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Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden will arrive in Washington tomorrow morning. At the airport Vice President Nixon and Secretary of State Dulles will welcome them - and take them direct to the White House.

Churchill, of course, has often been a guest at the White House. In fact six times since Nineteen Forty One. This time again his host at the Presidential mansion will be his old comrade of World War Two, General now President, Eisenhower.

The White House talks we are told are to be informal. No official agenda. But there seems to be some indication of a note of discord - because of Eden's speech yesterday. The one in which he proposed a treaty for southeast Asia similar to Locarno after World War One. Churchill and Eden are expected to press for such a treaty; not for the Dulles proposal for a Nato of the South Pacific.

Our Secretary of State is said to oppose the Eden plan for two main reasons: That it implies recognition of Red China - which we have turned down in the past. And, it would compel us to rely on the good faith of the Reds - which Dulles regards as suicidal.

Anyway, Churchill, Eden, Eisenhower, and Dulles - will be able to discuss this at length. And both sides are anxious to present a united front to the Iron Curtain countries.

PREMIER - Paris

In Paris today, Premier Mendes France told the National Assembly that Red China has agreed to work toward a quick cease-fire in Indo China. Reporting on his meeting with Chou En Lai, at Bern, Switzerland, Mendes-France said: We agreed to realize as rapidly as possible - a settlement of the military problems.

That point is considered important - because until now the Reds have insisted on treating politics, and the fighting, at the same time. Now, Chou En Lai seems to have agreed to consider the military problem alone.

Mendes France in outlining the results of the Conference, said it is agreed that two of the Indo China states shall be independent - Laos and Cambodia. Then he added: "For Viet Nam, the situation is more complex." Viet Nam being the scene of the fighting. That problem will be taken up at his next meeting with the Chinese Red Foreign Minister. Also with Molotov the next time the Soviet Foreign Minister is in Geneva.

After the Premier had spoken, he asked the

Assembly for a vote of confidence, and got it - in fact an overwhelming one. The vote, four hundred and thirty three to twenty three - one of the strongest votes any French Premier has ever received.

Paris newspapers today were full of optimism. Some tempered by a belief - that Red China is trying to prevent an anti-Communist alliance in Southeast Asia. But all of the Paris papers are happy about the chances for peace in Indo China.

INDO_CHINA

Meanwhile in Indo China the Reds appear to be holding up their big offensive. Perhaps because of a warning that Anthony Eden gave Chou En Lai. The British Foreign Secretary saying that the West would view seriously - any major attack while the Peace Conference is going on. And an attack was expected the middle of this month. Maybe the Reds are waiting to see what the decision is at Geneva.

The Red Chinese Premier left Geneva today for India, to talk it over with Nehru, at New Delhi.

In Indo China there is a rumor that the Reds will not attack again until the conference ends. Hence no action on either side. But the French High command is strengthening its defenses of the Red River Delta. Troops moving in, strong points built up and so on.

FORNOSA

The Nationalists Chinese on Formosa say they're going to step up the air war against the mainland. Because they're getting American sabre jets. The officials ~~hope that~~ the first of the ^{are} planes ~~will~~ ^{to} arrive in August. ~~And they expect to have~~ ^{with} a squadron in action before the end of September.

Until now, Chiang Kai Shek's pilots have been using Thunder jets, ^{which are} ~~these fighters~~ no match for Red migs. That's why the Nationalist airforce wants sabre jets and ^{they} ~~they~~ ^{say they'll launch} ~~promise~~ a full scale air war against the planes of Mao Tse-Tung.

On Formosa it's believed that the Reds have more than three hundred ² bases ² along the coast ² opposite Formosa. So it looks as if things will ^{get} ~~really~~ become hot - as soon as the sabre jets arrive.

DISARMAMENT

Tonight, we have more information about the Disarmament Conference in London that collapsed a few days ago. U.S. delegate Morehead Patterson says we suggested international control of atomic energy, a plan for inspectors in every nation - inspectors with authority to go into Atomic plants, and even shut down those violating the agreement. These inspectors, to operate under the authority of the U N. But, the Russians rejected that-flat-- insisting that each nation should have the right to decide just which of its atomic plants should be inspected, or not inspected.

Also, Britain, and France, proposed ~~xxx~~ that atomic weapons be prohibited - except as defense against aggression. The Russians rejected this. They said that would legalize the atom bomb. Naturally, the Kremlin had a plan too. It suggested a reduction of ordinary armed forces; also what the west calls ~~xx~~ "a paper ban" on atomic weapons.

As Delegate Patterson puts it: "Russia's Program was - ban the bomb and trust the Russians." But

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Britain, France, Canada, and the United States would have none of this. So, it all collapsed.

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This approach says that he passed over it only about 100 miles from Honduras. Scattered through the hills. At headquarters, only about a hundred soldiers in evidence. But the U-P correspondent says that already this has lasted longer than most Latin-American revolts.

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GUATEMALA

Guatemala almost quiet. But things may get violent in a hurry if Colonel Castillo-Armas gets the popular support he hopes for. United Press Correspondent, Francis McCarthy, filing from Honduras, just over the border - says tonight it doesn't look like much of a war. That, so far, the invaders have not lost a single man in combat. Almost no fighting since the invasion began.

