

ATOMIC POWERS *K. J. - below Thura. Dec. 20-'54.*

The United States proposes - a new round of negotiations among the five major atomic powers. Trying to get - some kind of agreement on disarmament. The five atomic powers being - the United States, Russia, Canada, Britain and France.

At the U.N. today, U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge states - that the United States will make the proposal, formally, in the General Assembly, next year. He didn't say - what new disarmament ideas we may bring forward. But the word is - that our government has new ~~disarmament~~ suggestions to present.

In Washington, an Eisenhower-Nehru communique. Reporting results - of talks held by the two heads of government. A statement - in general terms. Using such phraseology as - "a broad area of agreement." "Greater understanding." "Closer bonds of understanding and friendship."

We hear - that no specific agreements were attained. *The chances are that was not the object of the Nehru visit.*

TP But <sup>in</sup> an exchange of ideas between President Eisenhower and

Prime Minister Nehru, ~~in which~~ they found - they ~~in~~ felt the same about a whole series of international questions.

A news reporter ~~was~~ noted - that Nehru seemed in cheerful mood, smiling. And a member of his party said: "The Prime Minister is obviously pleased with his visit. He is in good spirits. You know - he is the kind of fellow who shows it when he is unhappy."

Leaving Washington this morning, Nehru went on to

New York - where he was a guest of honor at a banquet given <sup>noon</sup> he made <sup>a major</sup> an address; <sup>I</sup> chatted with <sup>I was there, and</sup> by Mayor Wagner. Where ~~he met the press~~

him about India, Tibet, and our recent Cinerama expedition during which we visited his country on our way to Nepal.

After which I listened closely for some hint of Nehru's feelings about the world of Communism, Red China, Soviet Russia.

Well, he ended - with a strong statement in which he expressed intense dislike for all systems of totalitarianism.

RUSSIA - RUMORS

Reports continue - of disturbances inside Russia.

Demonstrations by students and workers in Estonia and  
Lithuania. Which countries were seized by the Soviets - and  
incorporated as parts of Russia. Estonians and Lithuanians <sup>now</sup>  
demanding a restoration of national independence.

These reports are printed in West Berlin newspapers -  
with some sort of confirmation from the Reds. The official  
newspaper of the Lithuanian Communist Party - denouncing  
sedition encouraged by the Hungarian revolt.

In Russia, proper - strikes in the Urals and the  
valley of the Don. And in Moscow - more than a hundred  
students expelled from the university, and sent to slave labor  
camps in Siberia.

A later dispatch states - that, behind the Iron  
Curtain, free travel is now banned. Hitherto, Russians and  
people of ~~sateilites~~ the satellites have been able to travel  
from one Communist country to another - without visas.

But - no more. New precautions - following the Hungarian revolt and the new semi-independence of Poland. Communist regimes afraid that the "Tito" heresy will spread. Travelers from one country to another - bringing in dangerous ideas.

## HUNGARY

From Hungary - an ominous news item. Which might seem to mark - a full restoration of Red oppression. The puppet regime has revived the system of - police detention without formal arrest or trial. Typical of the Stalin era - people carried off by the secret police without any formalities whatever. Simply, disappearing.

At the same time, however, there's word of negotiations with non-Communist political leaders. Talks expected to begin soon - for creating a government, less hated by the Hungarian people.

HUNGARY - NIXON

Vice-President Nixon was at the border of the Iron Curtain, today. A camp for Hungarian refugees - <sup>within</sup> ~~was in~~ sight of the watch towers of the Hungarian secret police. Austrian authorities didn't want him so near. But Nixon insisted - on presiding over a Christmas celebration at the refugee camp nearest the frontier.

Representing President Eisenhower, he played Santa Claus to Hungarian children. Standing under a Christmas tree - and handing out presents.

