


( The Western Powers, today, invited Soviet Russia to a Conference. United States, Great Britain and France, in identical notes, asked the Soviets to attend a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four to be held in Washington, July 23rd.)

This follows thirteen weeks of futile palavering in Paris -- the Deputy Foreign Ministers trying to arrange a top level Conference.) They have been getting nowhere -- so now the Western Powers are trying to break the deadlock. The note today was handed to Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Gromyko in Paris, and also sent on to the Foreign Ministry in Moscow. In other words, the invitation goes directly to the Kremlin, to Stalin, to the Politburo. It is a dramatic, showdown move to find out whether or not Moscow really wants a top level Conference to deal with disputes threatening to bring on World War Three.

## SOVIET OIL

Today brings word of a development in Soviet Russia that sounds mighty important. There's a shift of the Russian oil industry - from the Baku fields to an area one thousand miles north. The dispatch is from London, where officials have been checking up on a number one change in the Soviet oil situation.

Hitherto the chief petroleum resources of Russia have been in Caucasus, the neck of land between the Black and Caspian Seas. <sup>In the</sup> ~~That is~~ far south, at the border of Turkey and Persia -- fringe of the Iron Curtain. So the Baku Fields are liable to short-range bombing attack from neighboring countries.

The shift <sup>now</sup> is to a region of great plains west of the Ural Mountains, between that range and the River Volga. New oil deposits have been found there, and the switch has been  rapid. Today the Soviets get nearly half their oil from the Volga - Ural Basin. Which is deep in the interior -- less accessible to bombers. The Volga-Ural oil fields could be reached

only by the first-rank of long-range planes operating from West European basis.

One part of the picture is the fact that those famous Baku oil fields appear to be drying up. The drilling there has been going deeper and deeper, down to a depth of twenty thousand feet. Nevertheless the amount of oil is decreasing.

~~(The Soviets are still far behind, compared with the United States. Production is increasing, and was up to nearly thirty-eight million metric tons last year. The target for 1960 is sixty million tons. The figure for the United States right now is two hundred and seventy-one million. Home production - not counting U.S. operations in Latin America and the Middle East.)~~

*That's our*

## TELEVISION

We have a new Moscow boast -- a Russian inventing television. Today the Soviet radio quoted a Professor named Shmak. Which might be a good sound effect for a slapstick program on TV -- Shmak. Anyway, Red Professor Shmak says that video was invented in Nineteen Seven by a Russian, Professor Boris Rosing. He took out his patent on what is called cathode telescopy. Which, says the Red radio, was -- "The beginning of modern television."

This draws a retort from American TV officials -- not that they claim television is an American invention. They say: "The father of TV was a German." Which statement is borne out by both the Encyclopedia Britannica and the Television Encyclopedia.

The basis was laid in Eighteen Eighty-four by Paul Nipkow, a German who invented a perforated disc to scan pictures. The disc was the germ of the idea -- later developed by a British technician, whose work

was carried on by the Russian Boris Rosing. Recent developments have been largely American -- making television a thoroughly international affair.

## KOREA

The most violent action in the war today was at the Hwachon Reservoir -- a large, sprawling body of water in central Korea. The remnants of three Red Regiments are pinned against the southern shore of the Reservoir, and are making a desperate attempt to escape.

American forces advancing from the south, have sealed the escape route at the western end -- by capturing the town of Hwachon and the Pukhan River dam. Everywhere else they are pushing toward the shore of the lake, and the only Red hope of a get-away is at the east end, at Yanggu, where there is a bottleneck. So that is where the trapped Communists made ferocious attacks today, trying to keep open the narrow escape corridor. But the GI's hammered on - and, at last reports, were within two miles of Yanggu and were ~~near~~ nearing the shore of the lake -- to seal the trap.

*The latest: an American column drove into yanggu and retired in the face of a powerful red counter attack.*

The same story, on a lesser scale was repeated southeast of the town of Inje. Where three Red Korean

regiments are fighting to get out of a trap. Today they smashed at units of South Koreans, <sup>and</sup> broke through at one point. But the gap was closed after hours of fighting, the encirclement restored.

These were incidents in a series of battles all the way across the peninsula -- the U.N. defence running into heavy resistance. The Reds -- hurling heavy artillery fire, making sharp counter attacks at one place or another. Our advance - halted.

It has been raining, the terrain ~~proved~~ <sup>turned</sup> into slushy bogs, rivers in flood -- all playing the dickens with the long supply lines of the Allied Forces. ( Air power tied down by the bad weather -- the Reds relieved of assault from the sky. Later in the day, however, the skies cleared, the planes went into action again -- some supplying forward units by air, others resuming their attacks on the defence lines of the Reds. )

INDO-CHINA

( News from Indo-China tells of the repulse of a savage three day assault by the Reds. The battle was at the southern edge of the Red River delta where forty thousand Communists attacked in waves. The French hurled paratroopers into the battle, and these aided in beating back the masses of Reds. )

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GREECE

Late news from Greece tells of a military revolt, a sort of Army coup d'etat. A number of officers led groups of soldiers to the Athens radio station which they seized and posted guards around Parliament and the Ministeries of war, navy and air. They are said to have been disgruntled over the resignation of Field Marshall Papagos, Commander of the Greek Army for the past couple of years. Athens declares that the revolt has been suppressed with a number of arrests.

( The latest returns from Dublin are still fragmentary and scattered but they show the party headed by DeValera in the lead -- capturing forty-three seats in the Irish Parliament. Compared with twenty-four for Premier Costello and twenty-three for other parties.)

The latest are only a fraction and the complicated Irish election system makes it probable that the final outcome will not be known until Saturday.

