

BIG THREE L.T.-P.G.M.M. Feb. 18 - '52,

From London - news of diplomacy, hot and heavy. Today there were two emergency sessions - between the Foreign Ministers of the Big Three and German Chancellor Adenauer. Having attended the funeral of the late King George the Sixth, they now plunge into discussions of the greatest urgency - for an agreement right away, lest the next big international conference break down before it starts.

That's the meeting of the Atlantic Treaty powers, opening in Lisbon on Wednesday - for top level talks on West European defense. A dispatch from Lisbon states that an impressive array of officers and experts is ~~gm~~ gathering already - without knowing whether or not they'll have any conference at all.

France and Germany are disputing two questions:-

One -- full membership for western Germany in the Atlantic Treaty organization. The other - the Saar, that valley of coal, which the Germans believe the French are trying to grab. The Saar and

its coal mines, on the border of France and Germany, a long-time subject of dispute - now a bone of contention all over again. Which threatens a snarl-up in the business of getting West German military forces into the army of General Eisenhower.

So, in London today, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, French Foreign Minister Schumann, and American Secretary of State Dean Acheson, were talking earnestly and intensely with West German Chancellor Adenauer, trying to get an agreement - so the Lisbon conference won't be a washout and a farce.

FOLLOW BIG THREE

The Latest -- a statement made in London by a spokesman for Chancellor Adenauer, who declared that a "virtual accord" has been reached for granting Germany full membership in the NATO.

CONSULATE-CHILE

The U S consulate at Santiago, Chile, was bombed today - by an Estonian refugee, who had been deported from the United States. First he threatened American Consul General Camden McLain with two bombs, which he then hurled for an explosion. Then -- dashed to a seventh floor window, from which he jumped, a suicide.

The blast did a lot of damage to furniture, but caused no casualties - in the American consulate.

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KOREA

The Korea truce talks have run into another stumbling block - as if they hadn't tripped over enough ~~xx~~ obstacles already. This one - Soviet Russia. Which sounds like a large stumbling block.

Today the Red representatives insisted that they would name the Soviets to neutral inspection teams. Each side to appoint a selection of nations ^{considered} ~~xxx~~ neutral. The Communists claim that Moscow is neutral -- which sounds like a laugh, considering the way Soviet-made equipment figures in the Korea war.

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Still further - the indications are that the Communists will turn down a U N proposal for a peace conference, when and if a truce is concluded. Their answer is expected at a session today -- and the word is that they will insist on dragging in other problems of the Far East, in addition to Korea. Our demand is that a Korea peace conference shall concern Korea, and nothing else.

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BRITAIN - ATOM

ATOMIC

Word from London is that a couple of warships of the Royal Navy are ready to set sail - for Britain's atomic experiments. Loaded with complicated equipment, bound for Australia - where the tests will be held.

London mentions, not so much an atomic bomb as an atomic weapon - like a rocket or a guided missile with an atomic warhead. Which sounds all the more plausible, because the tests will be held on the Woomera Rocket Range, which is a stupendous affair.

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(Washington announces - a new series of atomic explosions at Eniwetok Atoll.) A statement, cautiously worded, relates that preparations are already under way - on that far Pacific Island.

(So immediately the surmise is - hydrogen bomb.) Lesser atomic tests are held at Frenchman's Flat. On the Nevada desert - the big ones at Eniwetok.

There have been guarded hints of progress in the development of the hydrogen bomb - and, putting two things together, the logic is inevitable. The guess, maybe it's the H-bomb.

TRUMAN MONEY

President Truman asks Congress for an extra three hundred and seventy-two million dollars - to run the government this fiscal year. Various items of added expense are cited, including one for a study of - commercial jet planes. The Civil Aeronautics Administration - to investigate problems that will be raised by jet airliners.

The White House explains that the money requested will not be used to finance any development of commercial jets. The aircraft industry will do that itself. - They say it will take twenty million dollars to create a type of jet airline transport. The British are ahead of us, and British jets, apparently, will soon be on the trans-Atlantic skyways to the United States. Jet will create new problems for commercial airfields, and the Civil Aeronautics Administration wants to study these in advance.

We have some interesting comment on the recent scandals of corruption in government. Former President Herbert Hoover, who presided over the work of the Hoover Commission, points to the ~~six~~ Civil Service reforms they recommended. If these had been adopted, this country would have been spared the current crop of scandals. Hence, he urges Congress to put into effect eighteen major proposals on which no action has been taken. They've just been lying around.

"Daily," declares our only ex-President, "Congress and grand juries are turning up sickening conduct by Federal officials. These exposures," he went on, "can mean only one thing - that our method of selection and organization of Federal employees is badly at fault somewhere."

He says that, at the time when he retired from the Presidency, eighty per cent of Government employees were selected by - Civil Service, non-political. But all that was changed in the Thirties by the huge growth of New Deal agencies - which did not hire under

Civil Service. Result - the figure fell from eighty per cent to hardly more than fifty per cent. About half of all Government employees appointed by politics - not Civil Service. That's the state of affairs today.

Former President Hoover estimates that, of some two and half million Government employees, about one thousand should be named by the political party in power. That is, top officials, responsible for policy-making. The rest of the two and a half million - should get their jobs through Civil Service.

