

Decide on strike action

PARIS (AP) — The Atlantic Alliance has decided to get its allies agreed to a compromise must be out of France by April political headquarters out of plan for discussions on the alli-

France and move it to Bel-ance role of the 70,000 French troops stationed in West Ger- many. The decision, taken Wednes- day by the NATO council, was unanimous. Even the French delegate voted for the transfer to Brussels. At the same time, the NATO and his order that NATO forces must be out of France by April 1 next.

MEMORY PROVIDES THE TRUE RICHES

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) — Memory is better than money. Like money, it can be de- fined as "a medium of ex- change and a measure of value."

As a measure of value, memory beats money, particu- larly paper money, because most monetary units buy less as they grow older. But mem- ories, being the true currency of the heart, become worth more as time goes by.

And you're richer than Croesus if you can look-back and remember when— The replacement of the old- fashioned cash drawer by the cash register made it more difficult for a clerk to raise enough to buy out the boss.

Across North America there wasn't a single working class home with a machine in the kitchen that could make its own ice cubes.

Mothers wanted their sons to get white collar jobs, be- cause a guy who wore a white collar got paid more than one who wore a blue collar.

Little girls liked to have their daddy smoke cigars— the paper bands on them made wonderful make - be- lieve wedding rings.

Young men still used that greasy stuff on their hair. In a real emergency they

sometimes even slicked it down with lard. DARNED SOCKS

The last thing Mama did before tiredly climbing the stairs to bed was to darn a lapful of the children's stock- ings—or patch them, if the kneeholes were too big.

Every school desk had an inkwell, and if the girl who sat in front of you had long curls, your main goal in life was to dunk one of her curls in it.

Every small town had doz- ens of hitching posts—but none had a parking meter.

One of the best places to hide money was in the family Bible, because even if he found it a thief would be too con- science-stricken to take it from there.

You knew a young lady was growing up when she insisted on removing from the family album the photo of her as a baby sprawled, sans clothes, on a blanket.

Every boy carried a knife, his most cherished possession, tied to a belt loop in his pants by a piece of string so he wouldn't lose it. In his pocket you could also find a good luck penny he had put on a street car track to be mashed by the trolley.

Those were the days. Re- member?

Lin reduces Mao to mere symbol.

HONG KONG (AP) — Military boss Lin Piao has, in the opinion of some competent China analysts here, effectively reduced Mao Tse-tung to a mere symbol and himself taken over the real leadership of the Communist party and the nation.

"Mao the leader" has been faded into "Mao the thought" while Lin has advanced himself in three months from tenta- tive heir apparent to the real executive power.

It is, says one Westerner who has the job of assessing China's

developments for his govern- ment, like a power takeover in a big company. He asserts: "The trusted aide has taken control from the ageing com- pany founder, whose picture and mottoes have been hung on the wall for generations by the underlings and as a symbol that the old man approved the power grab."

"Whether or not he approved may never be known by the minor stockholders. But the old man obviously preferred being figurehead chairman of the board to risking a power fight with the new executive chief."

Behind the thinking of this analyst and others who hold similar beliefs is the increasing exaltation of Lin Piao's leader- ship in China's press and radio broadcasts.

Reports reaching Hong Kong say provincial radio stations

and newspapers throughout China have inaugurated a mas- sive campaign to "learn from Comrade Lin Piao."

Lin is portrayed as the man who will lead the people to true understanding and true applica- tion of the thought of Mao Tse- tung. The significant factor, say the analysts, is that the refer- ence is always to Lin, not Mao, as the leader. Mao is relegated to the position of thinker of thoughts.

Beginning in August, Lin Piao's name approached almost equal prominence with that of Mao. By mid-September, it had received virtually equal prominence.

WILL VISIT BELGRADS

BELGRADE (AFP) — Ethio- pian Emperor Haile Selassie will visit Yugoslavia Oct. 26, it was announced Monday.

DIRTY SHIRTS FROM FRANCE

FOLKESTONE, England (AFP) — Englishman Alex- ander Saull-Hunt announced Tuesday he plans to take in French washing—bringing it over the channel by hover- craft.

He believes he can under- cut French laundries and dry cleaners, and will offer a 72-hour service.

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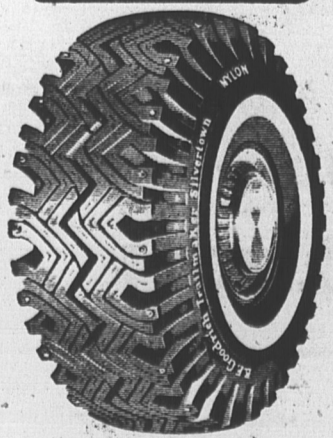
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