all</sup> ~~Later, they chased all of the~~ members of the Legation, ~~out~~ -

including the Charge d'Affaires.

Tonight, the invaders are still in possession. But

the Swiss government is ordering them to surrender - following

repeated protests from Bucharest. The Swiss have strung

barbed wire around the Romanian Legation. The gas and water

have been turned off. Four large searchlights are <sup>playing on</sup> ~~fighting up~~

the building and the grounds. Tanks and artillery have been brought up. And the Swiss government says that the invaders will be shelled tomorrow morning - if they have not surrendered by then.

They say they won't surrender. One of them, speaking over the telephone, remarked: "We have plenty of ammunition - and food in the house will last for weeks." Then he added: "We are desperate - we have nothing to lose."

They say they'll stay until the Romanian government has released five political prisoners it is holding. But the Swiss are determined to bring them in - to stand trial for the murder of the chauffeur - even though the promise has been given that they will not be sent back to Communist-dominated Romania.

## PINEAU

*seems nearer a new*  
France ~~is closer to having a~~ government than at any

time since the fall of Mendes-France. This - because the

*now*  
Radical Socialist Party has voted to support Christian Pineau,  
who is struggling to end the eleven day crisis.

*that's*  
The Radical Socialists ~~are~~ the Party of Mendes-France.  
*Not of Pineau. Late word comes*  
~~And it is revealed in Paris~~ that Pineau has offered his

predecessor the office of Vice-Premier in a coalition Cabinet.

*therefore plans*  
Pineau, ~~intending~~ to follow the major policies of Mendes-France

Pineau also has the backing of the Popular Republican  
Party - and his hopes of forming a government are becoming  
stronger. So, it looks like the next French Cabinet will be  
headed by Pineau as Premier; with Mendes-France, as Vice-Premier.

## LONDON

An unprecedented meeting was held in London today - between the Premiers of Britain and Italy. ~~It is~~ Unprecedented, because Sir Winston Churchill and Premier Mario Scelba had no differences to iron out. *Already in agreement* ~~They're pretty well agreed~~ on the common problems facing the two countries.

Scelba's visit to London is described as a courtesy call. And the meeting was friendly, with no disagreement about major policy. Churchill and Scelba both agree that, for the safety of Europe, German rearmament must be ratified as quickly as possible. And Scelba is said to have told Churchill that ratification should not be difficult, when the time comes for the Rome Parliament to vote.



QUEMOY

*From we hear*  
~~Reliable sources in London declare~~ that our government has agreed that the islands of Quemoy and Matsu should be handed over to the Chinese Reds. According to these sources, we have agreed that far - but, we don't want the change to take place until Mao Tse-tung has become less belligerent in starting incidents in the Formosa Strait.

This contradicts what Chiang Kai-shek told a news conference yesterday - the Generalissimo *saying* ~~telling the news~~ ~~conference~~ that his forces were committed to defend Quemoy and Matsu.

But our position, according to the London sources, has swung around to the side of the London government. ~~Sir Anthony~~ Eden has said repeatedly that the two islands belong to the mainland government - and that the Nationalists should pull back to Formosa and the Pescaderes. That's the plan now being pressed on our government by Churchill and Eden.

## NANCHI FOLLOW QUEMOY

Meanwhile, the Formosa defenses have already been revamped - following the evacuation of the Tachens. Now Nanchi Island is the northernmost anchor of the island chain - and the Nationalists are building it up as a key point. Nanchi is about a hundred and fifty miles north of Formosa. It's only eight miles square - and is so rocky that it has no airstrips and no port. But the Reds could use it to strike at northern Formosa - which is why Chiang Kai-shek intends to hold it, if he can.

## DULLES

The State Department announces that Secretary of State Dulles will make a major address tomorrow night. The speech, to be carried over television and radio - and CBS will broadcast it at ten-thirty.

The purpose of the address, <sup>to tell us how we</sup> ~~to spell out, at least~~  
<sup>stand</sup> ~~to some extent, the Secretary's position~~ on Formosa. Dulles  
~~decided to make his views known,~~ <sup>This</sup> following ~~the~~ demands of a  
group of Senators - who want to know just how far we are  
committed to a defense of islands in the Formosa Strait.  
Senators Humphrey of Minnesota and Morse of Oregon, have been  
particularly insistent about having more information. Humphrey  
wrote the Secretary of State, to ask for a direct statement.

Now it's announced that the statement will be made -  
tomorrow night. Secretary Dulles, to tell the country as much as  
he safely can about how we intend to handle the Formosa crisis.

Please drop the story slugged NANCHI FOLLOW QUEMOY and use the following in its place.

KNOWLAND.

Senator Knowland warned his colleagues today that this country must not permit the American airmen in Red jails to become "forgotten men." The California Republican made this observation on the floor of the Senate. It was not a fighting speech - not like some the Senator has made in the past. - ~~like when he called f~~  
~~for a blockade of the China coast.~~

Today he merely said that the American people will remember the prisoners. And he urged the United Nations to take up the case again - now that the problem of a cease-fire for Formosa has been taken out of their hands by the refusal of Cho<sup>u</sup> en Lai to attend UN discussions.



## ARMY

The Defense Department discloses some hitherto secret figures about our Army. The information coming out in a report to the House Armed Services Committee.

From ~~this~~ <sup>the</sup> report, we learn that this country has more than a million and a quarter men overseas. ~~They are~~ Combat troops - assigned to almost a thousand military bases.

At home, we have one million ~~and~~ six hundred thousand combat troops - assigned to bases in this country, but <sup>all</sup> ready to go overseas ~~when~~ <sup>if</sup> needed.

