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CONFERENCE

In some respects, the keynote at Geneva today was - a wedding.

Not - that there was a wedding on the "summit". Not a question - of one of the Big Four getting married.

President Eisenhower is a veteran husband - with Mamie along.

British Prime Minister Anthony Eden has a wife - a niece of Sir Winston Churchill. French Premier Edgar Faure / is married and also, we suppose, are Messrs. Bulganin, Khrushchev and Zhukov, heads of the Russian delegation. Although - we don't know much about their domestic lives. Soviet leaders don't bring the little women along.

In any case, the wedding featured at the Four Power conference, today, is - in Russia. Marshal Zhukov's daughter - going to the altar. Or, whatever the Communists use for an altar. But Miss Zhukov is getting spliced - in the absence of her father.

This was disclosed amid the pleasantries at Geneva today. When President Eisenhower had a cordial reunion with his old comrade in arms - in the days when General Ike was Western Commander in Europe, and Zhukov was the Red Army chief in Berlin. They exchanged reminiscences, then Khrushchev spoke up and stated: - that Marshall Zhukov had been so eager to renew his wartime acquaintance with General Ike, that he

passed up his daughter's wedding at Moscow. Deciding - to attend the Geneva Conference - even if the matrimonial festivities had to get along without papa.

Wedding bells are always cheery - and, today, they chimed out a keynote, giving the tone of the meeting of the heads of state. Everything cordial - just flowing over with genial friendliness. Bringing to a climax - the new amiable attitude of the Russian ~~and~~ diplomacy.

When the session of the first day ended - President Eisenhower, who ran things as chairman, was impelled to add a few extra remarks. Observing - the spirit of high friendliness, which distinguished the ~~world-~~ world-important proceedings.

Then, ~~when the session of the first day ended~~, he joined the Russian delegates - for a ~~chat~~ chat. An informal get-together - full of smiles, jovial remarks, and laughter.

Tonight, bringing a high spot of good feeling. Tonight The President of the United States ^{is} entertaining the entire Soviet delegation, at a dinner of state. Which is quite a family affair.

At his meeting with Marshall Zhukov, this morning, the two veteran soldiers asked about their respective families. Zhukov saying - he'd like to meet Mrs. Eisenhower and the President's son, Major John Eisenhower. The President replied - they'd be at the dinner tonight.

This account may seem to put an undue emphasis on the lighter side of the conference of the Big Four. But, actually, the spirit in Geneva - may be the most important part of all. One big reversal of the grim, nagging hostility, which prevailed at East-West meetings, ever since the end of World War Two. At Geneva, the forbidding air of the cold war has thawed out - until it's melting warm. Which may indicate a change, inside. Or does it? Only time will tell.

FOLLOW CONFERENCE.

As for the more sober affairs of state, four addresses were made, today. A full number - this being a Big Four Conference. It's mighty seldom that we'll find so much transacted at one of those big international conferences on the first day - usually given to formalities, if not wrangling.

President Eisenhower, as chairman on the first day, led off. He took a tone of optimism, but did not confine himself to the platitudes, which usually begin a big time diplomatic palaver.

He propounded a program - under eight headings. Beginning with - Germany. His chief emphasis, in fact, was on German reunification, with free elections. He suggested, likewise, an East-West security system. Specifying - that a united Germany would have a place in such a security system. And - the right to choose its own allies. No neutralization - of Germany.

That Eisenhower program spoke straight out - on the subject of the Soviet satellites. Calling - for a recognition of the right of the Red puppet states to choose their own forms of government. A tough subject - to discuss with the Kremlin.

The President also called for free communications between East and West - meaning an end to the Iron Curtain. Also - an end of international subversion by the Communists.

One series of Eisenhower points proposed - a limitation of armaments. Use international energy for peaceful purposes - to promote higher standards of living in under-developed nations.

President Eisenhower was followed by French Premier Edgar Faure - and that brought some slight element of disharmony - but - not between East and West. Proposals made by the French Premier astonished the

American delegates. He concentrated on the control of armaments - and help the backward countries with money saved through disarmaments. He called, likewise, for a European security system. Nothing unorthodox about all that - but the French Premier went into more details than had been expected.

In Previous conferences with western partners, he had outlined proposals he's make. But now - exceeding anything in that previous outline. More specific - more in detail. Today's dispatch from Geneva says - that Edgar Faure's address got cool reception among the Americans.

After that, they took time out for lunch. Then, Prime Minister Anthony Eden spoke for Britain. His ideas, pretty much, duplicated those propounded by President Eisenhower. The Prime Minister added: "We should be ready to examine the possibility of a de-

militarized area between East and West."

The final statement was by Russian Premier Bulganin - who exuded friendliness, said the Soviets were determined to make the Geneva conference a success. As for practical proposals, Bulganin advanced a scheme - for an all around security system, which would include all the nations in Europe and the United States.

Bulganin also came up with a sort of swap, saying Moscow would be willing to drop the eastern alliance of Red Satellites - if the West would cancel out the western alliance - Nato. A trade which is not likely to come off.

