

FRANCE -- INDO-CHINA *Fr. Mar. 5 - 1954.*

The French government has put aside the proposal made by Indian Prime Minister Nehru, for an immediate armistice in Indo-China. Today, Premier Laniel told the ~~Nat~~ National Assembly in Paris, that the question of a cease-fire was too complicated for any prompt action.

~~(He summarized the French conditions for a truce, which ~~ask~~ call for the Reds to evacuate large areas. Laniel - ~~said~~ stating that these could not be negotiated, in advance of the Geneva Conference.)~~

The Premier said he pinned his hope on that meeting of the Big Four, together with Red China. Hope - that a settlement of the Indo-Chinese War may be reached at Geneva.

Meanwhile, in Washington, U.S. Foreign Aid Chief Harold Stassen stated that more than a billion dollars of U.S. military aid will be sent to Indo-China this year - help for the French against the Reds.

INDO-CHINA

Indo-China reports a raid by the Reds, which raised havoc at a number one air base. The Gailam Base - terminus of an airlift which ferried supplies to strongholds in the jungle war. Ten huge C-47 transports blown up, and burned. The machine shops on fire - the whole base ablaze.

Communist guerrillas appear to have sneaked ⁱⁿ ~~into~~ the base by way of the nearby Red River, stealing along in sampans. The first the French guards knew - was the flash of fire all over the place, huge planes going up in flames. The Reds - having touched off explosives underneath the transports. They all got away, except one - who shot himself when cornered. The others, apparently - escaping in the sampans on the Red River.

It was one of the boldest of enemy strokes - in that Indo-Chinese War.

MOROCCO

There was a roar like thunder and lightning, in a Mohammedan mosque, today - over in French Morocco. The occasion - solemn. The Sultan of Morocco entering the mosque - for prayers, according to the Koran. Seventy-six year old Sidi Mohammed Ben Moulay Arafa, accompanied by the Pasha of Marrakesh. The lightning and thunder - a bomb, hand grenade. Thrown - in an attempt to assassinate the monarch of Morocco. But Allah was merciful - Sidi Mohammed Ben Moulay Arafa, only slightly injured. Sustaining - a minor head wound.

In the turmoil, the police shot and killed an Arab trying to get away ~~who~~ ^{who} may have been the would-be assassin, after ~~the~~ ^{the} attempt at - murder in the mosque. |

CRASH

(There seems no hope - in the case of a big U.S. transport plane, with twenty Americans aboard, which crashed in the Alps. Search planes were scouting over the mountains today, but found no sign of the missing C-47. They say the chances of there being any survivors is virtually - zero.

Another air disaster among Alpine peaks, which are called - "the graveyard of lost planes.")

SUBMARINE

You've heard of peroxide blondes. But here's the peroxide submarine. Over in England, today, the Royal Navy launched H.M.S. Explorer - an undersea craft with an engine that runs on hydrogen peroxide. Some kind of ultra-modern chemistry having discovered enormous power in the familiar - $H_2 O_2$. But that's a military secret.

We are merely told that the new British submarine will be ~~faster~~^{speedier} than any other - except for our own atomic under-water boat. The atomic submarine is - fast. Which they used to say about peroxide blondes.)

BOMBERS

One of the pleasant amenities is that of - hailing a friend as you pass him. You're going one way, he comes along - going the other way. So you salute each other with a cheery greeting - as you pass. Well, that was enacted in a spectacular way today - in the skies over the Atlantic. A stream of jet ^(bombers) ~~planes~~ flying east, passing a stream of jet planes, flying west!

Over in England, the Twenty-Second Bomber Wing of the U.S. Air Force, ~~has been~~ stationed at a base near Oxford, ~~they were to be~~ ^{has been} relieved by the Three Hundred and Third Bomber Wing - coming from the United States. ~~Both wings, coming and going, to make non-stop flights across the Atlantic and much more than that.~~

~~Today, at the base near Oxford,~~ ^{from Oxford} Forty bombers of the Twenty-Second took off at ten minute intervals - for a five thousand mile flight to March Airbase in California. Simultaneously, the Three Hundred and Third took off from Tucson, Arizona - bound for a base in England. Both wings -

non-stop, with refueling in the air on the way.

(today) Air →
So, ~~that was the case of~~ Air Force friends ~~passing~~

each other high above the Atlantic ~~today~~ - streams of jet
bombers flying east, flying west. You can imagine them talking
to each other by radio telephone. "Hello Bill, how's the wife?"
And all sorts of aerial chatter.

ATOMIC

At Los Alamos, New Mexico, they^ere tearing down a building - and burying the pieces. "Building D", an historic structure. Los Alamos - the scene of one of our first atomic production centers. "Building D", the structure in which the explosive uranium ~~two three five~~, was turned out - for the first atomic bomb. The one - exploded in the experimental blast on the New Mexican desert, ~~the atomic bomb~~. "Building D" also produced the devastating charge for the A-bombs that hit Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

But they won't preserve "Building D" as an historic relic - or anything else. ~~They've~~ They've discovered that the walls have become radioactive. Contaminated during years of atomic ^{research.} ~~production.~~

So they'll get rid of "Building D" - utterly and completely. Tear it down - and bury the pieces. The historic ^{structure} ~~building~~ - to have a graveyard on the New Mexican desert.

COMMUNIST

A former Communist told the McCarthy Committee today - that, as a Red, he had access to Army military secrets. In Washington, Peter Gragis of Levittown, New York, said - he worked in a laboratory at Nutley, New Jersey, which was doing confidential work for the Signal Corps. The time - from Nineteen Forty-Five to Nineteen Fifty. He named a fellow laboratory worker as a Communist at the time. Frank Mc Gee - who, today, refused to answer the xi sixty-four dollar question taking refuge in the Fifth Amendment.

