

ATOMIC

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The first atomic talks with Soviet Russia will begin on Monday morning - when Moscow Ambassador Zarubin will go to the State Department, and meet Secretary Dulles. They'll begin the preliminary discussion- to settle the time, place and agenda for a full scale conference. "Procedural matters."

In London, the British government wants to be - declared ~~declared~~ in. So stated by a spokesman for the British Foreign office, today. Britain has not made a formal request for an invitation, but the spokesman ~~sia~~ said, Her Majesty's government would "welcome" one - after those "procedural" discussions in Washington.

The British have exploded atomic bombs, and consider themselves, in the words of the spokesman - "one of the major atomic powers."

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Washington announces that a task force of the Navy will set out for the atomic proving grounds - this month.

An armada ~~is~~ proceeding to Bikini and Eniwetok - for a test of atom and hydrogen bombs.

It had been announced previously that a "deliverable" H-bomb would be dropped from a B-36 -- in a daring experiment. That will be the dramatic feature of the new tests - for which the ships will start out this month.

SOVIET GUIDED MISSILE

In the Soviet zone of Germany, a statement - that Russia has a trans-Atlantic guided missile. This emanates from Baron Egbert Von Frankenberg. Which name doesn't sound *a bit* ~~like~~ Communist. But the Baron is a former Nazi Air Force Colonel, who now has gone over to the Reds. A leader in a sort of Nazi Communist Party.

He says the Soviets have, what he calls, "a two stage guided rocket, capable of trans-Atlantic ~~and~~ purposes." This, he intimates, was developed from the German V-2 -- the wartime rocket, which has been a basis for development over here.

We don't know how much there may be in this. In the present State of technical advancement, its almost impossible to imagine a trans-Atlantic rocket capable of being guided for several thousand miles with any accuracy.

SOVIET JAZZ

Of late, we've been having evidence - how the arts in Soviet Russia are in rebellion against bureaucratic tyranny. Mighty different from the days of Stalin - when the Kremlin dictated artistic policy to writers, painters, musicians.

The latest - from a Moscow jazz band leader. We don't think of swing and jitterbug in Russia, but Leonid Utyosov is called the Soviet "King of Jazz."

Utyosov takes a fling at the horrors of American be-bop, but praises jazz composers like George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, and Duke Ellington.

But the main thing is - the blast against the bureaucrats. The Soviet King of Jazz declaring: "We are sick and tired of being told what kind of music is good for the Soviet people. All types are good, except the dull kind. Our people ~~xxx~~ want to sing and dance and laugh."

Shades of Stalin! Who certainly gave the Russian people little reason to sing and dance and laugh.

SABOTAGE

It isn't often that we have occasion to sympathize with Red regimes behind the Iron Curtain. But - pity the government of Czechoslovakia.

Communist bosses are always yelling "sabotage". When anything goes wrong. And that's the pathetic word - emanating from Czechoslovakia. "Sabotage" - simply devilish.

The Reds report ~~sixth~~ that the Anti-Communist underground sent notices to the employees of the government railroad. Circulars distributed in railway stations, workshops, and offices throughout the country.

These notices announced - a bonus. Every railroad worker to get - extra money. Three hundred crowns each for the unmarried - about forty-one dollars. Five hundred crowns, sixty-nine dollars -for married workers.

So there was rejoicing all along the line of the Czechoslovak railroads. Hurrah for the bonus.

Then the truth came out - sabotage. The bubble

burst, and there was what a government newspaper calls -
"confusion and consternation." The railroad system - half
disrupted.

FRANCE

In Paris, Premier Laniel has given assurance to West Germany that France has no intention of weakening, or watering down - the treaty for a European defense community. Action taken - to counter the campaign in France against the E D C. Word passed around - that the treaty would be modified - in a way to keep West Germany in a subordinate position. Premier Laniel now saying - there will be no such modification.

YUGOSLAVIA

Yugoslavia says - its ready to negotiate with any new government formed in Italy. The regime of Marshal Tito willing to discuss an arrangement in the dispute over Trieste.

Today one of Tito's diplomatic officials told a news conference - that Yugoslavia has no intention to take advantage of the political crisis in Rome. When the Italians get a new Premier, the Yugoslavs will negotiate on Trieste.

the U.S. Air Force.

It would seem, but U.S. officials are inclined to think - that the Yugoslav position is as exact about what he says. They found that he tried to enter this country in the capital city, but was turned back because he had no entry permit. He had just walked across the border with the passport.

S U B S T I T U T E J E T

Today, in Vermont, the authorities picked up a Yugoslav who sneaked across the border from Canada. He had a suitcase, and in this they found - plans of a jetplane, The Yugoslav, whose name is Premovic, said - it was a new type of plane which would revolutionize jets. He, an engineer, the inventor. His intention - to present the plans to the U.S. Air Force.

It sounded odd, but U.S.officials are inclined to think - that the Yugoslav engineer is in earnest about what he says. They found that he tried to enter this country in the regular way, but was turned back- because he had no entry permit. So he just walked across the border - with the aircraft plans in a suitcase.

ATROCITY FILM

There's immediate protest in Congress - over the withdrawal of a television film depicting Red atrocities in Korea. The Army produced the film, and said - it was being held up by the State Department. The release of the atrocity pictures considered - not "opportune."

Coming - shortly before the Berlin meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four.

~~This is denied by the State Department, and a later version is that the decision was made jointly by the defense department and the State Department.~~ An official of the Defense Department says - the film contains errors, and needs to be checked and re-edited.

