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France Refused to Join the EDC

Some months ago, it will be recalled, Secretary Dulles said this country might be forced to make an "agonizing reappraisal" of its foreign policy, but that he hoped this would not happen. Now it has happened, and it is obvious that the "agonizing reappraisal" is underway.

The crowning blow, of course, was France's refusal to join the European Defense Community. That, to all intents and purposes, means the end of EDC—and for more than three years EDC has been a cornerstone of American anti-Communist strategy. One irony here is that EDC was a French concept in the first place, and that it was vigorously supported by former French Premiers and other top officials. But nationalistic feeling seems to be running strong in France these days. The idea of French soldiers serving along side of German soldiers in a supranational army is, obviously, extremely distasteful to the majority of the French people. And fear of a resurgent Germany—a fear forged in two wars in which France sustained human and material destruction on a ghastly scale—dominates French thinking. There is another irony in this—for, EDC or no EDC, it is perfectly plain that German rearmament is as certain as anything canbe in this chaotic world. But that didn't change the Frnech attitude.

It is said that Britaincould have saved EDC. But she would not give military forces to it even though she approved the idea. It is also said that French communist and fellow-travelers killed EDC. But the fact remains that French leaders, who are as passionately opposed to Communism as anyone, were against the plan. The death of EDC was certainly a victory for Communism, but just as certainly, it was not achieved by the Commu ists.

What has happened is that U.S. leadership of the West is no longer anywhere near as potent as it was. In England and in Europe there is a very real fear that we have been too aggressive, and that other policies promise a better chance of avoiding a third world war of incalculable horror. U.S. News and World Report probably described the situation accurately when it said, "Friends and allies of the U.S. are going in for 'peaceful coexistence' with Communism whether the U.S. likes it or not." To many Americans, this course acounts to possible national suicide for the nations involved. But it is being advocated in high places not only in Europe, but in Japan and other Asian nations.

The situation is further complicated, from our point of view, by the fact that the sands are shifting under Adenauer's pro-American West German government. As Marquis Childs recently wrote, "What comes after Adenauer no one will predict ,except to say that it is almost certain to be bad--the resurgence of the extreme Nationalist and former Nazi forces that already have begun to come back."

These are among the great problems with which Washington must now deal. A bright note is found in the confident determination with which the President Mr. Dulles, and the other men involved are facing them.

THOMAS N. PIERSON

Funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 5, at 2 o'clock for Thomas Newton Pierson, Grasonville waterman, who died of a heart attack while preparing to go oystering, in his boat at Jackson creek Thursday morning, Sept. 2.

Mr. Pierson was with his wife and a next-door neighbor when he collapsed in the boat. Mrs. Pierson called to nearby boats and they carried him to the shore, but he was dead by the time a doctor arrived.

Born June 4, 1902, in Grasonville, the son of the late Clifton and Sallie Pierson. He followed the water all his life.

Besides his wife, the former Pearl Smith, he is survived by three brothers ,Herbert, Baltimore; Milton and Carroll, Grasonville; and a sister, Mrs. Lucy Jones, Grasonville.

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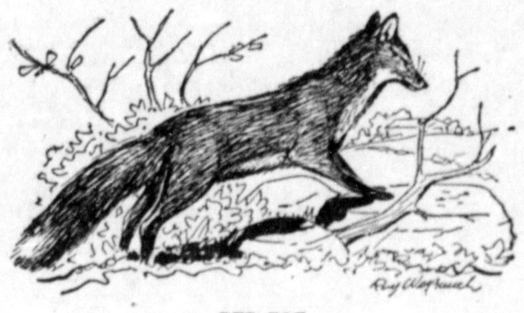

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BERNARD SLAUGHTER

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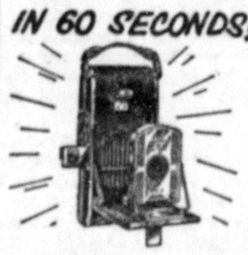

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