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Surprise news from Paris. Wonder of wonders - France has a Premier - at last! The National Assembly, today, gave its okay to Joseph Laniel, a Right Wing industrialist, unknown in politics until now.

France had been without a government for thrity-seven days - during which time four prominent politicians were turned down by the Assembly. Four others refused even to try to get a majority. But, having decided they'd better have a Premier at long last - the French legislators did it in a big way. They gave new Premier Laniel a huge majority. Three-hundred-and-ninety-eight to two-hundred-and-six, only the Communists and Socialists voting against him.

But there's not much optimism in Paris regarding the new government. Along the boulevards they are calling it - the "summer holiday cabinet." The assumption being that the new Premier will retain power only during the summer holidays that he and his cabinet will fall, when the National Assembly meets again in the autumn.


At any rate France will have a Premier to send to

Bermuda. Which big three power palaver will now have an odd sounding name - the Eisenhower-Churchill-Laniel Conference.

BERLIN

East Berlin had its big parade of workers today -  
demonstrating <sup>this time</sup> in favor of Communism. <sup>with</sup> Three divisions of the  
Soviet Red army were on guard <sup>---</sup> after the recent anti-Communist  
revolt. They were taking no chance of things getting out of  
hand again. A great column of the East Berlin workers plodded  
along, waving flags and cheering <sup>-- that is doing it</sup> whenever ordered to do so  
by Communist cheer leaders!

The demonstration did demonstrate one thing - that <sup>the</sup>  
Soviet Red army has established iron control in East Berlin.





ADD BERLIN

Today's dispatch states that a purge of Communist police is on - eight hundred and twenty-six thrown into jail, some executed. This, because of the behavior of the Red police in the face of the East Berlin uprising. Some disobeyed orders, and others joined the demonstration of the workers.

In West Berlin, German authorities declare that ~~one hundred and eighty-seven~~ Communist policemen have deserted to the West since the riots on June Seventeenth. Forty-one came across the border yesterday.

The Soviets had ideas of building a Communist army around/<sup>a</sup>nucleus of ~~the~~ German Red police - who now turn out to be, in large part, unreliable.

## KOREA - TRUCE

President Eisenhower may call a conference with South Korea - after a truce is signed. So stated today by Secretary Dulles, who corrected - a previous misconception. Yesterday - Senators, who had conferred with President Eisenhower, indicated that he was thinking of talks, outside of Korea, with Syngman Rhee. Talks right away - was the impression given. But, says Secretary of State Dulles, the idea ~~was~~ was otherwise.

President Eisenhower is thinking of a conference with South Korea - to be held in the time between the signing of an armistice and the meeting of a high level political conference with the Reds. According to the terms of the truce, a meeting of that sort would be held - to decide the larger questions of Korea and the Far East. The way for this could be prepared by a high level get-together with South Korea - in which our delegates and Syngman Rhee would plot a common course of action.

This, we hear, is one of the points that is being

urged by Presidential Envoy Walter Robertson, in his negotiations with the South Korean President. Trying to get across to Syngman Rhee the idea that the United States will work should<sup>er</sup> to shoulder with South Korea, provided Rhee's government will go along with an armistice now.

Over in Korea, meanwhile, the word is that Syngman Rhee has made an important concession - in his talks with the Eisenhower envoy. He has withdrawn, we hear, his demand for a security pact with the United States <sup>in</sup> advance of ~~any Korean~~ armistice. President Eisenhower is offering a mutual aid treaty - after a truce. Promising - he'd put one before Congress, and seek a quick ratification. Hitherto, Syngman Rhee has been insisting that an armistice must be preceded by a treaty guaranteeing South Korea against future Communist aggression. But now he'll take one - afterward.

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This is the background for a statement by Syngman Rhee today, who said: "Mr. Robertson has brought many good ideas, and our mutual understanding is being greatly improved."

Substitute KOREA - WAR

The latest tonight on the war fronts tells of violent fighting at - both East and West. On the Eastern front, five thousand Chinese pushed back the South Koreans in two places. At Western end the South Koreans, backed by heavy American artillery fire, are driving a counter attack - to retake lost positions.



EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower, today, warned against "zealots" who interfere with freedom of information. Which follows his address at Dartmouth, in which he denounced - the "book burners." Today's Eisenhower declaration was read before a conference of the American Library Association in ~~at~~ Los Angeles, the President writing; - "There are some zealots who - with more wrath than wisdom - would adopt a strangely unintelligent course. They would try to defend freedom," he went on, "by denying freedom's friends, the opportunity of studying Communism in its entirety. Its plausibilities, its falsities, its weaknesses."

At the same time, he warned the librarians against what he called the "fanatical gunning" of the Communist conspiracy. *J* Previously, the Library Association declared - it would withdraw support from the U.S. Overseas Library program, unless program officials were free to decide on their lists of books.



## METHODIST

This afternoon in Philadelphia, Methodist Bishop Oxnam challenged congressional critics -- calling on them to name any responsible Protestant clergyman who is a member of the Communist party. Bishop Oxnam has been criticized in Congress for alleged ~~xxx~~ sympathy with leftists.

