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State Department

IP I am in Washington tonight where

The State Department ^{has just} announced that it has dismissed three hundred and six American employees -- on grounds of security.

And has also let go -- one-hundred-seventy-eight persons employed abroad. This, in addition to other dismissals -- because of economy.

These are the figures for changes made since the Eisenhower Administration took office. All in accordance with the White House policy of getting rid of people who may be untrustworthy because of Communism, morals or just talking too much.

McCarthy

Senator McCarthy fires a blast at - Harvard, saying - " I can't conceive of anyone sending children up there where they would be open to indoctrination by communist professors."

This follows the McCarthy statement that a Harvard scientist, who did radar research for the U S Government in wartime-- refused to say whether or not he turned over military secrets to the communists. Also - whether or not he had indoctrinated students in communist philosophy.

Today the Senator identified ~~the~~ Professor ~~Wendell~~ Wendell Farry. Who, last spring, refused to answer the sixty-four dollar question, when asked, before a Senate committee - if he was a communist. At that time, the University decided to retain Dr Farry on its teaching staff.

Today, Senator McCarthy said - ^{that he will} ~~send~~ send a telegram to the Harvard President, asking what he thinks of the Professor .

London

The London House of Commons began a full dress debate on foreign policy today. Foreign secretary Anthony Eden leading off. Eden - still thin and gaunt from recent ailments.

He told the commons that the latest note from Moscow is - unacceptable. Rejecting a meeting of the Ministers of the Big Four, on Germany and [†]Austria - and Proposing another kind of conference, a Soviet kind.

In Washington, the word is that Moscow not only demanded participation of Red China - but also called for the dissolution of the North Atlantic defense treaty, the liquidation of our air bases ringing Russia, and a halt in the rearmament of West Germany. Washington says - this diplomatic note just about ends all hope that the Malenkov regime in Moscow might be willing to call off the cold war.

In the ~~H~~ouse of Commons, today, the foreign secretary declared that Britain, nevertheless, remains in favor of a meeting with Soviet Russia. "At any level," said ^{Eden -} ~~him~~ which could include, of course, a Churchill - Eisenhower-Malenkov ^{conference} ~~conference~~.

which - Prime Minister Churchill has been demanding.

The report in London is that Anthony Eden persuaded Sir Winston to forget his notion - of going to Moscow alone for a talk with Malenkov. The British are weakening in their demand for top level talks with Soviet Russia, though they're still willing. " at any level," as Eden said today.

The foreign Secretary declared that the most dangerous of the trouble spots at this moment is - the Far East. He told Parliament - "we must not allow" the Korean war to break out again. And added - "I know the U S Government are determined to do all that is in their power to prevent this."

While Eden was telling this to the House of Commons, a proposal was being voiced in the House of Lords, where the Peers of the realm were in session. Lord Henderson -urging prime Minister Churchill to arrange for a meeting in Washington with President Eisenhower, together with Premier Laniel of France. Lord Henderson also suggested that Sir Winston appear before the United Nations in New York, and argue in favor of a top level Big Four conference.

Korea - Conference

The communists have accepted a proposal from our side -- for secret staff meetings. U S envoy Dean told the Reds that the public discussions for a Korean peace conference were getting nowhere, and it would be better to have advisory officers talk things over behind closed doors. Separate meetings to consider - the Red insistence that neutrals have a place in the conference, and - to debate the time and place for the high level meeting. Tonight's dispatch from Pan Manjon says the communists agree to that.

Korea - G.I.'s

It looks as if the twenty-two Americans, who refuse repatriation - will hear the voices of the home folks, appealing to them.

At pan Majom, our negotiators asked the neutral commission for leave to play recordings made by families of the twenty-two prisoners who prefer to stay with communism. The commission has not yet made a formal reply. But, today, the Chairman, General Thimayya of India, said: "I do not see any reason why they would not be permitted."

