

MAY DAY L.T.-P.G. Fri. May 1 - '53.

The Moscow May Day celebration, today, featured that new Soviet line - conciliation, ~~and calls for settlement of the Cold War~~ Peace talk. Last evening, we had ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> forecast that the big speech in Kremlin Square would echo those worthy sentences, and it did.

The address was delivered by Marshal Bulganin, Minister of Defense - who, together with Malenkov, Beria and Molotov, reviewed the usual ~~great~~ May Day parade. Marshal Bulganin declared that Soviet Russia will continue to build up its armed forces. He said the Western powers, while speaking peaceful words, have not backed these up with peaceful deeds. The usual strong-talk, as was to be expected. ~~P~~ But there were no denunciations of American imperialists and warmongers. Instead, the Red Marshal declared: "With good-will and a sensible approach, all international difficulties can be solved by peaceful means. The Soviet Government," he went on, "will welcome any steps on the part of governments of other countries - genuinely aiming at the easing of tension in the international situation."

So the Red peace offensive goes on, with a new climax on May Day - which, in the past, has usually been an occasion for outbursts of Communist hatred.

The Moscow line was echoed by Communist Parties everywhere. In Hungary, Romania - demonstrations calling for a "peaceful settlement" of all international issues.

## ARGENTINA

Argentina celebrated May Day with - bomb explosions.

Beginning early in the morning, there was one blast after another in various parts of the city - seven in all. One of the early ones went off a mere hundred yards from the home of Peron, the Strong Man.

The seventh and last thundered out, as Peron was addressing the Argentine Congress. The blast occurred half a block away - a time-bomb having been planted in the scaffolding of a building under construction. So powerful, that it shook the Congressional palace. Startled the legislators listening to Peron - and broke windows in the neighborhood.

It was a loud punctuation for the speech the Strong Man was delivering, a violent, scathing denunciation of his opponents - with cracks at the United States and the American press, which is never too favorable to Peron.

A dispatch from Buenos Aires states that police guards have been stationed in front of the U.S. Embassy and at the headquarters of American news agencies. Precautions against possible violence - which might be incited by the bomb explosions, coupled with Peron's harangue.

ARGENTINA

The latest - a dispatch stating that a section of the Printers' Union in Argentina has voted to stop handling news furnished by the American Press Association. This, in line with Peron's charges that these American news agencies were unfair to his government.

NOTE:

~~The last part of MAY DAY could be dropped.~~

The truce talks at Panmunjom are in a stalemate - reminding us of those previous armistice negotiations, which were dragged on for so long, and came to nothing.

Today, our chief negotiator, Admiral ~~John G.~~ Daniel, told the Communist representatives that we have definite proof that the Reds are still holding back three hundred and seventy-five ill or injured prisoners, who should have been included in the prisoner exchange. Admiral Daniel declared that the list of ~~three-hundred-and-seventy-five~~ has been compiled from accounts given by returning captives, accounts that have been checked and re-checked - to make certain. He warned that, unless they are sent back, the success of the truce talks would be imperilled.

The chief Red negotiator, Major General Lee Sang-Cho, snapped back that the charge was - "willful slander." But he admitted that some ailing prisoners are still in North Korean camps. He said they<sup>a</sup> are too ill to be moved, and number only a few - nothing like ~~three-hundred-and-seventy-five~~.

The negotiation of armistice terms remains where it was yesterday, Snarled - in a dispute over the question of a neutral nation, <sup>to</sup> ~~which~~ would assume charge of prisoners-of-war who don't want to go home. Today, the U.N. representatives mentioned - Sweden. The Reds had already rejected Switzerland - so would Sweden do? The Communists' reply was - that the neutral nation <sup>should</sup> be Asiatic. Which they've been contending all along. But here's the peculiar point:- They still refuse to name any Asiatic nation as their choice. They won't say, and our side refuses to go ahead, ~~on any other point~~ until they name the country in Asia they want. That's the deadlock.

## PRISONERS

The two big transport planes carrying liberated prisoners back to the United States - are concealed by secrecy tonight. At Honolulu, military officials shut off all news, for reasons of what they called - "security and compassion." Which might indicate that the sixty-two captives returning are too tired to be submitted to publicity. Newsmen asked - whether the planes might be carrying former prisoners who might have been influenced by Communist propaganda. The question remained unanswered. No reply - under the news black-out.

All of which is in contrast to the arrival of the first flight of thirty-five home-comers. They returned - with headlines.

Follow PRISONERS

The latest - a bulletin from Travis Air Force Base, California. One of the planes landed secretly today, the Army stating that the home-coming prisoners aboard "may have been misled." The official statement is as follows: "These men may have been misled under conditions of duress and hardship - during a period when they were far from sources of truth and knowledge." ~~To~~  
*Then the announcement concludes: - "We*  
ask the public and Press to understand the problem that these men face", the announcement concludes.



## PRISONER - TREATMENT

In Tokyo, a returned prisoner-of-war tells of - wonderful treatment that he and a group of comrades got from the Communists. Such hospitality - kindness, friendly solicitude, the best of food. It sounds miraculous - but there's a catch.

Sergeant James Daniel of Alameda, California, was captured when the Chinese burst into the war, and was taken to the notorious camp called - "Death Valley." There, conditions were atrocious, and hundreds of prisoners died of neglect, starvation, mistreatment.

