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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Big Four session at Geneva today was a short one, -- only an hour and forty five minutes. The reason for the quick agreement by all four leaders that no progress could be made on European security.

First of all, Bulganin put forward the Soviet proposal - saying that NATO must be abandoned by the West. Bulganin also called for the admission of Red Chinese observers - in the proposed European security pact.

After listening to the Russian Premier President Eisenhower suggested that there was no point in any further discussion of that issue. The Russians agreed, so the session came to an end.

Before Bulganin, Faure, Eden and Eisenhower broke up - our President made it clear that he is not pessimistic. He believes the Russians are as sincere

in desiring peace as we are. So, he hopes a bridge can be set up to join the views of the East and the West.

In line with this hope, the Big Four Foreign Ministers were instructed to meet again tomorrow morning. Their problem - further study of propositions for both German reunification and European security. In other words, in spite of the deadlock today - the Big Four have not given up hope of an eventual compromise.

President Eisenhower had a guest for lunch today -

Marshal Zhukov, his old comrade in arms, the Marshal drove out

to Mr. Eisenhower's villa - on the road from Geneva to Luzanne.

He wore his military uniform, heavily laden with martial decorations. Strangely enough, Zhukov arrived without a motorcycle escort, and without even a bodyguard.

When his car swung into the driveway at the villa, President Eisenhower walked down the steps to give him a hearty handshake.

It was a private affair - the Eisenhower-Zhukov lunch - no one present except the President and the Marshal - and their two interpreters. The Russian Defense Minister remained in the villa for more than two hours and when he emerged, Mr. Eisenhower escorted him to his car. There the two men shook hands again - and Marshal Zhukov drove back to Geneva.

Naturally, there's no word on what they talked about, but it's a pretty good guess they discussed the issues of the cold war.

RETAKE

That ~~The~~ meeting between President Eisenhower and Marshal

Zhukov brings back memories of a decade ago - when allied armies were plunging into Germany from two sides. The Geneva meeting also reminds us of other historic coalitions -- with emphasis on the one against Napoleon. -- British, ^{Austrians} ~~Austrians~~ Prussian and Russian armies invading France from different directions -- to crush the great Corsican Conqueror.

The new issue of Collier's has an interesting article about Napoleon - including some recently discovered letters written ~~to~~ by him to his Empress, Marie-Louise. These letters date from the year Eighteen Fourteen - during the campaign that ended with the Emperor's exile to Elba.

One astonishing thing about the letters is that they might almost have been written in Germany - during World War Two.

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For ~~example~~ we find Empress Marie-Louise writing to Napoleon, "there has been a great deal of fear in Paris, since

they began to fortify the barriers - already everybody sees the cossacks," That old European fear of the Russians -- the same fear that made the Germans panicky in Nineteen Forty-Four.

Then there are the great victory claims - by a man obviously going down to defeat. Napoleon writes to Marie-Louise, "Victory! I have destroyed twelve Russian regiments, taken six thousand prisoners, forty guns, two hundred artillery wagons - my losses are less than two hundred men." Which sounds very much like the bulletins Hitler wrote when his Reich was caving in.

These Collier's ~~isak~~ letters show how Napoleon was gradually hemmed in by his enemies, and overthrown. Empress Marie-Louise fled from Paris - and France was occupied by the allies.

Yes, -it all resembles the fate of Adolph Hitler's Germany. But that is only the ~~military~~ military side. Otherwise, there is hardly any comparison ~~xxxx~~ between the two

conquerors. Winston Churchill has pointed out the difference. Hitler was, in Churchill's famous phrase, "a squalid caucus-boss and butcher." But, Sir Winston has always regarded Napoleon as an eagle among soldiers - and the greatest man of modern times.

Napoleon and Hitler both conquered Europe - and, both were defeated by tremendous coalitions. That is the similarity. On any other plane, it is an insult to the Emperor of France, to compare him to the Nazi Fuehrer.

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ATOMIC

President Eisenhower demonstrated an atomic furnace today, -- a reactor, assembled by experts from our Oak Ridge plant. Word from Geneva is that it is a massive device, of modernistic design.

Mr. Eisenhower went into the control room with an Oak Ridge specialist - who showed him how to operate the machine. And then our Chief Executive set the reactor going.

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A famous Washington hostess arrived in Singapore from Saigon today. Mrs. Perle Mesta, declaring that she had just been through, what she called, "the worst experience of my life."

Mrs. Mesta was referring to what happened at the Majestic Hotel in Saigon. While she was there a mob invaded the hotel. They began to break down doors and loot rooms. When they stormed down the corridor to her suite Mrs. Mesta opened the door and shouted, "We are Americans!" Whereupon the crowd drew back - because they were on an anti-Communist rampage. At least, that was their excuse.

Then Mrs. Mesta was escorted hurriedly out of the hotel to the airport. Mobs were gathered in the streets - and the Washington hostess was sprayed with tear gas - fired by the police. Her dress was ruined - and you can imagine how a hostess feels about an incident like that. Eventually, she reached the airport - and is now safely in Singapore.

