

Today Prime Minister Attlee, in New York, paid his respects to the United Nations. Visiting top-ranking officials of the U.N. after the conclusion of his conferences in Washington with President Truman. At the U N he finds that not everybody is pleased with the communique that was issued today at the conclusion of the Truman-Attlee talks.

The principle disappointment was expressed by the Indian delegation -- because, according to the Indians the conference did not produce more specific agreements for talking terms with Red China. The word ~~XXXXX~~ is that India is going to demand an offer from the western powers - to establish a buffer zone between the contending forces in Korea.

The Truman-Attlee communique states that the United States and Great Britain are willing to talk peace with Communist China - on terms of an independent ~~and~~ Korea. But they will not agree to withdraw troops in the face of aggression. If the Chinese Reds want war, the western allies will continue the fight. The President pledges that this country will not use the atom bomb.

Truman and Attlee came to no agreement on the question of admitting Red China to the United Nations. The British are in favor, while our government continues to oppose. But, the communique states that this difference of opinion will not affect British-American unity.

TP Formosa? *Its fate to be left to the U.N.*
~~American Seventh Fleet will continue to guard that Island from the Chinese Reds.~~

Much attention was devoted to the question of Europe - with an agreement that both the United States and Great Britain shall increase their armed strength as rapidly as possible. Both countries are in "complete agreement" on the necessity ^{for} "immediate action" in building up the defenses of western Europe. A supreme West European commander is to be named - soon.

Undoubtedly General Eisenhower.

~~They decided, likewise, on measures for preventing strategic war materials from getting into countries behind the Iron Curtain. Which was~~

SUB KOREA

OFFICIAL word from Korea states that ^(C)contact has been made with the column of ~~marines~~ ^M and infantry units that made the break-through from the Chosin ^Rreservoir. An advance party of the U.S. Tenth Army Corps fought its way to the escaped column, for a meeting at a point about twenty-five miles from Hamhung. That's the ~~main~~ goal for the twenty thousand retreating leathernecks and G I's. All day long, official secrecy covered the movement of the column -- until tonight, the news came that the forces had been joined.

In the sector of the Eighth Army, the lull still continues, with ominous news of the massing of Reds for an all-out assault. It seems only a matter of hours before a big battle will begin - the Communists assaulting the defense line north of Seoul. Frightened Koreans in the capital have the pessimistic belief that the Chinese Reds will be in Seoul in two weeks.

SUB ROSENBERG

There was emotional drama at a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee this evening, when Mrs. Anna Rosenberg faced a witness who testified that he had seen her at a Communist front meeting. Ralph Desola of New York, a former Communist, identified the New York woman, appointed by President Truman to be assistant Secretary of Defense. Mrs. Rosenberg denied she had ever seen Desola, and said it was a case of "mistaken identity". She was ~~xx~~ trembling and choking with anger when she left the Committee room.

Committee ~~xx~~ members today had a look at the F B I file on Mrs. Rosenberg, the word is that they found in it "nothing damaging."

SUB CONTROLS

Ford and General Motors reject the government request that they suspend ^{the} increase of prices they have announced. Both of the giant corporations are hiking prices - and tell the Federal authorities they cannot do anything else.

In Washington today Price control authorities intimated that they might force the cancellation of the boosted figures in the automobile field. They say that they have authority, under the law, to compel Ford and General Motors ~~company~~ to refrain from pushing up the prices of motor cars.

Along with this is word that there will not be an immediate freezing of wages and prices. Federal Administrator ^{Michael} Disalle says that plans for wage-price controls are being prepared. But they are not needed for the present.

RENT CONTROL

The Senate has voted rent control, agreeing to the version passed by the House of Representatives - a bill to continue the emergency ceilings on rent control until March Thirty-First.

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PRESS SECRETARY

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ETNA

In Sicily, this was the twelfth day of the eruption of Mount Etna - which increases in violence. Forty craters are pouring out rivers of incandescent rock, and today the streams of lava were approaching two towns. A wall of molten stone crushed twelve outlying buildings, which flamed and were engulfed - while hundreds of villagers watched, and prayed. Yesterday, the people were evacuated, but today they returned. The villagers are used to their volcano, and went back to their houses and fields - ready to flee again.

All of which points up the wonder, often expressed - about the peasants who live under the menace of great fire mountains, like Vesuvius and Etna. That Sicillian peak has been famous for explosive rage ever since human records began. The ancient Greek historian, Thucydides, tells of ~~explosive~~ explosions of Etna in the Fifth and Eighth ^h Centuries B.C. -- going back more than twenty-eight hundred years. During historical time, the mountain has erupted about once every six years. The violence is illustrated by a famous cave - a huge crater

in solid lava. Scientists explain that the spacious cavern was caused by a huge bubble of gas, trapped eons ago - the lava hardening around the giant bubble.

