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It looks as though there will be no all-out frontal attack in Korea. This from Senator Taft, after a conference at the White House.

Taft said the possibility of blockading the China Coast was not discussed, and that he, himself, considers a blockade desirable. But only "if it can be without too great international complications," was the way he put it.

He went on to say they discussed domestic legislation, as well as foreign policy, and that a number of points were agreed on, including bills for Social Security and tidelands oil, and revision of the Taft-Hartley law -- also statehood for Hawaii, controls on defense materials, extension of the reciprocal trade law, temporary aid to schools

and simplification of customs regulations.

President Eisenhower, and Republican leaders want ^{all} this legislation brought up in Congress. It may not all be passed -- but they want it ~~to be~~ considered by both houses.

According to Senator Taft, there was no agreement about a cut in taxes. ~~He stated~~ that he and the President both believe in deferring ~~that~~ ~~problem~~ until the budget is balanced.

~~All this is only part of the legislation which President Eisenhower hopes to put through. But it's a big step toward fulfilling his campaign promises.~~

BRITAIN-BLOCKADE

The British seem to doubt that Washington will order a naval blockade of the China Coast.

A spokesman in London, said today: "We are confident at least for the time being, that President Eisenhower does not want to extend his latest moves to a blockade."

The Foreign Office adds, that Britain expects to be consulted in advance, if the President decides to throw a screen of ships across the sea-lanes; try and cut off China from all sea trade.

According to London any such move would cause disagreement between America and her European allies.

We don't know yet what our Secretary of State discussed with Britain's Prime Minister; but, it appears Dulles did not propose a blockade of China.

VAN FLEET

General Van Fleet, tomorrow will formally turn over his Korea command to General Maxwell Taylor. Today he spent on a final tour of the Front - saying good-bye to the U N forces he has led for nearly two years.

A dispatch from Tokyo tells of his visits to British, French and American and Dutch units. At the British Commonwealth Division - kilted pipers of the Black Watch Regiment greeting him in their traditional way - with the wail of bagpipes. The Dutch Commander in Korea stated that Van Fleet has been awarded the highest decoration of the Netherlands. He is now, in the words of the award, "a knight in the Grand Order of Orange-Nassau, with Swords."

Speaking to the Marines, General Van Fleet said, "Goodbye, God Bless you and -- good shooting."

Then he

added, "My only regret is that we didn't finish the job."

Finally, he issued a formal statement to the Korean people; praising them for their support, and repeated his regret at leaving with the war still going on. But he said he believed General Taylor would be able to end the fighting on honorable terms.

Although General Van Fleet comes home, due to retire, many believe President Eisenhower will appoint him to a still higher post.

KOREA FOLLOW VAN FLEET

From the men of the air he recieved a send-off of a different kind. One group of our planes hit the industrial area of Chinnampo, the port for Communist held Pongyang, while B-29s from Okinawa blasted a supply center, leaving some fifty acres a smoking shambles. The Superforts ran into enemy fighter planes; but the latter made a few passes and fled -- obviously not eager for a fight.

The Navy announces that four of its newest guided-missile-ships are ready for action, all set for Korea when needed.

DULLES

The Secretary of State reports to President Eisenhower. John Foster Dulles is home from his tour of Europe. The trip he made with Mutual Security Administrator Stassen, to see the European situation on the spot.

Dulles and Stassen, landing at Washington aboard the Presidential plane, went directly to the White House. They spent an hour giving the President a resume - and then had a press conference.

The Secretary of State said he was encouraged but saw difficulties ahead: Then he added: "You may interpret this as meaning I'm mildly optimistic about the situation."

Stassen added that the trip will be known in future years as "ten ~~is~~ great days of service, by the Secretary of State, to the cause of peace and freedom."

Tomorrow Dulles will appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and give its members a report of the trip. That committee also wants him to clarify President Eisenhower's Far East-Formosa policy.

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CONANT

Dr. Conant of Harvard, has left for Germany, to take over as High Commissioner. At the airport he told reporters his departure was earlier than expected. "I was under pressure, from the State Department" he said "to go as soon as I could."

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CHURCHILL

Prime Minister ~~Winston~~ Churchill is not planning a personal meeting with Stalin. During the last British election, Churchill stated that he hoped for personal talks with the Soviet dictator. Today the Laborites in the House of Commons reminded Mr. Churchill of that promise. But the Prime Minister replied that a personal meeting now probably would do ~~not~~ no good. Because of developments within the Soviet Union.

