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MORE FRENCH FOOT DRAGGING

French Premier Joseph Laniel, en route early today
to Bermuda for talks with Prime Minister Churchill
of Britain and John Foster Dulles, American secretary
of state, is reported from there to be bringing a formidable
list of demands the other two countries must meet or
there will be no chance for French ratification of the pro-
posed European army.

Among these conditions are said to be that the U.S.
and Britain pressure Germany into a Saar agreement
with France which may be assumed to be altogether in
France's favor, that American and British troops will
remain on the continent indefinitely, continued U.S.
financial aid, etc., etc.

And if all these were done? There'd still be no assur-
ance of favorable French action, for by French law Lan-
iel's government must resign January 17, a month after
the election of France's new president. He might even
be forced out before then. It often happens. And if
Laniel succeeded in getting these demands accepted
French politicians might think up some new ones. They
are adept at this if nothing else.

It seems to us that the Anglo-American leaders ought
to approach things from a different angle, putting it up
to the French to meet conditions instead of constantly
raising them, a defensive instead of an offensive situa-
tion.

France should be given the choice of coming into the
European defense setup as a full-fledged member pre-
pared to carry its share of the obligations, or staying
completely out and slipping into the status of a second or
even a third rate power as a rearmed Germany becomes
the strong nation of Western Europe, replacing France
in this role.

Germany, with the ablest present leadership of any
European country, is now prepared both physically and
psychologically for this larger role of chief Anglo-Amer-
ican ally on the continent. The German army, backed by
its two allies, would then be the barrier to Russian move-
ment west, and a formidable one. France would gain pro-
tection from Russia with little immediate cost to herself,
but she would lose by reason of ceasing to be a major
power. Many economic and other advantages go with
military and political strength, as the dumbest French
politician knows.

Confronted with this prospect the French might decide
to stop dragging their feet and play ball. But they'll play
fast and loose as long as they think they are gaining any-
thing by these tactics.

SEGREGATION IN REVERSE

The little Mississippi delta town of Mound Bayou, popu-
lation 1400, is unique in the nation in that it is the coun-
try's only all-Negro town and no white people are wanted
or tolerated. It was founded in 1887 by I. T. Montgomery
and B. T. Green, both former slaves of Jefferson
Davis, president of the Confederacy.

No white man can live in or own property in Mound
Bayou and Mayor B. A. Green says that is the way it
should stay. "We're not interested," he said, in reply to
a Mississippi Negro leader's proposal that Mound Bayou
should welcome as citizens anyone, regardless of race,
color or color.

The proposal was made by Dr. E. J. Stringer of Colum-
bus, Miss., president of the Mississippi chapter of the
National Association for the Advancement of Colored
People. Stringer said he didn't believe Mound Bayou
would ever "be a truly great town or city" until racial
restrictions are lifted.

Said Mayor Green: "We're getting along fine just as
we are. Judging from the present status of Negro resi-
dents in other towns in the state, I fall to see how such
a move would help our town."

All of which shows that the desire for racial segrega-
tion, when the Negroes are in control is likely to be just
as strong, even in the south, as it is among the whites.
The Negroes have as much racial pride as the whites.
Let the southern states work out their own problems and
keep the federal government's "nose out of every platter
and finger out of every pie."—G. P.

WHAT INFLAMED IKE

President Eisenhower in his press conference Wednes-
day backed-up the recent rebuke given Senator Joseph
McCarthy of Wisconsin by Secretary of State Dulles. It
is evident that both were inflamed by McCarthy's re-
cent criticism, though most of it was merely repetitive
of the persistent campaign the senator has waged against
the administration's foreign policies.

What was new in McCarthy's nationwide radio broad-
cast a week ago is stated briefly:

1. He declared himself an issue in the 1954 congressional
elections. He told his audience to vote Republican if they
approved of him, Democratic if they disapproved.
2. He contradicted President Eisenhower, who had said he
hoped communists-in-government wouldn't be an issue in
those 1954 elections. McCarthy said it would be an issue.

McCarthy's foreign criticism was an old story, harped
upon many times. He has long proposed that the United
States end all aid to Britain and other allies unless they
stopped all trading with Red China. And in reply both
Ike and Dulles pointed out that unity of free nations "is
our only hope of survival" and the U.S. could not go it
alone against communist aggression, and had no right to
dictate to the allies.

Eisenhower's statement also took up the question of
whether Reds-in-government would be an issue in 1954.
Just as before, the president said he hoped it wouldn't.
The issue, he said, should be whether his administration
is doing a good job.—G. P.

