

The latest Russian move - in the summit conference business - was made in West Germany, last night. ~~The matter,~~ made public by the Soviet news agency, today.

Moscow suggesting - that the chiefs of state might consider a German peace treaty; ~~Without~~ any recognition - of Communist East Germany by the West German Republic.

Which sounds - like a grudging concession. Moscow refusing, heretofore - to consider any discussion of German reunification at a summit conference. Insisting - that the question must be settled by negotiations between West and East Germany, which the West Germans reject - refusing to have anything to do with the Communist regime.

So now we have - some sort of compromise that sounds ambiguous. Moscow proposing - that the two Germanies might sign a peace treaty - without recognizing each other, in a formal way. But each side - would name representatives to work out an agreement.

If all this seems unclear to you - it's even less clear, to me. ^{Just} Some kind of gimmick - whereby the German question could be brought up at a meeting of chiefs of state. In some cryptic, problematical way.

^{Who knows}
~~Don't ask me~~ what it means? German Foreign Minister Von Brentano, ~~in fact, he~~ has been trying to find that out. The Soviet note - having been delivered to Chancellor Adenauer, last night, during a meeting of the West German parliament. Which Adenauer - addressed.

Foreign Minister Von Brentano - leaving the parliamentary debate - immediately. Going to the Russian Embassy - for a conference with Soviet Ambassador Smirnov. Asking him - what's it all about?

CONFERENCE-WASHINGTON

The State Department made a double move, today, in a surprise public declaration. Disclosing - two things that happened on March Sixth.

One - the receipt of a letter from Bulganin to President Eisenhower, ~~which~~ ^{ing} sounded the usual call - for a summit conference in a hurry. With a minimum - of preparation. The State Department explaining, today - that the Bulganin message was mostly a repetition of previous Russian arguments.

Meanwhile, on the same day, the State Department was handing the Soviets - a note of its own. Asking - do the Russians want a summit meeting that would be merely a spectacle? Little more - than diplomatic show business? Or, a top level conference - that would mean something? Making clear - that there must be preparation, with some evidence that Moscow means business.

TUNISIA

In Tunisia - a soothing, conciliatory note, sounded - by President Bourguiba, who paid his compliment - to Britain and the United States. Praising them - for their mediation efforts in the Tunisian quarrel with France.

Only last week, Bourguiba had warned - that his Tunisian government might withdraw from the western orbit. Unless - backed by the west in the dispute with France. Naming a deadline - for the British and American mediators. The deadline - the second anniversary of ~~the~~ Tunisian independence. In other words - today.

All of which added significance - to what he had to say, today. Telling the Tunisian parliament that the United States and Britain - prevented an outbreak of war between Tunisia and France.

In Paris, meanwhile, Premier Gaillard was considering the proposals we heard about yesterday. A compromise - presented by the British-American mediators.

GENGHIS KHAN

Moscow reports the discovery of the birthplace - of Genghis Khan. Hitherto, unknown.

You'd think - that history would record the place where so great a conqueror was born. But Genghis Khan began his career as the mere chief of a mongolian tribe.

The Moscow radio states - that medieval ~~documents~~ ^{documents} have been discovered. Indicating - that Genghis Khan was born at a village called Delyun Bolok. Situated - in Russian Siberia, near the border of Mongolia.

So a scientific expedition made a trip to that area. The site of the village named in the documents ^{is} ~~is~~ now a bare patch of earth. But, when they dug down, they found relics - of Genghis Khan; showing - that this was, indeed, the birthplace of the terrifying conqueror, whose Mongol armies, back in the Thirteenth Century, made a sweep of death and savage ~~destruction~~ destruction. All the way - from the coast of China to the verge of Western Europe.

Vice President Nixon gives the opinion - that the time is not ripe for a tax cut. But adds - that we should be ready for such a move, as an economic weapon, if it should become necessary.

Previously, the Vice President had been quoted as being in favor of a reduction of taxation right away. But, at a news conference in Chicago, today, he stated: "A tax cut is not timely now."

Explaining - that our planning should be made on the assumption that we^rre not going to have a depression.

"We are not going to have a situation of the thirties again" he said. "Because of the strength of our economy - and because of the administration's determination to use the arsenal of weapons available to us."

A tax cut - one weapon in the arsenal. To be used, if necessary - as a means to encourage ~~■~~ more jobs, and lessen unemployment.

INVESTIGATION

The investigation of the Miami television case - brought mention, today, of an invitation to a White House dinner. The witness -- Milt Dean Hill, an official of ~~the~~ National Airlines. The company - that got the award of the much debated Miami Channel Ten.

He told the sub-committee - that he wrote a letter to President Eisenhower's liaison man in Congress, Major General Walton ~~Reese~~ Persons, Asking for a White House dinner invitation for his boss. George Baker - President of National Airlines, Stating - that Baker was a "personal friend" of Mrs. Eisenhower's brother in law, Colonel Gordon Moore.

Hill added - that he didn't remember if he ever got a reply from the White House liaison man. But - that, some months later, his ^{boss} ~~boss~~ was invited to one of ^{the} President's ~~frequent~~ stag dinners at the White House.

COMMUNISTS

An interesting story was told in Boston, today.

A housewife relating - how she joined the Communistst party,
when she was actually - a counter-spy for the F B I. At a
hearing by a sub-committee on Un-American activities, Mrs.
Carol Foster of Nashua, New Hampshire, said - it was all the
result of a joke. Seems hardly a ~~suspect~~ subject for light
laughter, but Mrs. Foster related that, in Nineteen Forty five,
she was on Cape Cod, where she met - an F B I agent, and asked
him "jokingly" for a job.

The F B I man - not seeing the humor of it. Instead,
he told her quite seriously - she could have a job with the
F B I. That - of obtaining information about the Communist
party. A job - of counter-spy.

