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(The debate was bitter at the U. N. in Paris today, with Vishinsky making a ferocious retort to American declarations, ^{which} ~~these~~ were not so mild and lukewarm either. They were, in fact, so blunt and scathing that the Moscow delegate went into a shrieking rage. Blasting at the Western Powers, he yelled that he would bring them to what he called, "The post and Pillar of Infamy:"

(He shouted charges in the face of the West: "You tried to make secret agreements with Hitler," he screamed. "You tried to make Hitler attack the Soviet Union instead of you.")

To which we may all note that, whoever tried what, it was Moscow that made ^{the} a deal with Hitler, and it was the Western Countries that Hitler attacked.

Vishinsky went into a long harangue, in which he claimed that the power of Nazi Germany had been financed with American money, and into this he dragged the New York Law Firm ~~at~~ which John Foster Dulles is ^{the head} ~~a member~~ - the adviser to Governor Dewey. The American

spokesman was delegate Warren Austin, who told Soviet Russia plainly that the United States is going to speed up its armament program to stop the menace of Soviet Russia. Austin declared that this country had, in fact disarmed too fast at the end of the Second world war. *That as we now know* ~~that~~ was a mistake, and we are now making up for it.

Warren Austin pointed to the Soviet destruction of the freedom of a whole series of countries, and pictured Soviet Russia as a driving force for aggressive world tyranny. "The world situation," said he, "is too grave to permit any further playing with words." And he stated our armament plan as follows: "The United States is now considering the steps necessary to bring the National Military establishment to the minimum level required for international security." That was cold and formal, but clear - and Vishinsky got the point, which he didn't like.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Marshall has returned to Paris, where he is trying to dispel doubts aroused by that Mission to Moscow, the Truman ^{abortive} plan to

send Supreme Court Justice Vinson to see Stalin. ^{Marshall is} ~~the~~
giving the Western delegations all possible assurance
that the United States is not backing down, ^{that} ~~and~~ there
is no intention to try to make a separate deal with
Soviet Russia.


TRUMAN - VINSON

Today discloses the real secret of the cancelled mission to Moscow, the Truman idea of sending Chief Justice Vinson to confer with Stalin.

The revelation does not come from Governor Dewey, who in Kentucky today continued to call for the removal of blunders and bunglers in the Government. Dewey spoke of what he called - "The clumsiness, the weakness, and the wobbling of the present administration."

Nor does the blaze of illumination emanate from American interpreters, some of whom think that President Truman was animated by a burning desire for peace -- although the idea was something of a mistake. Others saying the mission to Moscow was intended to be an election campaign stunt.

No, none of these give us the inside facts. The disclosure of the secret comes from the world behind the Iron Curtain, and was printed today in a Communist newspaper in Germany, the Soviet



zone. We are told that the Berlin Crisis was organized to help Governor Dewey, ~~in the election, and that~~ Secretary of State Marshall ~~has~~ⁱⁿ a secret alliance with Dewey. So President Truman, in planning the Mission to Moscow, was trying to settle the Berlin Crisis - to check Dewey. Whereupon Secretary of State Marshall intervened and blocked the plan for the Chief Justice to see Stalin - Marshall scheming with Dewey.

In case that sounds like something dreamed up in a sudden nightmare, here's the quotation from the German Communist newspapers, published under Soviet sponsorship. Speaking of the Berlin Crisis, it says: "Truman recognized this Dewey trick and the catastrophic policy of Marshall. Truman was aware, " the Red Article goes on, "that tension in Berlin was organized to serve Dewey, and he attempted to frustrate this election manœuvre by sending Chief Justice Vinson to Moscow." We are told further that Secretary of State Marshall balked the plan because, in the words of the news dispatch -- "He is convinced that Truman has no chance to win the election, and is openly backing Dewey."

So there you have the inside dope, and there is no further use of trying to figure out the whys and wherefores of that projected Mission to Moscow.

BERLIN

A statement on the Moscow attitude in the Berlin crisis is made by the Soviet Army newspaper in Berlin -- which states that the hunger blockade will not be lifted until the Western Powers yield in the dispute over money in Berlin; recognize the Soviet sponsored Eastern Mark as the sole currency of the German Capital.

Today brought another of those Russian threats against the supply line through the sky, the Soviet announcement of blind-flying. (The Red Command informed the airlift authorities that they were going to hold blind-flying practice in the corridors through which the food planes are flying. Which sounds like a ghoulisn idea, sending pilots without vision along a busy line of air traffic.) The menace to the transport planes is only too evident, and one can only wonder about the state of mind of the Russian pilots doing the blind-flying in a crowd.

FRANCE

Word from France is that the Communist led strikes, are breaking up. Today, Railroad Workers in Eastern France, Alsace-Lorraine, voted to go back to work.

The Paris dispatch says the strikers are revolting against the Red leaders -- and this occurs as the General Federation of Labor, dominated by Communists, issued a demand today that the French Government support Soviet Russia in the U.N., back up the Moscow proposals for disarmament and the scrapping of the American Atomic Bomb.

This would seem to be obvious evidence of the political character of the wave of strikes, and the charge is that Soviet Russia sent a hundred and twenty million francs to finance the labor disturbance.

