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The Foreign Ministers agreed, today, to take up the question of an Austrian Peace Treaty -- promptly. Not later than -- Friday.

This was accomplished in a secret meeting -- not one of those public debates, with a lot of ~~mouth slashing and~~ name calling. ~~The proceedings behind closed doors did get that much done -- the Austrian question to be taken up without any delay.~~

But ^{There was} ~~that seems to be all~~ -- with a stalemate on other matters, today. We hear that, in the secret session, the problem of the Far East came up. With Molotov repeating his familiar ~~same~~ demand -- for a five power ~~same~~ conference, including Red China. Messrs^s Eden, Dulles and Bidault rejected that, as usual. ^R But they came back with counter ~~same~~ proposals. The suggestion that Soviet Russia use its influence with Red China -- ~~to get~~ a Korean ~~same~~ peace conference going. And persuade the Chinese Reds to stop sending arms and munitions to the Communist rebels of Indo China.

We are told that the western Foreign Ministers informed Molotov that they were ^{willing} ~~going~~ to join in a conference with Red China and North Korea -- ^{that is} ~~is~~ discussing a Korean peace arrangement. Also, they'd meet with Chinese Reds on the subject of Indo China. ^R Which sounds like a concession -- to the Soviet views. The West - continuing its rejection of a five power conference with Red China on global affairs. But --- willing to go into a parley with ^{the} ~~the~~ Far Eastern Reds on specific subjects. Korea -- and Indo China.

So what did Molotov have to say to that? Nothing, we are told. He preserved a cold silence. Which might mean a rejection; -- or, maybe, Molotov might want to consult the Kremlin before replying.

EAST GERMANY

A dispatch from Berlin tells of extreme precautions the Reds are taking in East Germany, -- against a possible uprising. ~~Here's an example.~~ They are confiscating hunting guns. ^{*The Communist regime has issued*} ~~issuing~~ ^{*an order*} for the seizure of weapons like shot guns, and sporting rifles, used by hunters.

The new surge of unrest in the Soviet Zone ^{*seems*} connected with the meeting of the Foreign Ministers in Berlin. East German workers noting eagerly the western demand -- that Germany be unified, with free elections. Molotov -- rejecting this.

A slow down is reported in East German factories. The workers using this way of making a protest. On buildings the slogan is chalked at night -- "Free Elections". The demand was written even on the walls of Communist Headquarters in East Berlin.

~~(The anti-Communist underground circulated thousands of copies of the address made by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden -- at a meeting of the Foreign Ministers. Eden -- setting forth the~~

~~western plan for free elections in Germany.)~~

In addition to the political agitation, there is a food shortage in East Germany -- which increases the discontent. So serious -- that the Red Minister of Trade has gone to Moscow -- to make a plea, Asking the Kremlin to ship supplies of Russian foodstuffs -- to East Germany.

SOVIET PURGE

The Soviet government has begun a purge in the Republic of Kazakhstan. The Moscow radio announcing that the top leadership of the Communist party in that Province has been ousted. ~~The Kremlin replacing them with a member of the Presidium which corresponds generally to the old Politburo. He takes over in Kazakhstan, together with a Red Army General.~~ Observers in London think -- it is the most important purge since the downfall of Beria, chief of the secret police.

~~The Republic of~~ ^K Kazakhstan is an enormous province -- extending from the River Volga to the western frontier of China. It includes a vast area of Central Asia, great farm lands ~~producing an abundance of grain,~~ ^{and} pasture lands, ~~where nomad tribesmen graze their cattle. and~~ Also -- vital industries, aircraft and rocket plants, and oil fields.

The report has long been that the people of Kazakhstan, ranging all the way from ^{nomad} ~~wandering~~ tribes to masses of industrial workers -- are

discontented with the Soviet system. Especially -- the collective farms. So now the Communist Party in Kazakhstan is having -- a big-time purge.

