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## Substitute BIG THREE

A late dispatch from Washington states that the Foreign Ministers of the Western Big Three have outlined a plan for a meeting with Soviet Russia. They've sent their proposal to their home governments, and to West Germany, for an okay.

The Big Four Conference with the Russians would concern itself with - the future of Germany. That is, the problem of German unification - which is all important for the situation in Europe. It's a constant theme for Moscow propaganda. So now the Western Foreign Ministers suggest - that the Soviets be invited to make good their talk. That - to be the main theme at the conference of the Big Four, and they'd also discuss an Austrian Peace Treaty.

Previously, Secretary Dulles, Lord Salisbury, and French Foreign Minister Bideau had agreed - that a top level meeting would not be held until after elections in Western Germany - September 6th. Elections that will decide the fate of the government of Chancellor Adenauer.

## FOOD

The United States, today, told ~~the~~ East Germans that food relief will be on its way - in spite of the scornful rejection from Soviet Russia and the Communist government of East Germany.

The Voice of America beamed broadcasts, saying that the fifteen million dollars' worth of foodstuffs offered by President Eisenhower will be sent - even though the Reds refuse to let ~~them~~<sup>it</sup> in to feed the hungry. Ways will be found to get the supplies through the Iron Curtain. At the

White House, the suggestion is that shipments will be sent to the border - where East Germans, in one way or another, will be able to get at them.

In ~~an~~ any case, the food is going - and the more the Reds try to keep it out, the more discontent they will arouse among the hungry people.

KOREA - TRUCE

At Panmunjom, our negotiators handed to the Reds -  
the written promise given by Syngman Rhee. Who pledges that  
South Korea will honor an armistice during a period of six  
months. That much time for a political conference to decide the  
problem ~~question~~ of Korea. So the question is - will the Communists  
accept the Syngman Rhee pledge? Their answer is expected at  
another session of the truce tents tonight - daytime in Korea.

Meanwhile, President Eisenhower's <sup>representative</sup> ~~envoy~~ is returning  
to Washington - <sup>bringing back</sup> ~~carrying the~~ agreement with the South Korean

President. Acting Secretary of State Walter Robertson also  
brings a few points that remain to be settled. Points

concerning affairs between the United States and South Korea:-

~~such as~~ such as  
the amount of U.S. military aid, the details of the mutual  
security pact; Also - what to do if a political conference is  
deadlocked after ninety days. These points are up to President  
Eisenhower.

A great battle is raging on the warfront in Korea -

four divisions of Chinese Reds, forty thousand men, hurled against the South Koreans in the mountains between Kumsong and Kumhwa. That rugged area is held by a single South Korean division - and the Reds - immediately overran the South Korean outposts. They <sup>Chinese</sup> were supported by <sup>an</sup> ~~violent~~ artillery bombardment - and <sup>were</sup> spearheaded, apparently, by tanks. At last reports, they had been able to drive into the main line of defense - the South Koreans battling desperately to check the assault. <sup>It</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>is</sup> Called - the biggest Red offensive in two years. <sup>And</sup> ~~it~~ it was launched along with a blast of propaganda. Red loud speakers blaring - that an armistice would be signed, and the war would soon be over.

## Follow KOREA - WAR

A late dispatch states that <sup>the</sup> Red attack "caved in" sections of the defense line - the South Koreans retired in good order <sup>and</sup> took positions in the rear. The Chinese are throwing more and more troops into the fight - the attacking forces now said to number fifty thousand.

## EGYPT

A new crisis flares along the Suez Canal. Today, British tanks moved into the city of Ismailia -- in the search for a missing British airman. The claim is that he was abducted last Thursday -- a local Egyptian official involved.

The British issued an ultimatum, demanding the return of Aircraftsman A. V. Ridgen. Egyptian officials declared they knew nothing about it. So today the British sealed off Ismailia, and began a search of the city.

The Egyptians respond with the old violent threat - to drive the British out of the Suez Canal Zone. The tension the greater -- because of the killing of a British soldier -- shot on a street in Ismailia last night.

Today, in London and Cairo, respectively, there were emergency meetings of the British and Egyptian Cabinets -- to consider the danger.

The United States is taking a hand - trying to calm the trouble. The American Ambassador is conferring with British and Egyptian authorities - advising caution and moderation.

COMMITTEE

In Washington, the four cent stamp caused an uproar, today, at a hearing by the Post Office Committee of the House. Postmaster General Summerfield appeared as a witness - to argue in favor of increasing the mail rates and cut the Post Office deficit. There was loud opposition - some Committee members trying to block the hearing. The Postmaster General tried to read a statement, but was drowned out by an uproar, lasting for twenty minutes.

When the noise, finally, subsided, there was a vote - whether or not to put the whole thing off until next year. The Administration nearly sustained defeat. Ten for, ten against. Tie - broken only by the vote of the Chairman.

The question is considered explosive, politically.  
Mail rate increases - the four cent stamp.

SUBWAY

*Extra.*

The increased fare on the New York subways will begin - midnight, July Twenty-Fifth. So announced by the Transit Authority today. The fare going up - from ten to fifteen cents.

