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In Ottawa tonight the North Atlantic Council ~~opened its~~ <sup>went into</sup> full ~~area~~ debate on the admission of Turkey and Greece to the European defense alliance.

At the end of the meeting, diplomats were confident that a unanimous recommendation to invite the two Mediterranean countries ~~will~~ will be forthcoming after tomorrow's discussion. The proposal, which came from the Secretary of State ~~Dean~~ Acheson was seconded by Foreign Secretaries ~~Herbert~~ Morrison, of Britain, ~~Robert~~ Schuman of France and Derik Stikker of the Netherlands.

~~Now continue from <sup>it is</sup> learned however~~  
~~then cut from "this afternoon" to the end of the~~  
~~story~~

## OTTAWA MEETING

~~In Ottawa today, the meetings of the twelve North Atlantic treaty nations got under way again.~~

At this morning's session, Premier De Gasperi called for wide revision of the Italian treaty, to allow his country to rearm. At the same time, the Italian Premier cautioned against any "provocative action" - meaning that might cause trouble from the Kremlin.

It's understood that De Gasperi believes the treaty could be revised by the western powers ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ without prompting more than a propaganda blast from the Soviets.

~~This afternoon, military leaders of the twelve north Atlantic powers presented the conference with a new master blueprint, for speeding western defenses. The new plan, submitted by Britain, France and America includes plans for the Greeks and the Turks.~~

TRUCE

In Tokyo, radio monitors, have their multiple ears to the airwaves - waiting, waiting for a reply to General Ridgway's latest truce note.

(The Ridgway message was handed to a North Korean Liaison officer at mid-day today, Korean time,) in No Man's Land. So far no reply.

The latest note ~~addressed to Generals Kim Il Sung and Peng Teh Huan,~~ throws the initiative back into the Communist camp. (General Ridgway telling the Reds that U N negotiators are all set to resume the talks where the Reds left off last August - in the much disputed neutral zone at Kaesong.)

However, so far the Communists evidently haven't ~~made up~~ made up their minds.

## KOREA

General Ridgway flew to Korea today, to lay future plans in case the Reds finally break off armistice talks. At General Van Fleet's Eighth Army headquarters, the Supreme Commander also got a first hand report on the recent drive made by four U.S. Divisions, and South Korean units.

Meanwhile, on the front, the Reds fell back and Allied patrols roamed back and forth across No Man's Land. There was a sharp counter attack by North Koreans on the eastern front. Twice the Communists charged - hurling grenades, screaming and blowing whistles. They were stopped in their tracks and fled north under a pounding by U N artillery. An American officer who was on a high promontory said he didn't "believe any of them got away."

ADD KOREA

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Meanwhile the Navy has announced a "serious fire" resulting from a plane crash aboard the U.S. Aircraft Carrier "Essex", in Korean waters. ~~XXXXXX~~ Casualties are placed at two dead, five missing and fifty injured. The announcement states that a twin jet McDonnell Banshee Fighter was landing on from a mission yesterday, when it failed to hook the ~~xxx~~ carrier's arresting gear, bounced over the deck barriers and smashed into jet planes parked on the forward flight deck. In the resulting gasoline blaze, four parked jets were "destroyed," with four others *greatly* ~~extensively~~ damaged."

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## ATOMIC

In Washington the Defense Department has just revealed that five thousand Army, Navy and Air Force men will soon undergo training in the use of "new types of atomic weapons." The demonstrations are to be put on in special maneuvers at Frenchman's Flats, Nevada - scene of the recent super-secret atomic tests. At the same time the Navy has disclosed that it is already ~~xxxxxx~~ training crews in how to carry atom bombs from aircraft carrier decks - as well as from land bases.

In Washington, today, Robert A. Lovett was sworn in as Secretary of Defense. The Fifty-Six year old Texan (of course pledged himself to defend the nation "against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and) called for continued cooperation from the secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air, and the heads of the three services. And that's just the sort of excellent cooperation that Bob Lovett is likely to get. He is generally regarded as one of the ablest men President Truman ever appointed to high office.

IRAN

From Teheran tonight comes word that W. Averill Harriman has refused to send Britain that Iranian ultimatum. In his ~~the~~ letter to Premier Mossedegh, Harriman terms the ultimatum "a step backwards" and said he felt there was no point in trying to resume negotiations so long as Iran stands fast on proposals that already have been turned down by London. Nevertheless the Iranian Premier has announced that the note will be forwarded direct to the British Foreign Office.


