

FOREIGN MINISTERS

C.I. - Sumner. Friday, June 20, 1946.

In Paris, an ultimatum was handed out today - by American Secretary of State Byrnes. He told the Council of Foreign Ministers that he would demand a decision tomorrow on the calling of a peace conference. He stated this in blunt, outspoken terms during a stormy session today.

One of the major purposes of the western democracies all along has been to call a peace conference, and conclude peace treaties with our enemies in the war - and this has been blocked at every turn by Soviet Russia. So now there's to be a show-down.

Today's meeting <sup>in Paris</sup> is described as the angriest that the Foreign Ministers have held thus far and tempers have not been too good any time. Molotov, for Soviet Russia, objected to nearly everything that came up. He agreed to nothing. Once again, on the subject of Trieste he demanded that great Italian Port for Communist dominated Jugoslavia. And the Soviets capped the climax by making a sudden demand in the direction of the Italian colony of Libya.

The Soviets have their eye on North Africa, and want to edge into the North African possessions of Italy. These, in the war, were conquered by the British -- who are in control. With the future of Libya still to be decided, the Soviets today demanded a share in the control of that North African land right away -- pending a final arrangement.

The Byrnes ultimatum was injected while things were at their hottest. The American Secretary of State declared: "I give notice today that I am going to insist on a discussion of a peace conference tomorrow, and I want no misunderstanding."

To this Molotov gave an ironical retort: "Of course," said he, "Any member of the Council can speak any time he wants to, day or night."

Byrnes replied with grim insistence on a peace conference: "I want a decision on it tomorrow -- one way or another," said he.

## TRIESTE

The United States cruiser Fargo steamed into port at Trieste with the crew at battle stations. Trieste, of course, is just about the most explosive trouble spot in the world today - the Jugoslavs, backed by Soviet Russia, claiming the great Italian harbor. On one side of a line near the city are Yugoslav armed forces, facing British and American troops who occupy Trieste. British warships are anchored in the harbor, as are American warships. All the American sea power in the Mediterranean is there - two destroyers and one cruiser. This latter, the U. S. Fargo, arrived yesterday - and the disclosure was made today. The Fargo came in ready for trouble.

The reason was - a report that Yugoslav guns on shore had fired on the British Cruiser Mauritius. That rumor was picked up by the Fargo at Malta - and then turned out to be false. At Trieste it was learned that the Mauritius had not been shot at - the only British warships under fire recently <sup>having</sup> ~~been~~ been a destroyer - which some weeks ago had been a target for

Albanian batteries.

So there was no need for the Fargo to have a crew at battle station - the whole thing being an illustration of how tense things are over there with rumors that the Jugoslavs may attack and try to seize Trieste.

Today the skipper of the Fargo stated; "we are here to work with the Allied forces and the United States Army to maintain order and carry out the policy of the United States".

POLAND

In Poland, an ominous charge was made today by the head of the chief non-communist party, Vice-Premier <sup>MeKay-lah-chick</sup> Mikelajczyk . He declared that the communists of the government and the Red parties were running a reign of terror to prevent the victory for his group in the election to be held on Sunday. The Reds are resorting to an orgy of threats, mass arrests, and murder to bring about an election-victory for the communists and the present government, which they dominate.

## ITALY

The Republic of Italy has a President, elected today by the National Assembly. He is Enrico De Nicola (accent on the first syllable in Nicola), a Neapolitan Jurist.

President De Nicola is a highly respected figure, who all through Fascism, refused to ~~submit~~<sup>bow</sup> to Mussolini. The fact that he is from Southern Italy, which was so strongly for the Monarchy, is a factor for reconciliation and National Unity.

# ATOMIC

One of the finest of headlines is the news today; that, out of all this atomic research, has come a successful treatment of cancer. The University of California announces the first triumph of atomic science in the healing of that mortal malady, the dread of the human race -- cancer.

For five years medical atomic experiments have been going on in quiet -- in almost as much secrecy as attended the development of the atomic bomb. The scientists did not want to take a chance of raising vain hopes while their studies were as yet incomplete -- and might fail. They didn't want to risk raising a vain illusion -- until they could speak with certainty. And now they can.

The University of California, at Berkeley, discloses almost one hundred per cent success in the treatment of cancers of the skin, superficial cancers -- these only. They still want to raise no illusions, and state definitely that, as yet, the new atomic remedy does not apply to deep seated cancers -- only those on

the surface of the skin. But with these, the triumph is magnificent.

The treatment is radioactive -- its done with radioactive phosphorus. This substance results from the splitting of the atom. It's a product of the same research that produced the kind of uranium that's used in the atomic bomb. This radioactive phosphorus is made with the same atom splitting-machine that led to the atomic bomb -- the cyclotron; which magical mechanism was devised by Professor Ernest Lawrence, Nobel Prize winner of the University of California.

The story behind it all is one of magnificent drama, a story of which we've had some previous intimation on this program. At the time, last summer, when the atomic bomb burst upon the consciousness of the world -- I told of some personal acquaintance with Professor Ernest Lawrence, whose atom splitting cyclotron had been of key importance in the development of the world shaking phenomenon. As it happened, an old-time friend of mine, Rex Barton, was in charge of



the administrative side of the atomic research in which Professor Lawrence was engaged. So I was able to telephone Rex Barton in California and get an inside angle or two about personal aspects of the atomic history that was being made.

