

RUMOR

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Speculation is widespread tonight following today's disclosure by a Paris newspaper that Josef Stalin may call a Big Four conference in Berlin, late this month. The news was banner headlined by the "aurore" and also appeared yesterday in the British Sunday paper "the People". The Paris paper claims its information from "highly placed sources in Stockholm" which report that Stalin will call a conference to end the Korean war and bring about a general reconciliation between East and West. This confirmed the word of the London paper which gave its sources as Bonn, capital of West Germany.

R "According to highly placed sources in Stockholm" said Aurore, "the Soviet Marshal is now in the process of putting the final touches on a solemn declaration to President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Prime Minister Plevin." Both newspapers agreed on the outline of the Soviet note. These include the ending of the Korean war at the present battlelines - the boundary suggested by the U N command and rejected

by the Chinese and North Koreans, and the holding of free elections throughout Germany on terms proposed by the United States, France and Britain. The papers also reveal that Stalin would be willing to attend such a conference in person - to discuss not only Germany, but also all outstanding questions in Europe, such as the Austrian peace treaty. ^R It seems that Uncle Joe is getting ready to ^{cast} ~~EEEE~~ himself in the role of peace-maker at a Berlin Big Four meeting. →

FOLLOW RUMOR

First reaction in western Europe to the news of a possible East-West meeting in Berlin seems favorable. London diplomatic quarters believe Russia may definitely be both ready and eager for a Big Four parley as suggested.

The message from General Sloger's headquarters stated the news that "the time for bidding is over" -- the Soviet Government failed to strike, and strike hard.

The word from London is that General Sloger's broadcast was taken as such a sign of success. The reported break between the Chinese and North Korean Generals. This message was reported some earlier by allied intelligence, which again state that "the Chinese have an obvious but another costly winter campaign," while the North Koreans are determined to win a political victory. In other words, via a cease-fire along the line of the Thirty-eighth Parallel.

TRUCE

From Tokyo today, the "Voice of the United Nations Command" broadcast what may be its last message to the Communists. (The Red leaders were told that they must make up their minds quickly between an "honorable armistice" and an all-out winter war in Korea. The message from General Ridgway's headquarters warned the Reds that "the time for bluffing is over" -- the United Nations is poised to strike, and strike hard.)

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The word from Tokyo is that General Ridgway's broadcast was framed in such a way as to broaden the reported breach between the Chinese and North Korean Generals. This dispute was reported ~~XXXX~~ earlier by allied intelligence, whose agents state that "the Chinese have no stomach for another costly winter campaign," while the North Koreans are determined to win a political victory. In other words, win a cease-fire along the line of the Thirty-eighth "Parallel.

Meanwhile, London gives out a statement fully supporting the United Nations position - that the present military front ~~is~~ must be the boundary in any cease-fire agreement.

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Somewhere in Korea this morning as an icy gale whipped across an allied airstrip, a veteran pilot remarked: "This is no day for flying. I wouldn't unless ordered to do so." However, a gale was no ^(deterrent) ~~obstacle~~ to the black nosed Constellation then coming in to land. It was General Ridgway's own aircraft, with a very special passenger aboard - General Omar Bradley. ^π At the field to meet General Bradley and General Ridgway, was General James Van Fleet, Commander of the Eighth Army. ~~It was~~ General Bradley's first visit to the war zone, and General Van Fleet was there to take the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on a ^{fast} ~~living~~ tour of the battlefield. Dressed in green field uniform, ~~with~~ a "forty-five" at his hip, General Bradley started his day with calls on Corps and Divisional Commanders in the battle zone. We learn that both Ridgway and Van Fleet seemed ^{in high spirits,} ~~unrelaxed,~~ smiling continually, and "seemed ^{ing} much more enthusiastic" than during previous visits to the front.

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Also at the ~~site~~ were Major General Hodes

and Rear Admiral Arleigh Burke, two of the cease-fire negotiators.

KOREAN WAR

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In Korea today, the weather took a hand - bogging down trucks and grounding planes. Reports tell of blinding rain and heavy mud, which has slowed down the U N's seven day offensive. Word is that Communist resistance is also stiffening, and in the East Korean mountains, American and French infantrymen drove off repeated fanatical attacks around Heartbreak Hill.

At another point, General Bradley and his party visited a sector where South Koreans were engaged in a ~~gam~~ hand to hand battle for three strategic hills. Late word - the ~~RxRxR~~ R O K troops have captured their objectives and are ~~RxR~~ diggin in.

CHINA

The news wire tonight tells of "column after column" of heavy guns, tanks and other military equipment streaming past ^{!"} ~~the Saltung Gate.~~ Which all sounds very like ~~the~~ Red Square, in Moscow, or the Unter Den Linden in Hitler's Day. But the dispatch bears the dateline - Peking. The age old "purple forbidden city," capital of Kublai Khan and of the Manchu Dynasty of China, was the scene today of a monster military demonstration. We learn that more than four hundred thousand Chinese troops marched through the giant Tienan-Men Square ^{-- and there saluted} ~~- before~~ Mao Tse-Tung, "while flights of planes whirled through brilliant autumn skies overhead." As Mao took the reviewing stand, a seven hundred piece military band struck up with China's new marching song - "The East is Red". It was to the sound of marching feet and the rumble of tanks and roar of aircraft that China heralded its ~~XXXXX~~ second year as a People's Republic, ~~in the fabulous city the~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~of Marco Polo~~

ATOMIC

Our top military leaders call for a huge expansion of the nation's atomic program. Secretary of Defense Lovett and the Joint Chiefs of Staff tell Congress that we must back atomic development with more billions. They want a new program of about the same magnitude as that suggested by Chairman of the Congressional atomic committee, Senator MacMahon of Connecticut.