"We must try" he said, "to understand the general position as it moves. I think we, in this country, would ~~if~~ feel very severe domestic preoccupations, making it difficult to have conversations with heads of governments, if for instance, so many of our ~~best~~ best doctors were charged with poisoning so many of our best politicians."

The Prime Minister referring to the arrest of nine Russian doctors, accused of murdering high Soviet officials. Mr Churchill evidently feeling it all indicates that Stalin has a lot of trouble on his hands. And may not be in the mood to talk with western diplomats.

SUB COMMUNIST TRIAL

From Roumania comes word of a new Communist trial and according to ^{the} Roumanian News Agency, it's a typical mass-purge. Twenty-three defendants. All former employees of American and British oil companies. All charged with being, what the indictment calls "spies and wreckers." They are described as agents of American espionage. And, in the fashion the free world has come to expect, all the defendants plead guilty - guilty of high treason.

One novel point about this trial:—

^ Roumania's ex-king Michael, is accused of helping ~~to~~ organize the conspirators. The exiled monarch hoping, according to the Reds, that the Communist regime might be undermined. Hoping, that is, to pave the way for his return to the Roumanian throne.

Another Communist-dominated land is also holding a trial - East Germany. Nine officials accused

of protesting when the Reds created a "zone of death between East and West Germany. Among the nine - the Mayor of one German town, a former mayor, and seven council members.

Last July, the Reds strung up barbed wire to prevent what they called "smugglers and spies" from crossing the border.

This sealed off the East Zone from the West. The nine now on trial are charged with organizing a protest meeting. So the prosecutor calls them "western saboteurs" and "enemies of the State".

The trial - the latest of the many Communist actions, which have terrified the residents of the Eastern Zone. ^{ing} And caused them to flee to the West at the rate of more than a thousand a day.

BAUDOIN

Today the King toured the flood area of Belgium after hurrying home from a vacation on the Riviera. The crisis compelling him to return.

Around Antwerp he talked with soldiers who were piling sandbags in the sea walls and visited civilians, whose land has been devastated. When he stopped to speak with one farmer, who had lost everything, the farmer pointed to three dogs, and said: "They are all I have left. My herd of sheep disappeared - under the water. My cattle, drowned. My land cannot be cultivated. My home, a wreck."

The King replied: "Don't lose courage. You will get help."

To back up ^{the young} King ~~Baudouin's~~ words, the

Belgian government is pushing through its assistance program as quickly as it can.

JELKE

In New York, strident outcries from the scandalmongers. Also protests from newspapers and press associations. The occasion - the sensational trial of playboy Mickey Jelke. The reason - the trial is to be held in secret. No spectators, and no press coverage, as testimony about vice among the night-club set begins.

Judge Francis Valente made the ruling, he thinks that the testimony is too lurid to be made public. ~~Moreover, he refuses to pander to the papers which make a practice of putting indecency in headlines.~~

According to the Judge, the demand for lurid details, is an example of what he calls "social illness". In his ruling he states, "frankly, the reaction of this court, to this symptom of social

illness, is revolting nausea." Then he notes ~~that~~

how the Jelke case is dominating legitimate news.

"It has now skyrocketed" he says, "to the point where

we find it competing with the President's message on

the State of the Union"

So he bars the public from the court, ^{and} ~~and~~

the scandalmongers, ^{of the so-called} ~~one of the~~ ^{are} smart set, complaining

because, [^] what will they have to talk about now?

ADAMS

Democratic Congressmen criticizing a Republican. Nothing very strange about that. Except that the Republican is Sherman Adams, Special Assistant to the President. And he is accused of reserving more than his share of parking space in front of his house. Eighty-five feet of it, in fact. Seems like enough space for a locomotive.

Which prompted Representative Sutton of Tennessee, to ask how long Adams car is. Said he., "if Adams has a car eighty-five feet long, then he should have parking space for it."

Republican Congressman Hoffman, of Michigan, came to the defense. He put Adams case this way, "do you want him to park in Maryland or Virginia, and walk to work, and be late for his job?"

Well, we know ~~we~~ that parking space has been a problem in Washington for a long, long time.

So the Congressmen are discussing something they really know about - when they take up that eighty-five feet reserved for the Special Assistant to the President. But we hear that Governor Adams has asked for removal of the "no parking" signs that started the discussion.

Now Nelson - will you park here, over here, by thik microphone?