~~Was~~ Mrs. Foster ~~might have been a little~~ intimidated by
the offer? ^{Not at all.} ~~but, instead,~~ she accepted. Joining the Communist
party, pretending to be an ardent Red - and working her way
up, till she became a local secretary. In which position -

she had the names and records of all the Communists in her New Hampshire area.

She named a whole string of them, today. Adding that the Red menace to America is growing.

Of course we know the Communist party has been losing members right and left. ■ Its chief newspaper, the New York Daily Worker, folding. But Mrs. Foster explained that the "hard core" is left. Fanatical Reds, sticking it out - no matter. They, the "hard core" - representing the danger.

FIRE

The pitiful thing about New York's fire horror, last evening, is, that so much of the horror was needless. The result - of panic. }

^ The blaze - breaking out on the third floor of an old building, on lower Broadway. Clouds of suffocating smoke - pouring up through the top floors. }

^ Women workers - stampeding in wild fright. Never realizing - there was a door, an exit through which they could have got ^{the} out safely. Twenty-four lives lost, mostly because of panic and smoke.

TREASURE

In California - a treasure hunt, ending in a disappointment ; ~~disappointment~~ Although - it sure started off with a fascinating clue.

The story begins in Philadelphia - with a discovery made by Daniel Machon, a typewriter repair man, employed by Western Union. Fixing an old machine - he removed ~~the plate~~ the roller of the typewriter that holds the paper. And inside the roller, in the hollow space - what did he find? ^{Why, a} A treasure message- and a map!

The message reading: "Badly hurt. Knife wound severe. Fifty thousand dollars hid well."

The note - then going on to say: "You take highway Ninety Nine -- eight miles from Fresno, location on the ~~map~~ map = Shows all that is necessary." Signed - "Tommy J." With the date - February Ninth, Nineteen Twenty Nine.

The map - a sketch. Indicating - that the treasure was buried near a gasoline station, close to a bend in the highway.

All of which information - was promptly sent along to California - to Fresno. Where - the treasure hunt began.

The message and the map - gave precise directions. Except - for one thing. The note - mentioning a point on Highway Ninety Nine, eight miles from Fresno. But - in which direction? The highway running - North and South.

So first they tried - north, and eight miles from Fresno - yes, indeed, a bend in the road. But - no gasoline station, as shown on the map. Furthermore, any such gasoline station - would have been in the middle of the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks, thirty years ago. Obviously, that couldn't be the place.

So the treasure hunters then tried - south. Where they also drew - a blank. No bend in the road at all # eight miles from Fresno, on Highway Ninety-Nine.

Tonight, the treasure message and map found in the roller of an old typewriter - are a puzzle.

Today was historical, in a way - for the royal court of England. The last - of the annual presentations of debutantes before the sovereign.

Four-hundred-and-ninety-nine young ladies making their curtsies before Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

all the more excited ^{ing} about it - because no similar event will be held again! The court having decided - no more presentations of debutantes at Buckingham Palace!

The other night we heard - how one of the British debs had a black eye. Incurred - in an automobile ~~accident~~ accident. Hoping - the shiner would vanish in time for the royal occasion. But - it didn't. So Rosemary Barnett, seventeen years old, created a sensation - with her ~~black~~ black eye. Which she tried to hide - with a pink patch. Also - by pulling down a floppy brimmed hat over the shiner.

But let it not be said - that our American girls failed to distinguish themselves. A dozen of them ^{were} in the

debutante line. Two - with broken legs. Shapely limbs
- in plaster casts.

How did they incur the fractures? Oh - skiing -
in the Alps. Skiing - the finest of all sports. Anyhow,
today at Buckingham Palace - the two girl skiers, plaster
casts and all - were able to make the necessary curtsies
before Her Majesty and the Prince.

WEATHER

At the White House, today - Walkie Talkies were used. Radio communication - between the Presidential mansion and Security guards at the gates. The White House telephone system - knocked out.

Sabotage? You bet it was. The saboteur - the fair young lady, called Spring. And you can take all the poets have sung about the beauties of spring - and throw it in the ashcan.

The surprise snow storm in Washington, today - so heavy the snow broke down telephone lines. Necessitating the use of walkie talkies at the White House. But hardest hit of all - was Pennsylvania, and New York. In fact I am in the middle of it tonight.

Huge snows - all the way from Virginia to New England. Pennsylvania and south - eastern New York in the middle. The town of Brogueville, Pennsylvania, buried under three feet of the white stuff.

The Pennsylvania railroad - virtually paralyzed.
Nearly all trains out of New York's Penn Station -
halted. Electric transmission lines failing - because
of snow. Tonight service partly restored.

Far and wide throughout the East, - unexpectedly
by heavy storm. Communications down, transportation
blocked. Ships off the coast in danger - because of the
wild wind of the blizzard.

If you ever saw a caricature of spring - this was
it. At six minutes after ten, tonight we are supposed
to celebrate the beginning of Spring, aren't we Don.
Shall we celebrate it? Ha, ha, ha! Here I am snowed in.

MERCHANTS

Last night, we heard how a newspaper at Banning, California, was fighting the recession talk. By giving each of its employees - a bonus in silver dollars. Today, the same sort of news from Iowa.

Merchants in the town of Hampton - giving each of their employees ■■ a bonus of twenty-five dollars. But - with one condition:-~~Each~~ employee - ~~has~~ to spend the money for "non-essential goods." Using the cash - simply to brighten things up a bit. *So, how are they doing it?*

~~so~~ ^{are} they ~~are~~ brightening things - in various ways:-
~~Purchasing~~ fishing tackle, for example, ^{and} ~~while~~ one lady took her bonus, walked right out - and got a permanent wave.