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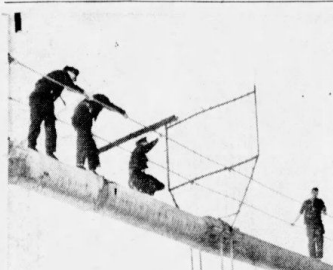
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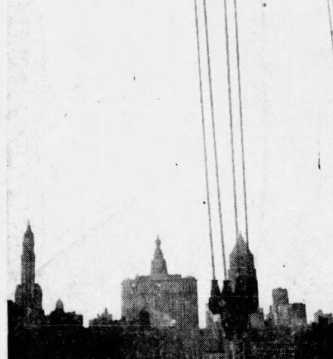
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De Gasperi Dies From Heart Attack

SELLA VAL SUGANA, Italy (AP)—Alcide De Gasperi, the lean old statesman who led Italy out of postwar chaos and onto the path of democracy, died today of a heart attack.

Death came to the former Premier as he rested here in his north Italy mountain retreat, far from Rome and the political wars in which he had battled without respite for nearly a decade.

Although it was known the 73-year-old leader's health was failing, there had been no public hint he was seriously ill. Only after his death was it revealed that he had suffered a heart attack a week ago. His condition was not considered serious until Tuesday, when the heart pains became more intense.

He suffered another attack at 2 a. m. today and died an hour later after still another seizure. His family was at his bedside.

De Gasperi had stepped down from the titular leadership of his pro-Western, middle-of-the-road Christian Democrat party—Italy's largest—a little more than a month ago.

A messenger brought the news of Premier Mario Scelba and the Premier buried from his own vacation spot, Fugli, to the scene of the death of his old mentor.

Known in the troublesome early days of the Italian republic as the master of political compromise, De Gasperi changed later to be

OUR WEATHER
Partly cloudy, warm and humid today, tonight and tomorrow with isolated afternoon thunder-showers this afternoon.
High temperature yesterday—97 degrees.
High temperature expected today—92 degrees.
High temperature expected tomorrow—99 degrees.
Sunrise—5:46 a. m.; sunset—7:07 p. m.
More Weather Data on Page 10-A

Mendes-France Hints French Leftist Swing

Move Might Follow Proposal Rejection

By ALFRED CHEVAL

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—French Premier Pierre Mendes-France said today that if his proposals for changing the European army treaty are rejected, France might swing in another crisis to a Leftist government similar to the prewar "Popular Front."

The Popular Front was a coalition of Socialists and Radical Socialists headed by Leon Blum. Its policy was social reform rather than Marxism. But the period was marked by widespread strikes and other disorders.

Mendes-France made his statement at a six-hour meeting of foreign ministers convened to discuss changes in the European Defense Community pact. His remarks were relayed to newsmen by a German source. By the account of this informant:

The French Premier said the present treaty has no chance of being accepted by the French Parliament, due to start debating it Aug. 28. He said he had drawn his proposals for revision to find some way of salvaging something from the idea.

He declared rejection of his proposals would certainly result in a negative vote in Parliament. This could be followed, he argued, by a crisis in the North Atlantic community. All this would be a victory for the Russians, he asserted—a "which would cost them nothing."

A French source, when told of this version, said "that sounds O. K."

Shortly after Mendes-France spoke, however, Dutch Foreign Minister J. W. Beyen bluntly said the French proposals were not acceptable to his government.

Beyen said that Mendes-France's statement this morning had made a "totally different impression" than the text of the proposed changes, was transmitted through diplomatic channels last Saturday.

Paul-Henri Spaak, Belgian foreign minister and president of the conference, appeared discouraged as the group broke up after a meeting of almost two hours on general aspects of the crisis provoked by Mendes-France's proposed changes.

Spaak refused to make any statement, saying it was too early to know what might develop. The ministers planned to continue the general discussion this afternoon.

Only 15 men attended this morning's meeting. The ministers sought an intimate atmosphere for a free discussion of their views. West Germany and Italy had three representatives present, and the other four nations—France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—two each. One member of the conference secretariat rounded out the group.

Those who attended the talks were reluctant to comment as they discussed an argument over a fare. McMahon was arrested four days after the slaying in the home of a German girl.

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When Your Kids Are Hungry You Do Stupid Things' Mother Of 3 Held On Robbery Charge

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP)—"When your kids are hungry you do stupid things."

As a preliminary hearing on charges of robbing a liquor store with a 1902 model pistol that wouldn't shoot, a young mother of three children, the oldest only 4, told her story to newsmen.

Mrs. Janet Sarver, 25, arraigned yesterday, remains in jail in lieu of \$2,500 bail with the hearing set for Wednesday.

Officers said she took \$189 in a liquor store holdup Tuesday night.

"I wouldn't do that again. Not for a million dollars," she asserted tearfully.

"My husband, Don, lost his . . . illness hit me . . .

"Last week I earned \$10 as a part-time waitress. Don said he heard of job opportunities in Utah. I gave him \$5 and he left last Sunday. When my money ran out we only had three cans of milk in the house. The neighbors gave me some pears and tomatoes. That's all we had for

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Twins Born In July; Third Baby Due Soon

DETROIT (AP)—Mrs. Boyd Braxton, 28, who gave birth to twin girls last July 31, expects to return to the hospital in a few days for the birth of a third child.

