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From Seattle, Washington

BERLIN

At the Berlin Conference today Molotov opened at once a proposal for a five-power meeting, which would include - Red China. This, he said, would permit a solution of the deadlock in Korea. And bring about - a Korean Peace Conference.

The Moscow Foreign Minister put his argument in the following words: -

"There can be no doubt," said he, "that the calling of a five-power meeting would contribute to the removal of a number of difficulties - existing now in regard to the Korean question."

This was immediately taken to mean - that there would be no Korean peace conference, unless a five-power meeting is held. Molotov said it's the only way to break the deadlock in Korea.

The Soviet Foreign Minister ~~has~~ invited American Secretary of State Dulles to reply to the suggestion - reply at once. But the Secretary of State said - he preferred to think it over. Noting that the Molotov proposal brought up new points. So John Foster Dulles will give the American reply - tomorrow.

The Western powers had agreed in advance that they would not consider any five-power conference with Red China. So now it remains to be seen what the reply will be - with Molotov making a virtual offer of a settlement for peace in Korea.

This was the principal point in today's address by the Soviet Foreign Minister who went on with a demand that the plan for a West European Army be abandoned. He said that unless the military project is dropped - the Soviets might organize a similar combination in Eastern Europe. An Iron Curtain counterpart - of a West European Army.

A reply to this was made by French Foreign Minister Bidault who endorsed the western alliance, and called on Molotov to join in with President Eisenhower's atomic plan for peace.

Tonight, in Berlin a Western spokesman said - the speech by the Soviet Foreign Minister was old stuff mostly. With little that was new.

INDO-CHINA

From Indo-China. In the Kingdom of Laos two prongs of a pincers movement came together today. A couple of columns in a circling movement. One column captured the Red stronghold of Thakhek, aided by French gunboats on the Mekong River. The other column ran into heavier fighting, and was delayed. Today, however, both joined forces.

SPAIN

The British House of Commons, today, took up the question of anti-British demonstrations in Spain. Huge crowds of students, shouting - "Gibraltar!" Demanding that Britain give the rock back to Spain. Minister of State, Selwyn Lloyd gave an account of how the present agitation arose - in the form of a diplomatic exchange.

The Spanish Ambassador delivered, what he called - "A friendly warning that the visit by the Queen would cause resentment in Spain." The Spaniards, off and on for a couple of centuries, have been demanding the return of the rock, and the Queen's visit would seem like - a reaffirmation of British ownership.

The reply given by Foreign Secretary Eden was cold and correct. He told the Ambassador Primo de Rivera that Her Majesty's Government was not prepared to discuss the Queen's visit to any of her territories, and would not accept any representations from a foreign power.

So that was the diplomatic beginning of an argument, which has brought about angry rioting in Spain. With a threat of hostile demonstrations when the Queen visits Gibraltar.

Today Minister of State Lloyd told the Commons that the British Government will take, what he called - a "serious view" of any Spanish agitation at Gibraltar, while the Queen is there.

In Spain, today, the rioting was more violent than ever. At Madrid, eight thousand students battled with forces of police - the mob trying to storm the British Embassy, and shouting - "Gibraltar!" - and mocking and jeering at the name of Her Britannic Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.

BRICKER AMENDMENT

President Eisenhower, today, declared himself "unalterably opposed" to the Bricker Amendment. In a letter to Republican Senate Leader Knowland of California, the President repeated his former objections - in stronger terms than ever.

He said the Bricker Amendment would make it impossible for a president to negotiate with other friendly nations. - "For our mutual defense -", and added: - "The President must not be deprived of his historic position as spokesman for the nation in its relations with other countries."

MCCARTHY

It looks as if Senator McCarthy has made peace with the Democratic members of his investigation committee, the Democrats - who seceded charging McCarthy with "one man rule", the Senator from Wisconsin has given up his privilege of hiring and firing - in the employment of members of the committee staff.

So now the rebellious Democrats, said that they'll return. At the same time, the Senate voted its approval of Robert E. Lee - a close friend of Senator McCarthy. Lee, named as a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

FOLLOW MCCARTHY

Meanwhile, the Un-American Activities Committee of the House questioned Edward G. Robinson - about that three hundred dollar loan. The tough ~~SEX~~ guy of the movie loaned the money to the chief investigator of the Committee, Louis J. Russell. Who was ousted recently - because of the money. The actor had been questioned on grounds of communism, and said - he had been duped by the Reds.

The loan sounded odd, but the Committee, today, found that Edward G. Robinson was not at fault in any way. The money - not connected with the investigation.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower presented a housing plan to Congress today a billion dollar program. Which is for the financial encouragement of new housing construction; help for low income families in buying homes, and the abolition of slums.

In the special message to Congress, the President said: "Millions of our people still live in slums. Millions more live in run down, declining neighborhoods." Then he said the goal should be "decent homes in wholesome neighborhoods." For all Americans.

PRISONERS

The Defense Department in Washington issues a ruling - dishonorable discharges for the twenty-one G.I.'s who went over to Communism. Which might seem academic - those pro-Communists having already discharged themselves from the Army. And - dishonorably. It's a matter of form - but, even so, there was doubt about its legality. Because it has long been held that a dishonorable discharge could be given only after a court martial for a ~~very~~ serious offense, and of course the offense of going over to the enemy might well be considered - serious.

LINDBERGH

Charles Lindbergh emerged from retirement, tonight, to accept the Guggenheim medal in New York. For the first time in seventeen years the lone eagle made a public appearance and a public address.

After opposing the entrance of the United States into the second World War, and after being bitterly assailed for this, Lindbergh served his country - without benefit of publicity.

