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Prime Minister Anthony Eden, today, sketched out

the principles - with which he will go to Geneva. He said that, so far as the British are concerned, everything is "negotiable," up for discussion and compromise. Except, for three key principles, - which Eden phrased in the following words:

"We are not prepared to break up Nato.

"We will not be parted from the United States.

"We will work for the unification of Germany."

Except for those points, the Prime Minister is willing to talk on a basis of give-and-take -- when West meets East.

In an address to the English speaking union, he said the western powers will try to reassure the Russians ^{that} they are secure from attack by the West. One way, he suggested, might be to extend the western European plan for limiting armament - which includes a system of control and inspection.

(The Prime Minister said that the West ~~was~~ should go to Geneva in a spirit, which he described as, "a blend of

care and confidence, and courage." Cautious - but brave.

"I hope," he added, "that nobody will accuse us of hanging back, if we take a good look at the new look before we pronounce upon it."

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EAST GERMANY

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CHURCHILL

In the London House of Commons, today, a suggestion was made - which will echo, sympathetically, around the world. A suggestion - that, at the Geneva top level conference the British delegation should include Sir Winston Churchill.

A meeting of the heads of State was the dream of his later years, and he coined the phrase -- "at the summit". So why shouldn't he now stand on the summit with the others?

In the House of Commons, today, an M P asked what would be the composition of the official British delegation? Prime Minister Anthony Eden gave the answer, saying - the delegation would include himself, Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan, and various aides and advisers. Which statement was followed - by the mention of Churchill.

Two members of Parliament made the suggestion - Labor Socialists, curiously enough. They said the inclusion of Sir Winston would, ~~in their words~~ → "strengthen the British delegation and please many people."

That was followed by a further ~~de~~ suggestion - which

got a laugh. One of the two Labor M P's asking: "Has the Prime Minister considered approaching Sir Winston to attend, even if only to censor the official communique, to cut out the platitudes and clichés?"

Always good for a laugh - the pious generalities and stale chestnuts of communique.

Prime Minister Eden replied with dignity. Saying: "If the four powers reach an agreement at Geneva, we shall be content to put up with platitudes and clichés, with which to express it."

Churchill, himself was not present. If he had been, there would have been a Cheshire cat smile on his face.

ECONOMY

Here's an estimate of the international situation given by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles - to a congressional sub-committee, last Month. What he said - kept secret until now.

"The Russians", declared the Secretary, "have been constantly hoping and expecting - that our economy was going to collapse in some way. Due - to what they regard as the inherent defects of the capitalist system.

"On the contrary" said the Secretary, "it is their system that is on the verge of collapsing. And our system - is going along strong and vigorous."

PLANE

The United States has accepted the Soviet offer -
to pay half the damages for the plane shot down in ^{the} Bering

Straits. Today's American message, addressed to Moscow,
was in mild, conciliatory language. Corresponding - to the
tone taken by Moscow, in offering to pay. There was talk of
our demanding full damages for the plane - but, we're letting
it go at half.

FOREIGN AID

Congress has completed action on the Foreign Aid bill. Which comes to three billion, two hundred and eighty-five million dollars.

The measure includes a clause - reaffirming opposition to the admission of Red China into the United Nations

million. Yesterday, in New York, the Burmese Prime Minister stated that he has an impression ~~that~~ American leaders do not oppose the entrance of Red China into the world organization.

That stirred up ^a controversy - ^{today} - and Congress gave the answer.

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CHILE

The Republic of Chile was paralyzed by a general strike today. One million workers -- in a twenty four hour demonstration. The walkout -- part of a demand for higher pay.

The population of Chile is a little over six million. So, with one million in the strike -- one person out of every six was involved in the labor trouble.

ARGENTINA

In Argentina, the head of the church, today, urged all Catholics - to heed President Peron's plea for a political truce. Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires and Primate of Argentina, ordered a pastoral letter to be read from all pulpits, next Sunday. Throwing his influence - behind Peron's call for national reconciliation.

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WEATHER

This time of year, it's a commonplace, to take a look at the southern hemisphere - for contrast. So here's Argentina - reporting a bitter cold-wave. More than half of the country - covered by snow. Coldest place of all - a pass in the Andes, where it was thirty-two below zero today.

The southern-most city in the world is Ushuaia, in Tierra Del Fuego. The town, buried under more than three feet of snow.

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LOYALTY

A curious turn of events was disclosed at a Senate hearing, today. The witness - George McDavitt, a government loyalty security officer. In Nineteen Fifty, McDavitt ran for Congress in New Jersey, and was ~~was~~ defeated. His platform^{ed} including a proposal to stop all immigration. Don't let any immigrants into the country at all.

At the Senate hearing, today, it was revealed - that McDavitt sponsored the admission of a German girl into the United States. One bit of immigration - to which he was not opposed. Explanation? Romance - they say.

