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GENEVA

No settlement on Korea. So decided at Geneva today. The Korean issue turned over to committees. Meaning, that the top men at the conference are unable to reconcile the positions of the East and the West.

Now the talks will move on to Indo-China. And the dispatch from Geneva reveals that the head of the Viet Nam, the Emperor Bao Dai, has agreed to meet the Red leaders in Indo China for discussions about a possible armistice.

Until now, Bao Dai had refused to consider such discussions. French Foreign Secretary Bidault sent a personal envoy to talk with the emperor, who is vacationing on the French Riviera. A Paris official now announces that Bao Dai has withdrawn his objections to meeting Red leader Ho Chi Minh.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Dulles is preparing

to return to Washington. He'll leave Geneva either Monday or Tuesday. ~~To~~ ^{to} replace him at the conference, Under Secretary of State Bedell Smith.

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AUSTRALIA

The staff of the Russian Embassy in Canberra has sailed from Australia, some fifty of them going aboard the liner New Australia, at Fremantle.

The Ambassador and his aides flew from Canberra to Perth. Then by car the few remaining miles to the port of Fremantle, on the Indian Ocean. Security precautions had to be taken. The news dispatch ~~tells~~ tells of demonstrators trying to stop the convoy. At one place, a huge banner had been stretched across the road. It read: "Awake, - the choice of Petrov is yours!"

Ambassador Generalov led his entourage down the gangplank onto the liner - as Australian sailors jered. The Russians took over four tons of baggage with them - including many luxury items, ~~which~~ which they bought on a last minute spending ~~spend~~ spree in Canberra.

Reporters were not permitted to talk to the Russians. But an airman succeeded in asking one of the group how he liked Australia. The Russian answered "no good."

At the Canberra airport, one of the Russian children waved gaily and smiled. But the Ambassador and his staff - they left in ~~an~~ sullen silence.

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MOSCOW FOLLOW AUSTRALIA

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TIBET

A dispatch from New Delhi announces that India is turning her rights in Tibet over to Red China.

As we know, Mao Tse-Tung invaded the "Roof of the world" back in Nineteen Fifty. But Nehru kept a tolen military force there at Gyantze - a one week march inside Tibet - to ~~am~~ watch over Indian interests, especially the telephone-telegraph line from Lhasa to Sikkim - which sometimes functions and sometimes doesn't. The understanding being, that India would transfer full control of that to the Tibetans - as soon as they were able to handle them.

According to the new agreement with Mao Tse Tung, the Indian Army units are to be ~~is~~ withdrawn during the next six months. The telephone-telegraph lines, to be handed over to the Chinese. Nehru, also giving up the Gyantze cantonment and other buildings occupied by his troops and his government officials.

India will retain contact with Tibet. That is traders will be allowed to send their caravans in, by six

passes over the Himalayas. Pilgrims will continue their journeys to the ~~Buddhi~~ holy land of Buddhism - to Lhasa, the vatican of Lamaism.

The main point of the new agreement: Red China to have more complete control of Tibet.

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is a state in which Republicans are trying to defeat a top Democrat, Paul Douglas, ^{who is up for reelection, Pres.} ~~in a race for the Senate. Mr.~~

Eisenhower, ^{also is} likely to visit California and Minnesota ~~too~~

- where the G O P is ^{under heavy fire,} ~~making a drive to win seats.~~ →

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the hearings of McCarthy versus the Army will end quickly --

the President feeling that there isn't very much to talk about anyhow. →

EISENHOWER (night)

During today's news conference, ~~Mr~~ President Eisenhower reiterated that he will not send troops to fight in Indo China - without a declaration by Congress. However, he added that the President should always have the right to send troops abroad on his own authority - whenever he judges it necessary for the safety of this country.

Today, the House agreed with him on that. The House, voting overwhelmingly against an amendment to the defense appropriations bill. That amendment would have barred the Chief Executive from sending troops abroad without congressional approval. The amendment turned down - by a vote of two hundred fourteen to thirty seven.

Then, the House voted unanimously for the defense appropriations bill - involving more than twenty six billion dollars.

QUEEN

Queen Elizabeth visits the lake named for her great, great grandmother. Lake Victoria, in Uganda.

There for the opening of a great hydro-electric plant.

The Owen Falls project - costing over sixty million dollars.

