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New strikes - reported in East Germany.

Demonstration^s - demanding the release of thousands of workers thrown into jail, after the anti-Communist uprisings last month. Under Soviet martial law, East Germany is described as quiet -- ~~xx~~ except for the strikes.

In Hungary, Red newspapers ^{are} explaining the sudden, startling change of Communist policy there. Industrialization program - called off. Communist agriculture - reverting back to old time privately owned farms. The new government of Premier Nagy blames the ministry that resigned - and its program of forced industrialization, so typical of Communism.

In Romania, the Red regime is releasing food stocks. With a free sale of bread - for the first time, after eight years of rationing. Trying to alleviate popular discontent. Refugees from Romania are quoted as saying that peasants recently stormed twenty-five collective farms near Bucharest, and seized food.

And today Bulgaria joined the list of Red satellites - reported in trouble. The London Foreign Office declares it had received reports of uprisings by Bulgarian tobacco workers. Protesting against excessive work, along the line of Russian factory methods. Result - the obnoxious work methods have been cancelled.

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Everywhere behind the Iron Curtain, signs of weakening, apparently.

KOREA TRUCE

There's a report in Korea - that the United States handed Syngman Rhee another compromise. This one - making more concessions. But the South Korean President finds it unacceptable.

This report emanates from South Korean ~~XXXX~~ sources - and is regarded with skepticism by Americans over there. Some of whom suspect - that the South Korean statements have been put out for the purpose of preparing the people for a change of stand by Syngman Rhee. Seeking to give the impression that the United States has yielded ~~xx~~ on important points - which would enable Rhee to accept an armistice with less loss of face. However, there are other reports - that the negotiations are deadlocked as tightly as ever.

Seoul had another anti-truce demonstration today - the first since talks began between Syngman Rhee and Walter Robertson, the envoy sent by President Eisenhower. But the march of one hundred and fifty thousand is described as a "spiritless affair". The crowd trooping glumly - through the rain.

Q Number one military conference ^{was} held - our commander, General Maxwell Taylor, talking things over with his nine top subordinate commanders, and with U.S. military advisers to the South Korean army. They met for four hours today, and the word is - they were drawing up a plan for the withdrawal of American troops, and British, ^{also,} if South Korea ~~is~~ tries to fight after an armistice. General Taylor has declared that he anticipates no difficulty in pulling his troops out should we have a truce, and South Korea insist^s on ~~not~~ going it alone - continuing the war.

KOREA WAR

An old enemy is threatening our forces in Korea - the weather. It has been raining in a steady downpour for five days, and floods are on the rampage. Washing out communications, collapsing bridges, flooding bunkers, threatening air bases. Some bases will have to be evacuated, if the deluge continues - and the weather man promises new floods of rain.

This, ^{in a way is to the} ~~is to some~~ advantage ^{of} the Communists - whose methods of transport can operate better than ours in a sea of mud. They use horse drawn carts, and the backs of coolies. So they ^{go right on} ~~nowhere~~ transporting supplies and munitions to the front, ^{through} through the rain and floods. But they ^are having their troubles too - as is indicated by the debris ~~of~~ of supplies, together with human bodies, washed down by rivers flowing from North to South Korea.

(Meanwhile, the U.S. Navy denies a Communist claim that ^{in recent weeks} ~~several~~ several American destroyers and mine sweepers, and a transport, were sunk by Red artillery along the coast. ~~in recent weeks~~ Nothing to it, says the Navy.)

FOLLOW KOREA WAR

The latest - a Red offensive driving through
the deluge. The Reds - hitting at Arrow Head and
Pork Chop Hills - the defenders - holding their own.

INDOCHINA

In Indo-China, the French offer of greater independence gets a warm reception - from two states out of three. The Kingdoms of Viet Nam and Laos express their approval - of the proposal to negotiate for a larger degree of local rule.

But the response was less enthusiastic in Cambodia - where King Norodom Sihanouk has been threatening war against the French overlords. Royal officials declared the note from Paris did not really meet Cambodian demands.

However, today's dispatch states that the tension between the French and the Cambodians eased off immediately - following the publication of the French offer.

In East Africa, a stroke of defiance -- by the Mau Mau. A terrorist raid -- on the Queen's own Royal lodge.

That sumptuous retreat was presented by the Kenya Government, as a wedding present -- when Princess Elizabeth married the Duke of Edinburgh. The Royal couple stopping there -- when she became Queen. On an African tour -- when, at night, officials came to the lodge -- and she was awakened and told, her father, King George, had died -- and she was the Sovereign.

Last night, all was quiet -- when Mau Mau terrorists, coming up a nearby river, sneaked through the jungle -- and started shooting at African Constables on guard. The police fired back -- a gun battle at the Royal lodge.

The raiders were able to get away with a quantity of loot-- blankets, food, a pair of binoculars, a gun case. The police incurred no casualties, ^{and} the Mau Mau ^{were} driven off, back into the jungle.

