

State Department Greatly Concerned Over Humpty Dumpty French Politics

Miscalculation Of Mendes-France Popularity Jolt

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Washington (U.P.)—American officialdom smiles bravely and makes a good show of optimism. But the fact is that this latest exhibition of Humpty Dumpty French politics jolted the State Department hard.

The department miscalculated considerably the hold of Pierre Mendes-France on the French premiership. The winter and spring months of this year were marked by the department as crucial in the affairs of Europe. It was conceded that the London-Paris agreements on rearmament of West Germany might fail if not ratified by, say, June 1.

Washington did not expect Mendes-France to remain long in power. But it confidently was expected here that he would be in office long enough to obtain ratification of German rearmament. American officials were aware, of course, that Mendes-France was personally unpopular with his colleagues in the Chamber of Deputies. But Washington thought the young Frenchman's standing with the French people would protect him long enough to get the job done. It didn't.

Rearmament Big Factor
American officials will tell you today that they are not greatly concerned by the current French cabinet crisis, barring only its possible effect on rearmament of Western Germany. They state, further, that they do not foresee long delay in the rearmament plan.

United States anxiety will be cumulative. The State Department will be more anxious next week than this, and so on, until the agreements are ratified. Every moment of cabinet crisis in which the French thrash about seeking a government to govern them adds to the delay in acting on the basic question of Western European defense. The French Council of the Republic, or the upper house, originally had been expected to debate the agreements about now. It appears that the debate will be postponed until next month.

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Britain Plans Atomic Electricity Program

London (U.P.)—Britain announced today a 10-year, \$840,000,000 nuclear electricity production program which informed sources said will assure Britain a leading place in the race for peaceful development of atomic energy.

An official government white paper disclosed plans for 12 atomic power stations generating power equivalent to that produced by 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 tons of coal annually.

The eventual capacity of the 12 plants would reach 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 kilowatts by 1975. That would be equivalent to the output of five to seven Grand Coulee Dam projects, the world's largest hydroelectric power installation.

Sure of Success
The first powerhouse under the new British program is expected to come into operation in 1960-61.

The white paper said that in

spite of immediate uncertainties there is no question that atomic-generated electricity can be produced economically.

"The coming of nuclear power marks the beginning of a new era," the government said.

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develop it with all speed.

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An appeal for additional Heart Fund volunteers, to make a house-to-house collection on the afternoon of Heart Sunday, Feb. 20, was voiced today by Miss Laura York Heart Sunday chairman.

Volunteers are asked to meet with the chairman at the court house at 7:30 p.m. today or to telephone Miss York at 2-7487.

"If the entire community is to be covered we will need a great many more workers," Miss York said. She reported that while the recruiting program is progressing nicely, she is hopeful that a substantial number of volunteers will call her within the next few days.

The Heart Sunday campaign will involve one to two hours' service on the part of each volunteer, with visits on behalf of the Heart Fund to between 15 and 25 neighboring homes.

Omaha, Neb. (U.P.)—The burglar who broke into the Harding Creamery Company recently might do well to spend the stolen money for an eye examination. Six dollars in change were missing, but \$57 in bills were found lying on the floor.

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National Labor Party Seen in Union Merger

St. Paul, Minn. (U.P.)—Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said there is a "strong possibility" that a national labor party might evolve out of the merger of the CIO and AFL.

Goldwater told a news conference yesterday that if this were the case it "might be the beginning of the end of the Democratic Party as we know it."

The Arizona Republican said "the CIO-Americans for Democratic Action wing controls the party now."

"If labor completes its domination of the Democratic party, the GOP would lose some labor elements but would more than offset them with gains from the ranks of conservative Democrats," Goldwater said.

CAR STOLEN TWICE
Lunenburg, Mass. (U.P.)—Cafe proprietor Van Xarras wondered today what fascination his automobile holds for car thieves.

The car was stolen in Fitchburg last Saturday night and recovered Sunday at Leominster. By the time Xarras reached Leominster he found the car had been stolen again. It was found yesterday in Boston.

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