

MOLOTOV

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Molotov had to "confess"; But, he's not going to resign. His "confession" of ideological error - will not prevent him from attending the Geneva Conference of the Foreign Ministers, late this month.

It might have seemed embarrassing to bring the question up - at a gala reception. Given - by Molotov himself, in honor of a distinguished Canadian visitor, Lester Pearson, Secretary for External Affairs. But <sup>manners</sup> ~~matters~~ have changed in Soviet Russia. And, at the party, newsmen asked the Soviet Foreign Minister about his "confession". It came about because of a statement he made before the Supreme Soviet last February - in connection with the resignation of Premier Malenkov. Molotov declaring - that only the "foundations" of the Socialist state have been established in Russia. Recently, that was criticized by a Moscow publication. Which pointed out, <sup>that</sup> according to Communist doctrine, a Socialist state has been established. Not merely - the foundation. To which Molotov replied - ~~that~~ with a "confession" of ideological error.

Over the weekend, there was speculation about this.

Some supposition that the Kremlin Foreign Minister might be on his way out. But, at the party, Molotov replied by saying:

"There is no question about my retirement. Of course, I'm going to Geneva, **That** is not under discussion."

DULLES

Today, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declared:

"We do not propose to disarm ourselves, unless we can be sure that others are doing the same." Which sounds like the best of sense.

The Secretary was addressing an American Legion Convention at Miami. Telling the legionnaires - that the Russians appear to be more friendly since the Geneva Conference.

*But, he added that*

~~But~~ their attitude may be - a mere maneuver.

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MOROCCO

The French population in Morocco went on a demonstration strike, today. Protesting against Premier Edgar Faure's proposed compromise with the Nationalists of Morocco. In particular, the French people in North Africa resent the ousting of Sultan Sidi Mohamed Ben Moulay Arafa - sent into exile, at the insistence of the Nationalists. The strike - described as a warning against further concessions.



## ATOMIC

Here's an interesting question - what would happen, if an atomic bomb were in a fire? Suppose the flames should sweep around an A-bomb - until it was, perhaps, red hot. It might make one shudder - to think what would happen.

Or suppose - there were a violent explosion in the vicinity of an A-bomb. A blast of T.N.T., perhaps, hitting the nuclear weapon.

These questions are to be answered by new tests on the Nevada desert, next month. ~~They will subject~~ Small atomic charges <sup>(will be subjected)</sup> - to fire. ~~To see, what effect - flames and intense heat will have. They'll also subject atomic bombs~~ <sup>Also -</sup> to explosions of T.N.T.

The belief is - that nothing will happen. The current scientific theory is, that nuclear changes are not affected by external circumstances of any sort - heat, concussion, or what-not. But they want to prove this - in actual tests. After all, especially in warfare, atomic bombs might be in fires or explosions. Interesting, to be sure - what would happen.

All this - announced by the Atomic Energy Commission  
in Washington. And, in addition, we hear that huge hydrogen and  
atomic bomb tests will be held in the Far Pacific, this coming  
Spring

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower - out of his hospital room. For the first time - since he was taken ill sixteen days ago. His bed - wheeled out onto a terrace, on the eighth floor of the Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, <sup>at Denver.</sup> There the President enjoyed the <sup>h</sup> sunshine - for half an hour. A warm day of Indian summer in <sup>^</sup> Colorado - with plenty of sunshine.

Sounds all placid and serene, but there was excitement - although the President doesn't seem to have known about it. A helicopter - flying low around the hospital. ~~Which is against the rules. aircraft never permitted to invade the hospital air space, without special permission from Washington.~~

~~So what was the brash helicopter doing? Answer -~~

<sup>CBS</sup>  
An ambitious cameraman ~~of CBS,~~ wanting to take picture of the presidential patient on the terrace. ~~Hiring a helicopter, from a local company. <sup>the</sup> Order was given - to seize his film.~~

~~But~~ Cameraman Coy Watson says - he didn't get any pictures, ~~of the President, anyway~~ And tonight CBS said: - The President's health is all-important - and apologized for its over-zealous photographers.

## POLITICS

Senator Kefauver declares - he's not a candidate for the presidency this time. The dispatch comes from Korea - the Senator being on a tour around the world. He's been mentioned prominently as a possibility for the Democratic nomination, but ~~now~~ now says - he doesn't seek it.

In the political speculation, one large element has been - the supposition that Kefauver would go into the state primaries next year. He made a powerful showing in the primaries last year - although he didn't win the nomination. But now - the Kefauver primary question seems to be out.

In New York City, Mayor Wagner says he still remains for Adlai Stevenson - "as of now". Those last three words, "as of now" - having a slightly tentative sound.

This follows big time New York developments over the weekend. Governor Harriman, appearing on the CBS "Face the Nation" program. And saying - he's for Stevenson still. Adding - it doesn't mean he'd back Adlai for the nomination at the Democratic National Convention. Sounds like saying "



"I'm for you, but I might be against you."

All of which ties in with ex-President Harry Truman's appearance in Albany. Where he spoke enthusiastically about Governor Harriman as a possibility for the Democratic nomination. H.S.T. giving an intimation - that he's not backing Stevenson so fervently <sup>now.</sup> ~~any more.~~

More and more, it looks like a knock-down, drag-out **fi** fight for the Democratic nomination - following President Eisenhower's heart attack. Prospects for a candidate looking a lot better, if he doesn't have to run against Ike.

## SUPREME COURT

Today, the Supreme Court acted - in a series of ~~head~~ headline cases. One - the biggest anti-trust affair in history. The government charging - that the giant DuPont concern is linked, illegally, with General Motors. In violation - of the anti-trust laws. A lower court rejected the charge. An appeal taken - to the high tribunal. Which now agrees - to review the suit. Arguments to be heard - later this term.

