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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Eisenhower doesn't believe that Communist China is about to start a war in the Formosa area. According to the United Press Correspondent, Merriman Smith, the President believes that intelligence data proves - Mao Tse-Tung has not achieved enough of a military build-up on the so-called "invasion coast".

The President has a second reason for his opinion. He thinks that the Chinese Reds would not want to start a war - just when the African-Asian conference is about to get under way at Bandung, Indonesia, on April Eighteenth. That Mao Tse-Tung could hardly picture himself as peace-loving, if he ordered his troops into action at about the same time.



U P reporter Merriman Smith. It's expected that Mr. Eisenhower will clarify his position tomorrow at his news conference.

Meanwhile, observers in Washington note that the Chief Executive is contradicting the chief of Naval Operations. Admiral Carney has said that war might begin in the Formosa Strait right after April Fifteenth. However, these observers point out that Mr. Eisenhower does not object to his subordinates ~~na~~ giving their own views. So he doesn't mind the Admiral saying that war might begin - although he himself is convinced that it will not.

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles says that if any big power conference with the Russians is held - it will be a "Big Five" instead of a "Big Four". Meaning that West Germany will participate - because German unification would be a major issue. Secretary Dulles informed the Senate Foreign Relations committee that there is no real information on whether the Kremlin will accept a bid to such a conference. And - that if the Russians do turn out to be willing - it will take months to get things arranged.

He added that now it's too late for the Russians to block German re-armament. Our Senate is expected to approve the Paris agreements by the end of this week. Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark and Luxembourg then to obey them. Secretary ~~of state~~ Dulles believes failure to block German re-armament, has been quite a blow to Soviet Diplomacy.

He also added that the Paris agreements offer a model for arms control; for an international council to set the limits on each nation's military strength. Decisions of the Council, to be taken by a majority vote, with no veto. Finally, the council would have power to investigate member nations - to make sure they are keeping their promises.

An effective system - to control arms, without destroying any nation's sovereignty. He thinks this would be a good plan if, in his words, "The Soviet rulers have a genuine desire to regulate and control armaments".

Civil war broke out in Saigon, Indo China, today. The troops of a fanatical religious sect - attacking Army and police headquarters, and bombarding the palace of the Premier with mortar shells.

The rebels wore green berets as part of their uniform. Armed with hand ~~gren~~ grenades and daggers, they rushed into police headquarters - but were driven back after savage hand to hand fighting. At the Army post, they succeeded in smashing their way into the center court - but were driven out by a loyalist parachute unit. The battle at the Army post, described as - "short but bloody."

The biggest fight took place at the palace of Premier Diem. The attack was launched under the cover of mortar ~~in~~ fire. But the Premier turned his palace into a fortress manned by his own troops. ~~AM~~ The rebels were beaten back in about an hour.

At last reports, Premier Diem had the ~~xxx~~ situation in hand. The struggle involved only the Indo Chinese -- the French, standing guard over their own quarters, but not involved in the shooting.

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MALENKOV

Tonight the Chancellories of the world are asking - what has become of Malenkov? For six days nothing has been heard of the former Soviet Premier. He was not on hand for Saturday's meeting of the Supreme Soviet - although ordinarily he would have been there, Nor did he meet the delegation of Swedish power experts who were in Moscow for three weeks.

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One added point - the Soviet radio has broadcast a denunciation of those who believe in raising the living standards of the Russian people, instead of concentrating on the strength of the state. Sounds like a blast against Malenkov - who made consumer goods all important when he was premier.

So, diplomats are wondering, has Malenkov been purged? In London, it's doubted that he has been executed. British authorities point out that Malenkov made himself popular with the people hence even a Communist tyranny might hesitate to eliminate him as it did Beria.

But if he is still alive has he lost all that was left to him when Bulganin took over?

ISRAEL

The United Nations Security Council condemns Israel for the attack in the Gaza Strip last month, Forty six persons were killed when an Israeli force struck at an Egyptian garrison.