The twins, both girls, weighed under five pounds at birth. Dr. Thomas Y. Hum, who delivered the girls, said they were "premature in weight but not in time." The girls, Barbara Joyce and Betty Jean, landed in the hospital Wednesday.

Dr. Hum said there was no positive indication of when the third baby will be born.

Mrs. Braxton's husband is a 29-year-old Packard Motor Co. employee. They have six other children—Boyd Jr., 6; Barry Dean, 5; Christine and Christopher, 4; also twins; Darryl, 3; and David, 2.

"They tell me I am making medical history," said Mrs. Braxton. "I don't care about history. I just want my babies. If the doctors want to study my case, it is all right with me."

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Commies Asked To Account For 526 Americans

Defense Dept. Says Capture Verified

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States today formally charged the Chinese Communists are holding 15 American airmen as "political prisoners."

A Defense Department statement said the Chinese Communists admitted at the recent conference at Geneva that men are alive and that this has been verified by Americans, former prisoners of war who have been exchanged since the armistice in Korea.

The Pentagon announcement said also that the Communists have been asked to account for a total of 526 Americans "who are either in Communist hands or concerning whose fate the Communists have knowledge" as indicated in an announcement by the Far East command in Korea on Tuesday.

The 15 airmen are alleged by the Communists to have flown over neutral territory during the Korean War. The Reds contend they were shot down or forced to land near Manchuria on the north side of the Yalu River.

The names of the 15 have previously been released by the Defense Dept. But until today's statement, the United States has qualified its inquiries about the men by saying that the information about them had stemmed solely from unauthenticated Communist sources.

The Defense Dept. announcement charged the Communists with adopting the "subterfuge of classifying prisoners of war as political prisoners" to evade the armistice agreement.

The agreement provided that all prisoners desiring repatriation should be returned to the side of their choice. The Pentagon statement said the 15 airmen "were not given an opportunity to be repatriated."

The statement also reviewed efforts made to date to account for 944 Americans who were not exchanged after the armistice and about whom the Allied command failed to get any positive information.

Of the 944 the U. N. command has now determined that 418 are dead and their families have been so notified.

Most of the remaining 526 have been "presumed" dead although definite information about their fate is lacking. The law requires that presumption of death must be made for a person who has not been heard from for more than one year. This permits the payment of death gratuities to next of kin and the removal of names of the presumed dead from the lists of those receiving regular pay and allowances.

House Okays Giant Global Aid Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate today a bill providing \$1.4 billion annually to run the global military and economic aid program for the year ending in mid-1955. The total falls nearly 900 million dollars short of President Eisenhower's request.

The roll call vote was 188-77. The Senate was expected to act soon on the measure, a compromise figure which would provide less new cash for military and economic aid than either branch voted earlier.

AWARD PRESENTED
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—A Mexican Film Academy award won by actress Katy Jurado was presented to her yesterday on the set of a picture she is making at 20th Century-Fox studios.

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GI To Die For Killing German

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A U. S. Army court-martial found Robert C. McMahon, 31, of 101 Market St., Wilmington, N. C., guilty of the July 10 pistol slaying of Karl Kaiser, 49, of Munich. The sentence, which includes a dishonorable discharge, is subject to review.

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Conferees Preparing Anti-Red Compromise

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate House conferees came up with a compromise anti-Communist bill today by dropping a provision making membership in the Communist party punishable by fine and imprisonment.

In its place, they put a clause saying a person who is a member of a Communist-action group shall be subject to the penalties provided in the 1950 Internal Security Act.

The 1950 law, of which Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.) was the author, provides that members of Communist-action groups shall be barred from defense plants, from employment by the federal government and from obtaining a passport.

In addition, if they fail to register with the attorney general as required by law, they are subject to imprisonment for five years and to a fine of \$10,000.

McCarran, a member of the conference committee, said the compromise bill "makes certain that all of the provisions and penalties of the Internal Security Act shall prevail."

Administration doubts about earlier versions of anti-Communist legislation had been based on concern that it might destroy the registration provisions of the Internal Security Act and hamper Prosecutions for conspiring to teach and advocate the forcible overthrow of the government under the Smith Act.

The section of the bill making Communist party membership a criminal offense, sponsored by Sen. Humphires (D-Minn.) and other Democrats, was twice approved by the Senate and once by the House over the objections of the administration.

The schedule called for the new compromise version to be submitted first to the Senate and then to the House.

Sen. Butler (R-Mid.) told reporters that the Senate-House conferees agreed on it unanimously.

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OWEN LATTIMORE

New Evidence Is Claimed New Lattimore Perjury Indictment Is Sought

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government will seek a new perjury indictment against Owen Lattimore, controversial Far Eastern specialist, U. S. Atty. Gen. A. Rorer announced today.

In December, 1952, a federal grand jury indicted Lattimore, one-time Far Eastern affairs adviser to the State Department, on seven counts of perjury growing out of his sworn testimony before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee.

Two of those counts, including the key one—that he lied when he said he never was a Communist sympathizer or promoter of Red interests—later were thrown out on appeal on the ground that they were too vague.

Rorer said he will not appeal to the Supreme Court for reinstatement of those two counts, but instead will offer new evidence to a grand jury beginning Sept. 13.

Rorer said the evidence will include "certain aspects" of Lattimore's own testimony before the committee in February, 1952, which were not included in the original indictment.

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