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Soviet Russia has rejected President Eisenhower's proposal for an exchange of military secrets. The turndown, however, was not ^a flat ^{one-} - in so many words. Moreover, we may take into consideration - the circumstances, the scene, the setting.

Moscow Premier Bulganin summoned an extraordinary session of the Supreme Soviet - the nearest thing Red Russia has to a parliament. His purpose - to make a formal report on the Geneva Meeting, ^{At} the "Summit." The session of the supreme Soviet - a statly affair. Attended - by all the top government and Communist party leaders in Russia. Also - by the diplomatic corps - including United States Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen.

Bulganin, making his report, began in a tone of high friendliness and optimism. "The Geneva Conference," he ~~declared~~ declared, "marked a turning point in the relations between the soviet Union and the West." to which he added - "A spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding ruled at Geneva, among all participants." and he called the Summitt Conference - "A success for the forces of peace."

So that was the prelude for Bulganin's statement concerning - that Eisenhower proposal. The President, at Geneva - having called - for an exchange of military information. Soviet Russia and the United States - to throw their countries open for arial reconnaissance and arial photography. All - as evidence of good faith. Part of the inspection - that must accompany any reasonable plan for disarmament.

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By: the Supreme Soviet

So there are Bulganin's words: "I do not believe," said he, "That the proposal can have any great, real significance." In other words, he belittled the Eisenhower suggestion ^{for} aerial reconnaissance and photography.

Bulganin argued on a basis of the terrain and topography of both Soviet Russia and the United States. The geography, the kind of country, the character of the land - in both nations. These factors would, in his words - "Permit the ~~the~~ camouflage of anything desired." in both Soviet Russia and the United States, military installations, like atomic plants on jet airfields - could be concealed from aerial observation.

That was Bulganin's reasoning, today. He said - that at Geneva, he had pointed out all this, in conversations with western leaders, including President Eisenhower

After minimizing the proposal, he went on to say - that the Soviet plan for disarmament is what he called "More realistic." That is, disarmament in two stages. First a reduction of military forces. Finally - complete ban on atomic and hydrogen weapons.

In Washington, immediate reaction is one of chilly disillusion, among most government leaders. With a striking statement by Republican Senator Malone of Nevada who said - he was not surprised at the Bulganin rejection. The Senator adding - that he, himself, did not expect much to come out of President Eisenhower's proposal anyway.

Senator Malone pointing out - that any such scheme as arial reconnaissance and photography, would have to get the approval of Congress and the Senate - doubted that Congress would ever give the President the authority to permit Soviet observation planes to go scouting around this country.

He also agreed with one thing that Bulganin argued: "There is a thread of common sense", said the Senator - "In what Bulganin says about concealing defence installations."

President Eisenhower however says - he doesn't believe the Soviet Premier, actually, gave a flat rejection. The President thinks the Bulganin statement before the supreme Soviet - does not necessarily mean that the door is closed to the Eisenhower plan to exchange military secrets. It sounded discouraging, of course, but the President thinks that something may still come from his proposal. The President bases his opinion on private talks he had with Soviet leaders at Geneva.

SOVIETS - ATOMIC

The Bulganin rejection of the Eisenhower plan is accompanied by news - that Russia has resumed testing of nuclear weapons. So announced by the atomic energy commission at Washington - based on data derived from scientific instruments, which measure the amounts of radio activity in the air.

"Within the past few days," declares the Atomic Energy Commission, "The Soviets resumed the testing of nuclear weapons. This may mean the beginning of a new series of tests."

There is no indication if this means atomic, or hydrogen ~~bombs~~ bombs. The word "Nuclear" would cover either kind.

GENEVA

The Geneva conference of ambassadors has run into a snag - a demand made by the Chinese Reds, who claim control of Chinese students in the United States. There are thousands of these. The Reds insisting that many of them want to return to Communist China, but are prevented from doing so. So they want the Chinese students in the United States to be subject of mediation by a neutral third party. Presumably, India. The neutral third party to look into the cases of the Chinese students.

This we oppose. The American contention being that most of the students do not want to go back to China, and any who do are free to return to the Red mainland, just as they please.

However, the Chinese envoy at Geneva insists on tying the students - to the release of some forty American civilians detained in China. Producing - today's deadlock.

The conference of the ambassadors was recessed until Monday so that Communist envoy Wang Ping-nan will have time to consult with his government, at Pei Ping.

PRISONERS

At the border of the British crown colony of Hong Kong and the territory of Red China, there is a bridge - with a barbed wire barricade. Today the gate in the baracade opened, and eleven Americans passed through. Newsmen and officials there to greet them. First in - Colonel John Knox Arnold of the U.S. Air Force. Who said : "Sure glad to see you". There was fervor in that.