The Queen flew in with the Duke of Edinburgh. The report was they would arrive by car. But there was a rumor that the Mau Mau might try to assassinate her. So the form of transport was changed on short notice.

Queen Elizabeth opened the sluice gates - allowing the first water to flow from Lake Victoria into the Nile. Then she touched the button that started the first of the great generators.

After a short run around the lake, they flew back to Entebbe, the capitol of Uganda.

CLIPPERTON

My short wave radio friend out at Winnebago, Illinois, D.B. Mitchell, keeps sending me interesting bulletins about the two "hams" who made that desperate attempt to reach lonely Clipperton Island, way out in the Pacific. Some days ago I told how they were in trouble, driven back by a storm, compelled to return to the coast of Mexico --- to Acapulco.

Well, the two "ham" operators from Iowa - Bob Denniston and Leo Olney - were not to be defeated, it seems. The idea, you may recall, was to take part in a worldwide short wave radio contest, to set up radio equipment where it had never been - at remote places. Clipperton is a coral atoll sometimes called "The Forgotten Island". What makes it so exceedingly difficult to find is that it's so low, it rises just a few feet above the waves.

"Mitch" tells me the bold Iowa mariners chartered a second ship in Mexico. Then once again when they

neared Clipperton, seven hundred miles off the coast, they were hit by a storm, and were driven on beyond their goal. Their sails were torn. Parts of their motor burned out. Fuel and water gone. Down to their last rations. After the storm blew itself out, they radioed for some one to come out and rescue them. "Mitch" tells me they finally made it to the Forgotten Island, and they have their radio gear set up on that coral atoll. He has been in touch with them.

Determined young men. Which is not unusual for "hawk-eyes". They grow'em that way out in the tall corn country of the Iowa prairie. They also must have had considerable financial resources.

ANTARCTIC

Will Congress authorize a new Antarctic expedition?

The question was raised today by Senator Case of South Dakota and Representative Tollefson of Washington. Jointly in the House and in the Senate they introduced a bill to allocate two hundred thousand dollars for the expedition - under the auspices of the American Antarctic Association - headed by Commander Finn Ronne, who led an expedition to the Antarctic in Nineteen Forty six. Among the heads of the association are Colonel Bernt Balchen, Sir Hubert Wilkins and other top men in exploration.

The main purpose this time to examine the mineral resources and establish control points for map-making. Also to clear up our territorial ~~claims~~ claims in the Antarctic.

HEARING

Today, the Grand entrance occurred. Hamlet - coming on stage, at long last in the big performance of Hamlet. Private David Schine is not exactly - the melancholy Dane. And some might say - he's not the number one star, with top billing. Not with such towering figures in the cast - as Senator McCarthy, and the Secretary of the U.S. Army. But, ~~■~~ day after day, the proceedings had been weaving around - the absent Schine. So he began to sound like - something of a myth.

His entrance, today, was unexpected. Called to testify about the photograph that has been an object of controversy ~~■~~ all along.

He declared that, at Camp Dix, he was ~~■~~ asked to be photographed, along with Army Secretary Stevens. Schine claiming - that the Secretary did the asking. Later, Schine requested Air Force photographers to send him a copy of the picture - which was forwarded ~~■~~ along to him. He hung it in his office - the private soldier shown with the Secretary of the Army, together with an Army Colonel.

McCarthy (add)

~~When the present uproar was coming to a head, Schine was asked by the staff of the McCarthy committee - to give them the picture. So he did so - flying to New York to fetch it.~~

~~It was made clear that~~ *insists to*
Private Schine did not
cut out part of the photograph showing the Army Colonel..

~~He~~ Did not trim the picture, so *he would* ~~that he~~ appeared alone -
with Army Secretary Stevens. Somebody else did that.

~~This was the important point established, but~~

~~the~~ Proceedings got around to other matters - including
another photograph. Which led to *another* ~~a~~ rumpus. Committee
Counsel Jenkins questioning Schine with loud insistence.
Hammering at him - about a meeting in a fancy restaurant
in Washington.

Senator McCarthy - interrupting with a choice bit
of McCarthy rhetoric. Saying- a private soldier was ~~was~~ being
abused, while the Secretary of the Army had been treated with
much more consideration. A clever line- especially for
television.

Private Schine, a tall, blondish young man, with a crew haircut - and all the appearance of a GI, did not look like a tragic Hamlet, Mike, but he did occupy the center of the stage as completely - as any Barrymore ever did.