

RIDGWAY NOTE

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Word just in from Tokyo (General ~~Matthew~~ Ridgway has just dispatched his latest note to the Red truce negotiators, Generals Peng Teh-Huai and Kim Il Sung. General Ridgway's new proposal is that Liaison officers from both sides meet immediately at the village of Pan Mun Jom, five miles south of Kaesong, to select a new site for further peace talks.)

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This news was forecast from Tokyo yesterday with suggestions as to possible meeting places; <sup>these included</sup> ~~amongst~~ ~~these was the British Crown Colony of Hongkong, or~~ a tented camp in No Man's Land between the lines in Korea. ~~General~~ Ridgway's announcement, however, doesn't ~~not~~ specify where the new site would be. It ~~simply~~ simply calls for "immediate meetings" to discuss the new location for resuming truce talks.

(In Korea today, American and South Korean troops captured their last objective in ~~general~~ Van Fleet's eighteen day offensive. As dusk fell, without a single shot being fired "bloody Ridge" fell into U N hands.) Before the attack the three hills ~~had~~ been softened up by the heaviest artillery concentration of the ~~Korean~~ war - four hundred thousand rounds crashing down on the Reds. <sup>When that ended</sup> ~~afterward~~ The only defending forces remaining were North Koreans, starved and wounded, wandering in a daze on the wild mountain tops.

Meanwhile, the massive Red build-up goes on. Today allied airmen spotted more than nine hundred enemy vehicles, moving up towards the front; - the Communists getting ready for a ~~great~~ offensive if the truce talks are finally called off.

SUB BEGINNING OF CONFERENCE STORY

( In San Francisco tonight Russia's chief delegate to the Japanese peace conference, Andrei Gromyko announced that the Soviets would not sign the treaty -- unless Red China was invited. The Soviet delegate also charged that the pact is intended "for the preparation of a new war - and is "designed to provide American naval, air and sea bases for aggression in the Far East."

~~Continue - Only last night the Russian delegate was asked how long etc.~~

## CONFERENCE

~~In San Francisco~~ last night, <sup>the</sup> Russian delegate ~~to the Japanese peace conference,~~ was asked how long he expected to be in San Francisco. His reply was: "At least a month". Britain and America, however, have other plans. They hope to complete the treaty signing by Saturday. <sup>π</sup> When the delegates got down to business this morning, ~~Andrei~~ Gromyko was all set to start his delaying tactics. Secretary of State Dean Acheson was ready however and saw to it that the Soviets and their satellites would not be able to play it their way. Repeating last night's statement by President Truman, the Secretary of State emphasized that <sup>the</sup> delegates were in San Francisco "only to make statements on and sign the treaty draft."

Today's first defeat for the Soviets came almost at once - when the conference voted forty-five to three against ~~demand that Red China be given a seat.~~ <sup>Gromyko's</sup> ~~Voted forty five to three against Gromyko's~~ demand that Red China be given a seat. Only Poland and Czechoslovakia sided with Russia. Then, after a

long drawn-out debate, came the second vote - on the strict rules of procedure <sup>that had been drawn up</sup> ~~passed out~~ by the United States and Britain = to prevent just such filibustering by the Reds.

Again the vote went overwhelmingly against the Soviets, forty-eight to three, ~~the three~~ ~~those~~ Iron Curtain countries.

At one point in this morning's debate, secretary of State ~~Dean~~ Acheson gave the <sup>Polish</sup> delegates five minutes each to discuss the rules of procedure.

Poland's representative, Stefan Wierblowski took the platform. Five minutes went by, his time was up.

But the Pole was still talking. Onto the platform strode

British Delegate Kenneth Younger, but was rudely

shouldered away by Mr. Wierblowski. <sup>Each time Younger</sup> ~~Asxxxxxxx~~

~~xxxxxx~~ started / his speech the Polish delegate shouted

protests. At one point it appeared that the Communists

were playing a game of Ring Around The Rosie. The

triple play would work like this: Gromyko would offer

a proposal and then the Czech and Polish delegates

would follow with ~~xxxxxxx~~ speeches, in support.