LONDON

A minor sensation broke in London today, when the charge was made that State secrets were leaking out -- at social parties. Those traditional aristocratic gatherings, like the week-ends at country houses.

The London Daily Express, states that the foreign office is involved. Also the Defense Ministry -- and the Supply Ministry. Diplomatic discussions with the United States have been embarrassed -- by premature disclosures. Friction with Australia -- because of loose talk about atomic and rocket experiments at Australian testing grounds.

The London foreign office, today, denied that an official investigation was on, but adds a warning -- officials in possession of State secrets must keep their mouths shut -- even at a party.

MURDER

In London, today, the British government ordered a full inquiry into the hanging of Timothy Evans in Nineteen Fifty. This has been demanded by the British public -- ever since the recent trial of the Notting Hill murderer. Testimony indicating -- there might have been a tragic miscarriage of justice three years ago.

The call for an investigation was raised in the House of Commons -- but the Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, refused to take action, until Christie had a chance to appeal his conviction. The time limit for this expired last midnight. So today the Home Secretary announced there will be a full inquiry.

CONGRESSMAN

A group of Congressmen joined ^{Representative} Condon of California, today - in protesting against the way in which he was barred from atomic tests in Nevada. The California Democrat was in a party of legislators who went out to witness atomic tests in May. But he was not allowed on the atomic scene. This - on the basis of a report from the F B I.

Today, Congressman Condon declared that the F B I collected "fabricated" charges of association of Communism. A "rehash" of accusations made by political opponents.

("I flatly deny the inference that I've ever been a Communist or have had Communist sympathies," ^{the California Congressman,} says ~~Condon~~ who was decorated for valor in the second World War".)

LOAN

Extra

The government borrowed five billion five hundred million dollars today. The loan was announced at the beginning of the fiscal year, July first -- when the huge federal deficit was disclosed. And today was the day - bonds bearing two and one half percent interest put on sale. The treasury was prepared for two or three days - but there was a rush of orders. And five and one half billions - raised in one day. Banks - the heaviest investors.

AGRICULTURE

The agriculture committee of the House voted unanimously, today - to lend millions of dollars to farmers and ~~the~~ cattlemen ^{in those} ~~in~~ western states ravaged by drought. The federal government has designated three hundred counties in six states -- as disaster areas.

Today, Secretary of Agriculture Benson urged support for a bill for immediate relief - and the committee acted in a hurry.

OIL

The oil industry defends the price increase.

Today, Representatives of four major companies appeared before a congressional committee, and denied hotly - that there was any "collusion", Any agreement among them - to hike prices. The increases, they declared, were warranted - and long overdue. Because of rising costs in the oil business.

GOLF

There was a near riot in Scotland today - at Carnoustie, where the British open is being played. The Scots are supposed to be a dour race, but ten thousand of them stampeded, and swarmed all over one golf player. Ben Hogan, the doughty Texan. Scotland, birthplace of the royal ^{and} ancient game, is more addicted to golf than any place else. So combine Scotland and Hogan - and you have a Caledonian jubilee.

At Carnoustie, eighteen stewards were assigned to the American champ - to regulate spectators watching him play. But the mob of Scots broke through, and jammed so closely around the shorty Texan - he was hardly able to swing.

Actually, Hogan played solid, but unspectacular golf today - shooting seventy for par. The brilliant show was put on by Bobby Locke, the defending British champion - five strokes under par. That was dazzling, but - almost ignored. The Scots ^{all} wanted to see ^{the fabulous} Ben Hogan shoot golf.

CROSBY

Bing Crosby returned home, today -- after a flop in Europe. Bing usually makes a hit, wherever he goes -- but it was different in Spain. He was over there on a visit, and were those Castilians disappointed -- in Bing Crosby.

No, it wasn't because of his singing. It was because of his -- talking. The Spaniards had seen all his movies, so they greeted him effusively -- in Spanish. And expected him to reply -- in pure Castilian.

You see, those Crosby pictures were in Spanish -- dubbed in.

Today, Bing spoke in mournful tones. "They said I had a beautiful Castilian accent," he relates. "But, actually, all I could say was a few words of greeting -- and I didn't understand those few words."

"Buenos Dias, Senors," said Bing -- just about the way I said it.

So that's how Spain, the Land of Romance, was disillusioned with America's favorite crooner.

NEW YORK CENTRAL

The New York Central announces -- the last of the steam locomotives. The end of the era of steam. The ones that remain, at least on the Central in New York State -- are being replaced with diesels. So, it's a sad Goodbye to the choo-choo trains.

The New York Central, that railroad of renown is celebrating its One Hundredth Anniversary -- having started its career back in Eighteen Fifty-Three, the days before the Civil War. The Central began -- with one hundred and fifty-four wood burning engines. Then the change to coal; -- next oil burning steam locomotives. And now diesels.

That's the trend everywhere in railroading. Those great powerful diesels are mighty fine, with their steady hum of power. But many of us, including you Mike Fitzmorris I suppose have a fond affection for the old huffing, puffing steam engine. To the choo-choo train its not so long - its a fond goodbye!