Egypt protested to the U N. Tonight the Security Council voted on the protest. The result -- Israel condemned unanimously.

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PANAMA

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implicated in the assassination of his predecessor.
Jose Guizado, found guilty by the National Assembly -
guilty of conspiring in the machine gun murder of the
President Jose Remon. Then he was promptly sentenced
to six years in jail.

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the assassination. In particular that Guizado wanted to benefit from a proposed American loan. President Remon turned down Guizado's schemes. That, said the prosecutor, caused Guizado to plan the murder.

The National Assembly agreed with the prosecutor that Guizado was guilty - and now he gets six years.

MILITARY

For members of the armed forces a pay increase of more than seven hundred million. For everyone in uniform - except officers of under three years service, and enlisted ~~men~~ men with less than two years.

This is the first pay hike since Nineteen Fifty two, affecting two million men in all branches of service. One way to keep trained men in service.

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WIRE TAP

Witnesses for the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, testified today that wire tapping should be made legal - in cases involving ~~our~~ national security. The suggestion came out during a session of the House judiciary sub-committee -- which is considering bills that would permit officials to listen in on telephone calls in dealing with such things as treason and sabotage.

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ATOMIC

The most powerful atomic explosion of the Nineteen Fifty five series - was touched off today at Yucca Flats, Nevada. Observers say the blast this time was equal to twenty five thousand tons of T N T.

Immediately after the explosion, a blazing fireball, four miles in diameter - rose high in the air.

Intensely white - then fading into a brilliant orange

lasting for nine seconds. The flash so bright it lighted

up the horizon at Las Vegas - seventy five miles away.

In that city, windows were cracked, and burglar alarms

touched off - by the explosion. This one was plainly

visible in Oakland, California, four hundred miles from

the scene of the explosion.

Later in the day, another was dropped from a plane-- a so-called "baby bomb" setting off an explosion of about five thousand tons of T N T.

The first time for two atomic bombs to be exploded in one day.

CONVICTS

Special security forces have been strengthened at the Nebraska state prison. This, following a threat that the nine rioting convicts might try to ~~we~~ break out.

Governor Anderson is in charge of the operation. He says that several of the convicts were spotted wearing the guards clothing -- apparently taken from their ~~hostages~~ hostages. And Governor Anderson adds that a lot of hammering was heard from the inside - which could mean that the rebels are trying to break their way out.

The Governor has exchanged notes about the convicts again - by means of a rope they lowered out of a window of their building.

They said they still want to talk over with him the surrender terms they mentioned yesterday. But the ~~Governor~~ Governor repeated that he would not consider their demands - until the hostages have been released.

No food has been sent in - even though the hostages

have asked for it. The fear being, that the convicts would eat it themselves. So the Governor is standing fast on his policy of starving out the rebels.

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TRAIN

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ELEPHANTS

Could you use an elephant or two? India has too many. An oversupply of elephants. A dispatch from New Delhi says the machine age has overtaken the pachyderm of Hindustan. Another sign of violent change. Soon even Rudyard Kipling would not recognize India if he returned.

Indian farmers find it cheaper to operate a tractor than feed an elephant. They are dropping in price - already down from Four thousand to six hundred dollars.

And even at that few takers. Lo the poor elephant! The tractor is sending him back to the Bengal and the Assam Jungle.

The Rajahs, and Maharajahs used to keep strings of elephants - for getting around, for hunting tigers and for magnificent ceremonies. The princes are still there, but they have lost their principalities and can no longer keep up their famous stables of elephants.

The State of Mysore, in Southern India, still has forty or so that were captured at the last keddah, and for

hay alone they cost the Maharajah Fifteen hundred dollars
a month. Now, from Delhi we hear there may be no more annual
keddahs - no more round ups of wild elephants - unless
something happens to make them valuable again.

Plen Tice,

Something sad in that news, What will India be

without the gaily caparisoned elephant, with his silver and
gold howdah?

*And will become of all
the mahants?*