The others of the eleven filed through, shouting "To hell with Peoples' China" Referring to the name that Chinese Communists gave to their oppressive regime, The returning eleven were dressed in Chinese cotton clothes, of a non-descript variety. They looked in fair physical condition - although one was on crutches.

Their treatment in Hong Kong - such as is ~~xx~~ reserved for very important persons. They got a VIP ~~xxxxxxx~~ reception as if they were dignitaries of state. Taken to the swank Hong Kong Jocky Club, where there was a news interview. There they told reporters how they were on a mission of dropping leaflets in North Korea twenty five to forty miles to the south of the Yalu River

the border of Manchuria, the Communists insist they were over Chinese territory. This is ridiculed by the returning airmen, who say - the first time they crossed the border was in a railroad train, then they were taken into Red China as prisoners.

On their leaflet-dropping mission, they were picked out by searchlights on the ground, were caught in a hail of anti-aircraft fire. Also attacked - by two jet fighter planes, Migs. Their B-29 was hit repeatedly and three engines caught fire. The crew of eleven bailed out. Then as prisoners - convicted of espionage activities in Red China.

X At the News Conference today, there was one subject never brought up, although it has been headline news in the United States. One of the returning airmen Daniel Schmidt, of Portland, Oregon. The latest Enoch Arden - whose wife has meanwhile remarried. She having believed him dead.

That may be headline in the United States - but Daniel Schmidt returning from captivity, knows nothing about it.

An Air Force liaison officer telling the ~~report~~ reporters "These boys have gone through enough. Let this fellow have a chance to get settled, before he learns about it."

So he didnt learn about it, the news will have to be broken to airman Daniel Schmidt later on.

No sooner had the news interview at the Hong Kong Jockey Club been completed, than the liberated prisoners were taken aboard two luxury passenger planes - bound for the Phillipines, where - they will get medical examination and care, before proceeding across the Pacific, their homecoming.

KOREA

Korean President, ~~SYN~~ Syngman Rhee, threatens what he calls "certain action" against the Communists. Undefined measures - in the question of a slice of land south of the thirty-eighth parallel, which the Reds hold. That parallel, the armistice line, dividing north Korea and Communist Korea. But the Communists remain in possession of a strip of land on the north bank of the Han River.

Syngman Rhee says he won't compromise. He'll get that bit of land - even if the United States refuses to back him up.

In Washington, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has made the statement, this country will not support Syngman Rhee if he makes any ~~ilitary~~ military move.

ARGENTINA

We have some word on the situation in Argentina. Which is described as a complicated affair, a three-cornered struggle. This - on the authority of Argentine refugees, who have arrived in Chile.

They say there are three elements in a conflict - beginning with Peron. The strong ^{man} President - seeking to regain the prestige he lost in his battle with the Roman Catholic Church.

Peron took something of a defeat, even though the revolt against his regime did fail. He had to take a tone of conciliation toward the church. Peron - piping down. But now, he believes - he's regaining strength. His talk has been more confident of late, and so have editorials in Peronista newspapers.

The second factor - the army. Which is trying to ease out the strong man. Wanting - to get rid of Peron gradually, gently.

The army is described as handicapped. The military leaders - having no plausible candidate, who might be put up to succeed Peron. Moreover, they are divided by ^{jealousy}. Some of the top generals - having been treated mighty well by Peron. Given big estates - and getting money in the form of rakeoffs.

Element number three in the struggle - the remnants of the revolutionary groups that ^{stated} the revolt against Peron. In spite of the failure of the insurrection, they are still trying. The revolutionary movement - persisting underground.

ARGENTINA (CONTINUED)

At the time of the trouble, the report was - that is was confined to the Argentine Navy. But the refugees in Chile say sections of the army were also involved. Chiefly - the younger officers, who get no estates and rakeoffs from Peron. They are dissatisfied, and are impatient over the delay in getting rid of the strong man.

The belief of the Argentine refugees is - that developments may be expected, through the action of this third group. The remnants of the revolutionary element - particularly in the army.

CRASH

At Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, an air disaster today. A plane with thirty passengers aboard tried to make an emergency landing when one motor caught fire, the emergency landing failed and the plane exploded.

No survivors.

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COTTON FIELD

In California, an air war has been called off. Peace - arranged by the sheriff of Kern County.

The conflict in the sky was between rival cotton dusting companies. Two concerns at odds over the question - who had the contract for a large area of cotton crops. Rival planes, undertaking the job of dusting - with insect killing chemicals. The planes getting into an air war. Not with rockets and machine guns, luckily, just buzzing each other, just trying to chase each other away.

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