Interviews with the twenty-two will be held next Month. Suggestions had been - that families, in person, should be taken to Korea to plead with them. But the army rejected that - permitting only the recordings. The playing of which will provide a dramatic situation, For those American soldiers - who have gone over to communism, When they hear from home!

Korea-prisoners

In the "explanation" business, at Pan Munjom, the Indian guards allowed "rest periods," today. Chinese anti-communists were being put through the mill by Red "explainers" - who hammered at them without end, it seemed. The Indians intervened, and gave the prisoners time out - easing the strain of prolonged ordeal.

This followed complaints from our side - that the anti-communists were being put through mental torture. Hammered at, hammered at - by the Red "explainers". Nevertheless, only two Chinese agreed to go back to communism - two out of one-hundred and-thirty-six.

Israel

Israel has made an appeal to the United Nations -- asking the U.N. to make the Kingdom of Jordan stop Issuing what Israel calls "baseless charges." This comes in a cable from the foreign Minister of the Jewish State, Moshe Sharett, who complains that Jordan, without any proof, is blaming Israel for the recent violent episodes along the troubled border in Palestine. He argues that Jordan is trying to "load the dice" against Israel, as ^{the} security council debates the crisis in the Holy Land.

St Lawrence

President Eisenhower, today, issued an executive order - authorizing the State of New York to join in the St Lawrence river project. Which completes official action in permitting the Empire State to join with Canada's province of Ontario in constructing huge power plants on the St Lawrence, near Messina, New York.

The United States was asked to go into this, but Congress has repeatedly refused. Governor Dewey pressed for permission in Washington, and gets it -~~through~~ though there will still be a contest in the courts.

Eisenhower

The president ducked for shelter today - though not political shelter. Atomic shelter - Washington having a mock A-Bomb attack.

The Capital of the United States, ^{where I am tonight,} incurred one-hundred-and-fifty thousand theoretical casualties, when two imaginary atomic bombs exploded. One - near the Pentagon Building. The other a several blocks from the White House. Scores of thousands escaped fictitious injuries - by taking to shelters, when the warning siren sounded.

So did President and Mrs Eisenhower, together with all the staff of the White House. They took refuge in elaborate shelters, constructed below the Presidential mansion. ^{In that way they} ~~and thereby~~ avoided a hypothetical blast and non-existent radiation.

Eniwetok

Hydrogen bomb tests will be held at Eniwetok in the spring.

Such is the word from Washington tonight, adding - that a "practical" hydrogen weapon would be exploded. That is ^{this time} a bomb small enough to be carried by a long range plane.

Last autumn, a hydrogen "test" explosion was staged out in the Pacific. But that "device" was too big for use in war. About the size of a small building. And it virtually obliterated a ^{small} Island. The new H-Bombs are large, still ponderous - but, they're down to a size that can be carried by our bombing planes. That's the kind which will be tested at Eniwetok in the spring.

Last August, Soviet Russia staged a hydrogen "test" explosion. Assumed to have been much the same as our own last autumn, not the sort of bomb that could be delivered by plane.

Atomic parents

A committee of scientists reports on an investigation - of the effects of atomic radiation on human reproduction. The study, authorized by the U.N. Atomic energy commission, was made in Japan - at the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which, in nineteen forty five, were devastated by atom bombs.

The case histories are those of sixty-two thousand couples who, later, became parents - thirty-one thousand at Hiroshima, thirty-one thousand at Nagasaki. So what about the children born to them in the years following the explosions ?. The question is profoundly interesting - in the light of assumptions that atomic radiation might gravely affect the next generation.

Among mothers who had been exposed to heavy radiation, there were more still births than among non-radiated mothers. But the percentage was too slight to mean anything much - a difference of as little as two - tenths of one per cent.

Heavily radiated mothers had fewer sons, more daughters. But the difference, as compared with non-radiated mothers, was a small fraction - less than one and one-half per cent.

Aemic parents--2

In the case of radiated parents, infants weighed a little more - but mightily little. They weighed only between one-tenth and one-half of one per cent more.

