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The White House does not believe ~~that~~ the hostile Soviet reaction means, necessarily - that Moscow ~~will~~ turn down ^{the} ~~XXXX~~ Eisenhower proposal for atomic peace. The President still hopes ~~that~~ the Soviets will, in the end, give serious heed, and consider the plan - to establish an international agency for turning atomic energy ~~for~~ from armament to world-wide peaceful production.

One point of reasoning is this - the Moscow reactions came so quickly. The Soviet radio blasting the next day - with a charge that the Eisenhower ~~XXXX~~ declaration before the U N was "war-mongering", a "threat of atomic war." The belief is that the masters of the Kremlin could not have made up their minds in such a hurry - could not have studied the proposal and come to a definite conclusion in such a brief space of time. The hostile reception - just a quick reaction, for the time being. This was felt so strongly at the White House that, today, an official statement was issued, and read to the newsmen by presidential

Secretary Jim Hagerty. A statement in the following words!

"The President always recognized that his suggestion would require thoughtful study. Therefore, any twenty-four hour reactions by Soviet officials, or by Soviet propaganda media - cannot be accepted as anything more than stopgap interim statements. We are still very hopeful." *Then the* declaration concludes; - "that the Soviet leaders will recognize the President's proposal for what it is - a serious and feasible first step toward atomic peace."

FOLLOW EISENHOWER

Here's ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ a dispatch from Moscow, reading
as follows: "Moscow, ^{December} July Tenth. Soviet circles received
President Eisenhower's atomic pool speech with deep interest
- and consider that it requires careful study."

Moscow, meanwhile, agrees to the Bermuda note on a conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four. The Soviets revived the proposal, and it was accepted by the Bermuda conference - Eisenhower - Churchill-Laniel.

However, the Moscow reception is cool. Tomorrow's edition of ~~Pravda~~ Pravda sneers at the Big Three conference, and says, all it accomplished was - a decision to hold a meeting with Russia.

EGYPT

From Washington, a report that at Bermuda, Prime Minister Winston Churchill ~~xxx~~ rejected an American plan to settle the Suez Canal dispute. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, we are told, proposed a compromise -- involving a very small British concession. But Churchill is reported to have replied that, if he yielded any farther, his government in London might be overthrown. One faction of the Conservative Party is known to be annoyed by concessions that Churchill has already made to Egypt.

INDO CHINA

In Indo China, the Reds have made another offer - to negotiate. For the second time in two weeks, the Communist radio suggests a settlement with France.

Today's Communist offer was made in the following words: "If the French government is sincere, if it respects our true independence, if it wishes to negotiate to put an end to the war - our people and government are ready for discussions."

From the French side, there's immediate comment on the phrase "true independence." ~~Which~~ Which, presumably, would mean that the Reds would want to retain their own Communist regime - dividing Indo-China.

JUDGE

Over in West Germany, a session of the American Court of appeals was on schedule for next Monday. But will it be held? Today, the session was postponed. But - will the postponement stick? That's the latest in the battle of the Judges.

Chief Justice William Clark, fired as the head of the American legal setup in western Germany. A successor ^{sworn} ~~sowed~~ in - Carl Fulghum. But Judge Clark refuses to be fired - and won't budge from his judicial chambers. Today, he was holding the fort.

All so complicated - that Judge Fulghum called off the session for next Monday. But Judge Clark refuses to accept the postponement. Today, he said, he'll hold court, no matter what. He told reporters: I'll be there - in freshly pressed robes and a new white tie. Even if I'm the only person in the courtroom."

The State Department, telling Judge Clark to come

home, indicated that we didn't need a Chief Justice in Germany any more. So now we've got - two. Talk about plaintiff versus defendant. That's combined - with Judge versus Judge.

NOBEL PRIZE

At Oslo, today, the Communists made sure of one thing - that General George Marshall would have the greatest ovation ever given a Nobel Prize winner. There was no doubt, in any case, that the former American Secretary of State would get a big hand as he received the award. But the Reds, just to leave no doubt - staged a hostile demonstration.

With King Haakon of Norway and Crown Prince Olaf in attendance, the chairman of the Nobel committee was just beginning the speech of presentation - when Communists, in the galleries, began yelling protests. One after another, they were hustled out. General Marshall - standing impassive through it all.

The great audience in the stately ~~ax~~ hall of Oslo University reacted with a storm of applause for the veteran soldier. Making the ceremony a triumph for the former American Secretary of State -- awarded the Nineteen Fifty Three peace prize for his part in the Marshall plan, the

program of American aid to the free countries.

