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President Eisenhower accepts the Communist peace proposals at their face value. But at his weekly news conference today he was not over-optimistic, noting the many fruitless negotiations of the past, and pointing out that our delegates will be dealing with the same Reds. He says it is up to them now to show they mean what they say by agreeing to a quick exchange of sick and wounded.

In answer to other questions he says he has no plan to meet Malenkov. Earlier in the day he conferred with Charles Bohlen, who is on his way to the Kremlin as Ambassador. And he said he did not discuss with Bohlen the possibility of meeting the Soviet Premier.

Most of the questions at today's press meeting concerned Joe McCarthy. Members of the press wanted to know what the President thought of the recent exchange between McCarthy and Stassen. He replied frankly that he does not think McCarthy's agreement barring Greek

ships from carrying supplies to Red China, is undermining American policy. On this he seemed to disagree with Stassen, who made the charge against ^{the} Wisconsin Senator. And he conceded McCarthy's right to get promises from Foreign governments; but he added that only the Administration has real power to negotiate. He doesn't believe that McCarthy has made any effort to take over negotiating power that belongs to the government alone.

KOREA

In Korea at one place some eight hundred Reds made a move against the R.O.K. capital division, and were thrown back with heavy losses. Also one minor attack on an American position - repelled.

Also Australian planes blasted a big chemical plant near Chinnampo, port for the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

Meanwhile the Allies in Korea are all set to meet the Communist delegates. General Mark Clark has agreed to a Red proposal to reopen discussions at Panmunjon, Monday,. The U.N. to be represented by Admiral John Daniel. This to be the first meeting of delegates from both sides since the armistice conference broke down last October.

A dispatch from U.P. Correspondent, Leroy Hanson, describes feverish activity at Panmunjon:- Marines working on the arrangements to take care of Allied

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prisoners. Tents, hospitals, and other buildings made ready. Food, clothing, shelter, and medical equipment stocked. Piles of tents on the ground, with sections of Quonsot huts and prefabricated warehouses all set to go up. Telephone lines being re-installed, bulldozers clearing roads and so on. Finally, the Marines are erecting a high barbed wire fence, which will hold Communist prisoners until they are exchanged.

In Seoul, Allied officers say that we can be ready for an exchange within a few days. That we are taking no chances of being caught unprepared if an agreement is reached.

Add KOREA

The Navy reports that a Communist shore battery hit our heavy cruiser, the LOS ANGELES. A shell striking the main mast of the cruiser and then showering the super structure with fragments.

Thirteen of the crew were injured, none seriously. The LOS ANGELES returned the enemy fire. The cruiser destroying one gun emplacement and scoring direct hits on three caves in which the Reds were housing their guns.

PRISONERS

Here is an interesting development. British prisoners are to be sent home from Communist jails. A dispatch from London reveals that one British sailor has already been released. And that the Russians are arranging for six British civilians, to be sent home from North Korea. This development is all a part of the new Communist tactic of trying to ingratiate themselves with the West.

One name on the list of prisoners - Captain Vyvyan Holt. Captain Holt is the former British Minister to South Korea. He was captured in Seoul shortly after the North Korean invasion. Now it looks as if Captain Holt will be released after nearly three years of internment.

My son and I are wondering about Bob Ford - a young ex-RAF technician, hired by the Tibetan government to operate a radio on the border of China and Tibet. He

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was captured by the Reds - after we were in Tibet.

They dragged him thru the streets and gave him a bad

time. And we wonder what his fate has been. Is he

alive? Will he now be released?

RIDGWAY

News from Europe:- General Ridgway warns that the Soviet menace there has not disappeared. Speaking at a ceremony on the Second Anniversary of the establishment of his Nato headquarters in France, the General noted that Russian strength is increasing all the time; and that the West has a vast frontier to defend, - from Norway to Turkey. That's why the West needs the German army; Germany/ participation. Ridgway again made it clear that the West will defend itself in case of aggression from the East - and that the European danger remains even though the Reds make peace in Korea.

A dispatch from Nairobi states that British authorities have thrown out ^{what mystery story writers would call a net} a wide scale hunt for Mau Mau terrorists. This, in response to a rumor that members of the murder ring intend to attack Nairobi itself during the Easter weekend.

Strict security precautions ^{have been taken,} ~~began,~~ police at key points like power stations, banks, government offices and jails. Army riot squads on patrol to meet any emergency. Also the Home Guard called out to help the police and the army.

The Mau Mau atrocities have been committed not far from Nairobi. The city itself has never been attacked, but now ^{right in Nairobi are} many Europeans ~~are beginning to~~ carry guns for the first time.

For Mau Mau supporters are believed to be hiding in Nairobi's native quarter ~~in the~~ on the outskirts of the city.

So far more than a hundred of the Mau Mau have been killed in the past week. Twenty-one last night, ^{those} in clashes with the Home Guard. And today two of the terrorists were sentenced to death for murdering a European farmer. Hundreds of ~~suspect~~

suspects have been rounded up by the police, and are ^{now} being held behind barbed wire.

