

L.T.-DELCO. TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1959.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In Geneva, a major decision was made today, to hold secret meetings when the foreign ministers get back from Washington. Presumably to avoid the propaganda atmosphere surrounding the open sessions - all the sessions so far. The West - hoping to make headway - in a more private conversations. Gromyko, agreeing to that.

And, there was some wondering going on in Geneva today:- Is Gromyko flying to Washington - to hand President Eisenhower a personal message from Khrushchev?

The Soviet Foreign Minister, as we heard yesterday, will be in Washington - for the funeral of John Foster Dulles. But we also heard yesterday how the Russian decision to attend, caught the West by surprise. Gromyko's announcement - after a telephone conversation with Khrushchev. So, did Khrushchev give Gromyko a personal message - for the President of the United States?

WEST BERLIN

In West Berlin - nothing special. Meaning - everybody in that beleaguered city behind the Iron Curtain - is ignoring Khrushchev's deadline, tomorrow, the day originally set by the Soviet boss - to hand over authority to the East Germans.

We all recall those threats from Moscow - about the possibility of another Berlin blockade. But today West Berliners were speaking about that May Twenty-Seventh deadline as just another date on the calendar, with no special precautions - to prevent a Communist take-over tomorrow. And Khrushchev doesn't seem interested either. At any rate dispatches from Berlin say there is no more tension there than usual.

DULLES

A Democrat from Massachusetts proposes - a monument to the Republican who was our Secretary of State. Congressman Thomas Lane, calling ~~John Foster~~ Dulles "The champion of peace with freedom." Suggesting a permanent memorial - to be located in Washington. A Dulles monument ^{that} would be, according to Congressman Lane, "an inspiration to future generations."

As he spoke, ~~countless~~ thousands ~~of Americans~~ were filing past ~~the bier~~ where John Foster Dulles lies in state in the National Cathedral. ^{filing by at a rate} An ~~average~~ of eight hundred an hour. ~~Americans of every description,~~ Young and old, White and colored. ~~Some arriving in cadillacs - most getting there on foot, All, speaking in whispers - as they move past the flag draped bier. Americans -~~ Paying ~~their last~~ tribute to ^{the} a man who fought for so long - to keep us clear of either war or appeasement.

REID

The Senate Foreign Relations committee - supports President Eisenhower - twice. Approving two of his - diplomatic appointments. The committee, voting to accept ^{Young} Ogden Reid - as our next Ambassador to Israel. And John Cabot - as Ambassador to Brazil.

Cabot, who ~~replaces~~ replaces Clare Booth Luce, after ~~the recent~~ ^{that famous} uproar, - ~~got by easily~~ ^{went in by a} ~~The committee vote~~ ^{vote.} unanimous [^] ~~sixteen to none.~~

^{Ogden} Reid, finding the going - tougher. Chairman Fulbright - ~~very~~ critical of his nomination. Terming ^{him} ~~Reid~~ "inexperienced". We're sending too many inexperienced diplomats abroad - in the opinion of the Arkansas Democrat.

However, ^{Sen.} most of Fulbright's colleagues on the committee - ~~disagreeing~~ ^{ed} with him. ^{and "Brownie"} ~~Approving~~ ^{won out} Reid by a vote of - ten to four. Two abstentions.

SINGAPORE

Tomorrow - a new nation will appear on the map of Asia. The name of it Singapore. The former British Crown Colony electing its own government, and joining the British commonwealth - as a self governing member.

Singapore - one of the most colorful cities in the world. Founded by Sir Stamford Raffles - in Eighteen Nineteen. Five years later, taken over by the Crown - because it controlled the sea trade between China and India. Singapore long a symbol - of British rule in Asia. Great naval base where battle-wagons of Her Majesty's Navy - rode at anchor. And then - we all remember how Singapore fell to the Japanese - in World War Two. Those big guns were all facing out to sea, useless because the enemy came down through the Malayan jungle - storming into the city from Jahore, on the mainland.

Since the war, the whole area has been growing up - that is politically. The Federation of Malaya - becoming

independent in Nineteen Fifty Seven. Now another new State, Singapore!

backward mountain and desert kingdoms in Southern Arabia, famed for its coffee - part of Khashar and for its blood feud; now - part of Nasser's United Arab Republic.

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YEMEN

Reports from Yemen indicate - a full scale campaign against pro-western tribal chieftains. Yemen, the backward mountain and desert kingdom in southern Arabia, famed for its coffee - home of Moccha; and for its blood feuds; now - part of Nasser's United Arab Republic.

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OLYMPICS

Two sites for the Nineteen Sixty-Four Olympics games were announced by the International Olympic Committee in Munich, Germany.

The summer games - to be held in Tokyo. The Japanese capital - winning on the first ballot, winning over Vienna, Brussels, and Detroit. Tokyo, the first Asian city ever to play host to the athletes of the Olympic Games.

The Winter Olympics, next time - in Innsbruck, Austria. Innsbruck, selected over Calgary in Canada. This will be a first for Austria.

Innsbruck almost got next year's winter Olympics and they are still dazed over the way persuasive Alec Cushing captured the 1960 Winter Olympics for Squaw Valley in the Sierras.

RUSSIAN ROULETTE

Russian roulette - in Springfield, Illinois.
Played by - fourteen year old Paul Olshefsky - a lad
lucky to be alive tonight.

Paul, son of Springfield's chief of police, was
showing off his father's service revolver - to some
friends. Slipping a shell into the gun, he spun the
chamber, and said here goes for some Russian Roulette!

Young Olshefsky placed the muzzle to his head -
and pulled the trigger. And at the first spin he lost.
The hammer, striking the chamber - containing the bullet.
The only thing that saved him - he was holding the
revolver tilted at an angle. The bullet, creasing his
skull - instead of blowing his brains out.

Tonight young Paul Olshefsky - who lost at
Russian roulette - and lived to tell about it, Don, is
in the hospital - a wiser boy we assume. And how about
some words of wisdom from you.

PHILIP

Ha, Ha, Don - more skirmishing between Britain's Prince Philip - and the British Press. This time at the very dignified - Chelsea Flower Show.

The Queen's consort was being shown - a hidden sprinkler system, when photographers moved up on the grass - to snap pictures of royalty. Prince Philip, pushing the sprinkler button, drenching the photographers.

Said Prince Philip to the photographers: "Ha, ha, I say did you chaps get a bit wet? Ha, ha!"

Said the London press to Prince Philip - "not very funny."