

PARIS MOLOTOV

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Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov says - Russia

will accept the western invitation to a top level conference

in Switzerland. Moscow had wanted - Vienna. The west

suggested - Lausanne, Switzerland. Now the word is <sup>it will be</sup> Geneva,

in Switzerland.

The Molotov statement was made in Paris, today -

where the Soviet Foreign Minister is making a stop, on his way

to San Francisco, for - the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary

of the United Nations. He had lunch today with Prime Minister

Faure, and Foreign Minister Pinay, and invited Premier Faure

to make a trip to Moscow.

The luncheon - exceedingly cordial, we are told.

*In Moscow tonight,* The Soviets threw a ~~big~~ big party, ~~tonight~~  
for Nehru. Russian hospitality, at its most lavish, ~~is being~~  
~~spread~~ - for the Indian Prime Minister, <sup>who is</sup> on a visit to Moscow.

The Kremlin reception tonight, attended by all the  
top diplomats from foreign countries. Also - the news  
correspondents. A sumptuous banquet, <sup>mountains of</sup> caviar, and vodka <sup>by the</sup>  
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Earlier in the day, the British Embassy <sup>in Moscow,</sup> threw

a party, to celebrate the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Second. Attended, not only by the Corps of diplomats - but also by a crowd of top Soviet leaders. Who showed up in most affable mood. That former grim ~~and~~ forbidding air toward westerners - a thing of the past.

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A bomb exploded in front of the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm today. Windows were shattered -- no casualties reported. What the meaning of this bomb attempt may be is not clear.

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## PARLIAMENT

The opening of Parliament was held in London, today - without the usual pageantry. Because of the railway strike, which has tied things up in Britain, - much of the ceremony ~~was~~ omitted. For example, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh rode ~~to~~ from the palace to Parliament in a closed automobile - instead of the usual golden carriage of state, in a brilliant procession.

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The new parliament was to have met on Tuesday of next week. But the date was advanced, so the M P's could vote quick approval of the state of emergency. Proclaimed by the Queen - because of the railway strike.

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## QUEEN

I've been looking over the list of - the Queen's birthday honours. Interesting assortment of people -- including a Physician Dr. Bannister. But not for medical exploit. The doctor- that same Roger Bannister who, last year, ran the first "four minute mile". Now made a Comander of the Order of the British Empire.

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Washington - to <sup>tell em how to</sup> see ~~if he can~~ run the restaurants of the  
Senate and the ~~H~~ouse, at a profit.



## WRECK

Nineteen lives were lost in a flaming ship collision on the North Sea, today. Two oil tankers, Swedish and Panamanian - in a crash. Fire broke out instantly, aboard the ~~Swedish~~ Swedish tanker - the vessel swept by flame. Rescue ships did heroic work - saving twenty three survivors. Oil burning on the water. The sea called a "bowl of fire."

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Allied authorities in Korea have sent an angry protest - against the murder of two South Korean soldiers last week. In the truce zone, the Reds opened fire on a party - repairing signs. A sergeant and a private soldier - killed.

Today's note of protest charges - that the Communists resorted to trickery. Trying to make it appear - that the victims had gone across the line into the Red area. The reds accused of -- a "callous disregard for human life."

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## ROMANIA

The United States, today, placed special restrictions - on Romanian diplomats. Rather complicated; - pertaining to photographs and sketches of U.S. military installations and strategic places. And the new order mentions - "works of plastic art." Which presumably would apply - to ~~some~~ sculpture. Maybe the Romanian diplomats were thinking about making statues - of something.

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REFUGEE PROGRAM

The refugee program has a new boss -- Pierce Gerety, named by Secretary of State Dulles. He will serve under Scott McLeod, State Department Security chief - whose handling of the refugee program ~~was~~ has caused an uproar. But Pierce Gerety will have - "complete authority."

He's <sup>(a one-</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ time member of the law firm of the late Wendell Willkie, Republican candidate for President in Nineteen Forty.



VACCINE


The government has ordered a drastic shake-up and expansion of the vaccine safety program. To avoid the trouble - encountered in handling the Salk polio shots, Surgeon General Scheele is establishing, <sup>what is called</sup> a "special division of biologic standards." A check - on the safety of the vaccine.