Meanwhile, the Majestic Hotel in Saigon suffered a lot of damage - a million dollars' worth. Another hotel nearby, was also wrecked and looted. And a number of Americans were roughed up by rioters.

In Buenos Aires, more rumors of rebellion in the

Argentine Navy. Peron rushed to the War Ministry early this

morning - and conferred with leaders of the armed forces for more than two hours. Afterward, the Navy issued a communique - saying that the fleet has put to sea for training exercises.

But a spokesman admitted that naval maneuvers are usual at this time of year - it being winter down there in the southern hemisphere. Opponents of Peron are asking whether ~~it~~ he's trying to get the fleet out of the way - whether high naval officers may not be still ready to revolt against him.

As soon as the ships had left, Argentina got back to normal. The alert was lifted, Soldiers allowed to go on leave again. ^{And} /A military guard, ^{was} /removed from the radio station.

MOROCCO

Terrorism broke out in Morocco again today. This time - the crime of arson. A series of fires in many cities and towns.

The hardest hit/^{Fedala -} an important seaport on the Atlantic coast. A fire broke out yesterday evening in the slums, roaring through the crowded shacks of that city while the inhabitants, fled to the countryside. Special police were rushed in to help the fire departments. When the conflagration ended - a pall of smoke hovered in the sky over Fedala. And thousands of people came back to find their homes nothing but charred ruins.

Just down the coast in Casablanca, police say the fires were set by Arab terrorists, charging that Arabs were seen running through the burned areas - carrying torches.

PEARSON

Canada's Minister for External Affairs arrived back in Ottawa today. Lester Pearson, returning from the NATO Council meetings in Paris. Pearson told newsmen that he is hopeful about the Big Four Conference pointing out that the feeling at Geneva is very friendly - in spite of the deadlock on German rearmament.

AMERICANS

Two American tourists are back in West Berlin - much relieved, I'll bet - after spending Nineteen hours behind the Iron Curtain.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKean, of Delray Beach, Florida, boarded an elevated train in West Berlin - and before they realized it, had crossed over into the Communist zone where they were promptly picked up by Soviet soldiers - and taken to headquarters.

The McKeans say they were treated well by the Russians. Naturally, they were asked for an explanation - but they were not held even though they didn't have their passports.

They were given a meal - and then, spent the night in a sound-proof room. The next day they were escorted to an East Berlin subway station, the subway carrying them back to freedom.

Mr. McKean was asked if he thought Washington

should protest the incident. "Absolutely not," he replied.. "we had no business being where we were."

His only complaint - he thinks the trains in Berlin should be marked better. But, he has no grudge against the Russians.

SEA_WOLF

A dispatch from Groton, Connecticut, states that the skids are ready for tomorrow's launching of a submarine. Over four tons of grease applied to the launching of a submarine. Over four tons of grease applied to the launching ways - to insure a smooth slide into the Thames River.

The point of this announcement - is that the new vessel is our second atomic submarine. The Sea Wolf - about to take its place with the Nautilus (which is already in operation).

There'll be about twenty thousand persons on hand for the launching of the Sea Wolf tomorrow. The principal speaker, Navy Secretary, Charles Thomas. Who will wield the bottle of champagne? That honor goes to Mrs. Sterling Cole, the wife of a New York Congressman.

Just before tomorrow's ceremony the keel of a third atomic sub will be laid. So Uncle Sam's fleet of atomic age undersea boats is really beginning to grow.

KREMLIN

The Kremlin is open to the public! For the first time the people of Moscow are allowed to file through that great citadel of their city. Ever since Nineteen Twenty three, the year Lenin made Moscow the capital of Russia, the public has never been allowed into the Kremlin. During Stalin's regime, it was a symbol of terror.

But now the Red bosses are behaving rather differently - as we know. The Moscow dispatch says that today twenty thousand people filed through the Kremlin gates. The crowd, composed of Russians from all walks of life - all in holiday mood.

(This looks like a real change on the part of the Soviet dictatorship.) A few years ago, a visit to the Kremlin could be very dangerous - when Stalin was running the show. But now, Khrushchev, and Bulganin are in charge - so things are a bit different.

FIRE:

Philadelphia had quite a fire today - and the victim refused to talk about it for some hours afterward. The reason? - he's William Eckles, a fire marshal.

Here's what happened. Fire Marshal Eckles' men confiscated some firecrackers and inflammable paper. The stuff, too dangerous to be anywhere except in the charge of the fire department where it was locked up in a closet in the Marshal's office.

Apparently, spontaneous combustion went to work. And suddenly, there was an explosion, that shattered the windows in the building. Fire began to race through the rooms. It burned out Eckles' office, and the one next to it - before firemen were able to get the blaze under control.

It's not hard to see why the victim of the fire didn't want to talk about it, Hugh - The fire marshal, burned out of his office - by Roman candles & sky-rockets!