

GENEVA

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*At Geneva* The <sup>Foreign</sup> Prime Ministers, today, went on to the question of - disarmament. <sup>Having got</sup> ~~sticking~~ nowhere with German unification, they're taking up that other item on the agenda - the problem of cutting down on weapons, and the establishment of some sort of security agreement, if possible.

Today,  
The Western Foreign Ministers commented sourly - about Molotov's position on German unification. Warning him - ~~Molotov~~ that Soviet Russia was losing the confidence of the West. Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles declaring: "It has, largely, shattered the confidence that was born at the summit conference."

But Molotov wouldn't budge an inch. He retorted - that free elections in Germany are not feasible at the present time.

So the deadlock on that point continued, and British Foreign Secretary MacMillan said - there was no use to continue the discussion. <sup>Hence</sup> ~~so~~ they might as well go on to the business of disarmament.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower, today, asked Soviet Russia - not to start an armament race between the Arabs and Israel.

Referring, of course, to the Czechoslovak shipment of weapons to Egypt.

The President issued the statement through Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., with whom he conferred for thirty minutes. Earlier in the day, the President received an official call from Carlos Castillo Armas, President of Guatemala.

U.N.

South Africa walked out of the U.N. Assembly today.

Protesting - investigation of its policies in racial

segregation. <sup>The</sup> ~~The question was - a continuation of a U.N.~~

~~Commission to look into South African racial affairs. The~~

delegation from South Africa charged - interference with

domestic affairs. A violation of an article in the U.N. Charter -

which forbids meddling with the internal concerns of any

country.

( The South African walkout is the second - in the  
General Assembly this year. France - boycotting the proceedings  
after the Assembly voted in favor of a debate on Algeria.

The French - calling this, a violation of the Charter.

Interference - in domestic affairs.

Both walkouts concern - only the present session of  
the General Assembly. )

MOROCCO

In Moroccan cities, today, pictures were torn down. Nationalist agitators - ripping them to shreds. Pictures - of Sidi Mohamed Ben Youssef. The Sultan - whom the French have just put back on his throne, to please - the Nationalists. They seem to be - hard to please, because, today, they were denouncing him as a "collaborator" with France. Another of those abrupt reversals - in Morocco.

At the same time, terrorist violence was resumed - three persons killed, seven wounded, by Nationalist assassins.

( In France, however, representatives of the Nationalist Party pledged "unfaltering support" in behalf of Sidi Mohamed Ben Youssef. But, repeated their demand - for complete independence. Which certainly must strike a sour note in French ears.

Well, it all sounds complicated, and promises an uneasy time - for the newly restored Sultan.)

## EGYPT - ARMAMENT

In London, British Government officials are not so much impressed by the news - of armament for Egypt. The stories about weapons from Red Czechoslovakia - considered exaggerated.

Reports have come of - spectacular military equipment. Egypt - said to have purchased one hundred and fifty heavy Stalin tanks. Six submarines, twenty-four jet bombers, one hundred Mig fighters - from the Red satellite.

London says the only solid fact is - that, on October Twenty-Fourth, a Soviet freighter unloaded one-hundred-and-thirty-three cases at Alexandria. These - reported to contain armament from Czechoslovakia. Most of the cases - about the size of a small automobile chassis, boxed and crated.

( London, likewise, takes note of the financial aspect of the armament deal. Which pictures Egypt paying off - with Egyptian cotton and rice. In addition to which, Egypt has a trade agreement for the purchase of Russian crude oil. And - a deal for fertilizer from Communist East Germany. Also - to be

paid for with Egyptian cotton. The total for all items amounting to nearly two-hundred-and-fifty-million dollars.

Well, the cotton crop in Egypt comes to less than one-hundred-and-sixty-nine million dollars' worth a year. And most of the crop has been pledged for a long time to come in other commitments.

So the reasoning is - that Egypt could not go into any such huge transactions. Unless - the Iron Curtain countries gave the longest kind of credit.

All of which adds up - to more skepticism in London.

where observers do not believe - that the Czechoslovak armament for Egypt is enough to upset the balance of power in the Middle East. Not enough - to be a real threat, in a military sense, to Israel.

That, thinks London, is one reason why the Western powers have not promised Israel large armament shipments.

They say that last week, in Geneva - Premier Moshe Sharett of Israel got no firm pledge of heavy consignments of Western weapons.

This is the British view - as Foreign Minister  
Sharett is on his way to Washington. To press - Israeli  
demands for Western armament.