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GENERAL MOTORS

A secret meeting was on in Detroit, during the day. A bargaining session - of General Motors and the auto workers union. No official report on what went on. But the word is that G M handed the negotiators for the union - the company answer to their demands. <sup>Demands that</sup> ~~which~~ include - of course, the guaranteed wage. <sup>To this</sup> a G M counter-proposal <sup>was</sup> presented. The rumor in Detroit is that "something big" is brewing.

Meanwhile, at various plants of General Motors, workers were streaming back to work. Having gone out on wildcat strikes - now ordered back ~~by~~ by the union, in no uncertain terms.



*However* General Motors announces that the wildcat strikes will force the closing down of two plants, employing more than fifty nine thousand workers. Idle at least until Monday - as a result of unauthorized walkouts.

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NEW YORK CENTRAL

That famous battle for the New York Central is before a congressional committee, in Washington. The chief witness today - Robert R. Young, the spectacular financier, who won control of the great railroad.

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Today, Young, the winner, told the committee what he was told - by White House aides. They informed him, as he quoted them today - that - "the strictest orders had come down from <sup>Pres.</sup> ~~Mr.~~ Eisenhower to maintain the strictest neutrality in the fight."

He didn't say who the White House aides might have been, or why he talked to them. Or why <sup>the</sup> President ~~should~~ issued a "neutrality" ~~and~~ order - in the battle for the control of New York Central.

PRESIDENT

I don't like to accuse the President of the United States of plagiarism. But, apparently, President Eisenhower is guilty of swiping something from his predecessor - Harry Truman. No, not an international policy, or a political strategy. <sup>em.</sup> Something - less important.

They say ~~the~~ <sup>Eisenhower,</sup> President, speaking of the White House, is likely to call it - "that salt mine." Which is exactly what Harry Truman used to call it. H.S.T. growling: "That salt mine!" Plagiarism? - ~~or maybe~~ <sup>or</sup> two hearts with a single emotion.

In addition to which H.S.T. would also groan and say: "That big white prison!"

Pity the poor President ~~who has~~ <sup>and his</sup> hard life! ~~th,~~

~~But how~~ <sup>it was</sup> different in the good old days.

Today, the news ~~■~~ wire brought along an oddity - looked up by United Press Correspondent Harman Nichols, who referred back <sup>2</sup> to June the Ninth, one hundred years ago.

## ROBBER

In Washington, James Willis, Nineteen years old -  
deserved to have his picture in the papers.

Yesterday he was the hero - in a hold-up. Bandits -  
robbing a real estate office. Willis - chasing ~~them~~ them - hurling  
a knife after them. So why shouldn't he have his picture in  
the paper?

That's what the news photographers thought - going  
to him and asking him to pose, - but he refused. They couldn't  
persuade him. He just wouldn't have his picture taken.

That aroused the suspicion of the police, and  
they checked his fingerprints. Finding - that he was one ~~of~~  
of three robbers in a gasoline station hold-up, earlier in  
the day.

Strange twister - a robber in the morning. Then  
a hero, trying to stop a robbery, in the afternoon.

## LEOPARD

At Durbin, South Africa, there was a chain reaction of melodramatic events - all because a night ~~xx~~ watch-man at a circus, fell asleep on the job. In the section where the animals were kept, he wrapped himself in a blanket - and lay snoozing and snoring.

During the night, a leopard got out of its cage. The sleeping watchman, awakening - when the leopard started pulling the blanket from him. At that instant, a baby elephant came over - and, in playful mood, slapped the leopard with its trunk.

That enraged the ferocious feline - which, however, did not attack the baby elephant. Instead, the leopard sprang at a nearby group of trained Shetland ponies. Ripping and clawing - killing two.

The circus ringmaster was awakened by the uproar. He grabbed a chair - trying to corner the leopard. But the spotted fury dashed out of the circus grounds, and ran snarling through the ~~xxxx~~ <sup>the city of</sup> streets of Durbin. ~~which created~~ <sup>ing</sup> - a panic.



Five patrols of the police joining the chase - until they finally shot and killed the leopard.

*As for* The night watchman, who fell asleep - ~~well~~<sup>H</sup>, he was looking for a new job, today.