This news follows indications that ^{the} famous military commander General Zuhov may have been purged. The signs are eloquent -- according to the way things go in Soviet Russia. They are getting ready for an election of members to the Supreme Soviet -- which meets in Moscow. Lists of candidates are being published -- the Kremlin appointing the candidates. As usual, top figures in Soviet affairs are on the list. But not - Marshal Zuhov. Other military commanders are named, including generals far below Zuhov's rank.

All of which is taken to mean that Zuhov, best known of Russian military chiefs, may have lost out -- in the struggle for power.

~~At the time of the downfall of Beria, Zuhov was mentioned prominently as a dominating~~

INDO CHINA

In Indo China, the Reds are within fifteen miles of the royal capital of the Kingdom of Laos. One enemy column -- reaching the Mekong River north of the city.

The Communists moved swiftly in a drive through jungle country. Swept around a French stronghold at Pakseng, and bore down on Luang Prabang. The French command says that a ~~most~~ decisive battle for Luang Prabang is developing, and vows -- "the city will never be taken."

Meanwhile, the French Minister of Defense, former Premier Pleven is on his way from Paris to Indo China. The French government has granted him "full powers" to take what ~~any~~ action he may see fit -- in dealing with the military crisis.

The belief is that the Communists are making an all-out effort -- ~~and~~ their purpose being to capture Luang Prabang while the conference of Foreign Ministers is ~~in~~ on in Berlin.

POPE

The report on Pope Pius the Twelfth was -- more favorable today. For the third straight day, his condition ^{has} ~~is~~ improved. ~~and~~ he is able to take liquid food without difficulty, which indicates that his gastric ailment is responding to treatment. So say the doctors, who add - that today, the Pontiff was able to leave his bed, and walk around.

The Vatican press-office announces -- that the seventy-seven year old Pontiff, Pius the Twelfth, is 'slowly recovering.'

TANKERS

A grand jury indictment has been handed down in a case involving a multi-million dollar deal for ~~the purchase and sale of~~ surplus government tankers. Nine persons and six corporations -- accused of ~~the~~ defrauding the U.S. in the transaction. One of the defendants -- former Congressman Joseph Casey, ~~is~~ a Massachusetts Democrat.

Actually, the indictment was handed down by a grand jury in October, but was kept "sealed" "until today", when another of the defendants came in and surrendered. A fabulous personality -- whose life story reads like a fantasy.

His name has a fabulous sound -- Aristotle Socrates Onassis. Well, he sure sounds like a philosopher, with both Aristotle and Socrates in his name. But, he's a financier, one of the richest men in the world, owner of great shipping fleets. Also -- owner of the Casino at Monte Carlo.

Aristotle Socrates Onassis was a pen⁴iless

emigrant to Argentina. He made his first million as a tobacco importer by the time he was twenty-five. Since then, he's piled up wealth estimated at three or four hundred million dollars.

Last year, he wanted to establish offices at Monte Carlo - in the Sporting Club. But the director of the great gambling casino would not ^{(rent} ~~ask~~ him the "Sporting Club". So what did Aristotle ~~SMX~~ Socrates Onassis do? Well, he simply bought Monte Carlo.

~~He got into the deal for the purchase of American ships left over from World War Two, the transaction in which former Congressman Casey figured prominently.~~

~~The charge is that the combine -- made~~
~~misrepresentation.~~ The Greek shipping magnate *in the purple tanker deal.* He from Argentina declares his innocence, [^] says he has come to Washington ~~px~~ to prove that the ~~surplus~~ tanker transaction was legal.

Well, the legal proceedings from now on,
should be interesting. Featuring - Aristotle
Socrates Onassis, the fabulous shipping millionaire.
And, owner of Monte Carlo.

SUBVERSIVES

The F B I is having a tough time - keeping tabs on the underground leadership of the Communist Party. So revealed by the publication of testimony which F B I Chief J. Edgar Hoover gave before a Congressional committee.

He says that ever since the conviction of the eleven top leaders in the Communist Party, the Reds have been using elaborate ~~pxkx~~ precautions -- to throw the F B I off the trail. They have formed an underground command, which operates in careful secrecy. They have torn up their party cards, and communicate ~~em~~ with each other by "courier". Messages delivered by word of mouth -- nothing in writing, -- *I*n travelling around, they use all the devices known -- to keep from being shadowed. They duck in and out of subway trains and busses, just before the doors close -- to keep a shadower from following them. They change their appearance as much as they can. Changing their manner of walking -- for example.