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They would argue <sup>over</sup> procedure to be followed and finally would argue over the ruling of the chair, a sort of diplomatic game of Tinker to Evers to Chance.

At the end of the morning session, ~~Andrei~~ Gromyko, his plans thwarted so far, was asked by reporters what he thought of the conference so far. "It is bad, very bad" snapped the Russian.

## ATOMIC PLANE

In Washington today, the Air Force announced that a contract has been placed for the first atomic powered plane. The order goes to Consolidated Vultee Aircraft, <sup>to</sup> ~~who will~~ build the <sup>Fuselage</sup> ~~body~~ of the giant aircraft - <sup>which we hear will</sup> ~~said to~~ be the largest ever built. Meanwhile General Electric have already started work on an atomic engine for the giant <sup>atomic</sup> ship ~~of the air~~.

Word from Washington is that ~~such~~ an atomic plane will be able to circle the earth non-stop, at tremendous speed. However, it's unlikely that ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> will see one <sup>flashing round + round the world</sup> ~~overhead~~ in the near future - the most optimistic date for delivery is Nineteen Fifty Six.

## IRAN

Britain announces that she will reject the Iranian ultimatum threatening to expel all British oil men from the country. (Premier Mossadegh's note, outlined in the Iranian Parliament today, would give the British two weeks to accept the Iranian terms for settling the oil crisis, or else pack up and go home.) In London, however, a government spokesman has restated Britain's decision to retain three hundred and fifty experts at Abadan, to look after the giant refinery. <sup>London</sup> The foreign office also made it clear that British troops will be put ashore if the Iranians show signs of getting tough.

The scene in the Majlis, or lower house of the Iranian Parliament, was charged with emotion, as Premier Mossadegh banged his desk during his speech.

The news wire tells of two Senators so gripped by the fanatical Premier's speech, that they burst into tears. For once ~~it appeared that~~ the ailing Premier Mossadegh <sup>got thru his speech without fainting.</sup> ~~survived his oration without suffering the usual heart attack.~~



JORDAN

(From Amman, Jordan, comes word tonight that Talal the First, new King of Hashemite Jordan, is flying home to claim his throne. The young monarch, ~~some~~ son of assassinated King Abdullah,) is due at Mafraq, the R.A.F. base in Jordan, tomorrow morning. This morning, King Talal accompanied by his younger brother, Emir Naif, who has been acting as Regent, left Geneva where the new King (has been in a <sup>Swiss</sup> clinic, recovering from a nervous breakdown.) The return trip to Jordan began only a few hours after the Parliament in Amman gave its unanimous approval to a cabinet decision, proclaiming the Crown Prince - King.

(In honor of the coronation tomorrow <sup>there</sup> will be a holiday in Jordan. On arrival the royal party will drive to Parliament for the official ceremonies as artillery fires <sup>a one-</sup> hundred-and-one gun salute, to announce the accession. <sup>Then</sup> Talal, with his brother, Emir Naif, will set out for the royal cemetery to pay <sup>their</sup> <sup>their assassinated father</sup> respects to the late King Abdullah.)

STRIKE

This afternoon, the Federal government obtained an injunction ordering the <sup>Copper</sup> mine strikers to go back to work. This court order, issued at Denver, was procured under the Taft-Hartley Law - and the union ~~xxx~~ says it will comply. Locals are being notified to send the strikers back to their jobs.

Military Academy. A letter mailed today to 12,000 thousand West Point Cadets. It states that all the cheating was done by members of the football team, their roommates and close associates.

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## WEST POINT

West Point gives out the information that the ousted cadets were members of an "organized cheating ring", which began operating in Nineteen Forty-Nine. The declaration is made in a letter from Major General F.A. Irving, Superintendent of the Military Academy. A letter mailed today to ~~the~~ twelve thousand West Point Cadets. It states that all the cheating was done by members of the football team, their roommates and close associates.

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## ADAMIC

Mystery increases in the death of the ~~infirmary~~ Leftist author Louis Adamic. Suicide apparently - but reports are that the F B I has been searching the scene, Adamic's farm-house at Milford New Jersey.