PHILIPPINES - ELECTION

In the Philippines, the pro-American government of President Magsaysay - has won an election victory. The figures are not all in, but they show the Magsaysay party far ahead. Nine seats in the Philippine Senate are at stake - and, in six cases out of <sup>the</sup> nine, the government candidates are in the lead. In the other three, they may win out.

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## JAPAN

An American business man was indicted in Tokyo today. Howard Larson of Minneapolis - Manager of the Tokyo branch of the American Express Bank.

The Japanese authorities claim he was involved in a bank swindle, in which fraudulent loans were given to a Japanese Construction Company. A Japanese bank official, named Oshima, perpetrating a clever trick.

They say he persuaded Japanese bank depositors to sign documents - relating, supposedly, to their own affairs. But the documents were in English, which they didn't understand - and were actually pledges guaranteeing a loan to the Construction Company.

The construction firm went broke, and the bank seized the deposits of the people who had signed - as "guarantors". And that roused the storm.

ARGENTINA -

There was some sort of crisis in Buenos Aires today. The Argentine Minister of the Army, General Bengoa, resigning. Which happened -- as two hundred young army officers, armed with light machine guns took positions around Government House.

One report is that -- there is disagreement concerning an investigation of army officers who remain loyal to Peron.

STEVENSON.

Adlai Stevenson will make his announcement on Tuesday. And there's little doubt what it will be. Originally, Stevenson had expected to declare himself November Nineteenth. Saturday after next - when the Democrats have a big fund-raising dinner in Chicago. But he dropped the plan - when two other prospective candidates were invited to speak. Governor Harriman of New York - and Senator Keefauver of Tennessee.

So Adlai advanced the date - Tuesday.

The word is - he'll run.

## ELECTIONS

Today, following elections, we have the usual contradiction~~s~~. Each side - giving its own interpretation. Democratic National Chairman Butler - hailing Democratic victories in yesterday's off-year contests. Saying - they foreshadow a Democratic presidential victory next year. Republican Chairman Leonard Hall arguing - it was all a matter of local political warfare. No national significance.

~~In any case, the Democrats elected a Mayor in Philadelphia, and scored some local gains in Connecticut and up-state New York. Also - they elected a Governor in Kentucky. Happy Chandler - of baseball fame. Who now returns - happily to politics.~~

In Indiana, the Democrats won seventy-four out of one-hundred-and-five elections for Mayor. Most of these - in small communities. Which may reflect a discontent - in the agricultural areas. Where farmers feel, we hear, <sup>that</sup> they're not getting a fair ~~share~~ <sup>shake</sup> in the current prosperity boom.

The Republicans, on their side, retain control of the

New Jersey legislature, by a two-to-one majority. Although -  
they've lost three Senate seats. They scored a striking success  
in Virginia, where Fairfax County, a suburb of Washington ,  
went Republican, for the first time in history.

Follow ELECTIONS.

Here's an irony - in one of those Democratic elections victories in Indiana. At Hammond, Indiana, last Spring, a petition was got <sup>ten</sup> up - urging Republican Mayor<sup>v</sup> Vernon Anderson to run for re-election. The petition - signed by eighteen thousand citizens. His Honor, the Mayor, could not resist an appeal of that magnitude, ~~and~~ <sup>so</sup> he ran. ~~And~~ <sup>And</sup> what happened in the election yesterday? Mayor Anderson was defeated by his Democratic opponent - sixteen thousand to fifteen thousand. The petition, last Spring, was signed by eighteen thousand. ~~He'd~~ He'd have won - if the people who urged him to run again had <sup>gone to the polls to</sup> vote<sup>^</sup> for him.

STROBEL

The Federal Buildings Commissioner has resigned.

Peter Strobel - under Congressional criticism for continuing a private business connection, while a government official.

Strobel - having an interest in a New York engineering firm.

Two clients of which - have received government contracts.

Commissioner Strobel denies, emphatically - that he ever used his federal post for promoting his business interests.

Declaring - that his conduct was always correct. But he resigns - to prevent any embarrassment to the Administration.

POLIO

The government gives a report - on effects of the Salk polio vaccine. Calling it - seventy-five per cent effective.

Health Secretary Marion Folsom says <sup>that figures</sup> ~~reports~~ covering five million children, in eleven states, show the following: among vaccinated youngsters, as compared with unvaccinated children - the rate for paralytic polio <sup>has been</sup> ~~was~~ seventy-five per cent less.

TURNCOATS.

In San Francisco, those three ex-g.I.'s have been released - from the military jail. Following <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ Supreme Court decision which decreed that military forces have no right to hold former service men who are now civilians. The turncoats, who changed their minds, were dishonorably discharged from the Army - which gives them civilian status.

