Oatis Rejoins Wife After Red Release WASHINGTON, May 18 (P)-Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway Advised Ongress today to keep billions flowing to Europe in the face of Indiminished Soviet might which he said could inflict "serious

NEW YORK, May 18 (AP)-Associated Press-Correspondent William N. Oatis made a dramatic return to the arms of his wife today after more than two years in an Iron Curtain prison.

His wife, Laurabelle, had 12 minutes of semi-privacy with him after his silver transatlantic plane touched down at Idlewild Airport.

Authorities To Return Czech Plane

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commandered it for a flight to freedom last March will be handed back to Czech officials tomorrow.

man, announcing release of the C47 transport, said the craft would be turned over this after-noon. Later he reported the Czechs had asked postponement of the actual transfer until to-the city while he was a foreign re-porter. "It's the kind of question I can't answer," Oatis replied. "I'm not going to say anything about it." morrow morning so their experts could examine the plane.

was returning the airliner 101-lowed the release last Saturday of Associated Press Correspon-dent William N. Oatis from the Czech prison in which he had served 25 months of a ten-year sentence. He had been convicted on what American authorities de-moursed as trumped up charges was returning the airliner folnounced as trumped up charges

of espionage. In Washington, State Depart-ment Press Officer Lincoln White ment Press Officer Lincoln White said, however, return of the plane bad no connection with the Oate tive methods of obtaining consaid, however, return of the plane tive methods of obtaining con-had no connection with the Oatis case. White said Czech authorities of his knowledge no drugs were were informed by the American ambassador in Prague a week ago. that the airliner would be re-testions which the v said were that the airliner would be re-testions which the v said were that the airliner would be returned at Berlin.

Light Turnout For State's **Primary Seen**

By the Associated Press

judgeships.

No primary battles were in-volved in the Superior Court races. Candidates nominated by the Republicans and Democrats were unopposed.

Judges W. G. Sheely of Gettys-burg and John I. Hook of Waynesburg are the Democratic choices,

Oatis and his wife parted June 23, 1950, only three months after their marriage. The Czechoslovakian Communist government said it was her letter of appeal that finally won his freedom from a ten year prison sentence. He was released unexpectedly Saturday.

Refuses to Answer

BERLIN, May 18 (P)—A Czech airliner impounded by American authorities after anti-Communists commondered it of the second second

A U.S. High Commission spokes- the U.S. government in any capa-

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He readily admitted collecting Announcement that the U.S. economic, military, and political data in his role as a foreign cor-

jections which they said were sugar solution and vitamins to sugar solution and vitamins to build up my weight — and I'm convinced they were," Oatis de-clared. "I felt no effects from these injections whatsoever." Oatis Uses Low Voice Badid him during the prom

Beside him during the press conference was Frank J. Starzel, general manager of The Associ-ated Press, who told the horde

of interviewing newspapermen: "Before and after Bill's convic-A light turnout was anticipated at the polls in today's Pennsyl-vania primary election with only two uncontested state-wide posts at stake—a pair of superior court iudgeships.



William N. Oatis Refuses Comment on Trial

Talks Resume At Panmunjom

morrow following a three-day re-cess called by the UN Command,

The chief Allied negotiator, Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., re-mained in Tokyo Monday for con-sultations with Gen. Mark Clark, UN Far East commander. Long distance talks with Washington distance talks with Washington were considered probable, al-though there was no announce-ment to this effect.

In London Prime Minister Sir

undiminished Soviet might which he said could inflict "serious reversals" on the Western allies if war should come.

The Allied commander in Europe testified that while there are no indications now of "imminent hostilities" neither is there any

evidence of the sincerity of Rus-sian peace talk. Ridgway told the House For-

eign Affairs Committee at hearings on the foreign aid program that it would be unwise to cut military goals of the North At-lantic Treaty Organization countries. He said it would weaken U.S. defenses.

"Even with the completion of the goals," he said, "we will still fall short of the minimum defensive strength required to pre-vent serious reversals in the early stages of a determined attack." Air Power Weak

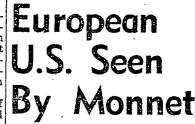
The general, who also has com-manded Allied forces in the Far President Eisenhower an encourmanded Allied forces in the Far Fresident Eisenhower an encour-East and who becomes Army chief aging report on prospects of a fu-of staff in August, did not spell ture United States of Europe out what he meant by serious re-when he visits Washington next. when he visits Washington next. month. He said such plans for even-tually binding the free nations of destruction of trained troops and Europe into a unifed federation equipment.