COMMUNISTS

The United States Court of Appeals upholds the conviction of Eugene Dennis, Secretary of the American Communist Party. Found guilty of contempt of Congress, Dennis made a plea to the Higher Court, which was rejected today in an opinion, unanimous and sharply worded. The arguments of the Red Secretary were called -- "sheer nonsense."

In addition to being convicted for Contempt of Congress, Eugene Dennis is also under indictment in the prosecution of the twelve top leaders of the Communist Party -- on charges of conspiring to overthrow the Government.

Today's Court Action was accompanied by an order from the Department of Justice - an order for the deportation of John Santo, top leader in the New York Transport Union. Santo, born in Hungary, has figured largely in labor turmoil along the New York water front, and now is ordered out of the country on the ground that he is an Alien Communist.

MINERS

The Miners' union has opened a drive for a fourth round of postwar wage increases. Today at Cincinnati the Convention of United Mine Workers directed union President John L. Lewis to seek another pay boost with a shorter work week and an increase of the Union welfare and Retirement Fund. Action on this is left to the discretion of Lewis -- action on a wage increase that might set a pattern for demands by Union labor in general.

by the way
John L. Lewis today attacked Governor Dewey for speaking well of the Taft-Hartley Labor Law -- although several days ago Lewis, by implication, endorsed Dewey for President.

In Chicago tonight they announced the result of the selection of - the five most virile men in America. One Governor Earl Warren of California. The other four - movie actors Clark Gable and Victor Mature, radio singer Jack Smith and Ball Player Lou Boudreau, Manager of the Cleveland Indians.

They ruled out - baldheaded men. Maybe that was because the selections were made by a committee of international artists. A painter depicting a he-man hero seldom picks one with the billiard ball effect.

However, the committee chairman admits that a baldheaded man can be just as virile as Samson before his locks were shorn off by Delilah. "Just look at Bing Crosby, or General Eisenhower," says he.

Well, as for General Ike, in the army he had a cap with a lot of gold braid to conceal a bald pate. And today he had still another style of distinguished head gear - the mortar board of the academic world. General Ike, with suitable ceremony, was installed as President of Columbia University. There was a crowd of eighteen thousand to

greet him, and he was attended by a procession of College Dignitaries that included his brother Milton Eisenhower, President of Kansas State College, Harold Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania, and a host of other heads of American and Foreign universities.

His address extolled the breadth and freedom of teaching at Columbia. He said that, under his regime, for example, there would be factual and objective instruction in the study of Communism as a political phenomenon. "The truth about Communism," said College President Eisenhower, "is an indispensable requirement, if the true values of our Democratic System are to be properly assessed."

CELEBRATION

There was a variety of celebration today -- Columbus Day, of course -- the four-hundred-and-fifty-sixth anniversary of that supreme October twelfth, when the Admiral-of-the-Ocean, to give him his proper magnificent title, set foot on the new world. Today, all over the Western ~~hemisph~~ hemisphere there were parades and commemorations of that voyage in fourteen-hundred-and-ninety-two made by Christopher Columbus, the Admiral of the Ocean.

Cleveland, Ohio, hailed not only Columbus, but also the Indians. There was a pandemonium of tooting horns and screaming sirens, cheers and yells, for the big parade that rolled for five miles down Euclid Avenue -- ten open cars carrying the Cleveland Indians, home from their World Series triumph in Boston.

A long distance away from that loud hurrah, there was a celebration in Jerusalem -- far off in the strife-torn Holy Land. There they cheered, acclaimed and went into wild rejoicing, because of rain. Black clouds rolled in from the Mediterranean over Palestine this morning, dark heavy rain clouds. But they were as bright as a gleaming gold treasure to the people of Jerusalem --

and down came the deluge on the Holy City.

This broke a drought that had lasted for thirty weeks, the usual dry season, there on the fringe of the Arabian desert. - ^{But} ~~and~~ it was unusually hot, parched and thirsty this year.

Jerusalem ~~was~~ under siege, and still in the grip of guerrilla war -- in spite of the Palestine Truce. Water supplies were cut off, and the Jewish population ~~was~~ rationed to the small amount of three gallons ^{per person per} ~~per~~ week. Recently, the United Nations, under the Armistice, were supposed to bring in water supplies; -- but there have been difficulties and little was provided.

Such is the background for the rain storm that swept upon Palestine today. The deluge ~~from~~ from the sky poured gurgling stream ^s down rainspouts, into cisterns - the age ^{-old} ~~old~~ way of water-gathering in countries ^{that are} half desert.

Today was Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, on which Jewish people have prayed for the forgiveness of sin -- ever since the ^{old} ~~days~~ days of the ^{Ark of the Covenant and Solomon's Temple.} ~~temple of old~~ Yom Kippur is supposed to be a day of seclusion, application, and silent meditation.

But in Jerusalem today, the coming of the rain broke the religious quiet of the feast, and hosts of people ran into the streets when the black clouds rolled in and the big splashing drops began to fall. They stood in the rain, shouting, rejoicing - and collecting the precious water in pots and pans and tubs.

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BASEBALL

The day following the World Series witnesses the passing of the man said to have invented -- the curve. In Los Angeles, George McConnell died at the age of ninety-three. He was an old-time Indian fighter, whose fame, however, is in baseball -- as the inventor of the art of pitching a curve. A dozen years ago, a day in his honor was held at the Polo Grounds in New York.

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it wasn't long before every other baseball pitcher was
throwing curves.

And now, Nelson, pitch us the old home run ball!