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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY!

The State Department has just announced that it favors a top-level meeting with Soviet Russia, providing there is real evidence - that something can be accomplished. This statement was issued today in answer to Senator George of Georgia - chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who, in a TV interview yesterday, called for a Big Power meeting as one "hope of avoiding war."

The State Department said it was in agreement. But, with the qualification - that there should be some real hope of getting Soviet Russia to sign an Austrian peace treaty and agree to free elections for the unification of Germany. At the White House, that same view was echoed.

All of which is followed by another statement from

Senator George. Who, today said a conference with Soviet Russia should be called, without waiting for proof of Russian good intentions. The Senator declaring: "I do not think we can necessarily wait for further action." So he urged President Eisenhower to take the initiative, and propose a Churchill-Bulganin-Eisenhower conference. With, presumably - the French Premier ■ included. If Churchill is to take part maybe they'll have to hurry.

CHURCHILL

For there is a rumor from London - that Prime Minister Churchill is likely to retire early next month. Sir Winston to have dinner with Queen Elizabeth on April Fourth, when, they say, he will inform Her Majesty of his intention to resign. The news - to be made public the next day, April Fifth.

According to the London rumor, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden will become the new Prime Minister, and will promptly call - a general election. The Conservatives - taking advantage of the split in the Labor Party. The feud - between Labor Party Leader Clement Attlee and the radical rebel Aneurhan Bevan.

But - there is a suggestion that the rumor was "planted," to force Churchill's hand. Rumors - put into circulation by Conservatives, who would like to see the aged Sir Winston retire.

SUBSTITUE MOSCOW

The soviets, today, carried on-with the threat against the re-armament of Western Germany. Announcing-that plans have been completed for a unification of Communist military command in Europe. The Soviets and the satellites-to place their armed forces under a single commander. A Red version of-NATO.

But, says Moscow, this completed plan will take effect-only if the West proceeds with its program of re-armam&ng Western Germany. Which makes it-a stroke of propaganda.

CHURCHILL

Letter

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In France a document was made public today - a letter from Prime Minister Winston Churchill to former Premier Mendes-France. The purpose of the release - to influence the French Senate. Which, on Wednesday, will begin a debate on the ratification of the treaty on West German rearmament.

The Churchill letter dates back to ~~the time~~ when Mendes-France was Premier, and was proposing top level talks with Soviet Russia. ~~Simultaneously~~ ~~while the West German rearmament treaty was going through the process of ratification.~~

Churchill rejected that in blunt language. In his letter to Mendes-France, he said ratification would have to come first ^{and that} if France refused, the Western powers would go ahead, anyway and France would be isolated. The place occupied by France in the Councils of the West, would be vacant - an "empty chair".

Churchill put it in these words:

TANKER

It looks as if that cargo of jet fighter fuel out in the Indian ocean-will have to go all the way back to Red Romania. There was talk-that the Chinese communists might send their own tankers to take aboard the fifteen thousand tons of oil. But that seems to be-out.

Today, the crew of the Finnish tanker radioed a new statement-back to Helsinki, their home port. Repeating their previous refusal-to sail to communist waters.

The home company, in Finland, had invited the Chinese Reds to "come and get" the jet fighter fuel. But now the answer has been received-in the negative. No, nothing doing.

One supposition is that the Reds don't want their own ships-trying to run the Nationalist blockade. Or, they simply haven't got the tankers to send.

All of which leaves the Aruba-stranded out in the Indian Ocean. Nothing to do, seemingly-but

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take the cargo back to where they got it, the
Red Romanian oilfields.

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own, and the next in the royal succession was his brother Ali,
who, however, lost his life in a light airplane accident -
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Ali's seven-year-old son - heir to the crown.

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a Moslem prince. The original Ali was the husband of
Korshid's daughter, Fatima, and became Saint Patrick of Ireland.
Patrick? The patron saint of Ireland. Patrick -
enough to make any Pat Murphy blink in Irish surroundings.

But then, the name of the mother is - MacQueen,
which certainly doesn't sound Mohammedan either - Princess
Christiana. The answer is that the late Prince Ali married
a French woman. Which still doesn't explain - "Patrick."
So that's the way it is.

IRAN

The heir to the throne of Iran has been "kidnapped."
Taken away from a school in Switzerland - by his mother.
Defying - the Shah of Iran.

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But then, the name of the mother is - Christiane. Which certainly doesn't sound Mohammedan either - Princess Christiane. The answer is that the late Prince Ali married a French woman. Which still doesn't explain - "Patrick."
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Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlevi and Princess Christiane differed - about the way Prince Ali Patrick should be reared. The Shah put him to school in Switzerland. The Princess - wanting to bring him up in France.