But then came that orgy of good treatment. After the truce talks began - phoney propaganda. "They used us to fake pictures," the Sergeant relates. "They would carry us out of camp and make us march back down the road, showing Chinese medics carrying our wounded. They gave us ~~XXXXXXXX~~ cigars and cigarettes to smoke, while we were being photographed.

"Once," the Sergeant goes on, "they took some American prisoners out into the hills, made them act like

they were in battle. When they 'surrendered' in the picture, they gave them chicken and bread, and everything." The life of Riley - while the fake pictures were being made for propaganda.

No more Shooting Stars - in Korean skies. The F-80, first of the Jets in Korea, is being retired from combat. This comes about, as the Fourth Fighter Bomber Wing takes over new planes - F-86s, Sabrejets. The Fourth Wing was the last to fly the Shooting Star - now out-moded.

Meanwhile, squadrons of Sabrejets did a bombing job at Pyongyang. Those Jet fighters, carrying bombs, flew in relays, and blasted the Red capital all along - hitting concentrations of troops and munitions.

MALAYA

From Singapore, a report that a top ranking leader of Communist guerrillas in the jungle - has been killed. They're quite sure of it, no possible doubt - there's grim, grizzly proof. That's the savage story.

This big-shot Red of the jungle war was a Chinese named Ah-Kuk. Time and again the British forces chased him, but never could get him. Ah-Kuk seemed invincible - until three of his bodyguards came in, and surrendered, deserting the Communist forces. They brought along a passport, which they displayed - the head of Ah-Kuk. They had killed him.


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The three fleeing bodyguards surrendered - by flagging down a train. This they did - by waving the head of  
Ah-Kuk.

**THE** Telltale sign of the ferocity of the war in the jungle.

## AFRICA

The news, day after day, gives us ominous reports of Africa like the weird savageries of those Mau Mau in Kenya. The whole great continent is in ferment, and it's a bewildering, fantastic picture. This week the magazine LIFE devotes its entire issue - to Africa - the subject magnificently treated, from Tunis to Capetown. One of the most impressive issues of a magazine that I can recall.

The basic paradox is, of course, the impact of white civilization on the black people of primitive tribes - and this is set forth most vividly by a South African author, Stuart Cloete (Clewty); who tells - how the native tribes have been uprooted and thrown into the ways of an alien culture, which they don't understand.

He tells how he visited one of the few tribes who still preserve their ancient way of life, the Shangaans, in Portuguese East Africa. "These Shangaans," he writes, "live almost entirely on the forest - cutting their bows from trees, making their arrows from the reeds in the 

marshes. Their clothes are the skins of animals, their string made from the bark of the baobas tree. Their pots, a baked clay. All are naturalists, he goes on, knowing the habits of every animal, from the elephant to the shrew. Botanists, who know the name and use of every tree and plant. They ~~weave incomparable baskets, capable of holding liquids and~~ build beautiful huts, smeared with mud and thatched with grass. When I visited them, he relates, "there was little sickness. Their health only begins to fail, and their teeth to decay, when they reach the towns and eat white bread, jam, <sup>coffee</sup> ~~axaxaxax~~ tea, and sugar."

Right there you can see trouble developing - when they reach towns, work in factories, dig in mines, or become servants, house-boys, in the homes of the whites.

They become detribalized, not civilized - it would take generations for that. The African mind, Stuart Cloete writes, just doesn't work like the European mind.

He tells how a white woman asked her house-boy, who had been with her for ten years - if he would murder her, if

there was trouble? "Oh no, Missus," replied the house-boy.

"Not me. Boy next door do that."

That's the background for the rising agitation-drive out the whites. But suppose that happened - what would it produce? A quick return to savagery, horror and the darkest of tyranny - thinks Stuart Cloete. "Only about a hundred years ago," he writes, "Tchaka (king of the Zulus) caused six thousand of his people to be killed, when his beloved mother died - so that the Zulu nation should weep with him. Tchaka was a good son. He loved his mother. Everyone must cry." That's a pattern of the past - in the strange, terrifying problem with Africa.

## REPUBLICAN

There's a shake-up - at Republican National Headquarters. Chairman Leonard Hall announces a drastic reorganization - to save money and promote greater efficiency. One feature - the establishment of a "Special Activities Group." To meet once a week and coordinate various groups of Party workers. National Chairman Hall says the shake-up marks the beginning of the Nineteen Fifty-Four campaign. Preparations being made for the mid-term Congressional election - a in an all-out effort to increase the slender Republican margins in the Senate and the House.



## BADGER

At Las Vegas, Nevada, the Elks have called off - their "badger fight." Which the lodge brothers announced as a feature of the "Helldorado Celebration" out there on the Western desert. A lot of indignation was aroused across this country by the prospect of a battle to the death between a badger and a dog. Such a flood of protests that the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks intervened - Sam Stearns of Fargo, North Dakota.

The Elks at Las Vegas are disconcerted to learn - how many people don't know what a badger fight really is.

A traditional <sup>Western</sup> trick - played on the tenderfoot. He puts on armored leggings - to protect him from the ferocity of the badger. The beast is in a hole, but there's a rope around him. The tenderfoot is given one end of the rope, and told - haul that badger out. So he pulls and yanks, and out comes an article of pottery left over from the old days - unmentionable.

So that's the "badger fight", <sup>a</sup> which has been played on thousands of tenderfeet throughout the West. <sup>But</sup> a lot of

people, apparently, don't know about it, and they protested -  
on humane grounds. Although the one thing <sup>Nelson</sup> that's always  
missing is - the badger.