

GENEVA

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The latest word would indicate that France is considering favorably - the proposal for a "dishonorable peace." That's what our delegation at Geneva calls an acceptance of the new truce proposals from the Reds. "Dishonorable", said Under-Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith. Adding - that the scheme ~~advanced~~ advanced by the Communists would mean ~~their~~ ^{Red} eventual domination of Indo-China.

The plan calls for an armistice which would give the enemy possession of parts of the states of Cambodia and Laos. In addition - to sections of Viet Nam. Their military strength is in Viet Nam, and they'd like to edge their way into the other two states. Which their truce proposal would enable them to do. Our view is that it would ~~n~~ only make way for eventual Red control of Cambodia and Laos.

Nevertheless, tonight's dispatch from Geneva predicts - that French and Communist military experts will begin the task of drawing "cease fire lines." And, in Paris, the French Ministry, today, instructed Foreign Minister

Bidault, to press for a quick armistice, even if it means accepting some points of the Communist proposal. The proposal that we call - a "dishonorable" peace plan/.

INDO-CHINA

Indo-China reports a massive Red assault against a key point, in the defense line of the Red River delta. The approach to that all-important rice bowl is dominated by the fortress of Phu Ly. To get at which the Communists will have to take a fortified outpost, called - Yen Phu. So that's the target for today's enemy drive by twenty thousand assailants.


The French command announces that "several thousand" soldiers have been sent to reinforce the garrison, and supplies are being parachuted in. ~~Fleets of warplanes - blasting advance positions of the Communists, and harassing convoys of enemy supplies.~~

Today's dispatch from Indo-China says - a new Dien Bien Phu may be in the making. With a happier ending, let's hope.

GENEVA - AMERICANS

The Chinese Reds indicate - that they are willing to negotiate for the release of Americans held behind the Bamboo Curtain. The statement made at Geneva - where a Red spokesman said that more than eighty Americans remain in China, held by the Communists. These include Radio ~~Broadcasting~~ Broadcaster Richard Applegate, and News Correspondent Don Dixon.

The surprise in this bit of news is the conditions named - for a release of the Americans. The statement - that ^{we} ~~we~~ will have to turn loose five thousand Chinese who are being held in this country. Detailed ⁱⁿ - against their will. Described - as students, mostly.

Which would seem to be the first we've heard - ~~that~~ ^{of} Chinese ~~wanted~~ ^{wanting} to go home to the Reds. Students - held forcibly in the United States. 

FOLLOW GENEVA-AMERICANS

A later dispatch from Washington states that there are about one hundred Chinese students who have been refused permission to leave this country. They want to go back to Red China, but the Department of Justice believes - this would not be to the advantage of this country.

BRITAIN - LABORITES

A dispatch from London announces - a mission to Red China. A Labor Party trip - headed by former Prime Minister Clement Attlee. A party of eight British Socialist leaders to include - Aneurin Bevan, leader of the Labor Left Wing.

At a convention last autumn, the Laborites voted to send a "good-will mission" to the Chinese Communists. ~~Permission~~ Permission was requested, but had to be repeated a couple of times. Permission - now granted. So former Prime Minister Attlee will head a delegation to Red China, this coming summer.

Substitute ARMAMENT SHIP

There seems to be less cause for alarm than at first appeared - in the seizure of a vessel passing through the Panama Canal, today. First reports were - that a cargo of armament had been found aboard the SS WYOMING of the French Line. Suspicion - Guatemala - that country under Communist control. But a later dispatch indicates - nothing so serious.

Aboard the freighter with a cargo listed as "machinery" - ~~was a~~ ^{was a} ~~shipment~~ consignment of weapons. But these are now described as "five boxes of sporting arms." Guns for hunting apparently.

That, however, was enough to cause the Canal authorities - to search the ship, ~~just~~ which is being done - with the consent of the French line and the French government.

