

DISARMAMENT

L.T. - Delco. Mon. ~~May~~ ^{June} 3 - '57.

The London Disarmament Conference - went into session again, today. Following a five-day recess - for consultation among the Western powers. Preliminary - to presenting an American disarmament plan. Which, however, was not forthcoming. Still - delayed.

This drew a Soviet protest. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Zorin - complaining that the conference was being kept at a standstill.

We hear that the Western allies are pretty well agreed on the American proposal, but U.S. Delegate Stassen - still has details to work out.

The word is that the American suggestion includes - a suspension of atomic tests - no further atomic explosions. This - on a trial basis, as the first step in a disarmament agreement.

Which report comes along with the release - of a declaration by two thousand American scientists. Dr. Linus Pauling, a Nobel Prize winner - announcing a petition, calling - for abolition of atomic tests.

KHRUSHCHEV

At this moment I may be dreaming, but the following comes to mind. Since Khrushchev had an appearance on American television, yesterday, no doubt he'll reciprocate by having President Eisenhower on Russian television, next week.

IP I think you'll agree - that's
Presenting - the view of the free world. ~~which is~~ about the wildest dream - I ever had!

(radio + TV)
after yesterday's CBS show
The general impression ~~is~~ - that Nikita makes a pretty fair television actor. With shrewd bits of propoganda - plus an occasional joke, to liven things up.

Today, the State Department in Washington said - Khrushchev wants to give the impression that Soviet Russia is willing to make moves for a settlement. So all he has to do is make some real moves - and he'll find the United States willing to reciprocate.

(A State Department spokesman, Luther J. Reed, took pointed notice of Khrushchev's proposal - that the Soviets will withdraw Russian soldiers from the satellite countries, if American we'll move our forces from Europe, west of the Iron Curtain.

The reply to which is - that we would be pulling back across an ocean. The Soviets - retiring a few miles to the Russian frontier.

In Congress, Senator Knowland answers the Khrushchev prediction - that the grandchildren of present-day Americans will be living in a Socialist society. The California Senator saying - it's more likely that the grandchildren of the Kremlin leaders will be living in Freedom. A hopeful idea - that the tyranny of Communism won't last long.)

Tonight, the White House echoed that hope.

But let me go back to my dream - that President Eisenhower will be on Russian television, this coming weekend.

BAGHDAD PACT

The United States - admitted, formally, to membership on the Military Committee of the Baghdad Pact. The ceremony - at Karachi, Pakistan, today. Where Loy Henderson, Deputy American Secretary of State, was present, with a U.S. delegation. Declaring - that, as a member of the Military Committee, the United States was pledging to assist members of the Baghdad Pact against any threat of Communist aggression.

Today's meeting in Karachi - marked the healing of a rift. Caused - by the Anglo-French attack on Egypt. After which - Iraq, Iran and Pakistan boycotted meetings with the British. Today, however, they were all there - with the United States joining the Military Committee.

ISRAEL

In Jerusalem, Israel, tonight, Premier Ben-Gurion won a vote of confidence. On the question - of the Eisenhower Doctrine. Ben-Gurion making the decision - to accept the program of American aid. The vote in favor was - fifty-nine to five.

ALGERIA

Bombing - in Algeria.. New terrorism - in that bedeviled North African country. At the rush ~~hour~~ hour, in the city of Algiers, tonight - three bombs exploded. Killing four people - injuring eighty-four. The victims - both Europeans and Moslems, who were waiting for trolley cars..

Meanwhile, the French have arrested two hundred tribesmen, in connection with the massacre of ^{the} three hundred Moslems in a village, last week, a wholesale murder - by the terrorists.

GERMANY

West Germany, today, had a duplication - of that American Marine Corps tragedy a year ago. When at Parris Island, South Carolina - Leatherneck recruits were marched into a tidal stream, and six were swept away.

Today, it was a case of paratroopers training for the new West German army. A platoon - taken for a march, across the Iller River. The stream - in flood. Eighteen - able to scramble ashore. Fifteen - carried away by the torrent and lost.

