

CONFERENCE

L.T. - Deleo. Thurs. June 25 - '59,

The British insistence on a summit conference came to a sort of climax, today - when Prime Minister Macmillan called for a "chain" of ^{summits,} ~~peaks~~. Using a series of mountains - as a figure of speech.

"A summit meeting," said the Prime Minister, "should not be thought of as a single peak - but as one of a continuous chain."

Meaning - that he wants, not only that meeting of the heads of state, so much talked about, ~~but~~ - that it shall be only the beginning of a whole string of top level talks.

HARRIMAN

In Moscow, today, Averell Harriman assured Russians - that the American Cultural Exhibition is on the square. Honest - and no faking. The former Governor of New York - answering accusations in Soviet newspapers - which are making snide remarks about one feature on display. The American exhibition in Moscow - showing a "typical American home." Which would cost - about fourteen thousand dollars.

So what's wrong about that? Well, the Communist critics are saying - it's a home that an American worker could not possess. Imagine - a worker living in a house costing fourteen thousand dollars!

Well, the comrades ~~that come over here~~ should ask a few American wage earners - who have homes better than that.

ISRAEL

An uproar in Israel - following the report of a contract. The government of Israel - in a deal with West Germany, To provide armament - for West German military forces. Two hundred and fifty thousand grenade throwers, made in Israel to be shipped - to West Germany.

The Parliament of Israel - to hold an emergency meeting on Tuesday, To question Prime Minister Ben-Gurion -- about the report.

Today, one Israel newspaper published an editorial, saying: "In our worst dreams, we didn't suspect that Israel, in the twentieth year since the start of Hitler's slaughter of the Jewish people, would send a stream of weapons for rearming the German army."

~~(All promising - a lively session of the Kneset. When Ben-Gurion is questioned -- about the report of a contract for the manufacture of grenade throwers for West Germany.)~~

DE VALERA

A spectacular celebration in Dublin, today, as Eamon deValera became President of Ireland. Taking the oath of office - in historic Dublin Castle. ^P But the most affecting moment came when, in his inaugural procession - the new Irish President stopped for one minute, ^{Then} in front - of the General Post Office building. ~~All hats removed for~~ a minute of solemn silence.

The post office building - still showing the marks of bullets. Scene of the final stand of the Irish insurgents - in the Easter Rebellion of Nineteen Sixteen. The leaders - captured and executed. All - except Eamon deValera, ^{who} escaped the firing squad - only because he was born in New York, and might be an American citizen.

Today, deValera ^{paid} ~~paying~~ homage to comrades who fell forty-three years ago, ^{As} he became - the President of Ireland.

CUBA

The Castro government in Cuba has ordered - the expropriation of two million, two hundred and seventy thousand acres of grazing lands, In the cattle growing province - of Camaguey, Cuba's beef belt. Great ranches - to be broken up. Each rancher- to retain no more than three ~~hundred and thirty-five~~ acres. Expropriated lands - to be used for cattle cooperatives,)
Which, says Castro - will vastly increase the Cuban beef supply.

Today's decree - the first action ^{under} of Castro's agrarian reform law, which is raising - such an uproar in Cuba.

Yesterday, the revolutionary chief accused Cuban cattle interests of trying to block the agrarian law. Today - the order to seize the cattle ~~ranches~~ ranches.)

STEEL

The United Steel Workers, this afternoon - proposed an extension of the Union contract for fifteen days. Which would put off the strike deadline - from midnight of June Thirtieth to July Fifteenth. But, on one condition - that in any final settlement, increased benefits for steel ~~workers~~ workers would be retroactive. ~~going~~ Going back - to June Thirtieth.

This Union offer is in response to a proposal made yesterday by the steel industry. Which suggested - that the strike be put off indefinitely. (The contract extended - to provide an indefinite length of time for continued negotiations. This, with a warning - that, if the extension were not accepted by the Union, the steel industry would have to start closing its plants right away. In anticipation - of a strike.)

LONG

The state of Louisiana - all ~~sixty~~ set for a tense melodrama, tomorrow, in the town of Covington. Where, in a basket ball court - the case of Earl Long will be decided by District Judge Robert Jones. Who has it in his power - to continue the commitment of Earl Long in a mental institution. Or set him free - to resume the office of Governor.

Earl Long - calling a "jury of doctors". Really - witnesses. Thirteen psychiatrists from all over Louisiana. Summoned to give medical opinion on the mental health of Earl Long.

Then, of course, there will be Dr. Charles Belcher, head of the hospital where Long is being held. The doctors there, having reported - the patient suffers from schizophrenic paranoia. Which medical opinion, Dr. Belcher could repeat - in testimony before the court. Or, on the other hand, he could announce - that Governor Long has recovered from his mental illness.

Prominent at the legal proceedings tomorrow - a

jamming crowd. Following ^{the} broadcast, last night, ~~NAME~~ of a recording that Earl Long made in the hospital, in which he declared he was a victim of a conspiracy - by his wife, Mrs. Blanch Long, and his nephew, Senator Russell Long, son of the legended Huey Long, the Kingfish.

Mrs. Blanch Long has fled - reported to be in Mexico. Senator Long is in Washington - with no comment on the charge made by Earl Long.

But one thing is certain - that last night's broadcast will draw a crowd, thronging the court case at Covington. Many of them, no doubt - ardent supporters of Earl Long.

In fact, tonight's dispatch from the scene, passes along a supposition - that, if Earl Long is not set free by the court, there may be mob action to liberate him.

You can search the pages of American history, I suppose - and not find anything to match the present imbroglio in Louisiana.

DEBT

Moving fast.
The Senate - ~~in fast action~~ - Completing Congressional

action for an emergency boost of the ceiling of the national debt. A temporary hike - which would permit an increase in the national debt up to two hundred and ninety-five billions of dollars.

The House of Representatives has already passed the bill - which now goes to the President.

TIARA

Today, another record breaking price - at an auction in London. A tiara studded with diamonds - bringing three hundred and eight thousand dollars. The most - ever paid for a single piece of jewelry in Britain.

Yesterday, it was a painting, "The Adoration of the Magi", by Rubens - which set an all-time high for the price of a picture. Today's event - occurring at that same auction. The Duchess of Westminster, selling family treasures - to pay the death duties on the estate left by her husband. The levy - coming to nearly twenty million dollars. Which might sound - like a record-breaking tax.

The Westminster tiara - set with one thousand, four hundred and twenty-one diamonds. Among them - the two Arcot brilliants. Pear shaped stones - the most perfectly matched in the world. ~~Which~~ Once - were the property of Queen Charlotte.

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The Westminster tiara - now coming to the United States, ^{Don} Purchased by Harry Winston - a diamond merchant of New York. ^{\$ 300,000}

QUEEN

The greatest demonstration # in the history of Montreal - greeting Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. The old city in French Canada - answering reports that Canadians were giving the royal couple a lukewarm welcome. Not so enthusiastic - about Her Majesty and the Prince.

Today Crowds, twenty and thirty deep - jammed along the sidewalks - as the Queen and her husband drove through the streets. In the Montreal financial district, the ticker-tape shower -- was a deluge. *P* Officials are saying that the demonstration will be still greater, tomorrow - when President Eisenhower joins Elizabeth the Second in ceremonies for the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.