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BIG FOUR

Russia proposes a world conference to discuss reduction of armaments. The proposal, made today by Molotov at the meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in Berlin, and described as "The First Big Surprise" of the meeting.

Until then, Molotov, Dulles, Eden and Bidault had been deadlocked over the issue of Red China. The three western powers, turning down the idea of a Big Five Conference to include Mao Tse Tung. Secretary of State Dulles declared that Russia was trying to wreck the U.N. by setting up a council of five ruling nations. The western representatives, voting to set aside that issue.

It was then that Molotov produced his resolution about reduction of armaments. He said such a conference should be held within the framework of the U.N. -but also that non-members of the U.N. should participate. In other words, the Soviet proposal makes allowance for

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the participation of Red China.

Molotov apparently caught his colleagues by surprise. Then Molotov, as Chairman, adjourned the session, after saying that he will insist on debating his proposal tomorrow.

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NOLOTOV

Observers at the Big Four Conference declare that Molotov seems to be changed - not quite so truculent as he has been in the past. They think he's mellowed a bit, become a little more easy - going.

One British official remarked: "It would be wrong to say that he smiles-; but, he gives the impression that he might!" and an American summed up his impression of Molotov like this: "When you see him sitting there at the conference table, behind his brief case - you could take him for a middlewestern business man, perhaps a banker."

Well, the change may not be obvious to the three others at the conference table. Dulles, Eden and Bidault seem to be having as much trouble with him as ever. However, outside observers are saying: "Molotov has changed!"

The Soviet representatives rides to the meeting place in a big black sedan. The car has windows of bullet-proof glass an inch thick. And Molotov changes

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his place in his convoy every day - one day at the head, another in the rear, then in the middle. So one thing hasn't changed about Molotov. He's still taking as few chances as possible when he rides back and forth in that black sedan with its bullet-proof windows.

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TURKISH

The worst gap in the defense of the free world against Communism-- is the Middle East. So says the President of Turkey, Celal Bayar. He's in this country for a one month visit. Today at a luncheon of newsmen in Washington, commenting on the world being divided into two groups-- the Democracies and the Iron Curtain countries, he said: "There is no room for maneuvering on the sidelines-- for seeking selfish advantages, or for the hazardous game of neutralism."

He added that the area we must watch is the Middle East; a danger spot both because of political turmoil there-- and because of all that oil.

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BRICKER

Senator Bricker of Ohio accuses President Eisenhower of using arguments that are, in the Senator's words, "utterly without foundation." The senator referring to the presidential reaction to the Bricker amendment.

The main point about that amendment- it would require Congress to pass special legislation before treaties could become law. Mr. Eisenhower says that he opposes the Bricker amendment- because it would hamper the President in dealing with foreign affairs. To this, the Senator from Ohio replies- "Untrue, emotional, utterly without foundation."

However, he doesn't attach President Eisenhower's intentions. Says Senator Bricker: "Although the President's motives are, as always, sincere - his advisors have sold him a bill of goods." Referring to a possible compromise,

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Bricker added: "I'll go down fighting- rather than take something that isn't effective.

Meanwhile, Senate Republican leader Knowland has proposed a substitute - a bi-partisan substitute for the Bricker amendment. This with the President's approval, will take the place of the Bricker amendment-even though Senator Bricker feels that the criticism of his proposal is not valid.

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AMERICANS

Are Americans seeking exile in Great Britain - as "Refugees"? A lot of them are - according to Labor M. P. Michael Foot who claims that opponents of Senator McCarthy are leaving God's country for the realm of her Maj. Elizabeth the Second.

"There is anew type of refugee in the world today - the refugee from the United States," said Foot M.P. and he added:- "I know many of them personally."

At which point a conservative M P shouted: "I bet you don't".

Whereupon Michael Foot M.P. went on to say that a number of these "Refugees" are in the movie industry.

"Refugees from the McCarthy persecution," was the way Foot M.P. described them. And he wants Britain to allow them to stay, along with other refugees, does Foot M.P.