As in the case of the tragedy at Parris Island, a sergeant was arrested - for having ordered the "death march."

LONDON - NIGERIA

In London today, a prominent African political leader - was arrested for theft. Prince Theophilus Benson - Chairman of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons. ~~Who~~ Who had arrived in Britain - to negotiate for Nigerian independence. Scotland Yard - taking him into custody, charged with stealing a ring and a watch, worth one hundred and seventeen dollars. The accusation made - by a young African woman and her husband.

(Prince Theophilus Benson is by no means - a needy politician. He is a wealthy landowner in Africa - as well as a top ranking leader in the independence movement. All of which makes the affair sound - puzzling, very.)

~~Today~~ In London, Prince Theophilus Benson has been conducting negotiations with Colonial Minister Alan Lennox-Boyd and was, today, on his way to the Colonial Office for a conference. When - he was arrested.

ANTI-TRUST

The Supreme Court issued a ruling, today - that General Motors and DePont violated the Clayton Anti-Trust Act. Because DuPont has owned at least twenty-three per cent of General Motors stock ever since Nineteen Seventeen. The charge being that this was part of a plan to have a sure market for various DePont products. Paints, varnishes, and so on./

The government suit against the two great corporations had been thrown out of a lower court. But the high tribunal now orders a renewal of the case. Proceedings - to remove the effects of the alleged violations.

POSTAL

President Eisenhower sent an "urgent" message to Congress, today - asking for nearly one hundred and fifty million dollars. Additional funds - for the national Post Office. The latest - in a running argument between Congress and the U.S. mailman.

The legislators got out that old economy axe - trimming postal appropriations. Voting - something less than three billion, two hundred million dollars. Which, said Postmaster General Summerfield, was not enough. He'd need more - or postal services would have to be curtailed. *P*All of which was repeated by the White House, today. Mail deliveries to be reduced next month - unless Congress okays today's presidential request.

WISCONSIN

At last - the decision in Wisconsin. Governor Vernon Thompson announcing - that he will call a special election to fill the Senate seat of the late Senator Joseph McCarthy. There was talk that the law might be changed - to permit the Governor to name a successor. Which left things in a state of political suspense - until now. The election to be held - in the first half of August. So now - a political scramble and free-for-all.

That Eisenhower "harmony" luncheon, staged on Capitol Hill, today. The President - meeting with Republican members of the House of Representatives. Harmony? No end of it. There had been some intimation of discord, with sour notes. But it was as harmonious and melifluous - as an old sweet song.

The purpose - to help heal the rift in the Republican Party. The differences between the White House and the G.O.P. conservatives - in such matters as the multi-multi billion dollar budget. The Republican Congressmen - to be given that Eisenhower treatment of smiles, charm, and good nature. Some of the more severe protagonists of economy had indicated - they might not attend the "harmony" luncheon. But nearly everybody seems to have been there. ~~There were~~ One hundred and seventy-five - jamming the dining room.

Apparently, nobody got around to such acrimonious matters - as the budget. Too much of a line-up of Congressmen passing the presidential table - for a handshake and some brief cheery remarks with Ike.

The President made a brief address - of model
diplomacy. Making no reference - to Republicans who are mad
about the budget. He took - the other ^{tack.} ~~stake~~. Speaking - of
G.O.P. legislators who support his policies. Promising -
they'll have him as an ally.

(Well, the "harmony" was first class - though the
luncheon was nothing sumptuous, or epicurean. A box-luncheon --
which each one ate off his lap. The price - tells the story.
Republican House Leader, Senator Joe Martin of Massachusetts,
gave the party, and paid for it. Setting him back - two hundred
and ^{eighty}-four dollars and eleven cents. For - about one
hundred and seventy-five guests. He couldn't have done much
better - in ^{Joe's} a beanery. *for Eddie's Diner!*

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - to be expanded. With a new auxiliary building - across Pennsylvania Avenue. (~~Such is the recommendation made by a commission, which has been studying the problem - of a lack of office space in the presidential mansion.~~)

The trouble goes back to the Nineteen Thirties, when the federal government began to grow - like the proverbial mushroom. Presidents and their staffs - plagued increasingly by the shortage of working space. Right now, the presidential offices are in the west wing of the White House - not nearly room enough.