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~~XXXXXX~~ Premier Mossadegh is also in trouble on the home front. Yesterday he failed for the third straight time to muster a quorum for a vote of confidence in the Majlis, the lower house of Parliament. While at Abadan the British staff of the former Anglo-Iranian Company have "kidnapped" five steam tugs, and placed them under the protective guns of the British ~~the~~ fleet lying at anchor in the river.

Later word from Teheran: (The Iranian  
~~the~~ government has announced that it is now preparing



to sign a barter agreement with Soviet Russia - in that way try to make up the losses incurred as a result of ~~xxx~~ the dispute with Britain.) That an Iranian trade delegation has been appointed to work out details with the Soviets - also with the satellite states of Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The announcement states that the Iranian-Soviet trade pact will be signed "soon".

And that, obviously would bring Persia into the Soviet orbit - with possible serious consequences for the Western powers. 

ADD IRAN

The first reaction from London to Premier Mossedegh's threatened deal with the Soviets is one of - skepticism. The <sup>(view)</sup>~~view~~ taken is that Mossedegh is trying to play "a trump card" as a threat to intimidate Britain and the United States into accepting the oil ultimatum. (Observers in Britain point out that Iran faces enormous difficulties in trying to deliver oil to Iron Curtain countries. Neither Iran nor the Communists have large enough tanker ~~flotilla~~ fleets) and it would take years to construct pipe lines across Persia to the Black Sea.

## CONSTITUTION

At the Library of Congress there was a Constitution Day ceremony, today. One event was a sealing off, in special glass cases, of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Those historic documents, already yellow and damaged, are now under a special heavy glass through which ~~light~~ light will do no further harm. For these cases are now filled with helium, a gas which will act as a preservative, for hundreds, maybe thousands of years.

President Truman was on hand. In an impromptu speech he mentioned the subject of Soviet treaties, lambasted them as "not worth the paper they're written on."

## TRUMAN-ARGUMENT

~~The political news brings a couple of lively blasts, with a roar of that good old comeback "you're another."~~

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~~Blast number one emanates from~~ President Truman, ~~(~~Addressing the National Association of Postmasters ~~)~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ today, ~~he~~ denounced his political enemies, charging them with --<sup>a</sup>/<sub>^</sub> smear campaign. He slashed away at the Republicans for their attacks on government officials, saying it was --<sup>a</sup>/<sub>^</sub> contemptible bid for votes. ~~He didn't name~~ <sup>Without naming</sup> the Senator from Wisconsin, ~~but~~ <sup>he</sup> made it clear he was assailing -- McCarthyism.

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~~The~~ <sup>R</sup> counterblast from the Republican side is hurled by G O P National Chairman Guy Gabrielson. Before a Senate sub-committee, today, <sup>he</sup> declared that -- if anybody goes in for smear campaign tactics, it is President Truman himself. ~~Referring back to the campaign of three years ago, he said: "the President told a Minnesota audience that the Republicans in Congress were the "errand boys of big business and~~

ADD TRUMAN - AGREEMENT

In his speech ~~to the national Association~~  
~~of Postmasters~~ <sup>also</sup> the President announced another of  
his ambitions; when he retires from the White House.  
We've already heard that he would like to go back to  
the Senate, or maybe even the House. The latest:  
"If ever I am retired from the Presidency" he told the  
~~NEWS~~ Postmasters "I'm going to get me one of those  
machines to ride around in." Those machines it appears,  
are motor scooters to be used by postmen in a  
Washington suburb. It seems the Post Office now  
has several different models of three-wheel motor  
vehicles under consideration - some with a single  
wheel in front and some with it behind. Some open,  
and some with a canvas on top. The President wants  
a three-wheel scooter.

DOUGLAS

Democratic Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois won another round in his battle with President Truman today in that fight for two Illinois judgeships.

The Senate judiciary committee, siding with Douglas, voted to <sup>hold them</sup> ~~throw out~~ the President's nominations of Illinois Circuit Judge Harrington and Chicago Municipal Court Judge Drucker. So it looks as though those two Illinois ~~in~~ Federal appointments will go unfilled for some time - while untried cases ~~at~~ pile up, and go on piling up.

