

EISENHOWER - WEST GERMANY

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President Eisenhower ^{said} today, ^{that it is} ~~declared~~ up to Chancellor Adenauer to decide about the ^{at} Soviet offer. Also - up to West Germany on whether to adopt neutrality, or stick along with the West. But the President added: "We know Chancellor Adenauer. We have the utmost faith and confidence in him, and we know one thing - he will stand by his allies and friends."

At his news conference, the President was asked - about the July meeting of the Big Four, Eisenhower-Eden-Faure-Bulganin. How long should it last? The Western invitation is for - three days. Which has aroused Russian criticism. The argument - that a three-day limit would jeopardize the chances of success.

The President replied that he might be willing to remain at the conference with Soviet Russia for five or six days, if it would help the cause of peace. He won't haggle about a day or two extra. But he doesn't want the meeting at the "summit" to drag on indefinitely. There should be a

time limit -- up there, on the "summit."

He was, likewise, flexible about the question of -
the place. The Western allies want Luzanne, in Switzerland.
The Soviets have said they prefer - Vienna. Today, President
Eisenhower remarked - that he's willing to go "any place,
from Timbuctu to the North Pole", to further the cause of peace.

No, we can't agree with the President on that.

Timbuctu, at the southern side of the Sahara Desert, is no place
to be - in the middle of July. It's hotter than Washington -

at that time of the year. ~~While~~ ^{while} as for the North Pole, that ~~would~~
~~be a~~ ^{would be better. Say at Thule, on the}
~~an ice place all year round.~~
~~Green~~ ^{Green} ~~land~~ ^{land} ice cap.
~~Let's stick to the temperate zone, Mr. President.~~

WEST GERMANY

West Germany gave its first official reaction, today - to the invitation extended by Moscow. Offering - an establishment of normal diplomatic and trade relations. And - inviting West German Chancellor Adenauer to Moscow for negotiations. So what does West Germany now reply?

At Bonn, an official spokesman stated - that his government "welcomes" the Soviet proposal. And "hopes" a meeting between the West German and Soviet leaders will be held.

But the spokesman made clear - that no decision will be made until Chancellor Adenauer has consulted with the Western Allies. The Chancellor is due in Washington next week - for conferences with President Eisenhower. They'll discuss the Soviet offer. On his way home from the United States, Adenauer will stop in London - for similar talks with Prime Minister Eden. *P* The spokesman added that an Adenauer trip to Moscow was "highly improbable" - until after the top level conference next month, between Soviet Russia and the West.

This official statement was made - following a

three hour Cabinet meeting, in which Adenauer discussed the Moscow message with his Ministers.

All the political parties of West Germany are hailing the Russian offer. With ^{Chancellor} Adenauer's own Party ^{also} urging caution.

The Christian-Democrats insisting -- that the Soviets are wrong, if they think they can break West Germany away from the West. Which is what Moscow ^{wants} ~~has tried~~ to do. Trying to neutralize a united Germany, as little Austria has been neutralized.

Please drop the story slugged SOUTH AMERICA and use the following in its place.

NEHRU. Tonight, the Prime Minister of India held a formal banquet for the leaders of the Soviet Union. Nehru, presiding over the ceremony at his Moscow Embassy. So says Radio Moscow.

According to the broadcast, Khrushchev and Bulganin were present. That was natural, they being the two top figures in the Soviet Union. But the radio adds a name that hasn't been in the new^s much lately - Malenkov. The former Soviet Premier was there at the banquet too.

RESERVES

The President made an appeal to Congress, today, to go ahead with his military reserve program. Which has been pigeon-holed - because of a dispute about an anti-segregation clause. The President told his news conference that the reserve bill was urgently necessary for national defense - and expressed his disapproval of the inclusion of the segregation issue. Which aroused the opposition of Southern legislators.

