

MOSCOW L.T.-K. Fri. Dec. 11 - '53.

It was disclosed in Moscow today - that U.S. Ambassador Bohlen talked with Foreign Minister Molotov, in connection with the President's address before the U N last Tuesday. The purpose - to impress on Molotov the "seriousness and importance" of those Eisenhower proposals for atomic peace. There were two interviews.

The Ambassador called on the Foreign Minister the day before the President spoke. Handing him - a ~~copy~~ copy of what the President intended to say.

Then another visit - following the quick, hostile response from Moscow. The Ambassador - instructed to tell Molotov, with emphasis, that the Eisenhower speech was no mere propaganda move. But - a "completely ~~and~~ sincere" invitation to Soviet Russia to cooperate in removing the threat of ~~atomic~~ atomic war.

That was followed by ^{then} later word - that the Kremlin had received the proposals with deep interest, and is giving them careful study.

Today's dispatch from Moscow states, also - that the Soviets are likely to reject the date set for the conference of the Foreign Ministers. We proposed - January fourth. But the Russians want it put off until after January Seventeenth.

Why the delay? Well, they say it's all connected with political affairs in France. A new French President will be selected next week. He will take office a month later - January Seventeenth. So Moscow would rather wait until the new President is installed in Paris - before going into the Big Four conference at Berlin.

The Soviets are ~~very~~ much interested in French affairs. Thinking - that France may block the plan for a West European army. Which would include - German military forces.

Today, Moscow news comment played up talk - that, at the Big Three conference in Bermuda, the French were snubbed. Actually the French were a bit miffed - because,

{ when Premier Laniel was greeted on arrival, the Bermuda
band did not play the Marseillaise.

CHURCHILL FOLLOW MOSCOW

Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Laniel arrived home today. They flew the Atlantic together, the big stratocruiser landing in London, where Sir Winston got off. The plane - then taking Laniel on to Paris.

Churchill arrives in time to face a battle ~~in~~ in Parliament - a London motion to censure his Conservative government. The point ~~at~~ issue - Africa. The Laborites have ~~b~~^{een} assailing Colonial policies in Africa - like the war against the Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya. And - the ousting of the Kabaka of Buganda. Churchill is expected to have no trouble in winning his usual parliamentary majority - on those African ~~and~~ questions.

INDO CHINA

In Indo China, the French have abandoned the important city of Lia Chau - near the border of China.

But the evacuation was called - a successful maneuver.

The ~~Red~~ Reds cut in behind that northern outpost, capturing a stronghold on the highway. Thus, they expected to isolate the ~~red~~ garrison at Lia Chau. But the French had already been secretly evacuating ^{the}~~that~~ place - and now have completed the job. The Reds lured into what the French command calls - a "false maneuver."

They trapped nobody, when they pushed into Lia Chau today.

The pro-Communists at Pan Mun Jom started something new today. They've been stalling, with ~~sit~~ sit down tactics - and now they demand they be allowed to make propaganda speeches to the South Korean "explainers". Talking as long as they please.

Today, South Koreans who won't go home refused to be interviewed, as long as this was ~~not~~ not allowed -- unlimited oratory. All - meaning more delay in the "explanations."



The latest - - U.S. officials want the interviews with Americans to be held on Monday. GeneralThimayya says that the American prisoners, who have refused repatriation, have imposed one condition. They insist that they shall be ~~be~~ allowed to give to the press a written statement --after each prisoner has appeared before the American Explainers. Just why they should want to ~~be~~ hand out written statements is not clear.

PRISONERS

It looks as if Mrs. Portia Howe, now in Tokyo, will not be able to see her son - who is one of the twenty-two Americans refusing repatriation. Mrs. Howe journeyed all the way from Alden, Minnesota, to Japan - ~~and~~ and had an interview with John Hull, U N commander. He told her that army orders would prevent her from going to Pan Mun Jom.

Actually, the chairman of the neutral commission, General Thimayya of India, has ruled that Mrs. Howe could interview her son. But she'd have to be a regular "explainer" a member of the team. Which would not fit army plans.

Mrs. Howe
~~xxxxxx~~ declares that she will stay in Tokyo.

"I will wait, and pray", says she.

ITALY

Italy had a "general strike" of government employees today. One of those affairs - lasting for twenty-four hours. It was only partly effective, but transportation was tied up - inconveniencing numbers of tourists, American and British. Both Communist and ~~non~~ Non-Communist unions ~~are~~ have joined in demanding pay hikes for government employees.

Another demonstration walkout is scheduled for next Tuesday - five million industrial workers ordered to strike for twenty-four hours.

Premier Pella held a cabinet meeting ~~at~~ today, to discuss what is called a "grave situation". The labor unrest - which is increasing.

MARSHALL

The Communists at Oslo, today, staged another hostile demonstration against general George Marshall - when he made his address, accepting the Nobel ~~R~~ Peace Prize. The uproar didn't amount to much -- a few Reds outside the hall, carrying banners and shouting anti-American slogans.

In his address, our former Secretary of State called for world peace, not through giant armaments, but through a "spiritual rejuvenation" of mankind.

The philosophy - of a veteran soldier.

PARIS

The French National Assembly had to suspend a session today - because of Romance. Sounds typically French, but Paris never heard of anything like it before -- the National Assembly in a violent uproar, because of the romantic affairs of two of its members.

One - the Communist Leader, Thorez. The other - a woman Communist member - Jeannette Vermeersch. The statement was - that they live together, though not married.

