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CONFERENCE

Soviet Russia, today, proposed -- a five-power conference on Austria. In the "nearest future," says Moscow. The five powers would be -- the Western Big Three, Soviet Russia and Austria. It would be a meeting of the foreign ministers and would be held -- in Vienna.

Last week, Soviet foreign minister Molotov and Austrian Chancellor Raab concluded an agreement in Moscow -- for an Austrian peace treaty. The terms -- to be submitted to the Western powers, Britian, France and the United States. At the time, the Soviet and Austrian view was that a conference should be held promptly. So now, Moscow takes official diplomatic action -- to call one.

Today's word in London is that the Western Big Three had suggested -- a preliminary meeting, at a lower level. The ambassadors -- thrashing things out in advance. But Moscow doesn't seem to want any sort of delay. Proposing -- a meeting of the foreign ministers ^{"in the nearest future"}

ZHUKOV

This afternoon, the President of the United States received a message from a most interesting personality - Marshall Zhukov, Soviet Minister of Defence.

Zhukov sent his good wishes to the President and said "I take the opportunity to convey my good wishes to President Eisenhower - my colleague in the defeat of Fascist Germany.

Apparently Zhukov was responding to a statement by President Eisenhower in February, when he told a news conference that he warmly remembered his war time friendship with the Soviet Marshall.

So now he gets an effusive answer. Zhukov was paying his respects to the people of the United States in these words "I am glad to take the opportunity to convey to the American people friendly greetings and good wishes from the people of the Soviet Union.

BANDUNG

At the Bandung conference, in Indonesia -- the foreign minister of Red China made a conciliatory speech today. That is the tone was conciliatory -- though the substance promised little.

Chou En-Lai proposed ^a meeting -- on Formosa. Suggesting -- that Red China would confer with seven Asian ~~mm~~ countries. Three -- pro-Western. Four -- neutral. But, at the same time, he kept on insisting -- that Red China would seize Formosa.

At Bandung today
Moreover, Chou En-Lai took an exceedingly hostile tone toward the United States. Saying,-- that the Chinese Reds offered friendship to every country in the world. Except -- the U.S.A. Because the Americans were trying to overthrow the Red regime in China.

INDO-CHINA

The East German Communists announce a purge.

The regime New fighting has broken out in the city of Saigon. The political feuds in southern Viet Nam -- flaring up with violence again. Gun fire today -- between rebels, of a religious political sect, and the forces of Premier Dien.

In Saigon the word is that U. S. Ambassador

Gen.
Lawton Collins has left for Washington to report on the situation in southern Viet Nam. They say the United States may have to "re-appraise" its policy of supporting Premier Dien. Who may be urged to broaden his government. Take in -- other elements.

EAST GERMANY

The East German Communists announce - a purge. The regime is a coalition of several parties -- dominated by the Communists. Two of the more conservative of these parties announce arrests of members. Charged - with plotting a worker's revolt. Similar to the insurrection of East German workers in June Nineteen Fifty Three.

Right now there's discontent in the laboring class because "work quotas" have been raised. More work ^{day by day,} ~~today~~ demanded. The discontent - extending to parties allied with the Reds. So now the purge -- to avert another revolt of the workers.

BRITISH BUDGET

The new cabinet of Prime Minister Anthony Eden ^{today} submitted ~~today~~ a budget to parliament. This is election ~~year~~ ^{and} year, [^] the ~~ix~~ budget won't do the conservatives any harm apparently. Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler proposes -- tax reduction. Income taxes -- to be cut five and one-half per cent. ~~But~~ [^] also -- some reduction of sales taxes.

At the same time, the budget is the biggest -- in [^] the [^] [^] ^{British} history. Larger figures for expenditures -- than ever before.

It would seem, however, that British economy is on the rise -- permitting tax cuts.

LONDON

The British newspaper strike is over -- after having tied up the London press for twenty-six days. Today final peace talks were held -- and agreement reached. London papers to resume publication tomorrow morning.

During the long tie-up, Sir Winston Churchill ~~resigned~~ resigned, and Anthony Eden became the Prime Minister. Calling -- a general election. But the London public had mighty little newspaper information about these historic events. They had to depend on the radio, BBC, and on newspapers imported from as far away as Scotland.