MINIMUM WAGE

The Senate passed a bill, today, to hike the national minimum wage from seventy-five cents an hour to one dollar an hour. President Eisenhower advocates a ninety cent-an-hour bill, and today renewed the recommendation. But the Senate hiked the ante.

STEEL

Word from the steel industry - opposing ^a ~~the~~ guaranteed annual wage. Joseph Larkin, chief negotiator for Bethlehem Steel, says his Company will not voluntarily make the kind of contract that the Ford Motor Company made with the Auto Workers Union. The steel industry will go into negotiations with the Steel Workers Union of the C.I.O., but will discuss questions ~~of questions~~ of wages only. Excluding - a guaranteed annual wage. *Republic Steel takes the same stand.*

~~Meanwhile, three New Jersey plants of General Motors were tied up today by wildcat strikes. Workers - going out in advance of negotiations between G.M. and the Auto Workers Union. The guaranteed annual wage - to be demanded. Officials of the Union disclaim responsibility for the wildcat strikes today.~~

BRITAIN - STRIKE

London reports - a step forward in settling the national railway strike. Today, the Union^S and the Government issued a statement saying - they could negotiate with "mutual confidence" and "good faith." (The point about this is, that the Unions had been accusing the Government of renegeing on promises, while the Government had been accusing the Union of misrepresentation.) They both dropped ~~the~~ charge and counter-charge - which, says London, should expedite a settlement.

CHURCHILL

There were cheers in the British House of Commons, today, as a newly re-elected M.P. - was sworn in. Sir Winston Churchill, ~~for the first time~~ - taking his place as a "back bencher." After he resigned as Prime Minister, he dropped back into the ranks. But - didn't appear in Parliament, until today. Following - the recent election.

He took the same seat he occupied - before he ever became a Prime Minister. Dating back to the days - when Winston Churchill was a "stormy petrel" in the House of Commons.

Denouncing - appeasement policies toward Nazi Germany.

(Today, he took the oath, ^{accompanied by} ~~with~~ Clement Attlee, the Labor Party leader. Two old political enemies, but personal friends - sworn in together.) The report is that the seventy-two year old Attlee will soon join the eighty year old Churchill - in retirement. Attlee to step down, they say - as chief of the opposition.

I suppose that the roly-poly Sir Winston was all the more chipper, today, because he had a good night of sleep.

Which might not have been the case, if he had been told - that his wife, Lady Clementine, had sustained an accident last night. She was in their London home, while Churchill spent the night at "Chequers", in the country. The accident - a broken wrist, when she fell down the stairway. But ^(Lady Clementine) ~~she~~ wouldn't let them inform her husband of the mishap. Not wanting to disturb his rest - the night before taking his place in Parliament as a "back bencher."

BRITISH CARRIER

British admirals ^{say that} ~~declare~~ aboard an aircraft carrier you should have "birds of war." Speedy planes, which you might call - "eagles of the sky." Or maybe - "the hawks of ~~war~~ ^{battle}." But not - parakeets. Yet, aboard a giant ^{British} carrier they've discovered - four hundred and seventy-five parakeets. Ten times as many - as there are ^{all of} planes. Which has caused ^{quite a} rumpus @ at the harbor of Portsmouth.

H.M.S. Centaur returned from a cruise in the Mediterranean. One sailor - reporting ill. The doctors gave a diagnosis. The sailor stricken with - "psittacosis." Commonly known as - "parrot fever."

So an investigation began - were there any parrots aboard H.M.S. Centaur? ^{Were there! They found aboard} ~~That resulted in the discovery of the~~ four hundred and seventy-five parakeets - which the sailors had picked up in the Mediterranean.

It's against British naval regulations for sailors to have ~~any sort of~~ pets aboard warships. Especially - pets that cause an outbreak of parrot fever.

SEOUL - RIOT

There was rioting in Seoul today - with a ^{Korean} mob trying to storm the U.S.Embassy. Anti-American? Not exactly. It was an anti-Japanese demonstration.