GUATEMALA

A shower of leaflets descended on Guatemala City today - dropped from an aeroplane - leaflets urging the people to revolt against the Communist infiltration of the Guatemalan government. Probably, the plane came from ~~the~~ neighboring Honduras because the proclamation was signed by a former officer of the Guatemalan army - now in exile in Honduras.

PUERTO RICANS

Federal authorities announce the detection of a widespread conspiracy - Puerto Rican nationalists plotting against the United States Government. Eleven leaders - arrested. Indictments - brought against a total of seventeen. The six others are already in jail, including - the Puerto Rican terrorists who shot up Congress in March.

Those now arrested
~~The prisoners~~ included the wife of Collazo, who is now serving a life sentence for his part in the assassination attempt against President Truman in Nineteen Fifty. Another - is a brother of Dolores Lebron, the woman in the shooting affray in Congress.

The indictment charges that the ~~big~~ defendants plotted violence and assassination in this country and in Puerto Rico - to bring about the independence of the Island.

CUBA

The Cuban Government announces the suppression of an incipient revolution. Ten leaders arrested - in a conspiracy to overthrow the government of Strong Man Batista.

The statement in Havana tells of a newspaperman, who had access to the presidential palace. Drawing sketches of the rooms frequented by Batista. These - to be used for guidance in a plan to assassinate ~~Batista~~^{the} Cuban President.


The leader - said to be a former government Minister under President Socarras, whom Batista deposed. This alleged leader, it would seem, is not among the prisoners, - he was able to escape.

Substitute lead DISASTER

The casualty list, ⁱⁿ today's Navy disaster, remains uncertain. The Captain of the aircraft carrier believes that at least one hundred perished. More than two hundred injured - many of them seriously.

There were immediate charges of sabotage, but the Navy says - there are no signs of any such thing. The cause of the explosion - a mystery.

President Eisenhower ^{have} ordered an ~~immediate~~ investigation. ^{and} Congressional Committees ^{are} making investigations of their own. Navy Secretary Thomas flew from Washington to Quonset Point, Rhode Island, to start a naval inquiry, to begin tomorrow.

This morning, the great aircraft carrier was on a routine cruise off the New England Coast and jet planes were, ~~etc. etc.~~ 

(NOTE: ~~Be sure to drop the addition to the earlier story.~~)

taking off the deck. Eighteen had just been launched, when there was a muffled roar from the depths of the ship. An explosion in the steam turbine - which blew the turbine to bits. Fire spread to the highly inflammable fluid from a catapult mechanism, and the port side of the BENNINGTON was turned into an inferno. "Floating hell", is the way survivors describe it.

Then followed heroic work of rescue - and fire fighting. As - the BENNINGTON steamed for harbor at Quonset Point. Helicopters taking off the injured. The aircraft carrier still belging ^{ch} smoke, when the vessel put into harbor. ~~It was~~ The second worst disaster in U.S. Navy history. Second only to a collision in Nineteen Fifty-Two, when one hundred and seventy-six lives were lost.

~~A bulk just in throws some doubt on the casualty figures. Fewer lives lost? No details as yet.~~

NEW YORK CENTRAL

The fate of the New York Central was decided today, but we won't know the answer for some time to come. Enormous numbers of proxies were turned over to a ~~new~~ board, assigned to count the votes. The counting - to take time.

At Albany, more than two thousand stockholders showed up to vote their own shares - and there was plenty of argument, as one stockholder or another, made a speech - or tried to.

Financier Robert Young says there's no doubt - he has won the battle. Unseating William White, President of New York Central. But White refuses to concede anything.

HEARING

This day was the stormiest thus far, in that Army-McCarthy battle. The Wisconsin Senator - "taking a walk," at one point. But he soon returned. His "walk-out" was in protest against evidence given by the Captain who commanded the Company in which Private Schine served at Camp Dix. McCarthy called the testimony - "useless." Captain Miller - relating a story, picturing Schine as a sort of problem-soldier.

