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Just off the wire -- a dispatch that the

there is a chance of reaching agreement on Indo China
Communists have agreed that military experts shall be
at the Geneva Peace Conference. He called the chance -
called to Geneva to work out military details for an
"a good one"
armistice. That is, the Reds have agreed in principle.

But they rejected western demands for quick action --

refusing to set a date for the military experts to assemble

for
the business of a ~~xxx~~ truce.
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FRANCE - UNITED NATIONS

France opposes the notion of bringing the Indo China war before the United Nations. Which was proposed by Thailand. Tonight the ~~XXXX~~ French delegate to the United Nations said the issue should not be raised as long as there is a chance of reaching an agreement on Indo China at the Geneva Peace Conference. He called the chance - "a good one".

INDO CHINA - PARIS

France today called eighty thousand men to the colors all a part of a change of plans for the prosecution of the Indo-Chinese war. The eighty thousand - conscripted ahead of schedule, so as to free soldiers already trained, for service in southeast Asia; divisions now stationed in France.

INDO CHINA WAR

In Indo China, there are indications that the French will not risk a repetition of Dien Bien Phu. They^{re} more likely to withdraw from ^{that lesser} a stronghold called Yen Phu, which the Reds are now preparing ~~six~~ to attack - closing in ^{at Yen Phu. No} ~~there will be no~~ last ditch stand ^{this time;} - Yen Phu ~~was likely~~ to be evacuated, if necessary.

This is accompanied by word that the French command has abandoned several ~~six~~ outposts, as Red forces push toward the delta of the Red River. Tonight's news dispatch calls it - "a sweeping reorganization of French defenses in Indo China." (That is, they pulled out of those advance posts, and are massing troops for a more mobile type of defense. With reserves of soldiers, tanks and artillery to hit the Communists in hard, swift blows.)

TOKYO

Tokyo reports - radioactive rain. A recent shower - showing enough radiation to make the water dangerous to drink.

Samples were boiled down, and left residues with a geiger counter recording of - ten thousand. Harmless -- externally. It wouldn't affect the skin. But - dangerous, if you were to drink it.

So say the Japanese authorities, who believe there's an accumulation of radioactive dust in the upper atmosphere. Which comes down - in the rain. They think the dust comes from the hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific. Or- from Soviet atomic explosions in Siberia. Or - from both ~~sides~~ sources.

KOREA MONEY

In Seoul, today, the black market was dealing in U.S. military money - the new issue. Yet the new military money was issued - for the express purpose of thwarting the black market.

In Korea, the rate of exchange between the won and the dollar is fixed by law - fifteen hundred won for ten dollars. But, actually, the won is worth a lot less, and the ~~ma~~ black market was quoting - thirty-eight thousand won for ten bucks.

So, on Tuesday, the Army issued a new kind of currency, which was to be kept off the black market. But - all in vain. Today, those illegal ~~itx~~ traders were quoting the new currency at the old rate -- thirty-eight thousand won for ten dollars.

The military authorities are wondering - how so much got on the black market, so fast.

ARMAMENT SHIP

The French line freighter Wyoming - was not carrying military armament to Guatemala. So announced by the State Department today.

The government had reports that the vessel, entering the Panama Canal - might have a cargo of weapons for the Red infiltrated country. So a search was made, and guns were found. Some - destined for Guatemala. Others - for other central American ports. But they were sporting weapons. Some - twenty two calibre. Others - shotguns. Not military in any sense.

So the French line vessel gets full clearance.

CHAPLIN

Today Charlie Chaplin said - he is "very pleased".

Yesterday, he was awarded a Communist "peace prize."

All - part of the Red propaganda campaign. The "peace prize" granted - in Communist East Berlin.

the film comedian
Through a secretary, ~~he~~ makes the following

statement? "Mr. Chaplin was very pleased to accept this prize, because he has always gladly supported the idea of international peace." Which statement will never discourage the rumors - that Chaplin has Red inclinations.