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Fumes From Fire Kill Disabled Vet

Portland (AP)—Fumes from a
fire in furniture at his home
killed Harold C. Devine, 42, a
disabled World War II veteran,
Wednesday.

A deputy coroner said a ci-
garette apparently fell into an
overstuffed chair, starting the
fire. Devine's body was found
on his bed. The fire had died
out by the time the body was
discovered.

HIS ANSWER TO BERMUDA



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Civilized Dogs and Cats Are Getting Neurotic, It Seems

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Does your dog brood? Well, stop him. That way lies madness.

Civilized dogs and cats are getting more neurotic all the time. The main trouble: It's people. Modern people not only drive each other batty. They do the same thing to their pets.

"People drive 50 per cent of their pets neurotic by lack of understanding," said William Hall, a former management engineer turned animal psychologist.

His conclusions on the mental relationship between pets and people are based on the study of thousands of animals in his laboratory at Coral Gables, Fla.

"Any pet reflects its home," he said. "We can take a dog in our laboratory and quickly tell, in part simply by the way it wags its tail, the general mental health of its owners. We can even tell whether the husband or wife is dominant in the home—and how dominant."

A frustrated animal, Hall says, usually is the product of frustrated people. He feels the frustration in both the pet and its owner stems from the same cause—an ego-deflating boredom that arises from a feeling of lack of accomplishment.

"We are all extroverts — we like to feel we are doing something worthwhile," he said. "A busy person rarely gets in trouble—and neither does a busy animal."

"A civilized pet has too much leisure, too much time to brood. It has surplus energy it means get rid of somehow. So, unless its owner understands this and gives it something to do that satisfies it, it becomes neurotic, bites people, chews up rugs or tears up the furniture."

Fortunately, the average dog, cat or parakeet does not have to write a novel, climb Mt. Everest or get elected to public office in order to gain

a feeling of victory out of life. "The right kind of toy will stimulate and satisfy him," Hall said. "But the big mistake pet owners make is to pick out a toy that pleases them more than it does their pet—an error parents also often make in selecting toys for their children."

"A toy should satisfy a pet's extrovert needs. A parakeet, for example, is very vain. A mirror makes a nice toy for him, because he is happy to perch before it and admire his own reflection for hours."

Hall found that dogs like toys that make a noise or have a taste, such as slippers with a built-in crackle when chewed, a rubber cat's head with a bell inside, a rubber bone impregnated with chocolate.

"For some reason well-fed dogs, like women, prefer a chocolate flavor," Hall said. On the other hand cats, unlike women, go wild, simply wild, over anything with catnip in it.

"We haven't been able to find any flavor cats like better than catnip itself," Hall said. "It seems to act on them like reefer cigarettes do on humans. They go crazy over it."

But his advice is—if you want to be a real Santa Claus to your pet—to take it to the pet store and let it sniff out its own Christmas present.

"Let it pick out its own toys, as if it were a child," he said, "and it won't get bored, frustrated or neurotic."

Could even save you money. It costs real dough today to send your dog to a canine psychiatrist and have him listen to it bark out its mental problems.

GOOD IF NO BLOWUP

Vancouver, B. C. (AP)—Dr. Norman Mackenzie, president of the University of British Columbia, speaking about the economic outlook for next year, told reporters yesterday Canada's future appears "very good—if the world doesn't blow up in the meantime."

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Kremlin Deals Heavy Blow To European Army Project

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—As President Eisenhower meets with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Laniel in Bermuda, diplomats privately agree that the Russians have neatly and skillfully shifted the emphasis of what the Big Three will talk about.

Instead of a meeting which Ike was attending only to please Winston Churchill, Bermuda now has some real problems to discuss. For the Kremlin has dealt a severe blow to the United European army. Furthermore, diplomats agree that the Kremlin, which can be extremely stupid at times, this time scored a real victory.

For several weeks, the Russians have been saying "No, no, no," to all proposals to sit down at a foreign ministers conference to discuss Germany and Austria. They said "no" so convincingly and so repeatedly that western diplomats believed it. That's one reason we pushed the invitation so hard. We never thought it would be accepted. And the French, also believing them and figuring the Russians were really getting tough, started considering the United European army in earnest.

Then suddenly, during the climax of the French debate, the Russians reversed themselves and said "yes." They agreed to attend the four-power foreign ministers' conference.

