

L.T. - Deleo, Wed., May 18, 1955.

At today's White House Conference, President Eisenhower said - he doesn't believe the American people suspect that he will blunder into any "appeasement trap." At - the forthcoming meeting of the heads of State of the Big Four.

He noted - there seems to be an idea developing of a possible "neutralized" bloc of nations, dividing Soviet Russia from the rest of Europe. He didn't say - if he was for or against it.

We know, of course, that at the top-level meeting, Soviet Russia will press for a "neutralized Germany." Some western diplomats think ~~this~~ this might be acceptable - if the Soviets include their European satellites in a "neutralized" group.

Today, President Eisenhower might have been referring to this. But he was cryptic in what he said.

DISARMAMENT

The London disarmament conference has recessed, for two weeks - and will resume in New York, June First. The recess is to give the western powers and Soviet Russia time to review the progress made in the London discussions of disarmament.

Today, U.S. Representative James J. Wadsworth said - that, in some points, the Russian disarmament proposals are close to previous western suggestions. "The gaps between us, seem to have been lessened," says he.

ALGIERS

In Algiers, the French authorities believe North African terrorists may be led - by former French soldiers who went over to the Communists in Indo-China. These might not necessarily be Frenchmen. The French Army - being mixed. Including - North Africans, Senegalese, etc.

It is known that prisoners captured in Indo-China were indoctrinated with Communism. And some of them were persuaded. Also some were schooled in Communist military tactics, and trained - for leadership in North African rebellion. And there they were sent.

The basis for this opinion is that the North African rebel bands show signs of being directed by leaders with professional training.

SINGAPORE

At Singapore, there's fear of - a new reign of terror. The authorities ^{are} ~~is~~ faced with a sitdown strike by seven thousand Chinese students, under Communist guidance. Three Singapore schools - tied up. Pupils - in revolt.

The connection between schools and riots - is only too plain. The mobs in the savage disorders, last week, were largely made up of students. Then, after order had been restored, the Singapore government ordered the schools to expel all students ~~who~~ identified - as ~~as~~ having taken part in the rioting. ^{And} ~~So now~~ that order is ^{now} the cause of the sit-down strike in the schools. Defying the government - to carry out the expulsions.

(The situation is tense, and the belief is that there may be a decisive show-down, between the authorities and the Red agitators. Today, all police units in Singapore were alerted - for possible new rioting. Military forces - reported to be on "stand by" orders.)

INDIA-UNIONS

At Peiping, there's an "Asian-African Trade Union Conference." A Communist arranged follow up to that Asian African political conference at Bandung. Today, seven Indian delegates to the Peiping affair came home. Having- seceded.

They say the Chinese Reds are trying to "Rope in" the labor unions of Free Asia and Africa.

Abdul Serang, General Secretary of the Indian National Seaman's union, explains that the Chinese Communists are trying to organize a "united front"^{that is} actually - a disguise for domination by the Reds.

He said - the example of Red China is no inspiration to free unionists. "The country" he declares, "is in the grip of police rule."

PLANES

Today, four U.S. Thunderjets ^{went} ~~were~~ streaking through Far Eastern skies. On a record-breaking flight - from Japan to Australia. Tokyo to Newcastle, in Southern Australia - in twelve hours and two minutes. Four thousand eight hundred and forty miles. ^{That's} ~~That's~~ almost the distance from New York to Moscow. The longest ~~ever~~ flown non-stop by a single-engined jet plane.

A refueling job - the fighters refueled from B-29 tanker planes. Over Guam, Port Moresby, New Guinea, and Townsville, Australia.

(At Newcastle, Lieutenant General Roger Ramey, U.S. Fifth Air Force Commander pointed out the significance. He says - refueling can convert small jet fighters into long range bombers. Today's Thunderjets - capable of carrying atomic bombs.)

EISENHOWER-AIR POWER

The President rejects warnings from the Democrats - that the United States may be dropping behind Soviet Russia in air power. He noted our great initial advantage, and remarked:

To say that we have lost, in the twinkling of a eye, all of this technical development and technical excellence, as well as the numbers in our total aircraft, is just not true."

RESERVE

The House of Representatives voted an amendment, this afternoon, to President Eisenhower's military reserve ~~pe~~ plan. An amendment - to ~~xxxx~~ bar racial segregation in the reserves. It was a tentative vote, subject to further decision later.

SUBMARINE

The Navy is launching another atomic submarine. This one - the sea wolf.

Which follows the success of the Nautilus, our first atomic submarine. Now the second - to be launched at Groton, Connecticut in July.

BRAIN WASHING

The Defense Department is getting up a "code of conduct" for soldiers who may become victims of Communist Brainwashing in any future war.

Instructions - how to act, if taken prisoner by Reds. Today, Secretary of Defense Wilson named a ten-man committee to draft what he calls - "a simple, easily understood code."

There's no indication what any such code might prescribe - for prisoners of war captured by Communists.

EISENHOWER - VACCINE

President Eisenhower, today, commended Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, saying - that she, as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, has done a "magnificent job" in the ~~xxx~~ handling of the polio vaccine program. He refused even to discuss demands - that she be fired. Which suggestion was made by Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, who charged Mrs. Hobby with "gross incompetency". The President said that he wouldn't waste his time considering the demand.

