

BIG FOUR / T.K. Wed. Oct. 28, '53,

President Eisenhower sees little use of a Big Four meeting with Soviet Russia. <sup>Because he feels</sup> ~~Explaining~~ that Moscow has displayed no real intention of reaching an agreement with the West.

At his news conference, today, the President gave no indication of endorsing the view held so strongly by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill -- that a meeting with Malenkov might result in some kind of personal understanding. We want evidence that the Soviets would not use a top level conference as a mere sounding board for propaganda. Recently, Soviet Prime Minister Vishinsky said that Moscow saw no reason for giving evidence of "good faith" as a condition for a Churchill-Eisenhower-Malenkov meeting. So-Washington remains chilly toward Sir Winston's insistent argument.

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On Tuesday, Churchill told the House of Commons he would like to have an informal talk with President Eisenhower. So what about that? Well, today, the President said there are no plans for a "Big Two" conference. He would

like to see his old friend. <sup>And do</sup> They keep in touch constantly  
through letters and other messages. But that's as far as  
things have gone.

KOREA CONFERENCE

U.S. Ambassador Arthur Dean is presenting a "new formula" to the Reds at Pan Mun Jom. Hoping -- to break the deadlock in the negotiations to settle a time and place for a Korean peace conference.

Right now, things are snarled in a net of Communist logic. The Reds want neutrals, like India, to participate -- and <sup>they</sup> argue that we've already invited a neutral. Which one? <sup>Oh,</sup> Soviet Russia!

The U.N., of course, asked the Soviets to sit in - on the Communist side. But those enemy negotiators insist that the Soviets are a neutral. So, we invited a neutral -- and why not other neutrals?

The reasoning is truly wonderful -- when you consider the fact that Soviet Russia provided the Reds in Korea with warplanes, tanks, artillery, munitions, just about everything. — *probably including personnel.*

## KOREA PEACE CONFERENCE

The latest - our side makes a concession. Tonight U.S. Ambassador Dean told the Communist negotiators that we will discuss admission of neutrals if the Reds will first agree to a time and place for the peace conference.

## KOREA-PLANES

A Neutral Commission reports that the Reds are building up their military machine in North Korea. But the Commission was unable to find evidence to support the charge that the Communists had shipped in war planes - crated planes. This had been charged by officials of the U N, and it would have been a violation of the Armistice - transporting planes in crates to Red air bases in North Korea. The Commission finds no evidence of this.

## KOREA PRISONERS

The Neutral Repatriation Commission has begun an investigation of murders in the prison camp at Pan Mun Jom. The Indians in charge report that four prisoners were killed. The Red radio ~~is~~ *charges* - ~~claiming that~~ "atrocities ~~are going on~~" committed by agents of Nationalist China and South Korea. So now -- an investigation.

The Neutral commission says it has little hope of discovering the truth. The masses of anti-Communist prisoners have their own organization -- working against Red influence. We remember how the Communists in South Korean prison camps had ~~terrorist~~ <sup>terrorist</sup> ~~organizations~~ organizations -- committing atrocities. So now, we find -- the anti-Communist prisoners are banded together. Sounds oriental -- the peoples of the ~~East~~ Far East being famous for secret societies.

Anyway, there have been four killings in the camps at Pan Mun Jom. And the Neutral Commission will try to ferret out the secrets of the anti-Communist organization.

## ATROCITIES

The Army releases figures for Communist atrocities in the Korean War. The list has been checked and documented, and presents a picture of infamous horror. To match any of the barbarities recorded in history.

The victims of "torture and murder" number twenty-nine thousand, eight-hundred-and-fifteen - that many ascertained. ~~with~~ Most of them South Koreans, and most of these - civilians. Murderous terrorism inflicted by the Communists on the civilian population.

The list <sup>also</sup> includes more than six thousand American soldiers, victims of Red savagery. The Army giving a detailed account of ~~monstrous~~ monstrous war crimes committed by the Reds.

Most of the massacres were perpetrated by North Korean Communists early in the war. More than twenty-six thousand are charged to the North Koreans. More than three thousand - attributed to the Chinese.

In some cases, Red war criminals were captured and

identified. But they are immune from punishment - having been turned over to the Reds in the prisoner exchange.

The report is the result of long and careful investigation, and presents a revolting picture of the Communist enemy.



## ESPIONAGE

In Washington, today, appeared Lieutenant Colonel Akhmedov, former chief of the Fourth Intelligence Department of the Soviet General Staff. <sup>Once</sup> One of the top espionage officials in Moscow, <sup>today</sup> he testified at a <sup>Washington</sup> Congressional hearing.

~~today~~ Stating - that in Nineteen Forty-One, as many as twenty-five Red spy rings operated in the United States. And <sup>he</sup> gave the opinion - that there are even more working here at present.

Colonel Akhmedov declared that in Moscow, he personally saw hundreds of documents of American war secrets - passed along by Communist espionage in this country. Among these were technical data concerning our highly secret Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. Many of the blueprints and photographs, he went on, were transmitted to Russia through Amtorg, the Soviet trading company in New York.

His testimony got around to the Institute of Pacific Relations, which has been under fire over here for some time. Colonel Akhmedov told how an officer on his own

staff suggested that the Institute of Pacific Relations would be a good organization to use for espionage. He thought that a <sup>fine</sup> ~~good~~ idea, but found - that another section of Soviet Espionage was already using the I.P.R.

