

TUNISIA / L.P.G. Wed - Mar. 26 - '52, L.T.-P.G.

(France takes drastic measures in Tunisia -- declaring a State of Siege and arresting the Tunisian Premier, together with a whole⁹~~a~~ string of other leaders. This -- incited by a move to place a demand for Tunisian independence before the United Nations in New York.) Two government Ministers were ordered on the mission.

(Yesterday the French Resident General placed a demand before the Bey of Tunisia -- requiring him to dismiss the Nationalist Ministry. The Bey procrastinated. So now -- the arrest of Premier Mohammed Chenik and other political officials.) That -- and a state of siege. Which puts the French Army in full control.

At last reports, the country was calm, but disturbances are feared -- like those a couple of weeks ago.

(New riots in Italy today -- for a third day of disturbances. Angry crowds demanding the return of the Port of Trieste.) Demonstrations against American and British Embassies and Consulates -- because of the way Allied Authorities, in Trieste, suppressed Italian demonstrations over the weekend.

The chief uproar today was in Rome -- where the rioting took a peculiar turn. (The demonstrations largely the doing of "Neo-Fascists", who look back to the days of Mussolini. But the Communists are taking advantage of the trouble, as they nearly always do -- inciting more violence.) Which has aroused the resentment of the Neo-Fascists -- and today there were street battles between the two factions, Neo-Fascists attacking Communists.

A dispatch from London states that the Churchill government is threatened by a revolt in Parliament. A group of conservative M.P.'s in rebellion - on the question of socialized medicine.

Churchill's party is bringing in a bill for additional charges - people to pay small amounts.

~~Prescriptions - fourteen cents apiece. Fees for~~
~~dentistry - as much as two dollars and eighty cents.~~
Various medical appliances half price - and that includes wigs.

The Labor Party is, of course, opposed - having initiated socialized medicine. The few Liberals are also opposed. ~~But the startling news is that~~ Thirty-five Conservatives have rebelled - and they could provide a majority against the Prime Minister. *One question is - if* ~~who, if~~ he should be defeated, would ~~undoubtedly~~ *he* resign, together with his conservative government?

The conservative insurrectos in Parliament are concerned about their own chance of being reelected, when election time comes around again. And the

Churchill government is likely to make some concessions
- to avert a threatened over-turn.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

(The news of a Communist purge in Czechoslovakia comes to a new climax. Confirming -- the arrest of the Deputy Minister of the Red Secret Police. He's charged with treason, terrorism, espionage. Josef Pavel -- who, until a year ago, was Number Two Man in what is always the chief instrument of terror in a Communist country, the Secret Police.)

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KOREA -- SYNGMAN RHEE

The President of Korea, Syngman Rhee, announces that he will not seek re-election. Today was his seventy-seventh birthday, and he took occasion to state: "I will not run again for President." Which means that a new President will be ~~xxxx~~ chosen by the National Assembly of Free Korea in June.

KOREA - TRUCE

The truce talks were in secret today. The U.N. Delegation -- making concessions in the question of the exchange of prisoner^s, seeking -- a compromise.

General Nuckols, official allied Spokesman, says the concession was made in the case of missing Korean troops, many believed to have been impressed into the forces of the Reds.



ADD KOREA TRUCE

The latest -- The negotiators are holding ~~xxx~~ another meeting in the truce tents at Panmunjom. And the word is that the news black-out of the proceedings looks as if it were opening the way for a compromise.

STEEL

The steel workers' union warns that, unless the recommendations of the wage stabilization board are accepted, there will be a strike on April the eighth. So stated by union president, Philip Murray, who declared that the steel workers will insist on the wage hike recommended.

In Washington, defense mobilizer Charles E. Wilson, has called an emergency meeting -- of his own officials. They are said to be split on the question of the wage increase - and Wilson wants them to agree on measures to avert a tie-up of steel.

Today's number-one science story could be as important as any we've heard in a long time - the discovery of a possible cure of radiation sickness.

The scientists have discovered a substance that seems to be a remedy ~~for~~ the strange effects produced by atomic radiation - as in the blast of the bomb.

~~The disclosure, was made in testimony before a Congressional Committee - by Dr. Shields Warren, Director of the Division of Biology and Medicine of the Atomic Energy Commission. He states that the new miracle substance is produced from the marrow of the bones of animals. It's exact nature - a secret.~~

~~He tells of~~ Dr. Egon Lorenz, connected with the Atomic Energy Commission, concocted an "emulsion of bone marrow," and injected this into laboratory animals afflicted with radiation sickness. The result - they recovered quickly.

The discovery - still at an early stage; ~~it~~ still has to be applied to human beings. But Dr. Warren *of the Atomic Energy Commission* states: "This is the first time a specific substance has been found, which will work against radiation."

ROBBERY

Salutations tonight -- to John Gustin, a retired truck driver at Danvers, Massachusetts. He comes forward as the only witness in yesterday's theft of more than six hundred thousand dollars -- taken from an armored truck.