Tonight, he discussed philosophies of the incredible technical advance the world is making. He stated problems, but gave no blueprints for a solution. Instead he summarized with this bit of realism. "Man" said Lindbergh, "has not the wisdom to solve his problems by any sweeping detailed plan."

HEMINGWAY

Today, Ernest Hemingway was on his way back to civilization - by automobile. The rugged author of rugged literature was driving with his wife - along a winding road thru the wilderness, bound for the town of Entebbe, in Uganda. Proceeding by motor car, wheels on the ground, no more airplanes for Hemingway - not for the moment, at least. He had enough, after those two ~~xx~~ crashes in darkest Africa.

Today, the details of the story reveal eloquently why Hemingway finally resorted to the humdrum, commonplace, of an automobile. The safety and sureness of a jeep. His first plane crash had moments for a Hemingway novel. Then, the second - that was too much!

On Saturday, the bearded author and his wife set out from Nairobi, in Kenya, for a six hundred mile flight, to Lake Victoria, Lake Albert, and the Great Murchison Falls of the upper Nile. They crashed a few miles from the falls. Forced landing - the plane cracking up. Hemingway's arm was hurt, and his wife's ribs were injured. The pilot - okay.

They found themselves in a wilderness where bush ~~fx~~ fires were sweeping, and where they might have been caught by the flames. But they made ~~thix~~

their way to the banks of the Nile, by night fall - and now found themselves at a place where big game came down to drink. The elephant, the lion, the rhinoceros - trooping to the river. Ernest Hemingway is a veteran of adventures with big game, and what nearly killed him and his party was - the mosquito. Swarms of African mosquitoes nearly ate them alive, all night.

The next morning, Sunday, they were on the river bank - when they spied a launch. A boat for carrying tourists along the Nile and Lake Albert. That was lucky - the launch picking them up and taking them to a town along the line. There they found a plane - which had been looking for them.

The disappearance of Ernest Hemingway and his wife created headlines, and planes had been sent out. This one had just come in and landed - and here were the Hemingways arriving by boat. So, naturally, they boarded the search plane to fly out. Well, the luck of the air was against them. The plane took off, got out of control and crashed in a field of sisal - the stuff used for making rope. Hemingway, with his injured arm, was just able to get out; the same - for his wife and pilot; when the plane burst into flames. Today, the pilot the search plane flew

to the town of Entebbe, reporting, that Hemingway flatly refused to do any further flying. The rugged author of rugged literature taking an automobile along a rugged winding African road.

PAPINI

Here's an odd question will the devil go to heaven? Yes he will - says the famous Italian author, Papini, who, years ago published a "Life of Christ", which made a great success.

In recent years, the seventy-three year old writer has been much concerned about the problem of - Satan. Now publishing a book entitled - "The Devil".

In this Papini declares that he has spoken with Satan five times. "The devil" he writes, "is the most wretched of all creatures, and therefore is basically the most in need of mercy." He asks his readers to pray for the devil, arguing - that God eventually will forgive Satan.

Today the Vatican replied by saying that Papini's new book is banned automatically. No action taken. The Vatican explaining that, hundreds of years ago, the medieval church condemned this same doctrine, ruling - that to advocate the final salvation of the devil was heresy.

TONGAY

In Miami, today, Russel Tongay was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years in prison. Tongay - convicted in the death of his five-year-old daughter, the child swimming star, who succumbed to injuries in a high dive. The testimony was that the father forced the girl to make dangerous dives, risking her life, in his ambition to train a child prodigy - of the water.

GODFREY

The Connecticut State Police are keeping a "watchful eye" on the home of Mrs. Yvonne Goldsmith, at Ridgefield. She has been receiving threatening letters of the crackpot variety, together with a lot of other messages thru the mail.

Mrs. Goldsmith is the lady who rebuked Arthur Godfrey - after he told, on TV, how he had got a new variety of dog by crossing a Weimaraner with a German shepherd. A weimaraner - being a canine blueblood of the most aristocratic sort. Mrs. Goldsmith is President of the Weimaraner Club of America, which is dedicated to the purity of the weimaraner breed. A crime - to cross that illustrious canine with a dog of lower pedigree.

Arthur Godfrey took it all with a good-natured laugh - but, it seems, a lot of people were indignant about Mrs. Goldsmith's notion of aristocracy in dogdom. People - who believe in canine democracy.

She got a flood of mail - including threatening letters. ~~They~~

Today, Lieutenant Henry Mayo of the Connecticut State Police said he had read some of the messages. So the state police are keeping a "watchful eye" on the home of the President of the Weimaraner Club of America.

PROFESSOR

This country has too many - string beans. So says the professor and you might think he was talking about - vegetables. But not at all. The professor is the Harvard anthropologist , Ernest Hooton, famous for coming out with startling ~~amazing~~ declarations. By "string bean" he means - the long, lean and skinny. Professor Hooton says he checked the physical measurements of fifty thousand soldiers, marines and sailors. More than twenty-two percent were, the elongated type string beans.

But what's wrong with the string bean? Professor Hooton says their muscles are under-developed. Their leg muscles thin and feeble. People used to be shorter, better muscled and had better legs.

The common supposition is that Americans are taller because of better nutrition - more and better food. But the professor says that's nonsense. He argues that it's because of a decreasing death rate among children.

He says that, in former times, the weaker babies died of diptheria, scarlet fever or some other disease.

Today, they are saved by modern medicine and they are the type likely to grow up tall, and not muscular. The string beans.

So what's to be done about it? Well, the professor has an answer. Tall people should not marry tall people. An elongated man should wed a small girl. A tall woman should have "shorty" for a husband. Harry - the string bean should marry the shrimp. That's all the news I have time for today, Harry, - unless you have some news about the day!