As a result, said J. Edgar Hoover, it now

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takes nine or ten of his agents to keep track of one underground Communist leader. Whereas, previously, the job could be done by one man -- shadowing a Red.

(This word on the Communist problem follows the disclosure made by Attorney General Brownell, speaking on a CBS ~~telex~~ television program. He declared that whole sheafs of F B I reports on Communists in Government -- were thrust in a desk drawer. ~~That~~ Little attention was paid to the warnings passed along by the F B I -- of spies in high office. As in the Harry Dexter White case, for example.)

SHIP

At the ^{Southern} ~~southern~~ tip of Lower California, off the Cape of San Lucas, there's a ship impaled on the rocks -- with the Captain and the radio operator ~~sticking~~ ^{staying} aboard. The skipper gave the order -- "abandon ship". But, he himself, would not abandon his craft, and the ^{radio} operator is sticking with him.

The vessel, S. S. Harry Lundeberg, is operated by the Kaiser Gypsum Company -- one of the far flung Kaiser enterprises. The ship -- carrying gypsum from San Marcos Island in the Gulf of Lower California. Rounding Cape San Lucas, the mishap occurred -- the vessel going on the rocks.

At Oakland, California, ~~officials~~ officials of the Kaiser Company say they understand that Captain Gerald Riley was remaining aboard, hoping to salvage the vessel.

MYSTERY

The New York police, today, ordered an arrest in a murder mystery of strange, somber sort. The poet-novelist Maxwell Bodenheim -- and his wife, found murdered in a dingy tenement flat off the Bowery. The police find that the shabby ~~place~~ place was ^{rented} ~~leased~~ in the name of Harold Weinberg -- and he turns out to be -- an ex-convict. At last reports -- they ~~had~~ were looking for him.

At the scene of the crime, there was all evidence of a frantic search -- the place ransacked. But the police are sure -- robbery was not the motive of the double killing. There ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~been~~ nothing to steal in the tenement flat, -- ~~was~~ Maxwell Bodenheim ^{had lived in} ~~world famous and comparatively wealthy~~ abject poverty.

Back in the Nineteen Twenties, he was a leading light in Greenwich Village -- then ^{flourishing} as the New York bohemia for artists and writers.

He published a novel "Replenishing Jessica"

which was a best seller. Bodenheim a highly successful writer.

But, in the years that followed, he sank into alcoholism, ^{and} became a vagrant. He went on relief, but lost that -- because of connections with Communism.

Today, brought a disclosure of the final abasement of the one time brilliant and successful author. He had prepared a sign reading -- "I am blind" and used that for begging -- although his eyesight ~~was~~ was excellent.

Now - the victim of a weird murder mystery.

There's a demand in Congress that a petty officer in the Navy -- should have another name. "Petty" -- not the right word, for these salty jack-tars. So says Congressman D. E. Matthews, who states: "I've talked with them, and they do not like the name -- petty." The Congressman told the House of Representatives a thing we all know -- that the petty officers are to the Navy what the Sergeants are to the Army -- the backbone. So he wants them to have a more dignified name and suggests -- "enlisted officer".

Well, maybe that's a good idea. That salt-sea "enlisted officer, the Secun's mate mate can hardly be called -- petty.

LION

At Johannesburg, in South Africa, a group of ladies were confronted with a problem -- and solved it neatly. They were conducting a charity bazaar and collected a considerable sum of money. They wanted a place to put it for safe keeping. -- ~~There~~ There was no bank available, no strong box. But they thought of a place that no thief would invade. ^P The charity bazaar was connected with a ~~menagerie~~ menagerie -- animals on display. So the ladies ~~gave~~ deposited the cash receipts -- in the lion's cage. No pilferer would thrust his arm in there. ~~That's~~ ^T The latest in banking -- despoit your money in the lion's cage. There's a tip for you Harry.