Later, the Committee voted to eliminate Messrs. Carr and Hensel from the proceedings. Carr - whom the Army charges with having participated in the pressure to get favors for Schine. Hensel, accused by Mc Carthy of having "masterminded" the charges which the Army made.

Army Counsel Welch turned on the eloquence - opposing the dismissal of Carr. The Democrats on the Committee were against the dismissal of both Carr and Hensel. The wrangle was long and heated, with Democratic Senator Symington of Missouri charging "whitewash." The decision,

when finally made, was on strict Party lines, the four
Republicans voting - yes. The three Democrats - no.

Today's proceedings completed the presentation of
the Army's case. The McCarthy witnesses - to follow. Number
one - Roy Cohn. He'll start his testimony tomorrow.

BLIMP

A record breaking flight - made by a blimp. The gas bag - cruising for more than two hundred hours. The previous record for a blimp - one hundred and seventy hours.

The non-rigid airship took off at Lakehurst, New Jersey, and made a ~~legendary~~ voyage to Key West, Florida. Meandering hither and yon, loafing along. In the air - as long as the fuel held out, eight-and-one-third days. A fifteen-man crew showing "excellent morale" - throughout the record breaking balloon voyage.

ROBBERY

~~Any of you folks who fancy detective stories will know there's a classic alibi - jail, prison. If a suspect was~~

To be in a dungeon cell at the time of the crime - what alibi could be more perfect? That's the way four burglars figured - on Prince Edward Island, Canada.

Their scheme was ingenious. They were in the local jail, to begin with - and broke out, escaping at night. They robbed a storekeeper of four hundred and fifty dollars, then returned to the prison - ~~mask~~ breaking back into jail. So, according to all appearance, they were in the hooegow at the time of the crime - the perfect alibi.

Yet they were caught. ^{*de fact*} Part of the loot was found in the jail. They couldn't resist flashing money, ^{*That was*} _{*7*} suspicious. *And played a part in breaking*
~~And that breaks~~ the perfect alibi.

EMBEZZLEMENT

The town of Ironton, Ohio, is trying to solve the mystery of a - bank embezzlement. One hundred and fourteen thousand dollars - missing. But it's no "Who Dun It." The question is not - Who? But - Why?

The F.B.I. reports that Mrs. Fronia Sexton has confessed - the last one you'd ever suspect. A sixty-two year old grandmother, who was - President of the Bank. Prominant - in civic and financial affairs. People can't figure - why she needed the money.

President of the Bank - also the owner of two theatres. And she recently sold another. She's the proprietor of a restaurant, has an interest in an automobile firm, and owns large amounts of real estate. Moreover, she's the President of the Company that publishes the local newspaper. Not - who dun it. But - why?

LIBERACE

Tonight, in New York, Liberace drew a record-breaking gate at Madison Square Garden. Sixteen thousand people, three-quarters of them women, jammed into hear Liberace play the piano. This broke the previous record set - years ago - by Paderewski. In the judgment of the critics, Liberace is no Paderewski - not by a long shot. But he sure can pack them in.

~~Note: The Blinky story could be dropped.~~

GOLF

Here's one for all you experts of the hook and slice.

All golfers have dreamed of owning an "un-losable" golf ball?

In Washington, Lawyer George Degnan collects odd patents - as a hobby. One of the inventions - a golf ball with a smoke device. When it lands, it gives off a tiny spiral of smoke. If you drive it into the weeds or the woods, all you have to do is - watch for the smoke.

In addition there's a patent on - a musical golf ball. Before you tee off, you wind it up - there's a music box inside. The golf ball plays a tune. So, to find it - just listen to the music. If you slice a wild one into those pine trees at Pine Valley, you merely proceed in the general direction. And, pretty soon, Mike, you hear a few bars of "Show Me The Way To Go Home:", or "Come to Me My Melancholy Baby!" Or - what tune would you want your golf ball to sing?