

L.T. - DeLco. Thurs., May 12, 1955.

The Austrian treaty will be signed, ~~on~~ Sunday morning. The ceremony - to take place at eleven a.m. Vienna time. That's the announcement - following a Soviet backdown on the question of Austrian debts. Last night we heard ^{how} the negotiations were ^{again} deadlocked. The Russians - insisting on their version of debt payments by Austria to Russia. But the stalemate came to an end - with an American ultimatum. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles sent a message saying "Either agree upon a completed treaty draft - or call off the meeting at which the Big Four foreign ministers are scheduled to sign a treaty this Sunday."

R Today U. S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson handed the blunt message to the Soviet representatives. Whereupon - they gave in. The session today closed with a formal statement issued by Britain France the United States, Russia and Austria. "Full unanimity," said the statement, "has been reached on all articles in the treaty,"

R So that seems to end it - with full success. The conclusion of an Austrian treaty - one of the biggest breaks in the cold war thus far.

CONFERENCE

The State Department shook its collective head today - at suggestions that Red China might be invited to join that four-power conference "at the summit." Spokesman Lincoln White was asked about the possibility and replied *that* "The invitation was for a Big Four meeting." That would seem to be according to the book of diplomatic etiquette. Great Britain, France and the United States invited the Soviets to the party. Which added up to - four. Some official^s in Washington think the Soviets may propose - to make it five. But the belief is that Russia will not insist on an invitation for Red China. Not to the point of wrecking the ~~xxxx~~ prospect of a conference in Washington the word is that the United States has expressed an opinion that the right place for the meeting would be - Lugano - Switzerland. ~~which~~ *In* the Alps, ~~is~~ *and* one of the beauty spots of this earth. ~~Not~~ Nothing like having pleasant surroundings - when the fate of nations is being decided. Other sites ~~which~~ *have been* suggested are Geneva, Vienna, ^{and} Stockholm.

Another Soviet Marshal sends amicable greeting to President Eisenhower.

Previously it was defense Minister Marshal Zhukov - exchanging friendly letters with his old comrade in arms, General Ike. This time - Red Army Chief of Staff

Marshal Sokolovsky. Who - served on the allied control council in Berlin after World War Two. General Ike - the U. S. Representative ~~at~~ on that council.

Today's greetings were extended at a reception given to nine American ex - GIs.

Veterans of the link-up on the Elbe River. That first contact - between

American forces and the Red Army. At a caviar-vodka feast one of the ex - GIs

asked Marshal Sokolovsky - if he recalled President Eisenhower. To which the

Red Marshal responded heartily: "Give him my friendly greetings and best wishes.

Of course I remember him. We spent six months on the control council." The

Marshal didn't mention - how he took a walkout from the control council. One

of the first Russian moves - at the beginning of the cold war.

PLANES

We have a first hand story today from the pilots who participated in that air battle on Tuesday. They say - the number of red planes was thirty-two. Previously we had heard ^{there were} from 12 to 16. ^R However, most of the MIGS did not venture into the combat. Circling around and watching - while a minority of their number attacked the eight American sabrejets. The U. S. pilots today made another correction. Giving the score - as two MIGS shot down, ~~two~~ ^{also two more} ^{and} damaged, probably destroyed. Previous accounts had said - one ~~damaged~~.

The Americans declare - the Chinese Communist flyers showed up - as poor pilots. They didn't score a hit on our planes - although they had plenty of chances. Lieutenant Robert [†]Donohue of Montgomery, Alabama, tells - how he found himself in a pickle. He got on the tail of a MIG and was shooting at it. When he found - that another MIG had got onto his tail and was shooting at him. But I continued firing the Lieutenant relates, ^{until} "I saw an explosion in the plane I was shooting at, and then a tail piece came off." Meanwhile the Red shooting at Donohue - was missing. These accounts given at Kunsan Korea are in line with reports we had in the Korean war. The Chinese Reds having - good planes but second rate pilots.

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Singapore - a scene of day long violence. That crossroads of southern Asia - in the grip of a strike directed by a left wing organization. Bus drivers in a walkout - and today rioting mobs exchanged gunfire with Singapore police. Time and again a frenzied crowd assailed police lines. Thrown back - with clubbing, tear gas bombs and high pressure water streams. Then there was shooting - the police firing into the mob. This information is given in a United Press dispatch and part of it may have been provided by U P Correspondent Gene Symons. Before he was injured. The American reporter was in a taxicab on a news gathering job. When rioters dragged him out ^{of taxicab} and beat him savagely. Symons in the hospital tonight - with head injured and fractures of arm and leg. His condition - critical.

MANPOWER

The House this afternoon okayed President Eisenhower's army manpower cuts. Shouting down amendments to a defense appropriation bill. Congressman Daniel Flood a Pennsylvania Democrat proposed an amendment which he said would finance an extra eighty thousand men in army uniform. But the voice vote against that was so overwhelming no count was needed.