This means that the French will delay attempted ratification of the united European army until after the four-power conference. It also means that the agenda for the conference won't be decided upon for a couple of months, and in the interim the plan to bring German troops into NATO is almost certain to get more and more bogged down in the quagmire of French politics.

For what many Frenchmen and quite a few Americans don't realize is that the No. 1 goal of Soviet Russia today is to keep German fighting men out of the western European army.

If the Kremlin can prevent French and German troops from marching shoulder-to-shoulder together; if they can make them continue their ninety-year hostility, then they can still fan the fires of Franco-German power politics which have caused the last three wars of Europe.

Despite problems in Korea and despite politics and spy-hunting here at home, this remains the most cancerous long-range source of war in the world.

The Big Three, meeting in Bermuda, will have to spend part of their time considering this—whether Churchill likes it or not.

Heretofore, Winston has given the United European Army only platonic lip service. But if he devoted his own great persuasive talents to this instead of conspiring to meet Malenkov in Moscow, he would make a great and perhaps enduring contribution to the peace of mankind.

WHO NEEDS PRAYER MOST?

Though Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey has his share of cabinet headaches, he prays for another cabinet colleague who has even more. With a budget to balance, taxes to raise and a debt ceiling to keep under, Humphrey is in plenty of hot water. However, he confided to friends recently: "When I say my prayers at night, I thank God that I am not Erma Taft Benson."

WASHINGTON PIPELINE

Inside reason why John Foster Dulles finally took a stand against Senator Jenner in the Igor Gouzenko diplomatic dicker was because the Canadians told him there was no use arguing further, he was wasting his time. Mike Pearson, Canadian external minister and one of the best friends the United States has, is so sore at being pressured by Dulles that much of that friendship has been alienated.

The man who deserves chief credit for getting a fair deal for Lieut. Milo Radulovich is Ed Murrow, CBS vice president and ace commentator. Murrow so dramatically told the story of Radulovich's being fired because his father read a pro-Communist newspaper that high-up air force officials had to review the case.

Walter Trohan of the Chicago Tribune and Danton Walker of the affiliated New York News wrote indignant letters to Look magazine denying Richard Wilson's statement that they were close to Joe McCarthy. Beateous Washington hostess Gwen Cafritz, also labeled by Look as among Joe's admirers, didn't write.

CAPITAL NEWS CAPSULES

Dewey Disapproved—Capital gossip had it that Tom Dewey helped inspire Brownell's Chicago speech at which he opened up Pandora's box of Truman and Harry D. White spy charges. But Dewey has now let it be known he was

unalterably opposed to unloos-
ing the Red-hunters. . . . His
old friend Brownell had been
considered a good bet to be-
come the next governor of New
York. Now his chances are not
so good. . . . Trouble is that
Brownell started the drums of
religious prejudice. For while
he struck at Harry Truman,
the man he hit was Henry
Morganthau.

Beware Churchill's Charm
—John Foster Dulles has given
Ike an intensive pep talk about
not succumbing to Churchill's
charm at Bermuda. Dulles
even prepared a briefing re-
sume, pointing out the dangers
of yielding to Churchill's idea
of going to Moscow to meet
Malenkov. . . . It would build
up the Russian premier, make
the rest of the world think he
really wanted peace, also make
us appear to be kowtowing to
Moscow. Despite the briefing,
state department diplomats
fear Ike may give in to his old
wartime friend, the prime min-
ister.

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Salem 30 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL
December 3, 1923

British police had a warrant
for the arrest of Mrs. Emmeline
Pankhurst, militant suffrage
leader, upon her arrival
at Plymouth following a trip to
the United States.

Oregon had no fish or game
commission due to a series of
resignations following a big
row within the organization.

Town pump at Wasco in
Sherman county had become
inoperative and the town dry.
It has remained that way for
a week.

F. J. Lafky, well known Sa-
lem business man and real
estate dealer, had been consid-
ered for business manager of
La Grande.

J. C. Perry, well known Sa-
lem druggist, had sometime ago
placed a gold fish in the water-
ing tank on the Commercial
street side of the Ladd & Bush
block. Then it was about an
inch long. Since it has grown to
a six inch size and Perry had
placed another small fish in the
tank as a companion for the
larger one.

A. T. Workman had told the
Capital Journal that there were
2000 vacant houses in Portland
due to small activity in con-
struction trades.

Plans for the federation of
the woman's clubs of the coun-
try had been arranged at Cor-
vallis.

Secretary McAadoo had esti-
mated that 450,000 persons
would be subject to the new
federal income tax.

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