

MOSCOW

L.T. - Delco. Monday, April 11, 1955.

Moscow had a gala reception, today. The head of government, accompanied by his foreign minister - received with highest honors: ~~The~~ Austrian Chancellor, Julius Raab; ~~Who~~, with Austrian Foreign Minister Leopold Figl - is in Moscow to talk about a peace treaty for Austria.

For ten years, the Soviets, have been delaying and obstructing an Austrian Peace Treaty. President Eisenhower has declared that action on this point - would be a sign of ~~Russ~~ Russian good faith. ~~As~~ a preliminary - to a top-level meeting of the Big Four.

Recently, there was a change of Soviet attitude - and Austrian Chancellor Raab was invited to Moscow for negotiations. On Saturday, Moscow Foreign Minister Molotov said he hoped for an Austrian Peace Treaty in what he called - "the nearest future." Now followed - by today's reception in Moscow.

When Chancellor Raab and Foreign Minister Figl

landed at the airport - Molotov was there to ~~greet~~ ~~greet~~ them. So was Deputy Premier Mikoyan. The airport was decked with flags. A large honor guard of the Red Army gave a military salute - with sabres.

A sixty-piece military ~~am~~ band - provided the music. Sounds as if the Soviets really mean business. With Chancellor Raab saying - he'll make no commitments in Moscow, without the approval of the western Big Three.

AUSTRIA

Meanwhile, In the Soviet Zone of Austria, the Communist authorities captured an Austrian Cabinet Minister, together with four others. The party - having landed in a balloon. Which looked suspicious - to the Communists. The balloon was gaily decorated with ribbons, bunting and flowers. Puzzling the Communists - all the more.

They arrested Herr Udo Illig, Minister of Trade in the Vienna government - and questioned him for five hours. What kind of balloon espionage was this?

Well, it was all part of an Eastertime charity in Vienna. A plan - to raise funds for an orphanage. The Minister of Trade - making a balloon ascension in a gaily decorated gas bag, to publicize the charity.

But, when the balloon ^{— the old story —} got up in the air - it was *them where they didn't want to go* — caught in a strong west wind, which blew ~~it~~ into the Soviet zone.

After a lot of telephoning to Vienna, the Minister of Trade and his fellow aeronauts - were finally turned loose.

SUB STEVENSON

In the early comment on Adlai Stevenson's address tonight, we find Senator Stiles Bridges of New Hampshire, saying - that the titular leader of the Democratic Party is at odds with Democratic leadership in the Senate.

Speaking on the radio, Stevenson said - this country should not join in any defense of Quemoy or Matsu, ~~Islands~~. But he thought we should rally the free world for the defense of Formosa, if necessary. Formosa - yes. But not those off-shore islands.

Senator George of Georgia, Democratic chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, gives this comment - he thinks it's up to President Eisenhower to decide about Quemoy and Matsu. Which is echoed by Democratic Senator Holland of Florida, who calls for national support of President Eisenhower. In ~~na~~ whatever decision he may have in the question of those off-shore islands.

PLANE

An Indian airliner, carrying delegates from Red China - has disappeared. The plane, American built, left Hong Kong - bound for Indonesia. Aboard, Nineteen persons - including nine Chinese Communist representatives, proceeding to the Asian-African conference in Bandung.

Not long after the take-off distress signals were received. Indicating - that the airliner was being forced down at sea. Off - the coast of Borneo.

The Chinese Reds aboard, described as minor officials, did not include the Red Foreign Minister Chou En-Lai, who will be chief delegate for Red China at the Asian-African conference.

SUB YEMEN

The revolt in the Yemen has been crushed. The King, Imam Ahmed - defeating his brother, Prince Abdullah, who tried to seize the crown. The issue decided - by a question of the women of the royal harem.

~~Imam~~ Imam Ahmed was besieged in a stronghold of the desert. The rebels - demanding his abdication. The King asked - that the women of his Harem be allowed to leave. The local insurgent commander agreed, but insisted - they must be searched. Which Imam Ahmed considered, an outrage, an insult to the royal harem.

So he ordered his own soldiers to make an immediate attack. The Imam, himself opening fire. Leading to the ~~the~~ defeat of the followers of Prince Abdullah. Many of them - killed. Abdullah, himself captured.

An Egyptian Emissary, who was on the scene, reports that the King, Imam Ahmed, intends to have his brother - decapitated. *A not unusual fate in Yemen.*

Other members of the Yemenite royal family participated in this insurrection. Now - prisoners. They, too, facing ~~leg~~^{leg} - decapitation. ~~By~~^{By} the sword.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court has banned "quickie" divorces in the Virgin Islands. The high tribunal ruling - that Congress never meant to give the territorial authorities the power to grant them.

This will affect numbers of divorce cases pending before the courts in the Virgin Islands. Only one has, actually been granted. Which hardly enters the picture - because the couple, in question, afterward got a divorce in the courts of Connecticut.

MONTGOMERY WARD

The news wire, today, brought an astonishing story of a bedeviling event. Saying - it might have an effect on the battle for the control of Montgomery Ward. Sewell Avery versus Financier Louis Walfson. Each, lining up the support of stockholders. Getting proxies - for voting tens of thousands of shares of stock.