He proposed six billion dollars as the figure.

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At the United Nations tonight, the British took a setback -- in the Iranian oil dispute. Previously, the Security Council agreed to hear Britain's case. The vote, on that, was nine to two -- Soviet Russian and Jugoslavia voting no. Then the British wanted the Security Council to come to a decision in the next couple of days, but the Iranian delegate asked for a postponement of ten days - to allow enough time for Premier Mohammed Mossedegh to make the trip ~~ISM~~ from Teheran to Lake Success.

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SUB IRAN

The Iranian government refuses to admit British warships to enter the harbor at Abadan -- for the purpose of removing the British technicians. Earlier in the day the news was that London had decided to give in to the Iranian demand that the oil company employees be taken out by Thursday. London said they would be evacuated twenty-four hours in advance of that, and asked permission for the Cruiser Mauritius to steam into the harbor, and take them aboard. But the Teheran government says - no. Adding that only motor boats will be allowed in - these to convoy three hundred and thirty oil men to the warship.

IRAN

From Abadan ~~tonight~~^{the} comes news that Britain will evacuate its three hundred and thirty oil men from the giant refinery this week. ~~The tanker Mauretius which has been standing by off the oil port for several weeks, will take aboard the men Wednesday one day before the Iranian ultimatum expires. The news~~ was given out by Alec Mason, Assistant General Manager of the Anglo-Iranian Oil company, and followed protests from the British technicians that they would rather leave voluntarily "than become political pawns in the crisis."

FOLLOW IRAN

At Abadan, some of the oilmen who have been separated from their families for more than three months and subjected to daily humiliations by the Iranian officials, were highly critical of the British government's handling of the dispute. As one man put it bitterly "It's been a policy of shilly-shally from the beginning."

~~Meanwhile the British government has asked permission from Premier Mossadegh to send its warships alongside on Wednesday for the technicians to go aboard.~~

ARGENTINA

(In Argentina, Peron blames the recent revolt on former U.S. Ambassador Spruille Braden.) Peron dates this back to Nineteen Forty-five - saying that, at that time, Braden laid the groundwork for the insurrection. Which seems to go back quite a bit, six years. ^{Braden} ~~Peron~~ ridicules the charge as "utterly ~~absurd~~ absurd."

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WRIGHT FIELD

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We have been hearing a lot about government officials getting presents, all the way from perfumes and hams to free vacations. Not to forget - those famous deep freezers of a couple of years ago. So now the scandal of the giving of gifts has invaded the shrine of American air power - Wright Field, center of research and planning for the sixteen million dollar ~~PRER~~ program.

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All this is disclosed with charges made by

Lieutenant-General Rawlings, Commander At Wright Field.

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FARMER

National attention is focused on an Illinois cornfield -- but the farmer doesn't think so much of it. (The census bureau announced that the center of population of this country has shifted westward from Indiana across the border into Illinois -- and is now situated near the town of Olney.) They are preparing to mark the spot - which is in the middle of a cornfield belonging to farmer Carl Snyder. The idea doesn't appeal to him at all. Maybe he's thinking about sightseers, wandering and trampling around - not so good for the corn.

The rural dialogue, is quoted by the United Press dispatch. The farmer told his wife: "They say the center of the United States is over there in the cornfield just south of those thorn bushes."

The farmer's wife asked: "How much they gonna charge us?"

"Nothing, I reckon" replied the farmer.

"Well" demanded the farmer's wife, "what do we get out of it?"

"Nothing, I guess" the farmer grumbled, "and I don't want any marker in my cornfield."

Well, I don't know what he'll do about it,

because the town of Olney is planning a civic ceremony to set up the marker in ~~the cornfield~~ ^{Farmer Snyder's cornfield} which is now, ^{Nelson's} the population center of the U.S.A.

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BASEBALL

The ball game was featured by -- the big plan, the spectacular exploit. Meaning, the home run and the double ~~xx~~ play. All the runs in the game were made by slamming the ball out of the lot. The one Dodger marker, a home run by Pafko - while the ~~G~~Giants got a couple. A two run homer by Bobby Thomson, and a one run four bagger for MonteIrvin, all of which adds up to the final ~~xxxxx~~ score, the Giants defeating Brooklyn by three to one, Ralph Branca pitched a good game, gave only five hits -- but the homers killed him.

The Brooklyn attack was wiped out by the double plays - four of them.

One of which ended the game with dramatic excitement. With "Pee Wee" Reese on base, Duke Snider grounded out, and Reese was trapped and nailed in a rundown.

So the game was featured by home run and ~~xx~~ double play - not forgetting a ~~xxxxx~~ strike out

exhibition by Hearn. In one stretch, facing seven batters, he struck out five.

The unhappy Dodgers ~~me~~ remind me of our own Nine Old Men on Saturday. ~~Playing softball~~ with Jimmie Melton's T V stars, ^{Nelson,} we were unluckier, even, than the Brooklyn Dodgers!

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