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Today brings news of the first under-water session of a Congressional committee. The hearing—held below the surface of the sea, in the ^{first} atomic submarine ~~the~~ Nautilus.

Over the weekend, members of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee took a trip aboard the Nautilus—which made a series of dives. The Committee members took note of how the Ultra-modern craft operated—and then, last night, a formal committee meeting was held. As the Nautilus—went cruising, under ~~water~~ the sea,

At the hearing, evidence was given by Rear Admiral H. G. Rickover, guiding spirit in the development of the atomic submarine. He gave the Committee an outline of how undersea craft, powered by the atom, would operate in war. New naval strategies ⁺ made ^{being} possible—a revolution in the ways of sea power.

Today, all this was revealed by Committee member Congressman Van Zandt of Pennsylvania—^{a World War II} ~~a former~~

2-NAUTILUS

veteran,
~~naval officer.~~

Whose account of the operations of the Nautilus features the word "Terrific". "The interior innovations are terrific," says the Congressman. "The operating abilities and potentialities are-terrific. The speed and endurance are such as to revolutionize submarine warfare." Everything-terrific.

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LIBERACE

There's trouble in the Liberace family. The mother of the candelabra pianist wants to call herself Mrs. Liberace. But his father says-no.

Several years ago, she divorced her husband and married again. Acquiring-a new name. But since then, her son has become a celebrity. So she wants to use the name of-Liberace. And has gone to court-for permission.

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MANSFIELD

I am broadcasting from one of my favorite places tonight, the Lodge at Smugglers' Notch, at the foot of Mt. Mansfield, in Vermont. Here for the International ski races, in which there were many stars running the famous Nose Dive - about one hundred and thirty racers from five or six countries. Top honors again went to American Olympic star Andrea Mead Lawrence - twenty-two years old now and mother of two sons. A newcomer over here, a blonde flash from Austria, Andreas Molterer, and a nineteen-year-old ball of fire from Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Bud Werner, one of the stars on this year's championship University of Denver team.

The Stowe International ski races came to a rather sensational finale. Excellent snow, glorious sunshine, with several of the men breaking the course record set by Ernie McCullough of Mt. Tremblant two years ago.

Accidents? A few. Dorothy Modenese of Seattle, rocketed off into the trees, breaking her pelvis and a few

ribs - and holding up the race for a half hour. This was early in the race. You can imagine the feelings of the others, waiting at the top of the mountain - waiting - waiting.

Andrea Mead who already had made the run, called the top of the mountain on the phone, and encouraged the crowd of chilled - and no doubt apprehensive racers. She said to them: "The course is okay! Don't worry about it! Come on down and have fun!"

Everybody expected Martin Stroltz, Austrian star, to triumph - maybe easily. But Bud Werner of Colorado, cut corners and somehow managed to win by the wide margin of almost five seconds. In a two mile downhill ski race, five seconds is regarded as a spectacular victory.

Nowadays these lads who take part in down-mountain racing run wide open most of the time. To see them taking a precipitous one like Mansfield, highest in the Green Mountains - to see them take it straight - is a rather

breath-taking experience. Colorado, the University of Denver, and his coaches Gordon Wren and Willy Schaeffler, can be proud of young nineteen year old Bud Werner from Steamboat Springs. And he did it on borrowed skis!

Oh yes, and the Olympic team was announced after the race:

Tom Corcoran, U.S. Navy; Brooks Dodge, U.S. Army; Dick Mitchell, U.S. Air Force; Les Streeter, Middlebury College; Bud Werner, University of Denver; Ralph Miller, U.S. Army; Marvin Moriarity, Mt. Mansfield. Alternates: William Beck, Mt. Mansfield, Vermont, and Ken Lloyd, Reno, Nevada.

Women's Squad: Andrea Mead Lawrence, Colorado; Katy Rodolph, Nevada; Dorothy Modenese, Seattle; Betsy Snite, New Hampshire, and Skeeter Werner, Colorado. Alternates: Jeannette Burr Bray, Seattle and Penny Pitou, New Hampshire.

They will race for us at the Winter Olympics, next year, at Cortina, Italy.

WEATHER

"Spring, gentle spring!" - sings the poet.

At four thirty-six A.M. today, eastern standard time, spring arrived, officially. But you'd never know it - from the weather up here, where right now we are in the middle of a blizzard.

STOCK MARKET

The Chairman of the United States Steel Corporation predicts " one of the greatest periods of prosperity this country has ever seen". Testifying at the Senate investigation of the stock market boom, Benjamin Fairless declared the steel industry percieves no weak spots in the National economy. So he foresees a rise of business and a decline of unemployment for the rest of the year. I hope, Hugh, that's OK with you! And all our listners!