~~All this, in response to the anti-European atrocities of the Mau Mau.~~

DAG

The man nominated to be Secretary General of the United Nations is almost unknown to most of us. No one in this country has anything against him - or at least - nothing except his name! He's Dag Hammarskjöld (Dahg Hahm'-mahr-shold). That's a good Swedish name that means, Day-hammer. But the problem for American editors is how to handle that long name of the new Secretary General in headlines! The last Secretary General produced no such problem. He was Trygve Lie - L-I-E - just three letters - easy. But what can newsmen on this side of the ocean do with a name like Dag Hammarskjöld? Tough to pronounce; and too long to fit into a headline unless you give the whole headline to the name.

It will be interesting to see how our editors deal with the jaw-breaker moniker of the new Secretary General. One solution, according to a dispatch from the U.N., could be to use only his first name in headlines. Which sounds rather undignified; but it may turn out to be the only workable solution. In that case he'd be known in the headlines as Dag, the Hammarskjöld being saved for the story below the headline;

HYPNOTIST

Here's the story of a hypnotist, who was ^{counter} hypnotized by one of his ^{own} subjects. With more serious consequences than he could have anticipated.

It all happened in Inverness, Scotland. The hypnotist, - Edwin Heath, ~~He~~ was performing in an Inverness theatre, putting volunteers to sleep on the stage as part of his act. Miss Margaret Mackie was one of the volunteers. But when her turn to be hypnotized came, she resisted. She stared Heath straight in the eye, and said: "I am not under your spell, but do you know we love each other?"

What happened then? Well here it is, in the words of the hypnotist himself: "I was ^{befuddled, dazed,} staggered. / My head reeled, and I felt myself floating on a cloud."

The result of this meeting between Edwin Heath and Miss Margaret Mackie? - They were married, and are now on their honeymoon. ^{hypnotized} He's still ^{if he doesn't want to be trapped into marriage} Which goes to show that the hypnotist should choose his subjects a little more carefully when he performs in public.

BASEBALL

President Eisenhower breaks the sad news. He won't be there for the opening game - when the baseball season gets under way on the thirteenth of this month.

It has been traditional for the President to throw out the first ball - ever since President Taft started the precedent back in Nineteen Twelve. Since then, the President usually has been on hand to see the Washington Senators off to a start at Griffith Stadium.

Today the veteran Clark Griffith, owner of the Senators, called at the White House, to invite President Eisenhower to throw out the first ball. He presented the President with a season pass; and one for Mrs. Eisenhower - hers with an alligator handbag in which to carry it.

But the President stated that he'll be off on what he calls, "a little vacation," at that time. In Augusta, Georgia, his favorite relaxation - for a week of golf. At the same time, however, he promised that Vice-President Nixon would throw out the first ball. And the

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President added that he himself will be on hand at the park on April Twenty-Third. Said Clark Griffith:-

"That means we'll have a second opening day!"

Yes, President Ike is an ardent baseball fan.

WAYNE - PEALE

And now - before I sign off I want to express my appreciation to John Wayne and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale for taking my place last night and the night before, and on such short notice. I was on a rather fast weekend flight around the country -- the Far West, the Middle West, and the deep South. All rather unexpected. Of course it's not surprising that Dr. Peale should find it so easy to step into almost any other person's place in radio. He has long been a radio star, as well as an author of a whole series of best-seller books, and just about the top Protestant religious orator of our day. So, like Babe Ruth, I expected him to step up to the plate -- in this case the mike @- and hit a home run.

But the problem faced so fearlessly by my favorite motion picture star, "Duke" Wayne, as they call him on the West Coast -- that was far different than you listeners might imagine. If you have seen and heard

John Wayne in "The Quiet Man," one of the finest films ever made -- (if you haven't, don't miss it. By the way, I'd like to see that fight in The Quiet Man, in Cinerama! Anyhow you know that he speaks with a slow deep Western drawl. News, on the other hand, is handled generally with a fast excited tempo -- the latest from the war, the latest hot news from Washington, and so on. Surely it can't be easy, even for one of the foremost actors of our time, to change his natural style in a moment. But, as you know, John Wayne did it just about to perfection.

When I get back to the Pacific Coast in a few days, there is one question I want to ask him. Did you notice how he pronounced the name of the Communist Premier of China? First he hesitated and said Chou en "Lee." The next time he came to it he hesitated a moment and said Chou en "Lie," and then the third time

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said Chou en "Lay." Since John Wayne is a pro, I'm a little suspicious. The question is, did he just do that by accident, or did he do it on purpose? Either way, it was the right touch, because it made it seem so much more human. In fact from now on, whenever I mention the Red Premier of China on the air, I know I'm going to have trouble deciding which to say -- "Lee," "Lie," or "Lay!"

Nelson - what do you say?