At the Wilmington, Delaware, branch of Montgomery Ward, proxies - ~~ks~~ of stockholders backing Sewell Avery were in the files. Waiting to be signed. When - the branch office was invaded by vandals, yesterday. Papers in the files - torn up, tossed away, or burned. Including - proxies to be used in the showdown for the control of a seven hundred million dollar firm.

The vandals - two boys, nine and ten. They got into the building, and went on a rampage - ~~ks~~ ripping things apart. Looting the files. Using the papers - for confetti, making a bonfire of them.

They smashed electric lights. Ripped out the ribbons from typewriters and adding machines. Emptied boxes of rubber bands and paper clips out of ~~the~~ windows.

A policeman, passing along in the street, noticed - a pane of glass, broken in a window. Investigating, he went in and found the two boys. One - was beating up a typewriter the other - taking an adding machine apart with a screen driver.

A couple of young ~~devils~~ ^{wild Indians -} - whose mischief got into the multi-million dollar battle for the control of Montgomery Ward.

POLIO

The word is insistent - that the Salk anti-polio vaccine has been found successful. The official report will be made tomorrow at Ann Arbor, Michigan, before a gathering of more than five hundred scientists.

Actually, there will be two reports. The big one - giving the result of a huge test. One million eight hundred thousand children - inoculated with the Salk vaccine last spring.

A second report will be made by Dr. Jonas E. Salk, himself, creator of the anti-polio vaccine. Who made a study of more than eight thousand children and adults tested in the Pittsburgh area. His finding, says the United Press - is that the inoculations did provide protections against polio.

It is said, moreover, that the report on the nationwide experiment will be much the same. Vaccine - effective, in the vast majority of cases.

ASTRONOMY

At the University of Chicago, the statement is flying saucers. But these are out in astronomical space. Giant stars, flattened out so much - they are discs.

The authority for this is a professor ~~xx~~ of Astrophysics named Chandra Sekhar. Sounds like a scientist from India. He worked in collaboration with the late Enrico Fermi - the Italian physicist, who carried out the historic experiment that brought about the bomb.

Just before his untimely death, Fermi was making a study - of magnetic fields in outer space. His conclusion being - that these were a source of energy that hurls the ~~xx~~ cosmic rays.

Calculations indicated - enormous magnetic energies. A giant star - having a magnetic field so powerful, it causes the star to bulge at the Equator, and flatten at the Poles. So much so - that the star flattens out into a disc,

So there you have - the cosmic flying saucer.

FISHERMAN

On the rugged south eastern coast of Nova Scotia, near Saint Catherine's River, a small boat came to shore. A dory, with five men in it - so weak, they could hardly pull the oars. They landed on the beach, could hardly stand. But - safe at last.

The fishing trawler "Irma and Rog" had good luck - so far as the fishing went. Twenty-five thousand pounds of cod and haddock - below the deck. Then a storm blew - and that changed the fisherman's luck.

The skipper, Robie Hatfield says: "There was a heavy sea, but we had been through many a storm that was worse. We had no warning of what would happen."

The first they knew about it was when the skipper went to his cabin. "I had just come off watch", he relates, "and went below for a cup of coffee when I found water was coming up through the floor."

In the pounding 'of the heavy sea, the fishing craft had sprung a leak, and skipper Hatfield relates, "we

just had time to get the dory into the water, and pile into it - before our ship sank."

That was last Friday - and the story, from then on, presents the old bitter irony of shipwreck. There ~~was~~ was a sea and air search, when the "Irma and Ro₆" failed to return to port. But what happened?

The five fishermen in the small boat were in a raging sea. The dory began to leak, and they had to bail it out incessantly. On Saturday, they saw an airplane - probably one of the planes of the search. ~~But~~ ^TThey waved, and tried to attract attention - but it was no go. Later in the day, an oil tanker passed, but failed to spy the boat in the towering waves.

Then they sighted land - "little hope Island" off the Nova Scotia coast. That was another irony. The surf was pounding on sharp rocks - sure death, if they tried to land.

They had neither food nor water for three days.

Skipper Hatfield says, "it was a nightmare. I don't know how we made it".

But they did, landing finally at McLeod's Cove, St. Catherine's River.

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GOLF

If you are a golfer you are probably have been shaking your head today - over the outcome of the Masters Tournament this weekend. Dr. Cary Middlecoff coming through with an unheard of stroke margin. Ben Hogan the runner up. A seven stroke margin!
Incredible!

BASEBALL

The baseball season, in Washington, began today with - a sore ^{arm}-armed pitcher. President Eisenhower is troubled with bursitis in his right shoulder - and, he showed it when he ~~tossed the~~ ^{threw out that} first ball. ~~out~~. He gave it a lame throw, and barely missed the news photographers ^{out} in front of the presidential box.

That began an epidemic of bad pitching. In the game, there were two hit batsmen and two wild pitches, ^{and} fielders - contributed three wild throws. Most of these ^{Hugh,} errors were made by the Baltimore Orioles. The Washington Senators winning- twelve to five.