The award comes to five million francs, about fourteen thousand dollars. Chaplin says - he'll give the money to charity.

BUNCHE

Dr. Ralph Bunche - cleared unanimously by a loyalty board. He was investigated as an official of the U N, and gave testimony in two all-day sessions. The result announced by the board in the following words:

"There is no doubt as to the loyalty of Dr. Bunche to the government of the United States."

COMMUNISTS

In St. Louis, this afternoon, five second-string Communists were ~~sent~~ convicted. Found guilty -- of Crouch, conspiring to teach the violent overthrow of the government. All, former leaders of the Communist party of Missouri. They face maximum sentences of five years in prison, and fines of ten thousand dollars each. Justice, The Department -

investigating charges that he made a contradictory statements.

Today, he asked for an investigation of a series of newspapers and writers who have made allegations against him - attacking his testimony in cases of Communism. The names of these brothers are included - they having written what he called contradictory evidence.

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CROUCH

A libel suit for a million dollars is to be filed in Washington. So announced by former Communist Paul Crouch. Who says he'll take action against newspaper Columnists Joseph and Stewart Alsop. Crouch has been prominent in testifying against Communists. Occupying a post of consultant with the Department of Justice. The Department - now investigating charges that he made contradictory statements.

~~(Today, he asked for an investigation of a series of newspapers and writers who have made allegations against him - attacking his testimony in cases of Communism. The Alsop brothers are included - they having written that he had given contradictory evidence.)~~

The Alsops reply that they have noted the conflict in ~~THIS~~ things that Crouch had said, and pointed these out to the Attorney General.

MCCARTHY

Today, the dispute between Senator McCarthy and the White House came nearer than ever to an open clash. The point at issue - the way McCarthy ^{obtained} ~~has got~~ secret information from employees of the Federal government.

The White House issued a statement saying the Wisconsin Senator was trying, in the words of the White House - to "set himself above the laws of our land." An "unconstitutional seizure of power," said the White House. Pointing out - that the Executive Branch of the government has the sole responsibility for the enforcement of the laws.

McCarthy retorted - immediately - with defiance. Declaring - that he intended to go right on procuring information from federal employees - in his investigations of Communism.

All of which exploded in the Army-McCarthy hearing today. - As Roy Cohn was being questioned. The point was - whether private David Schine had actually been doing committee work, while away so often from training at Camp

Dix. Or, was he having fun - while off on pass?

Committee Counsel Jenkins demanded - that the record be produced, showing the work that Schine had been doing. Whereupon, Senator McCarthy protested - he would never disclose the part of his files pertaining to people who had been giving him information.

There was an angry exchange between McCarthy and Senator Symington of Missouri -- who suggests that a crime may have been committed, when somebody turned over to McCarthy secret information from the F B I. But the dominating feature was - the White House denunciation of McCarthy methods in the strongest terms. Followed by - the Senator's defiant retort.

SHIPS

Seven Greek owned shipping firms pleaded guilty, today. Charged - with defrauding the United States in a surplus ship deal. A "get-rich-quick" affair, in which millions were made in the illegal purchase of surplus ~~XXXXXX~~ government vessels left over from World War Two.

The penalty - the forfeiture of nineteen ships, which are taken ~~in~~ back by ^{Uncle Sam. Plus} ~~the federal government. And,~~ more than four million dollars in fines and settlements. Which includes - money earned by the vessels during the time they were operated by the ~~xx~~ seven shipping companies.

COLORADO

A strange funeral rite - in Colorado, the State penitentiary. Convicts - walking slowly past a bier. Some - with tears in their eyes. Paying their final respects to the prison warden - Roy Best, who died yesterday. Best was a prison reformer, who won th^e esteem of the inmates.

HILLARY

A dispatch from India states - there's alarm for Sir Edmund Hillary. The conqueror of Mount Everest, reported - stricken with pneumonia on a high Himalayan peak. With - the monsoon coming on. The tropical rains, which mean - violent blizzards in the Himalayas.