So ~~now~~ the proposal is to tear down the old State-War-Navy Building, just across the street. Replacing it - with a thirty-two million dollar building, where the President and his executive staff would have their offices. A tunnel, under Pennsylvania Avenue - to connect the White House proper, with what would be a sort of annex.

There are objections to tearing down the

State-War-Navy Building - which is nearly seventy years old, and is of historic interest. But the commission, after making a study, speaks of that venerable structure - in no flattering terms. Calling it - "incongruous" in size and appearance. Too out-of-date and obsolete - to be remodeled.

If Congress okays the plan, the west wing of the White House will be used as living quarters for visiting dignitaries. Who now have to be put up - in the Blair House.

~~(President Eisenhower thinks today's proposal a good idea - although, he, himself, will not have much benefit from it. The new proposed building - not likely to be finished much before the President leaves office, in January, Nineteen Sixty-One.)~~

QUEEN

Things all tangled up - in London today. Because of a rehearsal - for the Queen's birthday. The chief ceremony - the "trooping of the colors." Stately military ritual - enacted by a regiment of the Guards. In their brilliant uniforms - and tall bearskins.

Today's rehearsal - such a big event that London traffic was tied up all over the West End. All the worse - because of the weather.

The Queen's birthday is actually in April. But - celebrated in June. Because of the uncertainty of the London weather in April. When it's likely to be raining - any public ceremony, a washout. In June - a high probability of better weather. Which certainly was the case - today.

Britain - having a heat wave. Brilliant sunshine in London - with sweltering temperatures.

In the "Trooping of the Colors", five Guardsmen were overcome by the heat, and fainted. As they broiled in their heavy uniforms - the tall, heavy bearskins on their heads.

In the traffic jam of automobiles, the motorists felt - as if they were being baked in ovens, for hours.

Thousands - indignant, wrathful, irate. High dudgeon - as the old British novels call it.

So, tonight, in London, there's an angry demand - that further rehearsals, in the next few days, shall be held before dawn. When there's not so much traffic - and before the sun comes up. Baking London - in the heat wave.

ELSA MAXWELL

Now, the invitation to the party - R.S.V.P.

Leading - to a verdict in the French courts, today. The decision - against Elsa Maxwell, veteran expert on the subject of parties.

In her book, "R.S.V.P.", Elsa Maxwell tells how she was invited to a party - by Ex-King Farouk of Egypt. She didn't go. Instead, she sent a telegram to the one-time sovereign of the Nile, as follows: "I do not associate with clowns, monkeys or malefactors." Which was - R.S.V.P., with stings and barbs. The harpoon, in fact.

So Farouk sued for libel in France. Bringing a lawsuit - against the lady ^{also} of the parties, the publisher of the book, ^{against} and the translator ^{too}.

In Paris, today, the court issued a sweeping verdict. The three defendants - to pay fourteen thousand dollars in damages to the former King of Egypt. Each of the three, likewise - to pay a fine. The judgment against them - to be published in five periodicals. These - to be selected by Farouk. ^{And what, Henry} R.S.V.P. - the way the Parisian judge responded.

END

Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: I don't know - if I should recall yesterday. Or -
a year ago.

Yesterday, Khrushchev on American television - the
CBS program, "Face The Nation." Saying in the news interview -
"let us live in peace." Sweetness and light, [?] nothing but.

A year ago, ^{on the} ~~that~~ very same day, Khrushchev was making
a speech to the Young Communist League in Moscow. Declaring -
"We are for peace throughout the world. We believe that
Communism will vanquish capitalism without war."

Sounds like pretty much the same sound-track --
played a year later. But what happened - in between? Oh,
Hungary, for example. The brutal way the Russian tanks crushed
the Hungarian people. One thing that happened in between the
two appearances of Khrushchev - cooing like a dove.

And So Long Until Tomorrow.