And then - President Truman. No, I mean Vice-President Nixon - played the piano. Banging away on the ivories - in a way reminiscent of Harry Truman himself. But Nixon - also sang. He played and sang <sup>a Christmas piece</sup> ~~"Jingle Bells"~~ for the refugee children.

FRANCE

French Premier Mollet won a vote of confidence in the National Assembly, today - on the subject of that unlucky Anglo-French invasion of Egypt. The vote - three hundred and thirty-two to two hundred and thirteen. <sup>P</sup> The Premier defended the attack on Egypt - on the ground that something had to be done. As for the United States, <sup>said</sup> Mollet: ~~said~~ "We did not inform Washington about our ~~of~~ final attack - because <sup>he added,</sup> we were sure the United States would not agree to it."

Which seems a good reason - I do something without your knowledge, because I figure you wouldn't like it.



EGYPT - PRISONERS.

A dispatch from Port Said, saying - that an exchange of prisoners was called off suddenly, today. The Egyptians claiming - that one hundred and sixty-seven Egyptian prisoners have been taken to Cyprus, and are interned there.

The Anglo-French forces are completing their withdrawal. The exchange of prisoners - scheduled as a final event. But now - this last minute hitch.

## ISRAEL

In Israel - a conviction for espionage. A court in Jerusalem, Israel, imposing a five year prison sentence on a Russian with an interesting history.

Alexander Yulin - one-time officer in the Russian Red Army. Who fought in the Soviet campaign against Finland. Then proceeded on to Palestine - to serve in the army of Israel against the Arabs, in Nineteen Forty-Eight.

Evidence at the ~~Evidently, this~~ trial indicated - that Yulin offered, unsuccessfully, to do spy work for Soviet Russia, ~~And~~ <sup>for</sup> the United States. Earlier this year, he left Israel - going to Switzerland. Where he approached Russian agents - offering to sell military secrets about the Israel<sup>i</sup> army. The Russians weren't interested. So he went to Berlin, and contacted American Intelligence. Still no luck - and he made a trip to Paris, where he saw an Egyptian military attache. And - was hired. They flew him to Cairo, where he gave information about military affairs in Israel. Then, returned to Israel - to head an espionage network.

Quite a tale of intrigue - told in a Jerusalem

courtroom.

## JAPAN

Japan has a new Prime Minister - Ishibashi, a seventy-two year old economic expert. Replacing - Prime Minister Hatoyama. Who, at seventy-three, quits because of ill health. There was another candidate for the job - a sixty year old ~~man~~ named Kishi. But he was rejected - too young, at sixty. Japan prefers to have statesmen - with all the dignity of years. In fact, it was in Japan that the term "elder statesman" became a by-word.

Today, the Tokyo legislature, the Diet, <sup>rejected Kishi and</sup> elected Ishibashi by an overwhelming majority - two-hundred-and-ninety-one to one-hundred-and-fifty. ~~And he~~ assumed control - advocating freer trade with Communist China, ~~And~~ - improved relations with Soviet Russia.

Last night - we noted the case of Foreign Minister Shigemitsu. Who, aboard the Battleship Missouri, signed the surrender of Japan - at the dictation of General Douglas MacArthur. Shigemitsu, now - the Japanese representative at the United Nations, as Japan enters the world organization.

Well, there's a MacArthur angle too in the story of the new Tokyo Premier, Ishibashi. The shadow of Douglas MacArthur haunts the political scene in Japan.

When he was American Pro-Consul in Tokyo, MacArthur banished Ishibashi from public life. Because, during the war, Ishibashi was publisher of a magazine - which advocated - a totalitarian regime and close collaboration with the Nazi-Fascist Axis. So he was purged from politics - but began making a political come-back three or four ~~years~~ years ago.

Last week - elected head of the Liberal-Democratic Party, which is in control. Now - Prime Minister of Japan.

## ARGENTINA

A wave of terrorist acts - in Argentina. Bomb explosions - and incendiary fires. Ten explosions - in Buenos Aires. Some of the bombs, apparently - intended to disrupt railroad communications. Fires in factories - and on the farms. Grain supplies, burned - and wheat fields set on fire.