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Months ago, Sir Edmund Hillary was in this country, and was on this program - together with Lowell Junior who was substituting for me. He told ^{then} how he was planning a new expedition - to an unknown wilderness in the vicinity of Everest. Which now turns out to be - an exploration of the Barun Glacier. A tremendous mass of ice on the slopes of a mountain twenty-three thousand, eight-hundred feet high, ^{There} they encountered mishaps. Hillary - breaking a rib, in rescuing a comrade, who got into trouble -- later, he sent word out - - the broken rib was getting along well enough. ~~along well enough,~~ So he was going on - ~~not~~ climbing the glacier.

But now native runners bring the latest word - Sir Edmund Hillary taken down with pneumonia, at an altitude of twenty-two thousand five hundred feet. Stricken - nine days ago. The word - only now reaching civilization. As a lad I lived many years at 10,000 feet, and my father, a doctor, often told us that the most dangerous illness at high altitudes was pneumonia -- and of course heart trouble.

Tonight, blank mystery shrouds the conqueror of Mount Everest. Has the party been able to take him down in a descent from the glacier? Let's hope so - for the monsoon rains are due next week.

To make all this the more dramatic - tomorrow is the first anniversary of the conquest of Everest. Hillary and Tensing - reaching the ultimate summit. The news that flashed in the headlines - on the day of the Queen's coronation in London.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower is - a delinquent taxpayer.

So states the town of Chesterton, Indiana. Not only has he failed to pay the tax bill, but - refuses to send a check.

The amount he owes - one cent.

In Nineteen Fifty-two, Chesterton celebrated a centennial. The ceremonies including - an odd stunt.

They auctioned off one square inch of real estate, divided into twenty-six "lots". Two "lots" however, were ~~it~~ given away. Presidential election year and they donated one to each of the two candidates.

When you own land, you're supposed to pay taxes on them, but President Eisenhower failed to pay up. So now they've sent him a tax bill, requesting his check - for one cent. The reply - a letter from a White House secretary. Saying - no. The President - refusing to continue the stunt.

Defeated candidate Adlai ~~Stephenson~~ Stevenson got a similar bill, and he has ~~it~~ paid up. Sending his check - for one cent. With an apology for the delay. "I have been unemployed for some time," explains Adlai.

EGYPT

The new archaeological discovery in Egypt now turns out to be - the cheapest on record. It surely must be that, when you consider the cost - fourteen dollars and forty-five cents. To bring to light - a "solar boat" of Cheops, the Pyramid builder. His - funeral ship.

The New York Times, today, tells how Egyptian authorities decided - they'd improve things for tourists at the great pyramid. They'd build a road - around it. The job - supervised by an Egyptian scholar, Kamal El-Malakh. The work - about completed -- when digging down - they came upon blocks of stone,

Kamal El Malakh suspected at once - an underground corridor leading to the great pyramid. So, he had them cut down through the stone. And, in the space below, they saw - the "solar boat" the funeral ship.

The great pyramid was, of course, the tomb of the mummy of the Pharaoh, Cheops - nearly five thousand years ago. The Pharaoh - provided with all provisions and

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equipment he'd need, in traveling to the other ~~word~~ world.
One thing - a boat for the voyage into eternity.

For the road - building, a fund of two thousand Egyptian pounds was provided, a little more than five thousand dollars. Which was all used up, except five pounds, - fourteen-dollars-and-forty-five cents. That much money left - when they came upon that underground corridor. So that was the cost of this latest archaeological discovery.

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Yet they say It may be more important, in a way, than the golden treasures found in the tomb of Tutankhamen. Because, Cheops, the Pyramid King, was more than two thousand

years earlier. The solar boat - believed to be filled with
writings on Papyrus. ^{And that} ~~which~~ ^{write,} would mean - priceless
illumination of the dawn of history.

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