

Substitute YALTA - COMMENT.

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The Yalta papers were ready for publication in December. But the British were opposed. So the publication was held up until now.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, today, explained: "The general reaction in Congress was to publish them - rather than to hold them on a restricted basis. This was the view of both Republicans and Democrats," the Secretary added.

We hear there was another reason for the date of publication - nine P.M. last evening. Two New York newspapers had procured copies, <sup>and</sup> were about to print them.

Today, Secretary of State Dulles was asked - would the publication end the controversy over Yalta? He replied: "I expect the controversy to go on through the ages."

## YALTA - REACTION

The publication of the Yalta Papers makes no hit - with the sole survivor of that famous Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting. In London, Prime Minister Churchill is - thoroughly displeased. In the House of Commons, today, he made frosty remarks. Which add up - to the following.

Churchill consented to this American publication - reluctantly. Being told - that the ~~x~~ secret record would be given out in Washington, anyway. The word in London is that the British Government was informed, only twenty-four hours in advance, of the decision to publish.

Churchill told the Commons today that the American documents contain - "serious mistakes." *And he* ~~he~~ mentioned one. ~~x~~

~~in a memorandum concerning Yalta negotiations with Stalin on~~

~~the subject of Poland~~ Churchill represented as saying - he

didn't "care much" for the Poles. Today he ~~declared xxxxxx~~ *said - he fought at*

~~as xxxxxx the suggestion xxx and pointed xxx to the xxx~~

Yalta for ~~he made xxxxxx~~ *And* the freedom of Poland. This, actually, is

borne out by the ~~general tenor of the~~ documents released in

Washington. <sup>✓</sup> Churchill didn't mention any other alleged "serious mistakes." But he said - it would have been well if he had been consulted about the text of the material released last night. He pointed out sharply - that it was an American version of Yalta. <sup>That</sup> The British version <sup>is</sup> ~~might be~~ - ~~somewhat~~ different. <sup>And</sup> <sup>is</sup> Churchill <sup>is</sup> now considering - the publication of the British version.

In ~~B~~ Parliament, Sir Winston said he considered it "undesirable" for such secret information to be revealed so soon. Ten years later - as it happens. He thought - it might make it more difficult to arrange a top level conference with Soviet Russia. The Kremlin might fear - ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> early publication of secrets in any Bulganin-Churchill-Eisenhower conference.

YALTA - TEXT

The Yalta Papers are a mammoth production. The New York Times <sup>fills</sup> ~~prints~~ more than thirty newspaper pages <sup>with the Yalta matter</sup> ~~five~~. I've been wading through that ocean of words, today - and the general picture comes out pretty clearly.

At that Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting, ten years ago, there were three principal points of discussion - the Far East, the question of Poland, the future of defeated Germany.

The U.S. Chiefs-of-Staff wanted to get Soviet Russia into the war against Japan. That has been stated previously. Now - the secret memoranda show that, weeks before Yalta, Stalin - had agreed. Moreover, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had a secret report - indicating that the atomic bomb was about ready to do its devastating work. That was the background for a talk between Roosevelt and Stalin. Churchill - not present.

Stalin made demands, and F.D.R. agreed, pretty much, with what he wanted. Which concerned islands, the Kuriles and



Sakhalin. But, most of all - Manchuria. The harbor of Dairen, the Port Arthur naval base. And - control of Manchurian railroads. F.D.R. suggested ways by which this could be arranged. ~~It~~ <sup>It</sup> resulted in - Soviet control of Manchuria. Which played a great part in the rise of Red China.

Chiang Kai-shek had not been consulted, when F.D.R. made Manchurian arrangements with Stalin. ~~The President~~ <sup>The President</sup> told Stalin this - repeatedly. Although, of course, they were dealing with property - which, theoretically, was Chinese. And Chiang Kai-shek was our ally. It was agreed that Chiang's consent should be obtained - later on.

As for Poland - that was principally a battle between Stalin and Churchill. With Churchill - ~~putting up a tough~~ <sup>putting up a tough</sup> ~~stubborn battle~~ trying to procure freedom for Poland. But - in vain. President Roosevelt was concerned about the Polish vote in the United States. Saying - he wanted a "gesture" to pacify the Polish-Americans.

~~then, finally, he agreed with Stalin~~

As for Germany, the secret record presents a pitiful picture - of vain and futile projects. The Roosevelt-Churchill-

Stalin conference agreed - that Germany should be broken up.  
Divided - into separate sections. Each - an independent state.  
Also - that Germany should pay tremendous reparations to  
Soviet Russia. Billions - in the form of merchandise. And -  
forced labor.

The discussions regarding Germany have a sardonic  
sound, these days. For example, one Stalin suggestions - with  
which F.D.R. agreed. That, after the final defeat of Germany,  
fifty thousand German officers should be executed.

The charges are made that Stalin got all he demanded  
at Yalta. Well, he didn't get all. But he did get a lot.  
In return he gave promises mostly - which were never kept.