"They told me, ~~that~~ it's already taken over.

You can't have it, <sup>So</sup> "the witness related today.

He gave an interesting historical bit about Stalin, <sup>T</sup>elling how, in Nineteen Forty-One, the Red Dictator was warned that Hitler planned to attack the Soviets.

<sup>But</sup> Stalin said - this report, from his own Intelligence, sounded "like an English provocation."

"After I sent a final warning to the Kremlin," said Akhmedov today, "I was merely told to attend a picnic. But," he added, "the picnic never came off - because Germany declared war that day."

In Nineteen Forty-Two, he was sent to Turkey, as Chief of Soviet Intelligence there. He ~~was~~ had made up his mind to desert Communism, and this was his opportunity.

He went over to the side of the free world, and is now living in the United States.

## EISENHOWER ARMED FORCES

President Eisenhower states that there is no intention of reducing U.S. military forces overseas. In fact, they will be increased -- in some places. The Air Force, for example, is occupying new bases, and sending men over.

Today's presidential statement, made with emphasis, follows reports in Europe that some American troops would be brought home. Last week, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson remarked -- that the development of atomic weapons would eventually permit a reduction in the number of American soldiers abroad. What he meant was -- in the long run, not now. But the statement incited rumors over there. Hence the White House declaration today - denying any withdrawal.

ISRAEL

American aid to Israel - has been restored.

Following - Israel's agreement to suspend work on its Jordan River project, as required by the United Nations.

President Eisenhower declares that he and Secretary of State Dulles are delighted with the action of the Jewish state, and American aid is being resumed at once.

## EISENHOWER - HEALTH

President Eisenhower was asked a personal question today, and replied - with permission to use quotes. A reporter asked him - about his health. Saying - that recent reports have caused "some concern in the country." The President replied in the following words:

"Well, I will tell you. As you people know, I've had a sore elbow - which has prevented me from getting my exercise, to which I am accustomed, which I think I need, and which I love."

"Aside from that, if I'm g not in good condition," the President went on, "the doctors have fooled me badly. I feel fine. And - as a matter of fact, I underwent quite a series of tests before we came back from Denver. And the reports given to me were cheering - for a man of my age."

So that's today's report on the presidential health - okay, ~~xx~~ except for a sore elbow.

## BRITAIN - RATIONING

Britain announces the end of nearly all rationing by next fall.

All this was announced in the Commons today, with further word that the British government is negotiating with the United States, to buy up surplus American food-stuffs.

So now the British people - after 8 years - see an end of that austerity - which followed victory in the Second World War.

## RECEPTION

There was a royal reception in Washington today, all honors paid to King Paul and Queen Frederica of Greece. Secretary of State Dulles met them at the airport, and throngs cheered Their Hellenic Majesties as they drove through ~~the~~ Washington streets to the White House. There they<sup>a</sup>re being entertained by President and Mrs. Eisenhower - at a dinner of state tonight.

From Washington, King Paul and Queen Frederica will go on a good-will tour of the United States.



## LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles is <sup>now</sup> only a few hundred short of being the third largest city in the country - replacing Philadelphia. They had a special census, paid for by the City Council - for reasons of tax-finance. <sup>And</sup> The count shows 2,071,271 people in Los Angeles. Philadelphia has an estimated population of 2,115,000. Los Angeles ~~is~~ gaining at the rate of twenty-five hundred people a month, ~~and should~~ <sup>will</sup> soon overtake Philadelphia, and become our third largest city, second only - to New York and Chicago.

## SAILOR

Here's another story of a - "man without a country."

For eight months, a sailor has been kept aboard a ship, forbidden to land - anywhere.

His name, Cato Arvid Roggenbühl - a native of Norway. Sailing on American ships for more than thirty years. His home port - Boston. During which time - he lost his Norwegian citizenship. His legal status in this country - dubious all the time.

Last spring when his ship returned to Boston, the authorities wouldn't let him ashore. Why? Because of the McCarran Immigration Law, which forbids the entrance of an alien with a criminal record. Years ago, the sailor served a couple of jail sentences, three months each - for getting into trouble and fights. The old habit - when jack tar comes ashore.

So now, he is compelled to remain aboard S.S. Malden, a collier, in the coastwise trade. For eight months - sailing, sailing, with never a foot ashore. Weary of that same deck -

and the Company wants to get rid of the perplexing case.

An appeal is being made to let the "man without a country" back into the U.S. Which, in fact, has been his country for thirty years.

## AUTOMOBILE

At Lansdown, Pennsylvania, Victoria Reese had an automobile crash, and thought she was lucky - that is, at first. Her convertible coupe skidded, and ran into a stone wall. But she was uninjured, and congratulated herself - until she tried to get out. She couldn't.

The car was one of those little foreign jobs, and had collapsed in such a way that Victoria's legs were trapped below the seat.

So she hollered for help, and people tried to get her out - no go. There she was, in the front seat - as firmly caught as a bear in a trap.

The Fire Department came to the rescue, and they tried to hoist the dashboard, and get her out. But that didn't work. *Finally* They had to cut that automobile in two, with acetylene torches - and then raise the dashboard and engine with a block and tackle. Which took two hours.

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So that, ~~is~~ how the victim of an auto crash was uninjured, but a prisoner.