His statement today, was before the World Methodist Convocation of Evangelism, attended by churchmen from all over the world. Commemorating the ~~two-hundred-and-fiftieth~~ anniversary of John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

## DISMISSALS

In Washington, <sup>today,</sup> Secretary Charles E. Wilson took fifty-two positions in his <sup>Defense</sup> department ~~out~~ out from under Civil Service. This is in line with an order issued by President Eisenhower, cancelling a measure taken by the Truman administration - which put a whole string of jobs under Civil Service protection. Secretary Wilson ~~says~~ <sup>says</sup> the positions <sup>affected in</sup> ~~his~~ his department are - "high level." And so they are - with one curious exception. The chauffeur of the Secretary of the Navy is on the list of those - removed from Civil Service.

The White House, meanwhile, fired two members of the International Claims Division - Chairman Joshua Marble and Commissioner Raymond McKeogh. They refused to quit, saying - their resignations were wanted so that jobs could be given to Republicans. So now - they <sup>a</sup>re dismissed.

## DROUGHT

President Eisenhower, tonight, declared the drought-stricken areas of Texas and Oklahoma - to be "major disaster areas." The White House has so notified Governors Shivers of Texas and Murray of Oklahoma, with word that Secretary of Agriculture Benson is on his way to study the havoc in the southwest - where the lack of rain has ruined the crops far and wide.



## WEATHER

Weather news from the Arctic - a heat wave. At Anchorage, Alaska, it was eighty-six today - breaking all records for summer weather up there in the north. In other parts sledge dogs were panting in sweltering temperatures, and the Eskimo on Bering Sea flocked to the white man - for cold drinks, ice cream sodas.

It's the same all around the Arctic Circle. The northern tip of Sweden having the hottest June since weather statistics began in those parts - Eighteen Sixty. In northern Norway - the thermometer was at ninety-one today.

All northern Europe sweltering;- but not sunny Italy. Along the coast of the Mediterranean, bright sunshine and cool breezes. Italy reporting - temperatures in the seventies.

In Japan, the heaviest rainfall in half a century. The U.S. Air Base at Itusake reports twelve and one-half inches of rain in twenty-four hours. The result - floods all over Japan. Towns isolated, with people stranded on rooftops.

In Argentina - tremendous blizzards. A cold wave hit that republic in the Southern Hemisphere today, the mercury dropping thirty degrees this morning at Buenos Aires. People - shivering. In the Andes - the passes ~~are~~ blocked with huge drifts of snow.

But that's no freak of weather down there. <sup>For</sup> This is

<sup>cause it</sup> winter in the Southern Hemisphere.

## NEW ROCHELLE

The city of New Rochelle is troubled again about that "fatte calfe." Spelled f-a-t-t-e c-a-l-f-e.

The whole thing goes back to Sixteen Hundred and Eighty-eight -- when Sir John Pell turned over the site of New Rochelle to the French Huguenots, on the condition that, once a year, a "fatte calfe" be paid to the Pell family.

That old requirement was forgotten for generations, until the claim was revived by the Reverend Walden Pell, headmaster of St. Andrews School at Middletown, Maryland. New Rochelle agreed, not wanting an argument -- and purchased a suitable calf.

All they needed -- was a place to fatten it. For this they picked on Former Heavyweight Champion of the world -- Gene Tunney -- who has a farm not far away. Mayor Stanley Church talked Gene into taking the animal for a couple of weeks. Then the Reverend Mr. Pell would come and get it.

But there was a hitch! when Pell discovered that the calf could not be taken down to Maryland, because of



quarantine. Mrs. Tunney says the fatte calfe is now a full-grown bull, that sometimes chases Gene around the farm, and they don't know what to do about it.

That's the tale they tell -

In new Rochelle -

While Tunney says

To H- with Pell.

END

Tonight, when I say "solong" it has - two meanings. One - "solong" to Procter and Gamble.

For my part, these years with Procter and Gamble, and Ivory have been the ideal of what a relationship with a sponsor should be - for a radio news show. Procter and Gamble, President Neil McElroy and Vice President Howard Morgens, and all their associates, have done everything right. And the way they have worked with me is a reflection of the way the Procter and Gamble people do everything. If there is a business concern anywhere that is better managed and where problems of human relations are better handled, I have never heard of it. So in parting radio company with P & G, I do so with a feeling of ~~great~~ gratitude for the years I have been permitted to work with them and regret that it comes to an end.

This program now goes on to another sponsorship, same hour, same kind of news broadcast - but on about twice as many stations.

How about Nelson Case? Listeners have been asking - why, in the last couple of weeks, has Nelson not come up with his usual snappy come back - when I turn the show over to him?

Nelson's commercials for several weeks now have been recorded. And all this time Nelson has been in a New York hospital - the result of a back injury that he had neglected. It finally caught up with him. He was operated on by Dr. Frank Stinchfield, that same master of surgery who fixed me up when I came back from the journey to Tibet. Nelson's host of friends will be glad to know that he is coming along fine, should be out of the hospital soon, and I hope back on the air under our new sponsorship. There is only one Nelson Case!

Tonight from his hospital bed - he is going to talk to you. He'll do it flat on his back.

Nelson, it's always fun working with you, You make all work just a little bit easier!