One curious feature is, the prominence of the name of  
Alger Hiss in the secret Yalta documents. Hiss - later sent to  
prison for perjury in connection with Communist espionage.  
Much information now disclosed is derived from notes made by  
Alger Hiss - who was a member of the American delegation at

Yalta. Hiss, exceedingly busy apparently, in keeping up the record. Tonight, Alger Hiss, acknowledged that he was the author of one Yalta memorandum - in which he argued against giving the Soviets three votes in the U.N.

That's a quick resume - after wading through that ocean of words, the secret record of the Yalta Conference.

## EISENHOWER

In Nineteen Fifty-Two, a group of prominent Republicans met with General Eisenhower, and urged him to be the Republican candidate for President. General Ike listened, and was -- non-committal. Later, of course, he did head the Republican ticket.

Today, that same group met with President Eisenhower - at lunch in the White House. Their purpose - of a similar sort. Now - urging him to be the Republican candidate again. So what reply did they get?

Well, they got an invitation back to lunch next year, in the Spring of Nineteen Fifty-Six. When - they may learn more. The President - putting matters off until a year from now.

One of the luncheon guests, Congressman Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, said: "The President commented that the state of the world, next Spring - might cause him to have something to say one way or the other."



## EARTHQUAKE.

The Navy has warned all ships - in the area of Hawaii. Telling them - there's likely to be a huge tidal wave.

This follows word of a violent earthquake off the coast of Siberia - off Kamchatka. A kind of disturbance that usually sends a tidal wave - rolling across the Pacific.

## MONTREAL

In Montreal, a hockey game began this evening. A crucial game - between the Montreal Canadiens and the Detroit Redskins. The two teams tied for first place. Battling on the ice - to break the tie.

Into the arena came the President of the National Hockey League, Clarence Campbell - and then the turmoil broke loose. The crowd enraged with the League President for suspending a Montreal star, Maurice Richards - for the remainder of the season. They bombarded him with eggs, tomatoes, and water bombs. One man punched him in the face - and a teargas bomb was tossed.

~~The President had to get out,~~ Officials stopped the game. Awarding it to Detroit - on a forfeit. Which put the Redskins ahead one game. With only two games to go - ending the season.

## NAPLES

There's wonder and mystification in the old city of Naples. Because of what seems to be - a sort of modern miracle.

Every day, crowds of shabbily dressed people, the needy and hungry, go to a humble home, in a poor section of Naples. There they find a veritable banquet - awaiting them. Gallons of soup, piles of cheese, baskets of fruit.

All - provided by a benevolent character with a white beard. Who, so far as anyone can tell - is a bankrupt, <sup>—</sup>stone broke. When asked - where does he get the money for all the charity? He replies - "Providence."

Twenty-four years ago, Teodoro Mandato went from Naples to Rome - where he became a rag picker. In a dozen years - he was rich. With a huge business - dealing in rags. Living in a sumptuous villa, with servants, automobiles. Then, because of matters connected with Fascism and war, his fortune collapsed - and he was bankrupt. He went back to Naples, to his old neighborhood. Telling people - he was as penniless as when he left.

A couple of years ago, his daughter Rosa quit school suddenly, and went into solitude - in a room in the family ~~home~~ home. Wearing - a flowing white robe. Her father says: "Rosa lives a supernatural life."

Soon afterward, the miracle of charity began. The bankrupt rag man - opening his house, every day, to the poor. Providing them - with abundant food. He explains: "Through my daughter, I have been informed by the Most High - that I must help the poor." But where he gets the money - is a mystery.

Church authorities began an investigation. But, thus far, have made no statement. Either they <sup>are</sup> are still investigating, or have found a satisfactory explanation - and have dropped the matter. Of this apparent miracle - which sounds rather like the Miracle of the Loaves and the Fishes.

## BANDITS

At River Forest, Illinois, sixteen people had a terrifying experience - in a bank. Ten bank employees and six customers were there - when four bandits walked in. Well, it must be terrifying - to be in any hold-up. But this one was really nerve wracking. Because, the bandits - got confused.

One, armed with a submachine gun, shouted: "Hands up!" But another, also brandishing a machine gun, yelled: "Keep your hands down."

The bank employees and the customers didn't know what to do. Some hands up! others - down!

Then the order came from one of the bandits: "Stand there against the wall!" But another bandit commanded: "Sit down!"

By now - the victims *really were jumpy!*  
~~were out of their minds~~

Luckily, in the confusion of bandit commands, the submachine guns didn't do any shooting. The robbers contenting themselves with grabbing a bundle of cash, and making a getaway.

~~High, how would you like it? Bandits with submachine guns giving you - opposite orders.~~



## ST. PATRICK

Dublin had a huge St. Patrick's Day parade - as usual. Weather - bright and dry. But pubs - not at all bright. Dry as the Sahara! Ireland - having ~~ASBARK~~ one day of prohibition enforcement on its greatest of days. The government - forbidding the sale of liquor. To keep order, and stop the old Irish pastime of getting into fights - on St. Patrick's Day. So it was dry all right - but, the shamrock still remained green.

Now you've never told me, Hugh. But you're Irish aren't you? If so I hope you will not wind up in a donnybrook tonight!