He said Western forces would give a gallant account of themselves, that air power remains the weakest link in their defense, but that there has been "steady progress" in the last year in building up Allied power. Foreign Aid Considered

worthwhile to keep on spending billions of American cash on aid to Europe. Some of the heaviest kirmishing of the Under Czech standards, Oatis added, just about any American reporter could be considered guilty of espionage. He said the Czechs had effec-Under Czech standards, Oatis 19 (P)—Truce negotiations were due to resume at Panmunjom to-morrow following a three-day re-What the foreign affairs com-

Churchill Asks Halt To British Nagging

LONDON. May 18 (P)—Prime Minister Churchill today urged Britons — particularly left - wing critics—to stop nagging in public Britons — barticularly left - Wing Critics—to stop nagging in public Ben W Starling Cole (B NY) Winston Churchill told the House at the way Americans are hand-



LUXEMBOURG, May 8 (AP) -Jean Monnet of France, chief executive of the six-nation Schuman plan, says he intends to give

destruction of trained troops and Europe into a unifed federation should go ahead whether the current Soviet peace offensive is sincere or not, since Europe needs unity."

For his work toward this end, Monnet yesterday received the fourth annual Charlemagne Prize from the German city of Aachen, **Foreign Aid Considered** The question has been arising in Congress whether the progress has been sufficient to make it worthwhile to have to make it worthwhile to have to make it

Monnet, chairman of the High Authority or executive branch of the European Coal and Steel Community, has been invited to Washington early in June for con-ferences with the President, Sec-retary of State Dulles and other leading U.S. officials.

On the trip, Monet will be ac-companied by Franz Etzel of West Germany, vice chairman of the authority, and Dirk Sprenberg of Holland, another member of the nine-man executive panel.

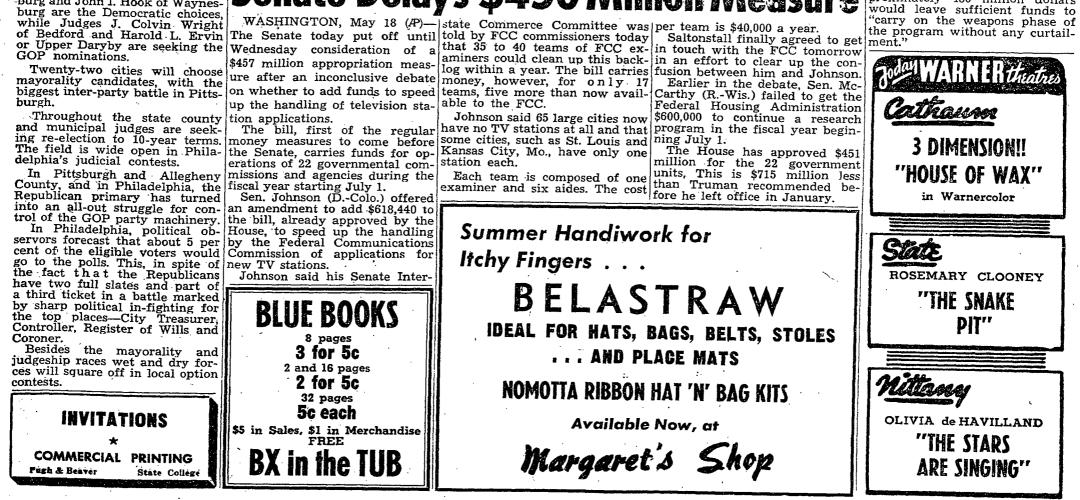
'Ike Cuts Atom

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)-Winston Churchill told the House of Commons that Britain and the U.S. are having "constant ex-changes of views" on the Korean truce talks. The talks are stalled over what to do with 48,500 Korean and Chi-talks at Panmunjom in the Stars are hand-read to star the regular Monday question to day the Eisenhower administra-tion has proposed cuts "on the order of 30 per cent" in former President Truman's \$1.6 billion

his group this afternoon and will be presented tomorrow to the House Appropriations Committee. He told newsmen the cut of ap-

proximately 480 million dollars would leave sufficient funds to

Senate Delays \$450 Million Measure



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