MISSING

At Falls City, Nebraska, ~~many~~ people noted a name on the military melancholy list put out by the army - the list of men "missing, and presumed dead" in Korea. The name - Don Werner of Falls City.

Everybody knew how Don had gone into the Army, and off to Korea. So there he was listed as "missing, presumed dead." You'd think people would be sad about poor Don. But, today, they were laughing. Loudest of all - Don.

Today, at Falls City, he said: "Snafu". He came back from Korea eighteen months ago, and has been driving a bread wagon ever since.

~~(He might have quoted Mark Twain, who called a report of his own death - "greatly exaggerated." But the G I's have more vivid ways of expressing themselves about that old Army custom - 'snafu.~~

TRUMAN

There's a curious angle ~~is~~ in the denial from former President Truman - a denial that ~~is~~ he ever called the Alger Hiss case a "Red herring". He declares that a newspaper man said - "Red herring", ^{that} And he agreed.

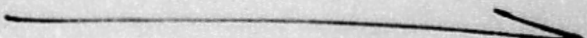
This develops in a film interview with Columnist Drew Pearson, for television.

"The facts in the case," says the former President, "are that, at a press conference one morning - some young man asked me if the action of the Un-American Activities Committee was not in the form of a Red herring? And I said - it might be".

To which H.S.T. adds: "That's where it started. I never made any statement that there was a Red herring."

The curious angle in this denial comes - when we take a look at a transcript of that White House news conference. It shows that the former President is correct - in telling about the reporter's question. And - his own reply - but there's more to it. →

The newsmen asked Mr. Truman - could they quote him directly about the Red Herring? And the unofficial transcript gives the Truman reply as follows: "Yes, *And then he added: -* you can quote me." "They are using this thing as a Red herring to keep from doing what they ought to do." ^{So} said H.S.T.

It may be that the former President remembers the first part of all this, but not the second part. ~~In~~ the mystery of the "red herring". 

ADD TRUMAN

Today, President Truman was asked about his denial,
and replied: "The Communists I handled, I put in jail. I
convicted my communists. That's how I took care of them.
I'm the only one who ever sent a Communist to jail," ^{So} said
H.S.T. today.

In Albany, Governor Dewey announces that he'll ask the legislature to increase the tax on harness racing. He'll suggest - a "substantial increase".

There has been plenty of talk - that the harness tracks ~~aren't~~ don't pay as much as the ordinary race horse business. So that's to be rectified. Governor Dewey explaining: "One of the evils of harness racing is that there is so much loose ~~in~~ money around - and gangsters move in. That situation," he adds, "will not continue."

The extra tax money will be used to finance a twenty-five million dollar program for education. New York City, for example, to get ten million, five hundred thousand; In addition to its regular allotment - of eighty-nine millions,

Education to get a cut of the multimillions the suckers lose - betting on the races.

UNION

The former head of the Longshoremens union was indicted today - for taking money from a firm, which hired members of his own union. Joseph P. Ryan, resigned recently as President of the I L A -- after that union had been thrown out of the A F of L on charges of gansterism and corruption. Ryan was already indicted for stealing forty-five thousand dollars of union funds. Now a second indictment, accusing him of taking twenty-five hundred dollars from the business firm, in violation of the Taft-Hartley act.

Along with him, six other union officials were indicted. Charged with extorting thirty-six thousand dollars from the American Sugar Refining Company - by threatening the company with strikes.

BOBO

Well, Bobo had to surrender today - Poor Bobo.

Compelled to accept five million, five hundred thousand

dollars of Rockefeller money. Reports had said - the

daughter of ^{the} a Lithuanian miner was holding out for Ten

Million. But ~~her~~ estranged husband, Winthrop Rockefeller,

gave her an ultimatum; ~~deadline story~~ - five and a half

million or nothing. Bobo wasn't taking "nothing". She

gave in -- reluctantly, she says, ~~Because~~ of strings

attached to the money for herself and small son.

AUTOMOBILE RACE

For the first time, there will be an American entry in an automobile race-considered the toughest in Europe. A two thousand mile dash - from Lisbon to Monte Carlo. Through the Mountains of Portugal and Spain, and across the craggy Pyrenees - then along in Southern France.

So who's the American daredevil? Well, there are two of them - a college professor and his wife, the parents of five children. Professor Frederick Cramer teaches at Mount Holyoke College, in Massachusetts. Mrs. Cramer has plenty of housework - with those five kids. But they^are automobile enthusiasts, and will go speeding - in that most rugged race.

What kind of car? They'll drive an Aero-Willys, in which they hope to beat out veteran drivers from all over Europe. An Aero-Willys in that thriller of motor speed, ~~over~~ the Pyrenees / from Lisbon to Monte Carlo.

QUEEN

Another interesting stop - for Queen Elizabeth, in her tour of the British commonwealth. Today, she and the Duke of Edinburgh were at a town in New Zealand - which certainly brought back memories of England.

Stratford, New Zealand - named after the birthplace of Shakespeare; on the River Avon too. The streets of the town - named after Shakespearean characters. So Her Majesty could stroll along thoroughfares with names like - Hamlet Street, MacBeth Road or Falstaff Alley; Romeo Blvd. or strolling down Juliet Avenue. A poetic town in the southern hemisphere. Mike, for an Irishman like you, the place to be would be on Midsummer Night's Dream promenade.