The trouble arose over expense allowances for deputies. With a socialist member saying - that Thorez and Jeannette were getting two allowances, when they should only get one,

He blasted the Communist leader in these words! -

^ "Thorez rides around in a car modeled on that of the King of Yemen. He lives on the Riviera in a magnificent villa, surrounded by swarms of bodyguards. So I'd propose, he went on, "that the two deputies, who live together in a state of concubinage - should have only one expense allowance,"

That's what caused the storm - the Communists howling in protest. One challenged the Socialist - to a fist fight.

~~The~~ The pandemonium so great - the session of the National Assembly had to be suspended.

All of which is the talk of Paris tonight - something new, even along the boulevards, ~~there~~ a new complication of politics and romance.

PLAYBOY

The number one playboy of diplomacy has been fired. So announced by the government of the Dominican Republic today. Porfirio Rubirosa who has been holding a diplomatic job in Paris. The Dominican minister of Foreign Affairs explains that the millionaire sportsman has been dismissed - because of his "personal conduct" and "unfavorable publicity."

Well, diplomat Rubirosa has had plenty of publicity - mostly of the romantic variety. The Dominican millionaire started in by marrying a daughter of strong man Trujillo. She's called "Flor Di Oro" meaning - flower of gold. Nice - a decorative name.

They were divorced, and Rubirosa went on to other brides. One - movie actress Danielle Darrieux, who has been called by some press agent no doubt, "the most beautiful woman in the world". Another - Doris Duke Cromwell, of the Duke tobacco fortune - called - "the richest woman in the world".

He was named in a divorce suit filed by an heir

to the Reynolds tobacco fortune. Now the latest -- he's
named ~~him~~ in another millionaire divorce affair,

Which is too much for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Dominican Republic. The playboy of diplomacy - fired.

CRASH

There was an air crash near El Paso, Texas, today, about as completely destructive as a crash can be. A giant B-36 bomber, lost in a blinding snowstorm, ran into a cliff, and exploded. Nine aboard - all lives lost.

The impact and flaming explosion was such that the huge plane was reduced virtually to powder. So say newsmen, ~~report~~ reporting from the scene.

BASKETBALL

Indianapolis is having a basketball sensation -- thugs making threats against two star players. On Saturday, a prep school game is to be played. On ~~one~~ one side - Indianapolis Tech, Two stars of which are - Don Sexon and David Huff.

Gamblers, it would seem, are interested in that game - and want to ~~keep~~ keep Huff and Sexon from playing. Huff's mother received a threatening telephone call - warning her that her son had better not get into the game. The coach for Indianapolis Tech, Charles Maas, received a similar phone call. Threats - also made - against Don Sexon.

The two boys insist - they want to play, in spite of the menace. But their mothers declare - they hope their sons will stay out of the game.

JUDGE

At Omaha, the Judge of a traffic court is preparing an appeal from a five day prison sentence - imposed for a grave traffic violation. So who's the defendant? Why, the traffic judge, himself -- in an episode that's a sensation among the motorists of Omaha.

For twenty-five years, Judge Lester Palmer sat on the bench, imposing penalties on delinquent automobile drivers. Four days ago, in his car, he ran through a stop signal, hit another automobile, and just kept going. He didn't stop. Nobody hurt in the other car, just a lot of damage done.

When the police found him, he said - a friend, who was with him in the car, had been at the ^{wheel.} ~~wheel.~~ The friend was arrested, and the Judge broke down. Admitting - that, he, himself, had done the reckless, hit and run driving.

The veteran traffic magistrate, it would seem, had become panicky - after an offense which he, sitting in

court, would have punished severely.

Another Judge sentenced him to five days in jail.

Which he is now appealing. The Judge - who has been judged.

FACE

At Blue Point, New York, the face on the television screen has gone - vanishing as mysteriously as it arrived. Much to the relief of the Travers family - ~~after~~ their house having been over-run, ever since the strange phenomenon got into the news.

The children were looking at a kids' program, when the face was noticed - not in the show at all. A woman's face - like a ghostly vision. Which remained there - even after the T.V. set was turned off. Like a spook.

Well, it turns out that the face was that of Francey Lane, a singer in a previous program. Her close-up had been on the screen -and it just stayed there. Why? The technicians ~~is~~ can't agree.

Some say that, because of a fault in the set, the face had been burned on the screen. But others declare that, if so, the face would not have disappeared, as it did today. Still others argue - yes, it would ~~is~~ disappear.

Well, the technicians may disagree, but there's no disagreement at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Travers. They're getting rid of that video set, with its ghostly tricks.

GIRL

A Canadian Senator says Canada is losing, what he calls - "an amazing new citizen." An eighteen year old Belgian girl who sailed the sea - like Jack Tar himself.

Over in Antwerp, Jeanne Multon, dressed as a man, went to a skipper of a freighter about to sail for Canada. She presented a man's passport, and asked for a chance to work her way over. The skipper needed an extra hand, and signed her on. Thinking, always, that the girl was a boy.

Well, Jeanne turned out to be an excellent sailor. "One of the best helmsmen I ever had," says the Captain.

The only trouble was that the new deck hand seemed a bit effeminate. The other sailors made fun of the salt-sea jack-tar, who had girlish ways. But Jeanne fought it out with her fists - a lively scrapper in scuffles on the deck.

All went well, until the ship put in at Montreal. There, the immigration authorities discovered - the hard

working, hard fighting marriner was an eighteen year old
Belgian girl.

So they sent her back on the same ship, this time -
in skirts. Senator J. B. Horner says - they should have
let her stay. Canada losing - "an amazing new citizen."

Question: - ^{Mike} Why not invite her back again?