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NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

During World War Two, Admiral King told Admiral Nimitz that Naval Intelligence files concerning Communism were destroyed on orders from the White House. So says Senator Jenner, Chairman of the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee.

Here's how Sen. Jenner explained what happened:

Judge Robert Morris was a Lieutenant in the Navy during the war - in the office of Naval Intelligence in New York. But according to Sen. Jenner, Judge Morris "knew too much about what the Communists were really up to". So Morris was re-assigned to a job in Pearl Harbor.

During his time in the Pacific, Judge Morris informed Adm. Nimitz that Naval Intelligence in New York had received orders from Washington to break up its communist counter-intelligence unit. Washington also ordered the destruction of the files that had been gathered - information about the Reds on the waterfront and in our ships. So the Judge told the Admiral.

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Sometime afterward, Admiral King - then Head of the Navy - visited Adm. Nimitz. According to Senator Jenner, Adm. Nimitz told Adm. King the story and asked him if it were true. Adm. King answered that it was true. Then Adm. Nimitz asked, "Who could possibly have given such an order?" According to Sen. Jenner, King replied: "The White House .

Now, Senator Jenner declares that his sub-committee will follow up the clues given by Judge Morris to find out as much as they can about that destruction of Naval Intelligence files on Communism.

Admiral King was not available for comment on the Jenner declaration. And Admiral Nimitz, at his home in Berkeley, California, declared: "I do not recall any such conversation."

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LUCIANO

Did a notorious gangster help our war effort during World War Two? The question, comes up as a result of the word that top figures of the underworld visited "Lucky" Luciano, in prison, during the war.

Today, Governor Dewey said that certain meetings were allowed--because Luciano was supposed to be helping the defense of this country. The governor added that there is in the records of the New York Parole Board-- a letter from Commander Charles Heffenden-- a letter which declares that Luciano did help the war effort. The N.Y. Governor's further comment is:- "It appears that Luciano cooperated in such effort--though the actual value of the information procured is not clear".

It was Dewey who had Luciano deported to Italy. Did so on the recommendation of the State Parole Board-- which was headed by a Democrat, Fred Moran, appointed by Governor Lehman.

Governor Dewey made two points clear:- First, that he

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is not criticizing Gov. Lehman-- because these meetings between Luciano and his henchmen took place during the Lehman Administration. But, Gov. Dewey does want it put in the record that Democratic officials made the gangster conferences possible--by letting hoodlums into the prison where Luciano was being held.

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EXPLOSION

Today, an explosion in a powder plant near Saugus, California, injured at least sixteen persons - four critically. The Detonator Inspection Room of the Bernite Power Company - torn apart by the blast. Only women employed there; and some wire blown out of the building. Others burned, and hurled against the wreckage.

The plant engaged in top level Navy projects. So tight security regulations were imposed immediately after the explosion. With investigation on.

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HILLARY

I've been fascinated by a statement made on the arrival of Sir Edmund Hillary, the conqueror of Mt. Everest. Accompanied by Lady Hillary, he's in New York, together with two other members of the Everest expedition, George Lowe and Dr. Charles Evans. They say - they'd like to tackle a mountain or two here in the United States. But what have we to compare with Everest - and its twenty-nine thousand foot Summit?

Sir Edmund Hillary discloses that he will return to the Himalayas late in the Spring, and lead an expedition into a region twenty to fifty miles southeast of Everest - a wilderness of rugged peaks, hitherto unexplored. Then he'd like to have a go at other Himalayan giants like K-2 and Katchengunga which have never been climbed.

But what about some of our peaks here in the United States? Well, Sir Edmund says we have some "Nice Mountains."

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The Rockies and the Sierras offer - what he refers to as good "technical" climbs. The peaks may not be so tall - but they offer interesting problems. New Zealander George Lowe put it in these words: "The lack of height doesn't make a mountain little".

Well, I'm traveling, right now, in our main
west - and I'll be gazing with added interest at the peaks of the Rockies and the Sierras.

Sir Edmund Hillary remarks- that he won't have time for a go at an American mountain during his present visit. He's here to tell us the story of the conquest of Everest - on a lecture tour, with pictures of the exploit.