Besides troops, the Defense Department has half a million civilian worker<sup>s</sup> employed at ~~the~~ overseas bases. The cost of these civilian workers - six hundred million a year. The total sum for employing civilian workers both abroad and at home, ~~is~~ four and a half billion.

WILSON

We are ahead of the Russians in developing nuclear weapons <sup>- which they know -- says</sup> ~~- and they know it. So stated by~~ Secretary of Defense, Charles Wilson.

<sup>This was in</sup> ~~The Secretary,~~ replying to a statement, by Molotov, - ~~who said~~ last week, that the Soviet Union has a superiority in H-bombs. Secretary Wilson told his news conference today, that the Molotov statement was made for just one reason - to obscure what is happening in the Kremlin.

One reporter asked if there was really a "nuclear stalemate" between this country and Russia. Wilson replied:

"I don't think so - I think we're ahead of them." ~~And he added,~~

<sup>And</sup> that the Russians know <sup>this</sup> ~~quite well that we're ahead of them.~~

<sup>2</sup> ~~That~~ Molotov statement, just propaganda. - ~~in the opinion of our~~  
~~Defense Secretary.~~



## ATOMIC FOLLOW WILSON

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The Atomic Energy Commission issued a special report today - dealing with the effect of H-bomb explosion<sup>s</sup> on populated areas. According to the report, one bomb could spread lethal radioactive dust over an area almost the size of New Jersey. It would threaten the lives of nearly everyone, in a belt twenty miles wide - and stretching down wind for a-hundred-and-sixty miles. It would still be dangerous, almost two hundred miles from the place of the explosion.

Well, if this sounds pretty terrifying, there's one consolation - the A.E.C. emphasizes that these figures apply under, what it terms, "the worst possible conditions."

Which means, that these figures cannot be assumed in the case of an atomic blast - unless all the people in the area ignore all precautions - and remain out of doors, completely exposed to the radioactive dust for thirty-six <sup>hours.</sup> ~~days~~

## COMMUNIST

A top figure in the Communist Party of Illinois - goes to jail. Claude Lightfoot, Executive Secretary of the Party, sentenced to five years. And fined five thousand dollars.

The sentence handed down in Chicago by Judge Philip Sullivan. Lightfoot had appealed a previous conviction. In January, he was found guilty of belonging to the Communist Party - despite the fact that he knew the Party advocated the violent overthrow of our government. The jury ruled, at the time, that he could not be a member of the Party - without knowing its aims.

Now Judge Sullivan says that the jury was right.

~~Communist Claude~~ Lightfoot, to go to prison. In the meantime,

*he is out*  
~~Lightfoot is free~~ on thirty thousand dollars bail - ~~with his~~

~~attorney~~ preparing to appeal. ~~the case.~~

## PILOT

A dispatch from Raleigh, North Carolina, tells of a jet pilot swinging from a tree in his parachute harness for more than six hours. Lieutenant E. J. Murphy, of Rockville, Connecticut, had to bail out of his crippled banshee fighter. ~~Last night~~. And he came down about eleven miles from Raleigh. He landed in a wood - and his parachute harness became ~~is~~ entangled in a tree - which left him dangling a few feet above a swamp. It was too dark for him to see clearly - so he was afraid to free himself until he knew just what was underneath. "It was pitch dark," he says, "a cloudy night - and all I knew was that there was quite a lot of water there."

So the Lieutenant just hung on, still strapped in his parachute harness - ~~and he stayed put~~ for more than six hours. Finally, the clouds parted, ~~allowing~~ <sup>and</sup> bright moonlight ~~to~~ stream <sup>ed</sup> through. And Lieutenant Murphy saw that what he had beneath him was a shallow swamp. So he undid his parachute harness, dropped to the ground, and walked out to a highway.

~~There he~~ Flagged a motorist, and was taken into town - just as highway patrolmen were searching the area, expecting to find the body of the pilot of the crashed plane.

## DIAMONDS

Man has never been able to make wither gold or diamonds, although alchemists have tried for a thousand years or more. But here comes the big news:

General Electric at Schenectady is making diamonds! So Announced a General Electric spokesman. Although the gems are described as small, and of poor quality, the important point is, that they are real diamonds - the first time that man has ever been able to manufacture the most valuable ~~xxxxxx~~ of all precious stones

General Electric says that the sidcovery will be of vast importance to American Industry - which now spends around fifty million a year for diamonds. Commercial diamonds used to cut and polish other materials They dont know yet but they think that before long we'll turn out large diamonds of the finest quality - and then the fabulous diamond mines of Africa will x have something to think about!



## EXPLORER

A Chicago chiropodist is off for the jungles of Central America. Harold Emiley, beginning his tenth expedition tomorrow. Each time he has taken a group of inexperienced assistants. This year - eleven more volunteers - eager to head for the jungle - to get away from it all.

The explorer chiropodist and his companions will drive to New Orleans, fly to southern Mexico, and go the rest of the way through British Honduras and Guatemala by truck and mule <sup>train</sup> ~~train~~.

Why? Well, Chiropodist Emiley says he just can take so much civilisation - and then he must commune with Nature. Revert to the primitive. In the chiropodist's words. "You climb a hill, and look at a scene no white man has set eyes on before! - and you don't stumble over a pop bottle or a tin can.

Also, and here's something, exploring in the Central American jungle costs less than a Florida vacation - only four hundred bucks per man. So, it's not so tough to get volunteers - the thrill of jungle exploration! Or would you rather have the sands of Miami, Hugh?