The Police declare that hundreds of passersby must have seen the crooks taking the loot out of the truck -- while the driver and a couple of guards were in a drug store having coffee. Some witnesses holding back from fear -- after the Brooklyn case of Arnold Schuster, ~~who caused the arrest of Willie the Actor Sutton, and was murdered. Also, the vicious crime in Connecticut, where a negro husband and wife were killed by a bomb -- the husband to have been a witness in a hold up case.~~

But sixty-three year old John Gustin has come forward and told the Police -- that, in the robbery yesterday, there were four men. Not three -- as previously supposed. He was passing, and saw the four take the money bags out of the truck. Presumably, he never suspected it was a robbery.

Tonight the case is a blank mystery. Yesterday shortly after the crime, the Police in Massachusetts arrested a couple of ex-convicts. They were suspected, but now the belief is, that they had nothing to do with the robbery.

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TORNADOES

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~~(Note: This is requested in a wire from the Red Cross.)~~

Senator Taft is back in the New Jersey Primary -- though not of his own choosing. The move to take his name off the ballot was dropped today. So he's in -- although boycotting the Primary, with charges of "trickery."

Which makes it the only remaining direct battle between Taft and Eisenhower, in which voters will have a choice between the two names. Stassen is a third entry. But the focus of interest will be on the General and the Ohio Senator, although the latter tried to withdraw his name.

(St. Louis gives us a report that President Truman is trying to persuade Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois to run for President. Which supposes, of course, that the President himself does not want another term.)

The St. Louis Post Dispatch declares that, just before he went on his Florida vacation, the President made an offer -- promising White House influence to get Stevenson the Democratic nomination.

(The Governor -- not inclined to accept. But, in the words of the Post Dispatch, "He did not completely close the door to a draft.")

~~In Washington, -- moves to have Presidential primaries in all States. As things now stand, there are all varieties -- primaries, political conventions, or both. Which gives ample opportunity for choosing party candidates in "smoke filled rooms." Politicians conniving instead of people electing.~~

Senator Smathers of Florida proposes a
Constitutional Amendment, *For presidential primaries in all states.*
Senator Douglas of Illinois

has introduced a bill -- instead of a Constitutional Amendment. Today Senator Kefauver of Tennessee, who is running for Democratic nomination, argued for the Douglas bill. He said he preferred a Constitutional Amendment, *to make primaries obligatory* — but that would take a long time.

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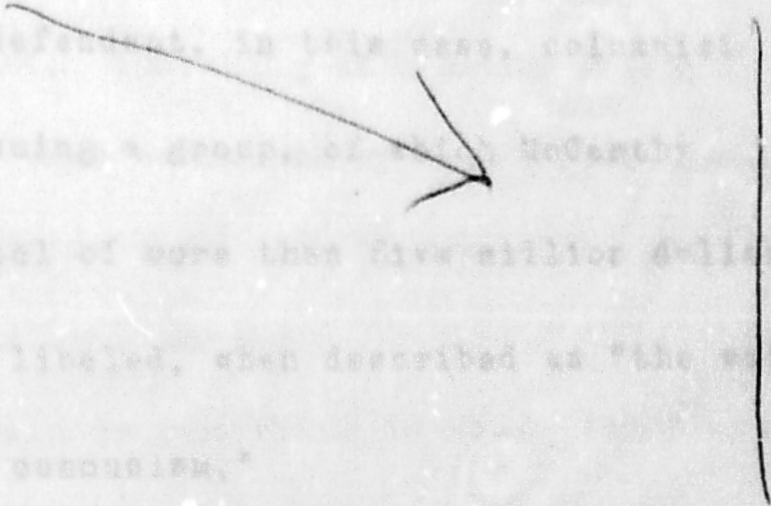
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stand. Quite a courtroom scene -- promised for a climax
in a noisy feud.



FOLLOW MCCARTHY

Senator McCarthy is already in another huge libel suit -- a defendant, in this case, columnist Drew Pearson is suing a group, of which McCarthy is one, for a total of more than five million dollars. Claiming- he was libeled, when described as "the voice of international communism,"

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WHITE HOUSE

Word from Washington is that President Truman will make a ceremony of his return tomorrow - after a vacation at Key West. Something of a Roman triumph - H.S.T. so jubilant that he may carry Mrs. Truman into the White House. He'll just pick up the wife, and stride in, with the fair burden.

That should be something to see. The First Lady of the land is a stately matron - no mere insignificant wisp. ^{TR} The President may be sixty-seven, but he's in excellent physical condition, and always was a sturdy son of Missouri. So it could happen - in the gallant, romantic style of old.

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to go to the Blair House at all. Moving job - done today. Personal belongings - transported across Pennsylvania Avenue. All - under the direction of Mrs. Truman, an experienced and efficient housewife.

As part of the celebration, the White House grounds have been fixed up, lawns and flower gardens. Spring, in Washington, has been advanced. The White House gardens already in bloom - for the Truman home-coming tomorrow. But the spectacular feature ^{Nelson-} may be ~~Harry~~ ^{Harry} picking up ~~Mrs. Truman~~ ^{Bess} and carrying her in.