

# Defence of Western Europe

THE peace we've got today, the sort of uneasy co-existence we enjoy—or endure—with the Communist Powers is based on the strength and unity of the West. The West is still not as strong as it could be, or should be, and lately its unity seems to have been threatened. If we are lucky—and why shouldn't we be for a change?—we shall emerge from this week stronger and more united than we've been for a long time. In a way, this has been Britain's week. She has taken the lead and made the proposals, and she renewed the confidence of all who believe in her. But in a way it has been America's week, too. She has sat back and left the initiative to Britain. She has behaved like a partner, and a partner with confidence in the partnership. She has been helpfully and unobtrusively co-operative in the attempt to get the defence of Western Europe arranged with French and German co-operation. That attempt is the big news of the week. It's an attempt to replace the dangerous vacuum of an unarmed and restive Germany lying between East and West, a situation which is full of danger and which could not be allowed to continue. . .

Extracts from a recent commentary on the international news, broadcast from the main National Stations of the NZBS

Europe is the one part of the world in which a decision in war could be reached between Russia and the democracies. For the time being, and for many years to come, there is no other part of the world in which a world struggle could be won or lost. If Russia could seize the Saar and the Ruhr and could threaten the Midlands in Britain, her command of these vast industrial resources would tip the balance and would give her a reasonable chance of victory. If, on the other hand, the West can keep these secure, Russia has no chance of victory whatever. The problem has been, and is, how to keep them secure. A big part of the answer to that problem is to get out of the vacuum and to make use of Western Germany manpower to provide 12 divisions of half a million men. This means, of course, that Western Germany must be allowed to rearm. That is a prospect that frightens France and some other countries as well. . .

There are big differences between EDC, which the French National As-

sembly refused to accept, and the new scheme. Britain was not a partner in EDC and France was afraid that without Britain Germany would dominate the partnership. Britain is a full partner in the new arrangement and is committed to maintaining large forces on the Continent for the rest of this century. Under the EDC plan the armies of the various Powers were to lose their identities. . . Under the new arrangement they will still train and fight side by side, but they will not lose their identity. . . Britain's presence in the

partnership is a tremendous advantage from the French point of view. It goes a long way towards removing the French fear that Germany will dominate the partnership. The tremendous fact, as history will note, is that Britain is pledged to return to the Continent from which she has been absent since the fall of Calais 400 years ago. And she is pledged to return in great strength. If what Mr. Mendès-France has said is correct, she is pledged to commit half

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## THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

NEXT week's election campaign broadcasts are:

### Public Addresses

Monday, November 1, 8.0 p.m., from 2YA and 1YZ, the Minister of Labour, Hon. W. Sullivan (National, Bay of Plenty), speaks from Christchurch.

Tuesday, November 2, 8.0 p.m., from 2YA and 1YZ, M. Moohan (Labour, Petone) speaks from Huntly.

### Studio Addresses

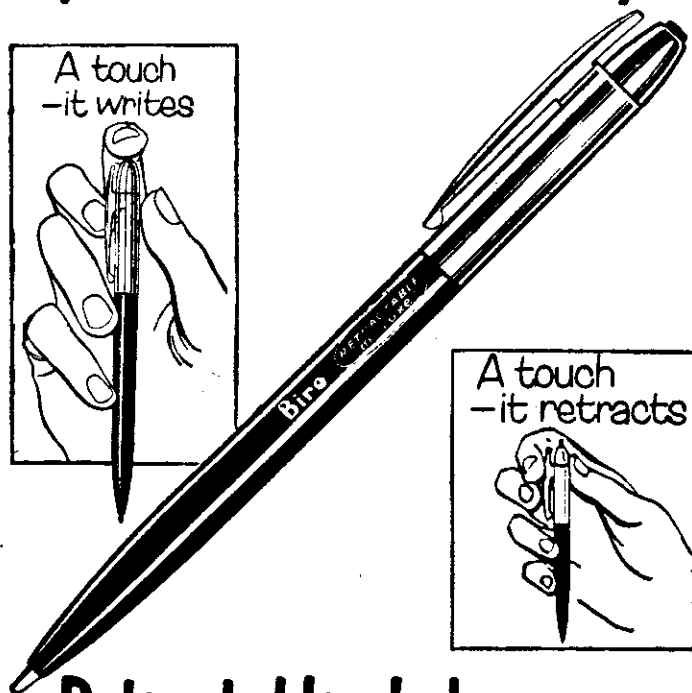
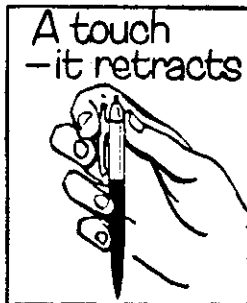
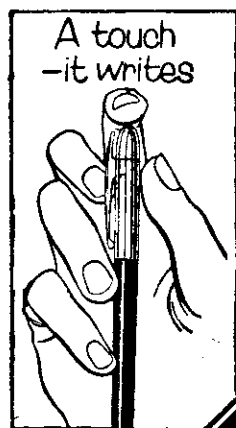
(from all YA and YZ stations)

Thursday, November 4, 6.45 p.m., Mrs. E. E. McMillan (Labour, North Dunedin); 7.0 p.m., the Minister for the Welfare of Women and Children, Hon. Mrs. G. H. Ross (National, Hamilton).

Friday, November 5, 6.45 p.m., the Minister of Industries and Commerce, Hon. J. T. Watts (National, St. Albans); 7.0 p.m., J. B. F. Cotterill (Labour, Wanganui).

Saturday, November 6, 6.45 p.m., the Hon. E. T. Tirikatene (Labour, Southern Maori); 7.0 p.m., the Minister of Lands, Hon. E. B. Corbett (National, Egmont).

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