A native of Jugoslavia, he had turned against Soviet Communism, was completing a book in defense of Jugoslav Marshall Tito. This was to have been published by Doubleday, ~~and company,~~ and today an assistant editor stated that, a month ago, Adamic told him of a threat against him. Four men in an automobile with Michigan license plates, warned him to stop what he was writing. Adamic said that one of the men had a rifle. The author was shot to death with a rifle, which was found on his body.

This is supported by Mrs. Ethel Sharp, who worked as a secretary to the author. She tells the police that four Communists made threats against him -- because of his pro-Tito, Anti-<sup>5</sup>Stalin book. One report today was that the bulky manuscript has disappeared.

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The whole thing is involved in doubt and strangeness. *And* we can't help recalling the case of General Krevitsky, former official of the Stalin Secret Police, who wrote an expose of the Soviet espionage system. The book was a number one best ~~seller~~ seller; and, soon afterward the author was found shot to death in Washington, apparently having killed himself. Associates of his insist that he was murdered by the Reds, the crime giving the appearance of ~~suicide~~ suicide.

## INDIANS

At the Arlington National Shrine, today, they solemnized the funeral of Sergeant John R. Rise - the American Indian who was denied a place in his home town cemetery - because he was not Caucasian. It was a full dress military ceremony, attended by an array of dignitaries - and the Sergeant's family. So final justice was paid to the Indian soldier who gave his life in the Korean war.

That is accompanied by news about another member of the aboriginal American race. At Camp Pendleton today Sergeant Robert Ward, a Cherokee, returned to the Marine Corps - a soldier ~~XXXXXX~~ mustered out of service on a plea from his mother. She had lost two sons in World War Two, and her only remaining boy was in the battleline in Korea. ~~He~~ She asked the Marines to take him out of combat, and Sergeant Ward was ordered transferred.

But he ignored the <sup>(order)</sup> ~~XXXXXX~~ and stayed on with his outfit ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> the fighting. It took headquarters three months to catch up with him, and yank him out to

a desk job in Japan. Whereupon he wrote to his mother, asking her to let him return to the front. Let him rejoin, what he called, his "dirty, stinking loyal platoon." But he was sent home - and discharged.

Back to civilian life - for three months with his family, mother, wife, little daughter. "I was happy at first," the sergeant explains, "but I just didn't feel right being out of it. I never did believe" he adds, "that those Commies meant business about making peace."

So he rejoined the Marines today, on his way back to <sup>he calls fondly:</sup> what "dirty, stinking, loyal platoon,"

## KING GEORGE

From Britain, the word that (King George is returning to London -- interrupting his vacation in Scotland. The purpose - a thorough medical examination.) The cause - that famous British aristocratic institution -- grouse shooting.

For several years, George the Sixth has been in ailing health. (He suffers from a malady of the blood circulation in his legs, and last summer he had an inflammation of the lungs, which kept him in bed for some time.) Nevertheless, this year, he went to *Scotland*,  
to  
Balmoral Castle, for the grouse shooting season.

The Duke of Windsor in his book "A King's Story" tells how devoted ~~he~~ their father, George the Fifth, was to grouse shooting. Most conscientious of Monarchs, even to the matter of guns and birds - keeping a most conscientious record of thousands of the grouse bagged by royal shooting parties. Like father, like son - and the present King, though ailing, went to Scotland for the season.

It has been a rainy summer up there in the



Highlands. I can testify to that. During our recent speedy trip all over the place abroad, we were in Scotland - and it rained nearly every day - stopping just long enough so I could play golf at St. Andrews, holy of holies to all golfers.

One recent bit of news told of the Twenty-First birthday of Princess Margaret, celebrated at Balmoral - describing how the gay young Princess and her guests danced around a great bonfire, in the rain! And the King was afraid the bonfire might frighten away the grouse.

Anyhow in the wet weather he caught a cold - and last week two specialists flew to Balmoral, to examine the royal chest condition.

Nelson, how are you feeling tonite? Anything to grouse about?