R.F.C.

( In Washington today, a former R.F.C. official told a Senate committee what gifts he considered it suitable for him to accept ) Testifying before the Senate's permanent investigating committee was Frank Prince, former head of the R.F.C. office of loans, <sup>Prince</sup> ~~was~~ was dismissed earlier this year by Stuart Symington. ( Prince admitted ~~to~~ have <sup>received</sup> gifts from the President of the Lithofold Corporation, ~~including~~ <sup>gifts of</sup> a camera, perfume, fruit, a ham, and a turkey. ) <sup>He</sup> Prince claims ~~that~~ he saw nothing wrong with an R.F.C. official accepting <sup>such</sup> ~~gifts~~ gifts. <sup>(He said</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~also~~ thought "an eight or nine pound ham was all right," but I'd stop at twelve pounds, <sup>was the way he put it!</sup> ~~no~~ <sup>subtle</sup> ~~distinction in drawing the moral line which seems a little puzzling.~~

The committee is trying to find out whether Democratic National Chairman ~~William~~ Boyle ~~is~~ used his influence in obtaining loans for the Lithofold Corporation. ~~And Today we have~~ this testimony from a former official of the R.F.C. - nine pound ~~hams~~ hams okay, twelve taboo!

# TRIAL

The trial of the eighteen Brooklyn policemen brings a lecture ~~xxx~~ on an interesting subject - how to open a horse parlor. Today the prosecution began with an assistant District Attorney relating the success story of Harry Gross. He is the Number One witness, who last week made sensational headlines when he disappeared - only to be found at a racetrack in Atlantic City. In his dazzling career, Harry Gross, opened many a horse parlor; <sup>and</sup> he is named as the authority for the revelation.

<sup>he</sup> District Attorney Julius Helfand, began the success story by telling how in 1940 Gross was a runner for a bookmaker - sort of messenger boy picking up bets for his boss. But he was ambitious, <sup>and</sup> decided to start a bookmaking business on his own. ~~so he~~ <sup>he</sup> Rented a garage in Brooklyn, <sup>and</sup> did the necessary thing - got protection from the police; to operate. He paid a price, <sup>and</sup> his gambling operations were never disturbed. Then he opened another horse parlor, and still another, until - he had twenty-seven <sup>in all.</sup>



~~running~~

In each case the routine was as follows:

He would contact a plainclothes policeman, who would, in the words of the Assistant District Attorney - "check whether or not Gross would be interfering with any other bookmaker in the neighborhood." Which pictures the ~~in~~ cops as guardians of the racket, making sure there was no unfair competition.

If everything checked okay, the rate of payment would be arranged, the deal put through. All of which, we are told, went right up to the top level of police officials. Running a chain of twenty-seven horse rooms, Harry Gross paid the police at the rate of a million dollars a year.

Such was the success story -- as the state opened its case against the eighteen Brooklyn policemen.

## TONE

In Hollywood today, a singular proposal of marriage was made - and accepted. Singular - for the fact that the suitor, wooing and winning, had his face and head covered with bandages. You might have wondered how he could pop the question -- with all those layers of surgical gauze. But he did, and the answer was a fond - yes.

In other words, Franchot Tone and Barbara Payton became engaged -- all over again. The movie actor of romantic roles - is still in the hospital, after the beating he took from love-rival actor Tom Neal.

In a way, it was a reversal of the law of the animal kingdom - in which the bucks fight it out, and the timid doe selects the victor. But, I suppose Barbara could only feel that it was her own fickleness in romance that caused Franchot Tone to get so bad a beating. ~~So~~ Picking the victor might seem a bit heartless, <sup>so,</sup> she selected the vanquished.

"I love him more than ever" / ~~he~~ she <sup>cried</sup> ~~said~~ today, 17

and <sup>then</sup> added: "Neal is a brute! How could I ever have wanted to marry him? I hope Franchot has him arrested."

To all this Tom Neal responds with a mournful sigh saying he still loves Barbara. Today he told of the conversation he had with his rival, before the fight began. "I told Tone" says he, "that I might not have as much money as he does, but I thought I was able to take care of the girl. I'd be willing to dig ditches."

Which sounds like true devotion, alright. But, tonight Tom Neal may well reflect - lucky in fist fighting, unlucky in love.