~~Gragis told of the establishment of a Communist cell at the laboratories, and named a leader - Harry Hyman. Recently, the McCarthy Committee questioned Hyman, and he refused to answer - Fifth Amendment.~~

COURT- MARTIAL

The Army today brought charges against Corporal
Cláud Bachelor - one of the two American prisoners-of-war who
preferred Communism for a while, but then changed his mind.

He's at

~~at~~ San Antonio, Texas, where he was arrested - to determine

if there's evidence enough to bring him before a court-martial.

He is Accused of giving aid and comfort to the enemy, which
caused - "punishment and hardship" for other G.I's in the
prison camp.

Corporal Bachelor was the second of the ~~pro-Communists~~
pro-Communists to desert the G.I's who stayed behind with the
Reds. The first one, Corporal Edward Dickinson, is also
under charges. To be court-martialled - later this month.

PUERTO RICAN ARSENAL

The New York police have discovered a regular arsenal, - believed to belong to Puerto Rican terrorists. Police Commissioner Francis A dams says the armament consists of five cases of hand grenades, twenty-five rifles - and there are even anti-tank guns. Found - in the Puerto Rican section of Harlem.

Later news - two men arrested. But, they are Cubans - and it isn't clear whether or not they have any connection with the Puerto Ricans.

TERRORISTS

Meanwhile, In Washington, the four Puerto Rican terrorists pleaded "not guilty" today. Whereupon Federal Judge James Morris set April Fifth as the date of their trial - for shooting up Congress.

McCARTHY

Senator McCarthy, today, dropped his libel-slander suit against former Senator Benton of Connecticut. ~~XXXXXX~~ Two years ago, Benton, a Democrat in the Senate, accused McCarthy of "fraud and deceit". Bitterly attacking - the McCarthy campaign against alleged Communists in the State Department. Whereupon the Wisconsin Senator sued - for two million dollars.

Today McCarthy explained - he was withdrawing the lawsuit because he was unable "to find anyone who would say he believed Benton's charges." Adding - that there could be "no damage" unless someone could be found who did believe Benton.

To which the former Connecticut Senator retorts that McCarthy has stopped the legal proceedings because, in Benton's words: "I told the truth, and he knew it."

Anyway, the big suit is off.

FARM BILL

(The House of Representatives, this afternoon, passed the bill to increase government support for farm prices - by one billion, seven hundred and fifty million dollars. The Senate has already voted its okay - so the bill now goes to President Eisenhower.)

STRIKE

The port of New York - tied up by a strike of longshoremen. A wildcat walkout - in defiance of a federal injunction. Twenty thousand dock workers of the I.L.A., that old notorious Union - staying off the job. The question is - will the new Union, formed by the A.F. of L., oppose the strike?

Police are afraid the answer may be involved - in violence.

NAVAJOS

The Navajo tribe has broken an age-old tradition.

At Window Rock, Arizona, the tribal council debated the issue for ten hours - the longest pow-wow in the history of the Navajos. Then they voted - to violate their ancient rule.

The Navajos have a traditional ceremony called - "the blessing way." A nine-day ritual, in which the tribal history is enacted, with symbolism expressing the Navajo philosophy of life. Its esoteric meaning - a secret. With occult significance - known only to medicine men.

But this is now to be divulged by an eighty year old missionary priest, the Reverend Bernard Hallie. Who has lived among the Navajos for fifty years. Mighty few pale faces know the Navajo language, but the missionary, years ago, produced a system of writing Navajo, and has published a Navajo dictionary.

He has gathered material relating to the ancient lore of the tribe, including the secret of that nine-day ritual - "the blessing way." So now permission to publish has been granted - by the Navajo tribal council.

BASEBALL

In Buffalo, Supreme Court Justice George Rowe ruled - the defendant ^{was} a prodigy too remarkable to go to jail. His Honor is an ardent baseball fan, and Ronald Moss, held for burglary, is a - "pitcher-catcher." Which is a rare phenomenon in baseball - a player who can be used either on the mound or behind the plate. That's versatile - but versatility should not include burglary.

Ball Player Moss told the judge - he has a contract with the Ogden, Utah, team, of the Pioneer League. Ordered - to report for Spring training April First.

So Judge Rowe reduced the charge, saying: "I'm leaving you at liberty on bail, and I hope you can make the team. ~~in Spring training.~~"

So the ball player is on his way to the Pioneer League - able to pitch one game, and ^{maybe} catch the next. He can go out on a mound and wind up, ^{or} put on his mask on and crouch behind the plate. Versatile.

PROFESSOR

At the University of New Hampshire, recently, a student was doing a routine job of checking - looking over the records of the professors. Just a work-a-day college chore, apparently - but it led to something dramatic.

The student came to the record of the brilliant Professor of Mathematical Physics. There were - discrepancies, something odd. The student mentioned this to the college officials, who looked into it, and found - the learned Professor was a fraud.

Marvin Hewitt, who had never even been to college. Went through high school; that's all. Never had the money to get a higher education. So he studied on his own - mastering mathematical physics. Called - a natural born genius", with a flair for teaching. Previously, he taught at other universities - under false colors - if you want to call it that. I wouldn't, because he had

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all the qualifications - except the allegedly necessary academic degrees.

Today President Chandler of New Hampshire University declared that Hewitt could probably acquire the degrees by taking examinations. He'd pass them easily, you'd think.

Hewitt, living at Hempstead, Long Island, with a wife and children, says - he'd like to go to school, and get the credentials.

But why should the Professor go to college and spoil a fine story? Did anyone, anywhere ever say that it was necessary to go to college to become educated. Shades of a long line of great men - from Shakespeare down to Edison{ Ford and Henry Kaiser too, Mike!