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INVESTIGATION

The Department of Justice, today, began a sweeping offensive against crime and corruption in New York. Two grand juries, in Washington and Brooklyn, ordered to begin proceedings in cases of racketeering up and ~~mm~~ down the line - gambling, the waterfront shakedown, smuggling, drug peddling, bribery, income tax violation. Attorney General McGrath today told U S Attorneys to seek evidence in the five counties of New York City and eleven other counties on Long Island and in the Hudson River Valley -- for a sweeping crack-down on ~~the~~ racketeers.

TAX SCANDAL

The assistant income tax collector at San Francisco was fired this afternoon. Washington taking action after considerable delay. John A. Malone was suspended last September, indicted by Grand Jury last week. Now -- dismissed. His chief, tax collector James G. Smythe, was fired by President Truman last fall, and has also been indicted -- in San Francisco tax bureau scandals.

WEATHER

The weather word tonight is - stormy New England. The northeastern states hit by a tempest and blizzard. The coast - by the fury of the sea.

Up to thirty one inches of snow fell today, knocking out communications, choking highways. Hundreds of motorists are snowbound tonight. At Kennebunk, Maine, two hundred had to seek refuge in a roadside restaurant, when ~~thexx~~ their automobiles were stalled in the drifts.


Near Norway, Maine, two chartered buses -- crowded with eighty-three people, going home from an ice show in Boston, now stranded, snowbound, an ice show they never expected!

At Portland, a three hundred and six foot radio tower blown over by the snowy gale.

At Torrington, the weather so bad, the Mayor has declared a state of emergency.

On the coast - sixty foot waves battering the shore line. It's a rugged coast, where the people are used to the violence of the northeaster - but

they've seldom had a storm worse than the one today.

Two ship wrecks reported. An oil tanker, thirty miles off the Cape Cod Peninsula. The vessel breaking in two - Coast Guard Cutters driving through the storm to the rescue. 

~~Another oil tanker, caught in the tempest in the same area, said to be breaking up in the raging seas. And again Coast Guard to the rescue.~~

FOLLOW WEATHER

The latest -- Thirty-two sailors have been rescued from the sinking tanker "Pendleton." They were huddled half frozen on the stern of their vessel, which had broken in two.

Coast Guard cutters reaching them -- in the teeth of the tempest.

CROOK

The Brooklyn police announce the capture of -- Willie-the-actor. Which has a sort of mild, thespian sound. But Willie (the actor) Sutton is one of the ten criminals most wanted by the F B I.

One of the cleverest of bank robbers, mixed up in so many, that - every time a bank was held up, the police thought - Willie-the-actor! A great escape artist, too - with a record of breaking out of one jail after another.

He got his nickname from his hobby of wearing disguises - liking to play the part of a policeman, a fireman, or a messenger boy. Once, immediately after an escape from prison, he pretended to be an itinerant worker - and got a job as a porter at a New York City poor farm.

Today his disguise was that of a prosperous motorist - and it was all too realistic. He was driving through Brooklyn, when his car broke ~~down~~ down and he got out to see what was wrong. A couple of Brooklyn cops noted the gentleman in distress, and

At Long Beach, California, Mrs. Alice Hilner
thought they'd try to help him. Nice, kindly cops.
But, when they got a good look at the motorist in
trouble, they said; - ^{ha!} "Willie-the-actor".

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FORGERY

At Long Beach, California, Mrs. Alice Milner is accused of passing forged checks - operating with a ring of forgers. In California, Oregon, Arkansas, and Texas. But why did she do it? She says she usually cashed a phoney check - to buy bottles of whiskey. Which sounds drab and disillusioning. But - she's take the bottles of whiskey, and smash^{ea} them! Because she hates liquor!

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WILLIE

The news tonight confirms the disillusion -- in the story of two New York policemen, heroes in the capture of Willie (the actor) Sutton. Night before last we heard how they had spotted the notorious bank robber, one of the ten fugitives most wanted by the F.B.I. After which they were in the ^(linelight)~~mixxxxxxx~~ for two days. Promoted by the Police Inspector - and today they were to have been congratulated by Mayor Impelliteri, in a ceremony at City Hall. But that was called off, suddenly - when the truth came out.

The one who recognized Willie (the actor) Sutton was a Brooklyn pants salesman named Arnold Schuster - who was riding in the subway, when his eye fell on a man sitting across the way. Face - familiar. Arnold Schuster had seen an F.B.I. poster, With a picture, a face - crook wanted, Willie (the actor) Sutton. So there was that same face.

The suspect left the subway in Brooklyn and went to a gas station - Schuster following him. On the street were two cops in a police car. He told them of his suspicion, and they went over to the gas station.

YOU ALL

In case you all are interested, here's a bit of learned research on the subject of that favorite southern expression - you all. Down in Dixieland there has been a good deal of debate about origins and useage -- and in Texas, Mrs. C. L. Hodby of Dallas, undertook an investigation of the biblical aspect.

She read the Bible from cover to cover to see how often "you all" is used in the Holy Writ - and found various instances, for example, the Book of Job, Seventeenth Chapter, Tenth Verse, where we read: "But as for you all, do ye return, and come now, for I cannot find one wise man among you." Which could be applied to various places nowadays.

Well, it does take one to the Bible - which is an advantage. But I doubt if the useage ~~is~~ in the King James version applies particularly to our southern expression - you all. Like walking up ~~xxx~~ to one single solitary individual and saying -- how you all doin',
(I guess you-all aint doin so well - Nelson!
~~Nelson,~~ and now Harry Cramer)