What's an immigration policy, when it's a case of the girl friend?

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MEMPHIS

Memphis, Tennessee, gives assurance - that the city, definitely, will build its own power plant, as a substitute for the Dixon-Yates proposal. Today Mayor Frank Tobey said that, within thirty days, Memphis will put up five million dollars, as a "definite commitment." The money, to finance the making of plans - engineering fees.

This is in response to the ~~sa~~ statement by President Eisenhower, yesterday, - Who said ^{that} - the Dixon-Yates contract, so bitterly opposed by the Democrats, will be cancelled, -- If Memphis really builds a power plant of its own. He added - that the administration was investigating the intentions of the city.

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questioned city officials about their plans - and, according to the Mayor, were very courteous. He says he was not upset a bit - when they asked for information needed by the administration in Washington.

The Navy and the Coast Guard reported to believe that today's mystery of the sea - is a bona fide signal. The Blue Star - the story of a fishing boat, the Blue Star - one aboard - eighteen - jumping into the sea without life raft or life preservers. These - having been destroyed by the fire. To make the mystery complete, the radio message said - a foreign submarine had come to the surface, - Standing by - to pick up the bodies and survivors.

The report

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course of which an all slick on the water were seen. A life preserver. This latter - showing no sign of the actually, the Navy reports that one of the submarines was in that area. But saw nothing of any fishing vessel at sea.

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MYSTERY

The Navy and the Coast Guard are inclined to believe that today's mystery of the sea - is a hoax. Radio signals - received, -Telling the story of a fishing boat, "the Blue Star" - on fire off the Jersey coast. Twenty-one aboard - eighteen jumping into the sea without life ~~and~~ rafts or life preservers. These - having been destroyed by the fire. To make the mystery complete, the radio message said - a foreign submarine had come to the surface, -Standing by - to pick up the twenty one survivors.

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course of which an oil slick on the water was spotted. Also - a life preserver. This latter - showing no mark of fire.

Actually, the Navy reports that one of our submarines was in that area. But saw nothing of any flaming disaster at sea.

Furthermore, there's no record of any boat named the "Blue Star," which could be in that locality.

(So the guess is - a hoax. In spite of the actual fact of oil slick and life preserver - on the surface of the sea

They're having a celebration at Newport, Rhode Island, this weekend. The one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary - of the landing of a French Army. Going back to the old history book we studied at school, we recall how, in the Revolutionary war, the colonies formed an alliance with France. And - got military help.

The French Army, commanded by the Count de Rochambeau landed at Newport - in Seventeen Eighty. Waiting there, for a year - and then marching south to Virginia. Joining the American Army for the siege of Yorktown, and the surrender of Cornwallis.

~~Arriving at Newport Harbor tomorrow for the~~

~~anniversary - a French battleship - carrying~~
~~arriving at Newport Harbor tomorrow for the~~ a direct descendant of Rochambeau, - who will be greeted by S. Walter Washington of Charlottesville, Virginia, a descendant of George Washington.

[The modern Rochambeau and the present-day Washington will stage a scene of clasping hands - to commemorate the first meeting of their illustrious forefathers. The scene -

ROCHAMBEAU - 2

Colony House at Newport, - Where George Washington
first met the French commander.

All - reminiscent of a lot of American history.

GHOSTS

A dispatch from London tells - how the British are promoting tourist business. Competing with France - which boasts of the gaieties of Paris, and the best cooking in the world. And with Italy - which has ancient ruins, and the art of the renaissance. But Britain boasts of something - out of this world. Several years ago, my father and I used that phrase - to describe our visit to the ^{enchanted} ~~mystery~~ land of Tibet. My own book had it for a title. But, in the case of Britain - "out of this world" is no figure of speech.

Ghosts, wraiths and apparitions - those traditional spooks and secters. The British travel and holiday association is now drumming up the supernatural - as a way to lure tourists.

Robert Musel, United Press Correspondent in London, tells how he acted like a tourist, and conferred with a ghost salesman, Ray Hewett, who - consulted a card index of haunted localities.

"Here's a pub in Kent," he remarked "where they have

a "nice old lady" ghost. Or, there's the 'Black Dog of Hergest.' Conan Doyle used the story for the 'Hound of the Baskervilles.'

"Anything else?" asked the news reporter.

"Well" replied the ghost salesman, "there's the Royal Castle Hotel in Dartmouth. They say a shadowy rider clatters into the inn yard in the dead of night."

He also recommended a ghost of the Fair Rosamond, the Lady-love of King Henry the Second. Or - the mermaid pool in Staffordshire, haunted by a British Lorelei. Who combs her hair like the German Lorelei - and is just as fatal.

Giving a sales talk, he quoted an old rhyme about the mermaid pool.

"She calls on you to greet her
Combing her dripping crown,
And if you go to meet her,
She ups and drags you down."

Hugh
Yes, that surely is - out of this world.