

News In Brief

Italian Government Confirmed

ROME, Sunday (A.A.P.-Reuter).—Italy's all-Christian Democrat Government has been confirmed in office.

Two days after Senate approval, the Chamber of Deputies has given it a vote of confidence, the Lower House vote being 310 to 156, with 96 abstentions.

South Africa May Lift Emergency

LICHTENBURG (West Transvaal), Sunday (A.A.P.-Reuter).—Dr. Hendrik Verwoerd, South Africa's Prime Minister, said yesterday it might be possible to lift the emergency regulations completely by the end of August.

He told a rally of his Nationalist Party it was the Government's intention to lift the state of emergency by October 3, when a referendum would be taken to decide whether South Africa should become a republic.

G.I. Disappears In Germany

HEIDELBERG (Germany), Sunday (A.A.P.).—The disappearance of an American soldier assigned to an intelligence unit in West Germany was reported to-day by the U.S. Army.

Earlier, the East Germans said that a man with the same name as the soldier had defected to the Communists, American Associated Press said. U.S. Army headquarters at Heidelberg said Vladimir Sloboda had been missing from an intelligence unit at Frankfurt since August 3.

U.S. Statement On Missing Men

WASHINGTON, Sunday (A.A.P.-Reuter).—The United States Defence Department now believes that two missing U.S. mathematicians who had been employed by the top-secret National Security Agency have vanished behind the Iron Curtain.

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... said that one of the men, Bernon F. Mitchell, had been receiving full psychiatric treatment. The statement also said an investigation indicated the two men did not have access to classified (secret) information about American weapons or defence plans.

Orders Close Watch On UFO's

WASHINGTON, Sunday (A.A.P.).—Democratic vice-presidential candidate, Lyndon Johnson, has ordered Senate investigators to keep "close watch" on major developments involving UFO's (unidentified flying objects).

He also has ordered the staff of the Senate Preparedness Sub-committee to give him a report on any "significant" sightings of UFO's, together with an analysis of resulting Air Force investigations.

Another First For Ceylon Leader

COLOMBO, Sunday (A.A.P.-Reuter).—Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike has taken her oaths as a member of the Ceylon Senate.

She thus has become not only the world's first woman Prime Minister, but also Ceylon's first Prime Minister to sit in the Upper House of Parliament.