

POTSDAM

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Former Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, said today in the Commons-that he hopes the documents of the Potsdam Conference will not be published by Washington. Attlee, ^{ed} ~~Representing~~ Britain at that conference-after the Labor party won the election of Nineteen Forty-Five. He said today that publication of the official papers would cause international tension-and so he doesn't want them made public-as our State Department has promised. (~~He thinks the publication of the Yalta documents has aroused enough criticism so he believes the Potsdam documents should be left alone for some time to come.~~)

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MEMORIAL

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~~A statue of~~ F. D. R., with his familiar cape and stick-symbol of Britain's affection for the American leader who gave so much help to the British during World War Two. *The last time I saw it, I stood there for a moment with Adm. Halsey.*

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The new Premier of France says that the French Senate will ratify German rearmament, after the forthcoming debate. Faure, today gave, that promise to the British and American representatives in Paris.

It has passed the National Assembly and awaits approval by the Senate.

Meanwhile the French Premier says he is acting on the understanding that Britain and America will support France on such things as North Africa, Indo China, and a big four meeting.

ATOMIC-FRENCH

France will have her first atomic power plant by nineteen fifty-seven. So we hear from Paris, from the Chairman of the French Atomic Energy Commission, Francois Perrin. Who stated in an interview today, that France is hurrying to catch up with the other major powers. He made no mention of nuclear weapons. Merely that two atomic piles, for industrial use, are being set up in central France, putting the French only eighteen months behind the British in making use of atomic energy for peacetime purposes.

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That's what the members of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, who took a trip in the Nautilus over the weekend, had less than half the power of those used in world war two. The blast equal to only about ten thousand tons of T N T. The device was touched off at the top of a five hundred foot steel tower-and the explosion was visible in Los Angeles, three hundred and fifty miles away. In Las Vegas, from the Nautilus while submerged, only seventy five miles away, the fireball looked like a white flash, turning yellow in about a second-and then vanished.

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FOOCHOW

The Chinese Nationalist Press on Formosa reports that Mao Tse-Tung is building up an "invasion coast" between Amoy and Foochow. Civilian movements in the area, strictly regulated. Martial law, proclaimed in Foochow-which is likely to be the base for an attack on ~~the islands~~ *those off shore islands.* Ships entering the harbor are said to be under close surveillance-with no crew members allowed ashore without official permission. And one report adds that Chinese Communist commanders met recently with Russian "military advisers" in Foochow-to discuss the coming invasion of the islands.

The Nationalist newspapers also say that American and Nationalist forces will be unified under a joint command-headed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. But American authorities deny this-saying that if a commander for the whole area is appointed-it probably will be Admiral Pride, Commander of our Seventh Fleet.

ARUBA

The Aruba is on its way back to Roumania.

So we hear today from Helsinki, from the Finnish Seamen's Union. The tanker, with its thirteen thousand tons of jet fuel, headed from the place whence it started.

Union spokesman says, the owners have ordered the tanker to turn around and go back to the port of Constanza, on the Black Sea. All the President of the shipping company would say was:- "Yes we know definitely that the Aruba has turned back." We also hear that Mao Tse-Tung offered to send an escort of fighter planes to accompany the vessel along the Chinese coast. But that meant the Aruba surely would be caught in an air battle. Hence the decision to recall her.

PERESS

Two Major Generals told the Senate investigating Sub-Committee today that Major Peress got an honorable discharge by mistake. Generals Miller White and Daniel Strickler, testifying that they wanted the controversial dentist to be given what is called a "sub-standard" discharge.

They were on the Army Personnel Board that recommended the release of Peress in November of nineteen fifty-four and wanted him classed as a "sub-standard" officer but eligible for an honorable discharge, or almost that. At any rate not strictly dishonorable.

Generals White and Strickler both say they had no intention of letting Peress off so easily. The whole thing is termed a mistake made by the officers who handled the final papers.