2 STEVENSON

Adlai Stevenson, today, used a couple of strong words -- "Trojan horse". He spoke of that kind of animal - in the Democratic party. Which might apply to the southern Democrats who support Eisenhower.

(For example, there's Governor Shivers of Texas, who bolted the Stevenson ticket in Nineteen Fifty-two -- ^{as} an Eisenhower Democrat. Recently, he said - he'd do the same again, if Stevenson were a candidate) ~~xxxxxxxx~~ in Nineteen Fifty-six. So now Adlai talks about - Trojan horses.)

Coming home to Chicago, after a trip to Africa, Stevenson declared: "I am ~~gm~~ against loyalty oaths, but I am very much in favor of loyalty and good faith in politics." He thinks a delegate at a Democratic Convention has "a serious obligation to abide by the majority decision. I don't believe," he added, "that there is any room for the doctrine or rule or ruin, or for Trojan horses.

^{versus}
Trojan horse ~~in the~~ Democratic donkey.

MISSOURI

There's a virtual state of war between the two Houses of the Missouri State Legislature.

The trouble began when representative Charles Foley went over to the Senate Chamber, and started talking with the State Senator Patterson. Conversation - interrupted by the Senate Sergeant-at-arms, Turner Bryan, who told Foley - ~~that~~ the chat he was having with Patterson was contrary to Senate Rules.

That began an argument, in which ^{legislator} Foley took a swing at the Sergeant-at-Arms. The State Senate - thrown into confusion.

Foley and the Sergeant at Arms were herded outside where the argument began all over again. Foley - ~~talking~~ *from way out in left field - ending in midair out in right field.* another swing, State Senators came rushing out, and intervened.

In the middle of the uproar, some jokester lit a firecracker. Which went off - with a bang. Leading to a belief - that a shot had been ~~fr~~ fired. So that completed the pandemonium.

Later on, the Lower House staged a march to the Senate - shouting and shoving their way in. Threatening retaliation - unless the Senate Sergeant at Arms apologizes to representative Foley.

PLOT

A news dispatch from Las Vegas - uses the word "elaborate". Telling of an "elaborate" plot. Well it sure was all of that - intricate and skillful. The leader and mastermind - a police officer. The scheme - ~~a half~~ a million dollar robbery.

At Las Vegas, huge profits from the gambling halls were shipped out by mail. ~~Half~~ A million in cash - to be transferred from the local post office to the Union Pacific station. The money - in charge of a postal messenger. The robbers - intending to hold him up.

The scheme was devised with an intimate knowledge of police routine. Not surprising - with a police officer in it. Just before the hold up, one of the robbers was to call police headquarters, and report a burglary. Which false alarm - would draw the police cars away from the neighborhood of the real crime. Then, after the hold-up, there was to be another ~~ix~~ telephone call, with a fake report - that suspects had been arrested. This, intended to confuse a possible pursuit.

It was ~~Elaborate~~ all right, but there was one thing wrong. The police had a tip from an informer - a stool pigeon. So detectives had the plotters under observation. Letting them carry on - until a few minutes before the time set for the hold-up.

all More "elaborate" than the plotters ever guessed.

HERO

At Newport Rhode Island, Robert Kearsey - was a hero. Today - under arrest.

Twenty-one year old Robert dashed into a blazing rooming house, and aroused the sleeping occupants. Braving the flame and the smoke, he ran through the place - getting them up and out.

But now, the charge is - that he also looted the place. The police claim that, while performing the brave deed - he swiped a clock, worth twenty-five dollars, and a box containing twenty-six dollars.

A life-saving hero and ~~a~~ looter - all at one time - ~~so~~ say the cops.

BRITAIN-WEATHER

In Britain ^{some really unusual} ~~is having a hideous break of~~
weather. A violent blizzard - in May. ~~with~~ Snow
drifts - as deep as five feet. Temperatures - below
freezing. The coldest May weather - in British
history.

Frosty winds have been raising havoc with
ships at sea. At least four shipwrecks - in the
English Channel and the Irish sea. Half a dozen
other vessels - reported in distress.

Snow storms in spring-time! ^{In Kerry} ~~and the~~
^{England} ~~calling this~~ "December in May".

ORGANIST

At Glencoe, a suburb of Chicago, there's a church organist, who certainly knows how to make soulful music.

Today, in a Chicago court, the story was told how Miss Harriet Davis, thirty-five years ~~age~~ old, and her mother, were fascinated by the music of the fifty year old organist, Robert Metzler.

It began in a Chicago Church, and caused embarrassment. Metzler says - he quit his job there, to escape the two entranced listeners.

He transferred over to the church in Glencoe -

where ~~and~~ they followed him! He says he was plagued and pursued.

So he got an injunction - to keep the daughter and the mother from ~~singing~~ coming to the Glencoe Church.

All of which now comes up in court. Harriet Davis explaining - that she's not interested, personally, in Metzler. But she loves ~~his music~~ *the way he plays on that organ.*

"There is something about it," she says.

"Different from the music in any other church. I have an entirely different emotional reaction when I hear him play."

All of which ^{the following} she summarized in three words: "It sends me!"

Well, ^{we} ~~you~~ hear how the jive sends the hepcats, Hugh.

But now - the pipe organ!