For many years, the big town cherished - the five cent fare. But, five years ago, it was raised from a nickel to a dime. Now, there's a reorganization, to wipe out a huge <sup>b</sup> subway deficit - they hope. Under the new fifteen cent fare, subway riders will have to buy tokens, to put in the turnstiles. But they'll still be able to ride an unlimited distance for a single fare <sup>— now</sup> fifteen cents.

## GOVERNOR DRISCOLL

At Trenton, Governor Driscoll's office makes light of the fact that the Governor and his two teen aged sons are unreported. Making a motor boat trip up the coast of Maine - and the weather has been bad off New England. The Governor's secretary says he's "sure" they're safe.

## Substitute PLANE

The lost plane has been found out in the Pacific - the wreckage of the airliner that vanished with fifty-eight persons aboard. Many of them - construction workers and families bound from Guam to the United States. The discovery was made by a <sup>Navy Troop ship</sup> ~~USS~~ which reports - it is picking up bodies. There <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ no reported survivors, <sup>and little</sup> ~~although~~ hope remains - that <sup>any</sup> ~~some~~ will be found.

CALIFORNIA - ARSON

At Willows, California, a prisoner has confessed that he set the forest fire, which took the lives of fifteen. Fourteen of the victims - missionaries. They were having a meeting in a canyon, when they were trapped by the flaming tempest, that swept through the mountain forest.

The arsonist, named Stanford Philip Patton, says he set the fire - so that he could "get a job" fighting it. He drove through the dry woods, and started the blaze -

which burned out twelve hundred acres, for a story of horror, *charge has been filed against the*  
*Fire Bug.*

*at Fresno,* they have a mystery of arson - the police, today, presenting a puzzle of clues. Last Friday, thirteen fires broke out, and did half a million dollars' worth of damage. The flames originated in two large hotels, five small hotels, two apartment houses, a department store, an art gallery, and a church.

Today Fire Chief Gayle Coger said - the thirteen fires were, in his words, "planned by someone with a knowledge

of the local fire hazards."

The National Association of Fire Insurance Underwriters, he explains, has listed <sup>a number of</sup> ~~several~~ city blocks in Fresno as the most vulnerable to fires - and each case of arson occurred in one of those blocks. ~~The firebugs, apparently~~  
~~must have been acquainted with the list of fire hazards.~~

Moreover, while the firemen were on the job, the department received phoney telephone calls - from persons who claimed, falsely, that they were trapped in hotel rooms. The fire chief says: "It looked like a deliberate effort to divide the Fire Department's efforts." Somebody, trying to confuse the blaze battlers.

Forty suspects have been questioned thus far, but the police admit they've got <sup>ten</sup> nowhere - trying to solve the mystery of this wholesale arson plot at Fresno.

## ELEVATOR

At Newark, New Jersey, today, Tony dePalma proved himself - a philosopher. He said: "I should have minded my own business."

Tony is a button polisher in a factory - and, Saturday afternoon, <sup>he</sup> was working overtime. When - he thought he heard noises upstairs in the four story building. It should have been empty. Tony was curious, and decided to investigate. He went in the elevator, a self-starter, and was on his way up - when the elevator stuck between floors. Tony started yelling, but it was no go. The building - deserted. He wasn't going to stay there - so he climbed out through an escape hatch, and slipped down the cable - nearly four floors. He arrived at the bottom with his clothes ripped, <sup>and</sup> friction burns on his hands and knees.

At the bottom of the elevator shaft, there was no way out. Tony yelled some more - still no go. He was there -

*- in that elevator shaft, Nothing for the weekend. He found a plank, which he used for a pit, to eat. And hardly an ideal place. Mighty uncomfortable and nothing to it. to sleep.*

This morning, Mrs. Doris Ricks, employed by one of the firms in the building, was the first to arrive on the job. She heard faint shouts, and was mystified. She called the cops, who investigated - and, soon, Tony was on his way to a

hospital to recuperate. *And there it was that he uttered his philosophical 'gem'. Said Tony:- "I should have minded my own business."*

## FOSSIL

Topeka, Kansas, reports a brilliant success in a quest that might be compared with - hunting the proverbial needle in the haystack. In this case, the needle is called - petrolacosaurus.

Three years ago, Dr. Frank Peabody, Professor of Paleontology at the University of Kansas, wrote a treatise about fossils found near the town of Gannett, <sup>in</sup> eastern Kansas. Small prehistoric reptiles, that flourished - two-hundred-and-fifty million years ago.

But one thing was missing. <sup>The</sup> Skeletons <sup>were</sup> complete - except for the top of the skull. That missing part - all important for scientific study.

The University of Kansas gave the Professor a grant of twelve hundred dollars to search for other fossils - and find the skull cap. The scientific needle in the paleontological haystack!

Today, the Topeka Daily Capital reports - the Professor did it. After three years of searching and digging,

he found four complete fossils, skull cap and all.

So now it can be shown that the petriacossaurus was a primitive link from which other forms developed - dinosaurs, snakes and turtles. In <sup>an</sup> other direction - birds. In still

another - the mammals, leading on to man. <sup>to us, Mike.</sup> So says the

Professor of paleontology who found the petriacossaurus.

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