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The court had before it a couple of ~~appeals~~ appeals from Frank Costello, sometimes called ~~the~~ the slot machine king. He gets a review of a conviction for income tax evasion. But the tribunal turned him down on another conviction - for contempt of court.

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There is, likewise, a refusal to review - a big libel suit. Between two ~~paladins~~ paladins of journalism - Quentin Reynolds and Westbrook Pegler. Quent got an award for damages against Peg - to the tune of one-hundred-and-~~se-~~ seventy-five-thousand dollars. Because of a newspaper column - in which Peg made a skin-em-alive attack on Quent. The Supreme Court rejects the appeal and says, Westbrook Pegler and the Hearst newspaper will have to pay the money.

## STRIKE

Governor George Craig has ordered - complete martial law in the strike area of eastern Indiana. The sections - where strikers and non-strikers had a shooting match last week.

Now, after a break-down of negotiations with the Union, the "Perfect Circle Corporation" announces - the reopening of its plant at New Castle, on Wednesday. The Governor says the Company has a legal right to do this, and has clamped down martial law.

## LONDON

London had a wild cop-and-robber chase, today.

No shooting match - although there was shooting. But it was all on one side.

Three hold-up men robbed a jewelry store, and made a getaway in a sedan. But a cruising police car had them spotted and gave chase. The fugitives opened fire - with pistol shots. One detective in the police car was hit in the arm. Another, cut by bullet-shattered-glass. The gunmen kept on shooting - but the police did not shoot back.

Why? Because they couldn't. London police do not carry firearms. So all they could do was keep on pursuing - which took plenty of courage.

Other police joined the pursuit - which went on through Hyde Park. Taxicabs got into it - speeding along in the procession.

The automobile chase ended when a fish peddler's cart blocked the robbers' path. They jumped out, and fled afoot. Still shooting - and a constable fell, with a bullet in his leg.



One Bobbie - in such desperation, he threw his helmet at the ~~figu~~ fugitives.

One robber jumped into a taxicab, but a truck driver blocked the taxi against the curb. The gunman jumped out, and the truck driver tripped him up. He fell, and the police jumped on top of him.

The other two kept running and shooting. But the police caught one of them - and the other is the object <sup>of a</sup> ~~for a~~ manhunt in London tonight.

As a shooting match, ~~it was~~ all on one side <sup>d.</sup> Possible only in Britain - where the cops don't carry guns.

## BULL-FIGHT

In Chicago, they<sup>re</sup> having a fight - but it's not a bull-fight. Although - it has to do with ~~mix~~ el toro, the arena, and the toreador.

Next month, Chicago is to have a "south of the border" fiesta. With Latin-American singing, dancing, folklore. The promoters want to include - no, not a bull-fight. But an exhibition - of the art of the toreador. He'd move around, evading the charge of the bull - making passes with his cape, side-stepping. But - no flashing sword, inserted into el toro.

~~The spokesman gives assurance in these words: "No injury, or harm, or cruelty of any kind is indulged in or perpetrated upon the bull in the proposed graceful and skillful educational exhibition."~~

However, the Chicago Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals - is opposed. Managing Director J.J. Shaffer stating: "We are gearing to fight this thing whenever it occurs. We're solidly against it."

This relentless antagonism is based on the assumption -

that the exhibition in the art of the toreador - might only be an entering wedge. The Director for the Society declaring:

"Powerful South American interests have been trying, for many years, to get bull-fighting introduced into this country.

They use a softening process - but it's strictly a big money proposition."

~~The legal aspects are interesting. The state of~~

Illinois - having no law against bull-fighting. Though there is a statute forbidding - an old English pastime of long ago. Bull-baiting, which the dictionary defines as - a fight between a bull and a dog, a bull dog. There's also a law against - cruelty to animals. But would this "art of the toreador" be cruel?

It seems agreed - they can't stop the show. Not the first one, anyway. But they'd be watching - for any sign that the bull may be tormented. El toro - made unhappy. Then ~~they'd get a court order forbidding the whole thing.~~

So that's the way it <sup>is</sup> in Chicago. They're not fighting the bull, they're fighting the bull-fight.

## STEEPLE

In Boston, they<sup>a</sup>re getting ready to dedicate the new steeple - of the old North Church. With its memories - of Paul Revere, and his famous midnight ride, giving the warning that the Red Coats were coming.

That old steeple was blown down by a hurricane in Eighteen Hundred and Four - and rebuilt. The Second one, felled by Hurricane Carol, in August of last year. So now they've put up - a hurricane-proof steeple on the Old North Church. The dedication to be held - Wednesday night.

One interesting part - the guest of honor. His Excellency the Ambassador from Honduras. Seems odd that he should have a part in a ceremony - so very Bostonian.

*P* There's an odd bit of history in back of it.

The original steeple, back in the Seventeen Hundreds, was erected with funds provided by - "The Gentlemen of the Bay of Honduras." *That's what they were called.* A group of businessmen, who dealt in ~~dogwood~~ <sup>lumber</sup> from the



Central American republic. Boston merchants - and Honduran  
merchants. The money for the steeple - raised by the sale of  
Honduran timber. Mahogany, no doubt, some of which may be  
in that Duncan Phyfe table you inherited. Anyhow that's why  
the Ambassador from Honduras will be the guest of honor.  
Maybe he should get up and recite:

"Listen my children, and you shall hear,  
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere."

To make it the more interesting, Hugh, he might  
say it in Spanish.