Widespread sabotage - said to be the doing of Peronistas. Directed by the fallen Dictator, Peron, who is in exile in Venezuela.

ALABAMA

At Montgomery, Alabama, Negro leaders have asked the city to provide police protection - when colored passengers begin riding the buses, tomorrow. The Supreme Court has rejected a final appeal from the city - arguing for segregation. So, tomorrow, the Negroes of Montgomery will end their year-long boycott. Refusing to ride - in segregated buses.

They hope, the change, tomorrow, will be without incident. But they<sup>a</sup>re asking police protection - as a guard against possible violence.

## EISENHOWER - CHRISTMAS

The nation's Christmas tree - flared with glowing illumination, this evening. In Washington - President Eisenhower pressing the button. Accompanied by the First Lady, the President made a brief Yuletide address at the sixty-seven foot Christmas Tree at the south side of the White House. Then the pressing of the button - and the nation's Christmas Tree gleamed, with a joyful splendor.



## INAUGURAL

The Inaugural, January Twenty-First, will be - a stately pageant. So says Robert Fleming, Chairman of the Inaugural Committee. Who uses the following adjectives: "dignified, colorful, and very historic." Also - expensive. But they expect to end - in the black. Through the sale of tickets - to four Inaugural Balls and seats along the parade route.

In <sup>the</sup> procession, the Army and Navy will roll out - some of their latest missiles. But not the Air Force - although the Air Force plays a chief part in the missile program. <sup>Making</sup> ~~its~~ contribution to the Inaugural parade, the Air Force will ~~si~~ send - bands. No missiles - only music.

## VIRGINIA

This next bit of news might make you think - of the Mayflower. That historic sailing ship - which brought the pilgrims to Plymouth Rock. But no - this concerns three other vessels. Tiny sailing craft named - <sup>the</sup> Susan Constant, the God-Speed, and the Discovery. Which brought the first permanent settlement of English colonists - to America. Reminding us that the first colony was - at Jamestown, Virginia. Founded - thirteen years before the Pilgrims came. So, if the Mayflower is honored - why shouldn't we hail the Susan Constant, the God-Speed, and the Discovery?

Three hundred and fifty years ago, today, those three little windjammers sailed from London - with the Jamestown settlers. Today, full scale replicas of the three were christened at <sup>Portsmouth,</sup> ~~Plymouth,~~ Virginia. The crew aboard - dressed in the picturesque costume of Seventeenth Century sailors. Presiding at the ceremony - Lady Caccia, wife of British Ambassador Sir Harold Caccia.

All of which is preliminary to the real celebration -

next year. Having sailed at the end of Sixteen Six, the  
Colonists arrived in America five months later, in Sixteen Seven.  
The  
Three Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Jamestown  
Settlement - this coming year.

## FOLLOW RAILROAD

Meanwhile, a train on the Reading Railroad was making an unscheduled stop, at Dunellen, New Jersey. The "Wall Street Express" - pulling up in front of the metal smelting furnace. Emerging from the train - two Santa Clauses.

All of which goes back to a day last summer, when James S. Morgan of Wyncote, Pennsylvania, Treasurer of a New York investment firm - was in the dining car. When he noticed - a worker at the smelting furnace, waving a greeting. The investment broker - waving back.

The next morning - the same thing all over again. Same exchange - of greetings. Which then became a daily habit - others joining in. All the commuters aboard the "Wall Street Express" and all eight workers at the smelting plant - waving a greeting.

Then, when the Christmas season came along, the Commuters raised a fund - and arranged with the President of the Reading Railroad for a non-scheduled stop. So that <sup>Hew,</sup> was how two Santa Clauses climbed out of the train, with Christmas presents - from the commuters of the "Wall Street Express", to their friends at the smelting plant.