Two prize winners were absent today. One - Dr. Albert Schweitzer, granted the ~~PRIZE~~ peace prize for Nineteen Fifty-two -- which was delayed until this year. Dr. Schweitzer couldn't get there - from his medical mission in West Africa. That aged philosopher, musician and humanitarian - having devoted his life to the betterment of the people of the jungle.

The other one who could not attend - Winston Churchill, this year's winner of the Nobel Prize for ~~the~~ Literature. He is on his way home - from the Bermuda conference. But Sir Winston had a representative to receive the prize, and make a speech for him.

Lady Churchill - who heard her husband lauded for his exploits in affairs of state, as well as in the art of writing and eloquence. Sir Winston described as a combination of - Caesar and Cicero. You can hardly ~~be~~ beat that for praise.

Then, her Ladyship read the Churchill address. She seldom takes a place on the public stage, leaving that to her husband - who does it so well. But today the wife of the Prime Minister was in the limelight - as, in a small, quiet voice, she recited phrases of Churchillian eloquence - picturing international turmoil in this era.

"Never, in the field of action", she read from the paper, "have events seemed so harshly to dwarf personalities. Rarely in history have brutal facts so dominated thought. The fearful question confronts us: Have our problems got beyond our control? Undoubtedly, we are passing through a phase - where this may be so."

The voice was that of her Ladyship, but the words had the rhythm and power of Churchill.

A week from today, one of the great anniversaries will be celebrated - the Fiftieth Anniversary of the first flight of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. But there's a former Ohio farmer who says - December Seventeenth is not the real anniversary at all.

W. W. Masters, seventy-eight years old, declares that he saw Orville and Wilbur Wright fly their primitive plane several months before Kitty Hawk. It happened at a farm owned by the Wright family, five miles northeast of Dayton,

He says he was watching, as the Wright Brothers got their old box kite contraption going -- across the field. "It flew just as ~~nice~~ nice as anything could fly," he relates. "It went up in the air, and came down easy, as far as I could see."

He claims that, later, one of the Wright Brothers told him! "That's the first time we ever had it off the ground, under its own power."

Well, it could be that Orville and Wilbur Wright did have some kind of experiment on the farm. There have been rumors of that. Nevertheless, their view always was that their first successful flight was made at Kitty Hawk, December Seventeenth, Nineteen Hundred and Three.

In St. Louis charges are being filed against former Police Lieutenant Louis Shoulders, who was in the headlines for solving the Greenlease kidnap case. At the same time, Patrolman Elmer Dolan has been suspended from the police force, and charges are being filed against him, too. Patrolman Dolan participated with Lieutenant Shoulders in the handling of the kidnap arrest. All of which, of course, has to do with the disappearance of ~~three~~ Three Hundred Thousand Dollars of kidnap ransom money, which vanished in such a way as to arouse suspicion against the two policemen.

In Chicago, Mr. X seems in for trouble. But it's not rabies. In a hospital, Mr. X is getting along nicely, after having been bitten by a mad dog. But now - from the doctors to the police.

Mr. X was saved - by publicity. He was bitten severely by a mad dog, and nobody knew who he was -- he just walked away. For seven days the health authorities looked for him - advertised for him. Then found him - Harry Snarr, a restaurant worker.

But any silvery cloud can have a black lining. And in Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Skalar noted the publicity. They saw a picture of Mr. X and recognized him. They say that, last August he embezzled seventy seven dollars of their money.

Yesterday, a policeman tried to arrest Mr. X, but the doctors wouldn't let him in. Today, the doctors reported that the patient might be dismissed from the hospital tomorrow. Then he'll have to face - the charge of

embezzlement.

Which is not as bad as the rabies, and you might
say - from a very large frying pan into a much smaller fire.

PIGEON

A pigeon flying from Washington to Jersey City - with a thousand dollar bill tied to its leg. If the bird is forced down, anybody who find it - can have the thousand dollar bill.

The purpose - to advertise a new kind of adhesive tape. The thousand dollar bill - attached to the pigeon's leg, with that particular brand.

CRASH

Every so often you hear of an automobile crashing into a house - going right on in, which can be spectacular, or tragic. This time - - pathetic, sheer pathos. The automobile crashed into the home of a couple of newlyweds.

At Stowe, Pennsylvania, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Philipanis got married recently and proudly displayed their wedding presents on four card tables in the living room. You know, the Chinaware, the kitchen utensils, the wilverware linens and laces. All arranged neatly on those four card tables.

That was where the automobile came through, landing *— right thru the side of the house,* on the wedding presents; demolishing them all, *make,*

Sheer pathos, nothing else.