CARDINAL

There still remains a mystery - about Cardinal
Mindezenty of Hungary. The prelate, whom the Reds
announced - they were setting free. CCardinal - ~~thex~~
Mindazenty
/ ~~xmndzenty~~ - the most important ecclesiastical victim
of a trial behind the Iron Curtain. Convicted of
plotting against the Red regime - and sentenced to
life.

No one from the West has been able to get in
touch with him. So, apparently he has not been freed.

URANIUM

The government in Washington is cracking down on penny-ante uranium stock. Imposing restrictions - on small time promoters, who claim to have uranium discoveries in the United States and Canada. And have been catching suckers. So now the S.E.C. plans to tighten its regulations, make them apply to "small stock issues."

GIRL.

At Berkeley, California, Burton Abbott, 27-year-old student at the University of California, has agreed - he'll submit himself to a lie detector test, ~~and~~ ^{also} - to ^{psychiatric} ~~psychological~~ tests. Today's development - ^{allowing} an astonishing disclosure, over the weekend. ~~A disclosure in the~~ [^] ~~mystery of the missing girl.~~

In the spring, in April, Stephanie Bryan, fourteen years old, - vanished, while on her way home from school. There has been a search for her ever since - with almost no clues. Until this weekend - when a mass of clues came suddenly to light.

At the home of Burton Abbott, his wife Georgia happened to go down into the basement of her home, ^{where} ~~then~~ she noticed - a purse. She opened it, and found a card - identifying the purse as belonging to the missing Stephanie Bryan. Startled, she informed the police.

That began a search of the basement, in the course of which the police discovered a series of hidden articles. Two library books, two notebooks, a booklet on the care of parakeets, a pair of eye glasses. All of which - had been in the possession of Stephanie Bryan, when she vanished.

Attention was focused, immediately, on Burton Abbott - who

denied all knowledge of the articles in the basement of his home. And added - a fact which produces a curious element of confusion.

He said that, about a month after the disappearance of the girl, his house was used as - a polling place. People came in to vote - abo t a hundred and fifty in and out. So you see the possibilities - of somebody having hidden articles in the basement.

Today, Captain A. H. Fording, of the Berkeley police, declared: "Abbott is definitely a suspect - but everyone who had access to that basement is a suspect."

HUGHES

Howard Hughes has sold RKO - in a multi-million dollar transaction. The purchaser - General Tele-Radio Corporation, parent of Mutual Broadcasting. The most important part of the merchandise - RKO's huge backlog of films, hundreds of top ranking pictures. Now sold by multi-millionaire Howard Hughes - and, for the first time, made available.

DISNEY

Hollywood had the worst traffic jam in Hollywood history. The opening to the public - of Disneyland.

Yesterday, there was a showing for invited guests ~~xxx~~ thirty thousand invited guests. Which produced enormous crowding and confusion.

Today, the climax. Thousands of automobiles jamming the main highway - with an incredible snarling of traffic at Anaheim, home of Delco batteries on the West coast twenty miles from Los Angeles. That's where Disneyland is located - and that's where crowds of tens of thousands went pouring, today. Most of them - in automobiles.

RUSSIAN FARMERS

In Iowa, there are twelve puzzled Russians. In the land
there are

of the tall corn ~~to~~ a dozen Soviet farmers, who can't quite understand.

delegation -
The agricultural ~~nation~~ *delegation* -- sent over here to have a look at American farming methods. Trying to find out - why we, the United States, have a surplus food production. While, on the vast farms of Soviet Russia -- there is an agricultural shortage.

Now, the Russian farmers are not perplexed by those Iowa cornfields, or the way they're cultivated. They take a lively interest in the methods, the planting and harvesting, the machinery, the science of it. What has them ~~xxxx~~ buffaloed is -- the crowds. Those Russian farmers are baffled -- by the *people who* ~~gang that~~ follow them around, hanging on their heels.

The delegation is accompanied by three Soviet newsmen - and by about a hundred American reporters and news photographers. That's what they can't understand - so many. Why such a legion of headline makers and picture snappers - for a bunch of farmers?

The leader of the Russian delegation is Vladimir Matskevich -

who, today, complained "Because of the cameras, we can't see the cows."

The Russians ^{were} ~~are~~ on the one hundred sixty acre farm of

Richard Alleman, near Slater, Iowa, where they looked things over, and made copious notes.

The suggestion was made - perhaps they'd like to ask Farmer Alleman some questions. To which Farmer Matskevich replied: "I'll ask, after the photographers get through snapping."

Farmer Alleman is a twenty-five year old Army veteran - and he's been around. He said he don't mind what the Russians called "the invasion."

But Farmer Matskevich took a practical view. "If they break the fences," said he, "They should be kept, afterward, to fix them up." Just like any farmer, Russian or American, - ~~they're~~ concerned about the fences.

The Soviet agricultural delegation was taken for a tour - riding in a farm wagon, pulled by a tractor. Farmer Matskevich looked back, and saw a second wagon - loaded with newsmen and photographers.

He ^{growled!} ~~groaned~~ "I hope the second wagon will break down."

It looks as if those Russians might learn - about American agricultural methods. But they'll never understand the ways of news in the United States.

Stalin never allowed anything like that.