Colonel Castillo-Armas says his advance has been slowed down by the weather - rain. Also, he says he doesn't want to harm a hair of any Guatemalan, if he can help it.

This dispatch adds that the rebel army is only about ten miles from Honduras. Scattered through the hills. At headquarters, only about a hundred soldiers in evidence. But the U P correspondent adds that already this has lasted longer than most Latin-American revolts.

Colonel Castillo Armas is calling upon the patriots of his country to join him. He hopes to pick

up so many volunteers the government forces of President Arbenz will capitulate.

However, President Arbenz claims he has already crushed part of the rebellion wiping out all opposition in three key cities.

From both sides - big claims - but no battle.

HEARING

The Sub-Committee investigating the charges of ~~Senator~~ McCarthy vs. The Army - may decide next week what to do about two staff members who don't have clearances to handle Defense Department secrets. Acting Chairman Mundt, declaring that he should know by then whether clearance was denied the two members - or merely delayed. Senator Mundt has written to the Pentagon. When he gets a reply, he'll report to the Sub-Committee - which will have to decide whether the two men involved should be kept on or not.

~~Last week, Commentator Fulton Lewis, Jr., identified the two as Donald Surine and James Juliana. Later he retracted Juliana's name and said the second man was Tom La Venia.~~

WYOMING

The Republican Governor of Wyoming appoints a G.O.P. National Committeeman to the Senate. Governor Rogers, ^{naming} ~~named~~ Ted Crippa - to serve ^{out the rest of the} ~~the unexpired~~ term of the late Lester Hunt.

We all know about the Hunt tragedy - the ~~late~~ Senator committing suicide because of dispendency over his health. Hunt, a Democrat, but, as expected, the Republican Governor chose a Republican to replace him.

~~But~~ Crippa, is a long-time member of the G.O.P.,

~~but he~~ says he won't seek election to the Senate - when this term expires. *At any rate his*
~~appointment~~

appointment gives the G.O.P. ^{an edge now -} ~~a slightly stronger~~ ~~majority~~ ^{majority} Forty-Nine Republicans to forty-six Democrats, and one Independent.

CHESS

The Soviets won the Chess Match in New York -- as was expected. ~~They~~ clinched it last night. ^{But} There are still a couple of adjourned games, ~~which will have~~ to be played off. ~~But~~ They can't affect the decision. The Russian team -- winning by about two to one, in terms of points.

On our side, two youngsters distinguished themselves -- Larry Evans and Donald Byrne. Evans won two games from his Russian opponent, Taimanov, lost one and drew one. Donald Byrne won two from Amerbach, and lost one. His game last night was adjourned -- still to be decided.

It was a contest between teams. But there was another angle. The two top-ranking masters on each side played each other -- four games. Reshevsky for the United States and Smyslov for Soviet Russia.

Reshevsky hailed -- as the champion of the West. Smyslov -- who, recently, played a match with

the Champion of the World, Botvinnik -- of Soviet Russia. That ended in a tie -- Botvinnik retaining his title, according to the rules. So, now, how did the champion of the West fare against the master who tied for the Championship of the World?

Well, it was -- even Stephen. Reshevsky and Smyslov played four draws. Which tends to increase Reshevsky's own prestige. He tied the challenger, who played a tie with the champ.

McMILLAN

Today the House passed an unusual bill - to promote an eighty year old Commander in the Naval Reserve to the rank of Rear Admiral. The honor to go to the famous Arctic explorer, Donald McMillan. The bill expected to pass the Senate too. So another explorer will be an Admiral - McMillan joining Admiral Byrd.

Donald McMillan, off for the Arctic again on Saturday. His thirtieth expedition to the Polar Region. It looks as if he'll leave as a Commander and return as an Admiral.

FLOOD

The word from Des Moines is, "It has been a desperate fight - and we're winning, ~~as of now.~~" So says Colonel Nelson Leclair, an army engineer, referring to the waters of the Des Moines River. The Colonel adds, that the situation is still dangerous - but at least the worst is over.

The river hit a crest of over thirty feet this morning - the highest in its history. It broke through the sand bags in places. It broke the emergency dike twice yesterday. But ^{there} ~~there~~ was no serious flooding. Tonight, hundreds of volunteers are standing by to watch for any leaks.

The Water Bureau says the Des Moines will fall to twenty-eight feet by Saturday. And on Monday it should go as low as twenty feet.

The number of houses flooded, ~~is~~ estimated at one hundred. But the Red Cross says about a thousand

families have been evacuated just in case. Army supplies are being rushed in to help the victims.

ACADEMY

Well, there's one question we can stop asking - where to locate our "West Point of the Air." Air Force Secretary, Harold Talbot, announced today that he ^{has} selected Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The choice was left up to the Secretary because a Special Commission could not agree. The Commission mentioning three possibilities - Alton, Illinois, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and Colorado Springs. Secretary Talbot went over each site himself. Testing all of them for such things as weather, space and terrain.

He got chose Colorado Springs. It's got the fifteen thousand acres needed for an air force academy. The climate semi-arid - with good flying weather. West Point has our Military Academy. Anapolis has our Naval Academy. Now Colorado Springs gets our Air Force Academy.

Mike, that's just over the Hill from where I used to live. The Hill being Pike Peaks! What a plum for Colo. and for Little London - Colo. Spgs.

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