The Koreans retain a lot of enmity toward the Japanese - who were their overlords, until the end of World War Two. Protests - against American aid to Japan. So, today, a crowd started - a protest march. Three thousand veterans of the Korea War - plus members of Left Wing unions.

They went shouting and storming to the official mansion of President Syngman Rhee - but were headed off by a strong force of police. Whereupon, one section of the mob went marching to the U.S.Embassy. There the police established a barricade, and the battle was on. The police - swinging rifle butts - to quell the disorder.

JAPAN

Over in Japan - a U.S. naval scandal. The central figure, a Japanese beauty of twenty-two. Who cultivated the acquaintance of American sailors. Result, six thousand dollars' worth of radio equipment - missing.

Four sailors are being questioned, and five Japanese have been arrested, together with four Koreans. Chief suspect - the Japanese girl. Who seemed ambitious to be - "the belle of the fleet."

They say the gang used her as a lure - persuading sailor boy friends to steal radio sets. The six thousand dollars' worth - discovered in a Japanese village. Where - the loot was hidden.

PALESTINE

In the Near East, a powerful broadcasting station has begun a campaign. The gist of which is - "declare war on Israel." The station is in Egypt - partly financed, they say, by the Egyptian government. Propaganda - urging the Arab states to start a preventative war. Last night, for example, the radio station said - that if the Arab countries don't attack Israel, then Israel will attack them. Moslems are warned - to prepare for war.

Recently, the Tel Aviv ~~gov~~ government has been replying to a belligerent press campaign in Egypt. Calling it - "bombast." Arguing ^{that} the regime in Egypt is ^{actually} shaky, ^{and is} using war talk, to bolster its precarious power.

SOUTH AMERICA

The Southern Hemisphere is having - a roaring onset of Winter. Argentina reports bitter cold, down to ten below, with raging blizzards - winds at seventy-five miles an hour. Gloomy days for the past couple of weeks - not a ray of sunshine in thirteen days. One result - an epidemic of the flu.

Winter doesn't start, officially, down there for another two weeks. But, unofficially, Jack Frost, the snow man, and the storm king, have already arrived - below the Equator.

TAVERN

An odd story from Chicago tells of a tavern which is a sort of college for screwballs. People, who have weird ideas to spout, come in - and make speeches. Lecture room - provided.

The proprietor, Slim Brundage, who also works as a house painter, says - his screwball customers are "artists, writers, intellectuals and college professors." Sounds like - a fine lot of eccentrics.

What attracted me to the story, today, was - a few samples of the wit and humor. Slim provides a blackboard, with plenty of chalk - so that, if a customer thinks of a gag, he can write it out.

So one screwball went to the blackboard and wrote:

"Chicago has the best politicians - that money can buy."

Another scribbled the following: "She was good for nothing, but she ~~wasn't~~ ^{wasn't} bad for nothing."

But, alas, there's always a disillusion. One example of humor - an ancient line I'd heard years ago. Going this way: "Work is the curse of the drinking classes."

But it's a good one, good and screwball - even if old.

CANADA - INDIANS

In Canada, two thousand Indians will have a chance to vote in an election tomorrow - a provincial election in Ontario. And we all know - what a precious right the franchise is, the right to vote. But those Indians won't avail themselves of it, at all. They'll stay away from the polls - boycotting the election.

They're tribesmen of the Six Nations - the Mohawks, the Oneidas, the Tuscaroras, the Cayugas, the Senecas and the Onondagas. Whose chieftain, today, instructed the tribal members - don't vote. ~~The reason is fear that if they participated in tomorrow's election,~~ For fear that they might, eventually, become full fledged citizens of Canada. Which, in turn, might cause them to lose their old constitution - under the confederacy of the Six Nations. A treaty - granting them tribal autonomy.

Instead of ~~ballots in~~ voting for pale face candidates, they prefer - the traditional Council of the Tribes, the old-fashioned Indian pow-wow.