His first appearance will be in New York, at Carnegie Hall, tomorrow evening and Saturday afternoon - under the joint sponsorship of the American Geographical Society and the American Alpine Club. I wish I could be there, but Lowell, Jr., will represent me and we expect to have

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Sir Edwin Hillary on this program Monday evening before he goes on to Boston.

When this message came over the press wire a little while ago, I phoned several of my western mountaineering friends and asked what suggestions they wanted me to pass along to the Everest climbers. Sir Edm. Hillary and his companions will be in Colorado at the end of February appearing in Denver for Bob Bader, Steve Bradley and Dick Durrance and Fred Islin suggest the Everest group stop off at Aspen and try Mt. Hayden.

Sigi Engl and Les Potts want them to make their headquarters at Sun Valley - limber up on the Saw Tooth Mts. and then drive across the nearby Wyoming line for a go at the spectacular Grand Tetons.

The Everest climbers will be in San Francisco in March at the Civic Auditorium - presented by the Town Hall. And President Leonard of the Sierra Club tells me that after

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a snow drought early in the season, the High Country -
Squaw Valley, Sugar Bowl and Yosemite are now buried deep
with snow. Nevertheless he and his associates hope to take
the Everest climbers up to Lost Arrow and Cathedral Spires be-
fore they fly on to New Zealand

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DANCER

A Detroit business man is preparing to dance out almost Twenty Thousand Dollars worth of the rumba and the samba, the foxtrot and the waltz at a studio where he paid in advance for lessons. John Winter, Jr., President of Winter Brothers Company, paid over the cash - which entitled him to more than four thousand hours of instruction in the terpsichorean art. Then he started in with the lessons-went through two hundred and thirty-eight hours of them - using up almost two thousand dollars of the fee that he had already paid. Then he ran into trouble with one instructor - who, says Winter, extorted money from him by threats. The experience with that instructor made Winter reconsider his dancing lessons. He decided to give them up so he asked for the rest of his money back.

The manager of the studio declares that the contract cannot be cancelled. So what is the dancing business man to do? Well, there's only one thing he can do - take it out

in trade. Which means almost four thousand hours more of dancing instruction.

So John Winter, Jr., is getting ready for that marathon of swing and sway - all because he paid the cost in advance. Meanwhile, John Winter, Sr., is taking a dim view of the whole thing. He says that Jr. will have to choose between those dancing lessons and the presidency of the Winter Brothers Company. In other words, if John, Jr. insists on all that dancing, John, Sr. will make him the ex-president of the company.

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DEARBORN

In Dearborn, Michigan, government officials are doing a lot of thinking. In fact doing nothing but meditating for a half hour every day.

The reason - an order from Mayor Orville Hubbard.

His Honor decreed that his department heads should report to their offices at eight a.m. daily - which is half an hour earlier than usual. That extra half hour, said the Mayor, to be used for nothing but sitting and thinking. The city officials, to jot down any ideas that come to them during their half hour meditation. The mayor, Hoping that his system will produce some new ideas for running Dearborn.

Here's the way Mayor Hubbard describes his theory:

"Sir Isaac Newton once said that he discovered the law of gravity by constantly thinking about it." Then his Honor goes on: "Everbody has a little genius in him - all it needs is a chance to come out."

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How has the Hubbard system worked so far? Well, here's the report of Mrs. Margaret Johnson, Director of Public Safety. Says she: "I did my meditating but I didn't come up with anything spectacular."

Then there is the Department Head - who refuses to be identified - and who admits that he wasn't at his office by eight o'clock the time indicated by the Mayor. In fact, he didn't get there until eight-forty. "I did my thinking on the way to work," says the anonymous one.

Today was the first day that the Mayor's plan has been in operation. So it's a little early yet to decide on its merits. Anyway, the officials of Dearborn are not answering their phones between eight and eight thirty - because that's the period when they are told to just sit and think and think, wonder if the Mayor of Dearborn got his idea from Thomas J. Watson of I.B.M? There are signs everywhere in I.B.M. plants with that one patent word THINK! Now lets hear what Hubbard thinks!