## LIEUTENANT

In Washington today Navy Lieutenant, Junior Grade, William H Evans, Junior, of Edgewater, Maryland -- held a news conference. He's the latest officer to become a storm center. Fired from the Navy on Tuesday, fired personally by Navy Secretary Matthews. Because -- of a letter he wrote.

At the News Conference today, Lieutenant Evans declared "if you are pro-American, you have to go underground or else suffer the consequences."

On March sixteenth, Lieutenant Evans, serving aboard the Destroyer ROGERS in Korean waters -- wrote a letter to Alfred Kohlberg of New York. Kohlberg is an importer of Chinese merchandise, a sharp critic of the Administration, and the Chairman of the American-China Policy Association, which backs the cause of the Nationalists. He circulates an anti-administration news letter. Evans received one - and replied.

In his letter the young officer branded the Truman government as -- "pro Red." He <sup>called</sup> ~~called~~ the late

President Roosevelt -- "insane or Communist." He spoke of -- the "Yalta betrayal." Meaning, that far-famed Yalta Conference of the Big Three -- Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, which made concessions to Soviet Russia. He called Secretary of State Dean Acheson -- the "Red Dean." He denounced the United Nations, and ripped things up in general.

He told Kohlberg that he might send the letter to Congressmen if he liked. So Kohlberg did -- and the young officer was <sup>called home</sup> ~~dismissed~~ on charges. (He was accused under the Regulation forbidding officers to publish anything on Foreign Policy without having it cleared. Which ~~is~~ regulation by the way figured in the removal of General Douglas MacArthur. The letter, with "contemptuous words" about two Presidents and the Secretary of State, was called "grave misconduct." So Secretary Matthews dismissed Evans from the Navy.

Which was followed by the News Conference today, in which the twenty-nine year old Lieutenant defended his

action by citing his oath as an officer. Requiring  
him to defend the United States, as he pointed out --  
"against all enemies at home and abroad." )

## PRICE WAR

The price war has spread to Oklahoma City where <sup>a</sup>drug store chain announced it was slashing the figures up and down the line. Three other chains promptly announced they would -- meet all new prices or sell under them.

In New York where the slashing battle started there were scenes of turmoil and stampede *again* today. At Macy's the uproar was so great that they had to throw up rope barriers to hold the mobs of housewives in check -- and men joined the women in the big push for bargains. Like a frenzied day on the New York Stock Exchange as new prices were marked up, each lower than the one before, many below the cost -- and the frenzy of the customers were increased by the knowledge that the war might be called off at any moment. Then -- up go the prices.

## CARDINAL

The sudden death of Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia today draws attention <sup>to</sup> of the story of a boy who rose from Pennsylvania coalfields to become a Prince of the Church, a confidant of Popes and a top-ranking Roman Catholic Prelate in the United States.

PDennis Dougherty was born in the mining town of Girardville, Pa, a child of Irish immigrant parents whose living came from the coal pits. He fulfilled the ambition of so many an Irish family, who want a son to become a Priest -- but the home folks hardly ever expected the dizzy rise that followed. PHe was a mere seminary teacher, when he was called suddenly to become a Bishop in the Philippine Islands -- one of the youngest of Bishops. There he joined forces with William Howard Taft, Governor-General of the Philippines, later to become President of the United States. He aided Taft in pacifying the Philippine rebellion.

PCreated Cardinal in 1921, he devoted the remainder of his life to his native state -- as Cardinal Archbishop of Philadelphia.

GABLE

Hollywood is not surprised at the news that Lady Sylvia Ashley has filed suit for divorce -- the one-time wife of Douglas Fairbanks ~~is~~ Senior seeking severance of her marriage from movie star Clark Gable. Their wedding a few years ago came as a surprise but of ~~is~~ late there has been no end of rumors of trouble between them. So the suit for divorce is no surprise at all.



## CATERPILLARS

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In Canadian Ontario they are waging a losing battle -- against caterpillars. A plague of insects has hit the countryside, -- myriads of tent caterpillars in almost incredible swarms. "They are coming in billions," declared a Medical Health officer today.

The town of Little Current has had to close the school, because of the way the swarming insects wriggle their way in. "They are blanketing the walls and the floor of the Howland Township School house," says the Health Officer. They are also wriggling their way into homes, almost impossible to keep out.

War has been declared on the heaving masses of insects that blanket the earth. Air attacks have been launched, with a squadron of aircraft spraying poison. Today a flame thrower went into action, shooting streams of fire into the masses of insects. That held down the invasion, but did not stop it. Little Current, Ontario, is having a big current of caterpillars.

## FUGITIVE

Here's the story of a fugitive who was captured -- sitting down, nice and quiet, in a ~~chair~~ chair. But, he certainly gave the cops a wild and wooly chase -- before the quiet ending.

At Askov, Minnesota, Arhold Baumann tried to break in a candy store, when <sup>he was</sup> interrupted by the police. He jumped in his car and off he went. The cops opened fire and hit him with a bullet -- but that didn't stop him. The police gave chase, and there was a wild race along the highway. That ended when the fugitive got up to a speed of one hundred miles an hour. The police gave up, couldn't go that fast.

A little while later a sheriff of Carlton County saw an auto flash by, and he took up the pursuit. ~~and~~ That ~~phase~~ phase ended when the wounded fugitive slowed down, and jumped out -- his car crashing into a tree. With a dangerous bullet-hole in him, Baumann

dashed through a patch of woods to the railroad tracks, and there hopped a passing freight -- for a clean getaway.

An alarm was put out for him, and the police of Superior, Wisconsin, located him in a hotel room. There they found the blood-and-thunder fugitive sitting quietly in a chair. All tuckered out, weak from the wound he had sustained. *How's that for a* meek and mild arrest - to end a ripsnorting thriller, *Nelson?*