URANIUM

The chairman of the securities and exchange Commission ^{warns about} ~~says that we had all better be very~~ careful before we buy cheap uranium stock. Ralph Demmler, heads ^{of} the agency ~~that is~~ called "The watch dog of the stock market," ~~He~~ told the Senate Banking Committee today that the stock exchanges generally are operated in a way consistent with the public interest. But he added that cheap uranium stocks ^{are} ~~have~~ ^{ing them} ~~given the agency~~ a lot of trouble. Too many people, buying before they read the fine print. ~~He didn't give any details he just said that anyone who wants to buy uranium stock should read the description required by law very carefully before handing over any money.~~

MAYOR

The Lord Mayor of Nelson, England, resigned today, all because the Queen is going to visit that city next month. What's the connection? Well, the honor guard that will greet Her Majesty will carry rifles, and former Mayor Richard Bland was opposed to the rifles. He's a pacifist, and doesn't like anything connected with war. He objected strenuously - saying the honor guard should put aside its weapons during the Queen's visit.

The Lord Mayor is somewhat unusual. Among his enthusiasms are socialism, vegetarianism, opposition to smoking, and Esperanto. During World War One he went to jail as a conscientious objector.

But the citizens of Nelson, want to see Her Majesty, and they want her properly received by an honor guard carrying rifles. So the Lord Mayor had to step down.

PLANE precede CRASH

And now the story of air disaster from Hawaii. Sixty six killed. No survivors, when a military transport ran into a mountain. The worst disaster in the history of military air transport.

The plane took off from Hickham Field, developed radio trouble, and the pilot decided to return for repairs. But he failed to make it.

One account of what happened comes from a Marine, Private Joe Price of Carlsbad, New Mexico, on guard at an ammunition depot, when the plane came over at a low altitude, a few hundred feet. Price says the pilot almost hit a radio antenna, then switched on his landing lights, and banked sharply to the right, trying to miss the mountain right ahead. But into it he flew.

CRASH

In yesterday's Springfield, Missouri air crash, the President of an oil company, says a magazine article saved his life. He tells how during the flight from Newark, he had been reading a magazine article on what passengers should do, in case of a crash, and while he read it happened. And no advance warning of trouble. But he felt the plane quiver, and sensed it was falling, so he did what the magazine article said.

He pulled up his knees, bent his head forward and doubled up into a ball. Then came the crash - and he survived. Injuries to chest and back, but nothing fatal.

CAVE

Ronald Tevlin and his sisters, Jacqueline and Joele, went exploring on Saturday evening. The place Inwood Hill Park, on the outskirts of New York, below the Henry Hudson Parkway. They climbed a hundred and fifty feet up a stone cliff, crawled inside a cave, and there they were trapped when some rock shifted. Luckily there was an opening and they were not smothered. But they couldn't get out.

For two days the three were trapped in the cave. Yesterday it began to rain and Joele and Jacqueline grew frightened, and began to shout for help at cars roaring by on the Parkway above.

They even tried to dig out, with their fingernails. Finally someone told the police, and four of New York's finest were lowered by ropes onto a ledge where they could swing themselves in and dig the youngsters out. Three youngsters, Hugh, who had quite an adventure.

ASTRONOMY

In London, today, a phonograph record was played. Reproducing the sound of a "battle of the stars" -- millions of miles away, out ~~xxx~~ in interstellar space. Two galaxies, each consisting of millions of stars -- in a collision of super-cataclysmic proportions. That's ~~the~~ what the professor said -- as he spun the platter, reproducing the cosmic sound.

Professor A. C. B. Lovell is the head of Britain's great radio-astronomy center, near Manchester; where they have radio telescopes for picking up ultra short wave ~~xx~~ that comes in from outer space.

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The "radio telescopes" can spot -- stars which cannot be seen. Invisible stars -- revealed by ~~the~~ ultra short ~~xx~~ wave. Thus far they've discovered in ^{our} ~~the~~ northern hemisphere, ^{sky some} two thousand ~~xxxxxx~~ invisible stars.

Recently, says Professor Lovell, they picked up a burst of short wave energy ~~xxx~~ of a remarkable sort. Coming from the direction of the constellation "Cygnus". The interpretation is, a collision of two galaxies of stars.

The burst of ultra short wave energy was transformed into sound. Recorded -- on a phonograph disc. So that's what the platter played in London today.

What did it sound like? Well, you might think -- the roar of the "battle of the stars" would have been terrifying. But, not at all. The sound was a faint hissing noise, like a long drawn out lot of whispers. It all happened ^{so far,} ~~so~~ far away -- *Hugh,* billions of miles away! *In interstellar space.*