MRS. EISENHOWER

Here's a news item with a political slant - although it merely concerns the health of a lady. But she ^{is} the first lady. Mrs. Eisenhower today drove with her mother - to the Eisenhower ^{farm} ~~home~~ at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The first time she has left the White House - since she contracted the flu last month. The doctor says that she has completely recovered from the respiratory ailment. Which has left - no bad after effects. The political angle arises from the fact that some Democrats have been saying ^{that} - the President might not run for another term because of Mrs. Eisenhower's health.

VACCINE.

The vaccination program - may get going again tomorrow. So stated by government spokesmen in Washington. Federal scientists have been double-checking the Salk anti-polio vaccine made by Parke Davis and a favorable report is expected. That would mean - go ahead with inoculations.

NEWSPAPERS

The Department of Justice has filed a suit against the American Newspaper Publishers Association and five related groups. Charging - violation of the anti-trust laws. The government charges - a conspiracy in restraint of trade involving national advertising.

BASEBALL

No hit. The first no-hit game of the baseball season - Sam Jones a string-bean right hander of the Chicago Cubs - giving the Pittsburgh Pirates neither a hit nor a run. Winning four to nothing. A no-hit performance might seem to be devoid of dramatic thrill but in today's game at Chicago, Sam Jones provided all the suspense you could ask. He didn't give any hits but he did give bases on balls - seven. Which got him deep in trouble. In the ninth inning Sam walked the first three batters, and it looked as if his control was gone. After all, he could force in runs - without giving hits. But then with three on base he struck out the next three hitters, ending the game.

BASEBALL

Brooklyn Baseball Star Jackie Robinson - had a curve thrown at him today in the form of a forty thousand dollar damage suit. An aftermath of an incident at a game last summer. At Milwaukee the Dodgers were playing the Braves when there was a rhabarb. Robinson in it - and given the heave-ho~~s~~ by the umpire. In disgust he threw his bat ^{toward} ~~before~~ the Brooklyn dug-out. The bat bouncing off the top of the dug-out and into the stands. That brought a complaint from ^a Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wolinsky who said - they were hit by the bat. ^{and} now they've gone to law, demanding forty thousand smackers. Today Jackie Robinson said "I don't understand it. Their first lawyer said -- the only thing I had to do was drop them a note. He said they weren't hurt. I wrote them a note apologizing and later the lawyer told me he was out of the case. I suppose," Robinson adds, "they got another lawyer." Well, Jackie Robinson does all right against the pitchers, but the lawyers can pitch curves the like of which a baseball player never saw.

FISH

Off the coast of British Columbia - the fastest fishing of all. The shortest of seasons and the fishermen are in a hurry. Today more than seven hundred boats put out from Canadian American and Alaskan ports. The beginning of ^{the} halibut fishing ^{season.} According to international agreement the season ends - when a total catch of seven million pounds has been reached. So the fishermen must get what they can - before the limit has been taken. Quite a gamble, - fishermen's luck! The luckiest of all is when they bring in - a whale-halibut. A number of these are caught each year. The whale halibut ^{sometimes weighs as much as} ~~coming up to~~ four hundred pounds.

PLANETARIUM

In Chicago they're constructing - a new sky. Made of aluminum - instead of linen. A metal sky - instead of having the heavens made of cloth. The Adler Planetarium has been presenting astronomy for more than a quarter of a century. With - a linen sky. Which has become tattered shabby dirty. So at a cost of more than a quarter of a million dollars they will replace it - with aluminum. More durable - and easier to clean. After all we don't want the heavens above, us - to have a run-down second-hand look.

PARIS

In Paris Rene Fontessac was infuriated by noises in his apartment--

sounds coming from the heating pipes. A tapping and a rapping. ^{Then} Rene

recognized--it was Morse code. ^{And then he grew angrier. For} ~~which~~ he understood the telegraphic

^{and they were} ~~signals~~ ^{was} ~~insults~~. Rene heard himself called everything in the French

language. But where did the tapping come from. On the floor below lived

George^s Dupin -- his former friend, Georges. Once they had been like brothers. ^{Alfonse}

^{and Easton.} But then a quarrel. So now ^{ere} ~~that~~ was Georges - insulting Rene with Morse

code signals on the radiator. All this comes out in a Parisian lawsuit --

Rene demanding damages. His feelings injured, his nerves shaken -- after the

^{or} revenge taken by Georges ^{or} his former friend.

ACTRESS

In Paris romantic rumors continue - involving Grace Kelly who won the Oscar at Hollywood this year. Last night she was again in the company of the French actor Jean Pierre Aumont. The two - at the theatre and then at an intimate supper club. So what does Jean Pierre have to say about Grace Kelly. He is quoted as declaring soulfully "Si ^{oo la la} is a wonderful woman whom any man would be lucky to marry." Sounds romantic especially when declaimed in French. But Grace Kelly - what has she to say when queried on the subject of possible marriage? she replied, "He hasn't asked me yet - but he's a wonderful man."

Well' you'd think he might get around to ~~popperin~~ popping the question. ~~But~~

12 ^{ugh a} Anyway, they're both wonderful, oo la la.