YALTA

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles gives a point-by-point account of the release of the Yalta papers. Which were given to the New York Times -- nineteen hours before they were made available to the press, in general. (~~This was done by Assistant Secretary of State Carl McCordle -- who had full authority to use his own ~~judgment~~ judgment.~~)

Secretary Dulles told the story at a secret meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The information now made public by committee chairman Senator George of Georgia.

On March fifteenth, James Reston, Washington correspondent of the New York Times, told Secretary Dulles that (~~Senator George thought the record on Yalta should be made public by the State Department. The influential Georgia senator had said this to reporters the day before. So now Reston argued that~~) the New York Times should be given an advance copy. He said the Times would print the Yalta papers in full -- "an

enormous printing job." Which -- would require time.

Secretary Dulles listened, and passed the question along to Assistant Secretary McCardle. He -- to make the decision. So McCardle gave a copy of the Yalta documents to Reston of the Times, on Tuesday night, March fifteenth.

This was done, in spite of the fact that official permission had not yet come from Brit~~ian~~^{ain}. Prime Minister Churchill -- having been consulted, ~~and asked for an okay~~. Later, Churchill declared that he ~~was~~ had been informed -- the Yalta papers would be published whether he gave permission or not. Anyway, an okay from London arrived on Wednesday morning.

Meanwhile, newspapermen and members of congress learned -- that the Times had the documents.

That caused a protest, which was taken to the White House -- to Presidential Secretary Jim Haggerty.

The argument being -- that, ^{if} the Times had the Yalta documents, other newspapers and news agencies should

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~~have them too. Haggerty agreed and intervened.~~ So, that night, there was an all-around release.

Testifying before the committee, Secretary Dulles defended the publication. He said: "I believe that it was right that the Yalta papers should be made officially public. I believe that the American people, historian and citizen alike, ^{are} ~~is~~ entitled to all relevant information on this remarkable chapter in world history."

~~(Well, that question has been argued around the world. The Yalta papers bringing up the point -- how long should secret material be kept secret. The information on Yalta was withheld for ten years -- and wasn't that long enough? After all, historians are supposed to write history, and how can they do it -- if diplomatic secrets are withheld indefinitely?)~~

Senator McCarthy displayed a check, today, ~~The check~~ from the Treasury Department, giving him an income tax refund of more than one thousand dollars.

The ~~XXXXX~~ Wisconsin senator explained that the tax authorities have been checking his tax returns from 1946 through 1952. Result -- the refund.

All of which has a bearing on those McCarthy troubles of last year. When the Senate censured him, one charge was that he had failed to cooperate with a congressional committee investigating his financial affairs in 1952. So now McCarthy says -- the check from the Treasury Department shows that his financial affairs were in good order. Which would seem to be the case -- so far as income taxes are concerned. McCarthy-- demanding an apology.

(However, a new complication immediately came up. A photo copy of the check was in the possession of a wire news service. ~~XXXXX~~ Treasury officials ~~XXXXX~~ declaring it is illegal to photograph a government

MC CARTHY - 2x

Here's a bit of context from a top
check. The possible penalty being a five thousand ~~million~~
dollar fine plus fifteen years in prison. McCarthy
argues -- he doesn't believe the copying of the check
was illegal. But, anyway, Joe seems to have a way of
getting into difficulties.)

Prize
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P LANETS

Here's a bit of comment from a top ranking scientist -- on a question that is often asked. Is there life on any other planet? May not life exist -- out in the vastness of inter-stellar space?

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MERCER

Back in 1927, a real estate and insurance firm at Savannah, Georgia -- the G. A. Mercer Company -- went broke. George A. Mercer -- in debt to the tune of a million dollars. Owing that much -- to investors in his firm.

Then for more than a dozen years George A. Mercer made a long, continuing effort -- to pay off. By the time he died, in 1940, he had reduced the indebtedness to three hundred-thousand dollars.

He left a son, Johnny -- who became a band leader and song writer. Johnny Mercer -- making a high success. Fame -- money. So what does he have to do with the story?

Well, today, the Chatham Savings Bank at Savannah had a check for three hundred-thousand dollars ---from Johnny Mercer. Who, with band leading, and song writing had accumulated enough to pay off the indebtedness left by his father.

And that's a great story! And now here's Hugh.