So what have they to say? Well, they announced - they're going to sue the Army for false arrest. And claim - back pay. Which, seemingly, might include back pay for some of the time while they were with the Communists. ~~Having gone over~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ ~~Army.~~ They also want - the benefits granted <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ ~~prisoners-of-war.~~ <sub>^</sub>

All of which is a remarkable development. Although, of course, the Supreme Court decision might seem to indicate - trial in the civilian courts.

The will of William G. Woodward ~~tax~~ leaves the famous race horse Nashua - at the disposal of his executors and trustees. They - to decide whether to sell, or to retain, the million dollar thoroughbred. Which - has won nine hundred thousand dollars in two years.

The same goes for the Belair stud farm in Maryland, where there are fifty-eight other race horses - in addition to Nashua. The executors are John Ludewig of Maywood, New Jersey, and the Central ~~Manhattan~~ Hanover Bank of New York.

The will divides the Woodward fortune of ten million dollars between the two children and the wife who ~~killed her~~ husband. <sup>mistook</sup> Mistaking him <sup>^</sup> for a prowler. She gets one-third.

Friends declare that Mrs. Woodward <sup>in addition</sup> was "amply taken care of" - by her husband during his lifetime. He - having dowered the former model and radio actress with two million dollars' worth of property, in her own name. ~~Mrs. Woodward~~ ~~remains in the hospital, her doctors saying - she still suffers from shock.~~

## MISSISSIPPI

In Mississippi, today, the "wolf whistle" case ended. The grand jury - refusing to indict the half-brothers, J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant. Accused - of a kidnapping and killing Emmett Till, the fourteen year old Negro, said to have insulted Bryant's young wife. The defense contending - the body had not been really identified as that of Emmett Till.

The two White men were acquitted of murder, then had a kidnap charge to face. But the grand jury, in Mississippi, refuses to indict.

## AFRICA

In South Africa, the weird story of a native girl - who willed that she would die. And - was about to be buried.

She contracted bronchitis, and grew terrified.

Thinking - it was a serious disease. So she thought she'd better die - and, by will power, went into a trance. She seemed to have no pulse - didn't seem to be breathing. They thought she had passed away - and a death certificate was issued. Her family prepared a funeral, and she was placed in a coffin. But the funeral was delayed - or she would have been buried alive.

~~But then,~~ Just before the fatal hour arrived - she began to show signs of life. And they rushed her to a hospital.

The doctors declare - that fear had put her in a state of hysteria. Which enabled her to simulate the state of death.

So what about her now? Well, having been informed that bronchitis was nothing serious, she says - "I want to live."

## FATSO

Chicago is having an art festival - really magnificent. And, among the paintings on display, the sensation is - "Fatso". Chicago has a whole mile of works of art - on display in shop windows, along Michigan Avenue. People stop and gaze at masterpieces - and crowd especially in front of a men's clothing store, run by Murray Smikler. In the show window there, they gaze with fascination - at "Fatso".

A painting of a three-hundred-pound beauty. A dancer - in scanty costume, all three hundred pounds of her. The name of the painting - "Night Club Entertainer". But everybody in Chicago says - "Fatso".

The people who stop and look - are astounded. "You should hear the comment," says Murray Smikler, the clothing shop owner. "The men," he relates, "roar with laughter. Women shudder - and look away."

The creator of this opus is William Welsh of Lexington, Kentucky, a well known portrait painter. Who doesn't like the way spectators laugh - or shudder.

He says he painted the picture back in Nineteen Thirty-Nine, and paid an artist's model one dollar per hour to pose for it. The job taking - ninety-two hours.

The mention of a model created - a new wave of interest in Chicago. Who was she? Who posed for "Fatso?"

Artist William Welsh would not reveal her identity. But now she has come forth - of her own volition. Miss Peggy ~~LENN~~ Leonard - a clerk in a Chicago office. In Nineteen Thirty-Nine - a performer in a night-club. A member of a chorus called - "The Beef Trust." The artist caught sight of her, all three hundred pounds - and was inspired.

Today, she was asked about - her personal statistics.

And replied briefly: "I'm over twenty-one and over three hundred pounds." But added <sup>Peggy:-</sup> "My ambition is to scale down -

to about one hundred and twenty-five." <sup>Do you think</sup> ~~quite an ambition,~~ <sup>she can make it, Hugh? Or a year from</sup> ~~But, anyway, this is the latest from the world of art~~

<sup>12</sup> now will she still be "Fatso"? ~~in Chicago - the masterpiece called "Fatso."~~