But what about malformed children ?. Well, the investigation at Hiroshima and Nagasaki shows no difference whatever between radiated and non-radiated parents - in the matter of defective offspring.

The committee summarizes in these words: "whatever the total effects of radiation may be, the public health hazard in the first generation of offspring of exposed parents - appears to be slight."

Satellite

At the defense Department ^{here} in Washington, they say - the prospect of man-made "satellites" is a long way off. Government scientists are still studying the possibility of "space ships" to revolve around the earth - but that's all in the realm of theory.

The statement follows reports that a sente ²_^ committee has been investigating a theft of "sky platform plans" Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin declaring - that evidence has been given by convicted atomic spy David Greenglass, who testified against the two executed atomic spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The report is that the Rosenberg spy ring stole official plans for a rocket to be shot out into space, where it would revolve around the earth like a "satellite." This - to be of military value, part of U S defense.

Well, the "sky platform plans" may have been passed along to Red espionage. But now the defense department indicates - the whole thing is more in the realm of science fiction than immediate reality.

In London, meanwhile a newspaper has offered, as a

prize - tickets to the moon. The London "Recorder" holding a contest - in which the tickets will be awarded to the two readers who send in the best answer to the question: "why do you want to go to the moon?". if you can give any good reason why - you get the ticket. Round trip - we hope.

Incidentally, in this country tickets to the Moon have ~~been~~ available for a year or so now. In N.Y. at The Hayden Planetarium. Or phone Dr. Edw. Weyer, Pres. of The Explorers Club in N.Y., and he'll arrange round trip tickets to the Moon for you.

Atomic

At the University of California, today, Scientists unveiled what they call - the "poor man's atom-smasher." A new type of atomic machine, which does the same job as the Cyclotron - making isotopes, and so on. But - smaller and cheaper.

They also call it the - "swindletron." because a voltage of electricity does a double job of driving atomic particles, Hitherto thought - impossible. The "swindletron" gets two for one; - ^{so} and seems to cheat.

The principle was worked out by Dr Louis Alvarez, of the Radiation laboratory at Berkeley. I know Dr Alvarez, and never dreamed he would swindle anybody or anything. But you can't trust these scientists; they'll put something over - even on a poor little atom.

In any case, ^{we now have} ~~there's~~ the "poor man's atom-smasher." *In fact*

You could have one in your living room. It's only nine feet

1 - about the size of my deep freeze! the "swindletron" long and seven feet high. You could put ^{it} next to the television

set and make your own isotopes, ~~which~~ ^{you} while watching ^{Ed Murrow,} a football, ^{Arthur Godfrey, or Howdy Dorey!}

Gambling

Oklahoma city is having a gambling scandal - betting on football games. They say that football gamblers are handling bets up to a total of one hundred thousand dollars a week.

This exposure is published by the Daily Oklahoman, which, today, stated that football gambling, all over the city, operates in connection with syndicates in St Louis and Minneapolis.

Police officials declare - they can't do anything about it. The law - not severe enough. The maximum penalty for a football gambler is - ^{a mere} a twenty dollar fine.

At Minneapolis, the police deny that a Minneapolis syndicate is backing the gambling in Oklahoma.

BASEBALL

In the world of baseball, they'd like to find a new name - for the "spitter". A more elegant way to say -- "spitball".

The problem came up at the recent meeting of the Rules Committee -- which restored the old "sacrifice fly." Hereafter, ~~ignominy~~ if a run scores on a long fly, the batter will be credited with a "sacrifice", not a time at bat.

A resolution was introduced for a return of that old way of pitching the ball - the moist way, the damp way. But the objection was that - "spitball" doesn't sound refined.

One suggestion is - call it the "dewdrop". That ^{is indeed} refined, and elegant. ^{Mike,} Fancy hearing somebody say: - ^{"I} he struck him out, with my ["] ~~a~~ dewdrop.