But the lower three thousand feet of Etna are a gradual slope of orchards, olives, vineyards, grain fields - so richly fertilized by volcanic ash, that they produce five crops a year. That's why the peasants cling to those fields, in spite of eruptions - and today they were going back to their villages, although the forty craters of Mount Etna are pouring forth white hot lava.

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IRELAND

We have a new complaint about American movies abroad - this time from Ireland. The protest is that the influence of Hollywood screen romance is causing Irish lads and lassies - to marry for love.

Which is a reminder of a thing we're told sometimes, and may find hard to believe - that the romantic Emerald Isle frowns on romance, not considering matrimony an affair of sentiment. Young Pat and the Colleen don't fall in love and get married - that would be too foolish for the hard headed Irish. But American movies are changing that.

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sometimes took a bit of blarney. "I well recall the day, some thirty years ago," says he, "when a mother and father arrived with their daughter. The moment I saw her, I said to myself - this'll take a couple of hundred pounds in cash and as many cattle as her old man's got." To explain which he added: "Bow legs and cross-eyed she was, with a chest like an ironing board." But soon Dan had a bridegroom picked - though it took a bit of blarneying to persuade the lad. He was a young farmer who could use the land, the money, and the cattle.

Dan O'Reilly told one thing about the many marriages he arranged. Never a one broke up. They lasted. They would - in Ireland.

RUSSIA

Moscow reports the world premiere of a new musical composition. By Shostakovich - a musician of world renown, who has been in and out of the Stalin doghouse. From time to time, he has been denounced for not composing the right kind of proletarian music - and somebody told me, recently, that Shostakovich spent eighteen months in jail. However that may be, he confessed and recanted - and now comes out with a new song.

What kind of criticism? What kind of applause? You can give the answer. The new song by the star Soviet composer is called - "Glory to Stalin." Hitting the high notes, fortissimo - "Glory to Stalin."

KINGS

In London today, a peer of the realm spoke about kings in this modern world of democracy, Soviets, and cold wars. How many kings will be left in ten years? The answer was given by Viscount Samuel, Liberal leader in the House of Lords. He said - five.

How does he figure that out - five? His lordship put it in these words: "A member of a European royal family told me recently," said he, "that there would be only five kings left in the world in ten years. The King of England - and the Kings of spades, hearts, ~~clubs and diamonds~~ diamonds and clubs." The King of England - and a good poker hand!

SUB LEAD TRUMAN LETTER

At Nashville, Tennessee today Margaret Truman said that Paul Hume who covers music for the Washington Post, is a fine critic, and has a right to say what he pleases, even if he does speak unfavorably of her singing. She added, moreover, that she did not believe her father would write the letter attributed to him -- in which he hurled epithets at the music critic, and threatened to punch him in the nose. She refuses to believe that her father, the President, would "use language like that." Margaret Truman said ^{is} ~~that~~ before it was confirmed at the White House that ^A her father did write the letter. After she learned that fact she was silent - no comment.

This is the latest angle of the news that -- President Truman wrote another letter. Paul Hume of the Washington Post did not intend to have it published. But it all/leaked out, and a substantially correct version was printed in the Washington Daily News today.

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TRUMAN-LETTERS

Singer Margaret Truman had a concert in Washington on Tuesday, and critic Paul Hume wrote things like this:

"She cannot sing very well. She is flat a good deal of the time. There are few moments in the recital when one can relax and feel confident that she will make her goal - which is the end of the song."

~~and the critic~~

Then he received a hand-written letter, on White House stationery - and signed "H.S.T." The letter said: "I have just read your lousy review buried in the back pages. You sound like a frustrated old man on a four ulcer job, and all four ulcers working. I never met you," the letter goes on, "but if I do - you'll need a new nose and plenty of beef steak." There's still more, equally abusive.

All of which today was taken to the White House for comment - and, at first, Assistant Press Secretary, Eben Ayres, declared that he doubted the

authenticity of the letter. But, later on, he gave a confirmation - President Truman did write a note to the music critic.

Paul Hume of the Washington Post will make the following comment in his column tomorrow: "I can only say that a man - carrying the terrible burden of the present world crisis, ought to be indulged in an occasional outburst of temper."

And now what kind of final outburst do we get from you, Nelson?