There was a profound human phase in the fact that Professor Lawrence, with his cyclotron, had been interested to begin with -- not in an atomic ~~bomb~~ bomb with which to kill, but in the application of atomic research to cure disease, the saving of lives. He was working with his brother, Dr. John Lawrence, whose science was medical, the medical phases of radioactivity. Together, they dreamed of the splitting of the atom as a boon to human welfare and happiness. But the war intervened, and the scientists of the atom ~~xxx~~ turned their knowledge to the winning of the victory -- the atomic bomb.

That much we learned at the time. We didn't know about that other secret, which is disclosed now -- the fact that right through the war, atomic bomb and all,

the atomic research for human well-being went on out there at the University of California. Now we know what it was -- the cancer cure. On the quiet they were experimenting with the curative possibilities of radioactive-substances produced by the splitting of the atom. One of these was radioactive phosphorus, and it proved to be the right medicine. They tried it out with that care and caution of the scientist -- treating cancers with radioactive phosphorus, and making sure that the results were correct and permanent.

So that's what was going on for five secret years, while the world was thinking in terror of atomic energy as meaning the bomb, a ~~xxxxxx~~ cataclysmic explosion, and weird forms of death. Which was all too evident, but there was that other meaning -- the atomic battle against the most dread of all diseases, cancer.

The news today has an element of simplicity that makes it almost a shock. The clinical facts are given out by Dr. Bertram Low-Beer, associate Professor of radiology at the University of California. He

reports to the North American Radium Society, which meets at the same time as the American Medical Association Convention in San Francisco. The clinical report is this: In one kind of skin cancer, fifty-two patients were treated and fifty-one complete cures were effected by the use of radioactive ~~phosphorus~~ phosphorus. In another kind of skin cancer, thirty-six were treated, and the rate of cure was one hundred per cent. Altogether eighty-seven cures in eighty-eight cases of skin cancer.

I suppose there's no great story without a touch of the comic. The new treatment with its relation to the atomic bomb, applies not only to dread cancer, but also to warts. Yes, the humble wart, which back on the farm we used to think was caused by toads, The radioactive phosphorus achieved a score of more than ninety per cent, in wiping out warts.

How is the magic treatment applied, this new miracle of atomic science? No, not so complicated. It's applied with blotting paper, the common blotter you have on your desk. A solution of radioactive

phosphorus is spread on a thin blotter, and allowed to dry. A piece of this blotter is then placed on the skin cancer, bandaged on. It remains there for four or five days -- and then, when it's removed, the malignant fire of the cancer is going -- all traces of the malady disappearing in the space of weeks. That's what happened, nearly one hundred percent, in cases of cancer -- but only skin cancer -- treated with the combination of atomic science and a blotter.

So out in Bikini they <sup>are</sup> holding their atomic bomb test, but at the University of California today they disclosed that other secret, the atomic triumph over cancer.

## ROCKET

The world altitude record was broken today when a rocket went up to seventy-five miles in the sky. It was another one of those tests down in New Mexico, and the missile was a German V-two rocket. Army engineers had hoped for a hundred mile altitude, but the rocket of the V-two ended its climb at seventy-five -- for a world's record in what is described as a spectacular demonstration.

O.P.A.

The O.P.A. Bill has been passed -- at last. The filibuster by Pappy O'Daniel of Texas came to an ignominious end, when Pappy ran out of breath. He used to be a radio crooner, but he failed right at the place where he should have been the strongest -- lungs, vocal chords.

The extension will leave O.P.A. and its business of fixing prices in a crippled condition. -- If the President vetoes <sup>then</sup> ~~the~~ the O.P.A. will expire altogether tomorrow night. So probably he'll sign, for the lack of anything better.

## SWIMMER

It's post-war period all right, history repeating itself. We've got around to channel swimming again, which seems like going back to the days of the twenties - when people swimming across the English Channel made the headlines.

The news from London announces an attempt to break the cross-Channel record -- a swimmer from South American <sup>from</sup> Chile will try ~~to do~~ it. He arrived in England yesterday, and today went into training. He ~~will~~ <sup>says he'll</sup> try to swim from Dover to Calais in less than eleven hours and five minutes - which is the present record, established back in those old days of Channel swimming,

~~Yes,~~ the days of Gertrude Ederle, who rose to fame as the woman who broke the Channel record during that previous post-war period, ~~together with many of the same old tricks and twisters including the swim across the English Channel.~~

## FRATERNIZATION

In Germany, the United States Army has just completed a study of grave international import. A survey of American troops was made, in the course of which twenty thousand G I's were questioned - to determine their beliefs on a profound question of world politics. And now the report is in, made by an Army Captain and a professor. They would have to have a professor in something like that.

And here's the finding, the headline revelation, the scientific discovery - which results from a soul searching investigation of twenty thousand G I's. The Captain and professor summarize it in one statement, as follows: "When a G I looks at a fraulein, he doesn't see an enemy, he sees a woman". Well, what did they expect the soldiers to do - shoot cannon at the Frauleins?

I don't know why all that took so much scientific research. It's the old, old story of an American and a blonde, and it was pretty much the same thing with the Macedonian<sup>s</sup> of Alexander the Great and the legionaries of Rome. *Maybe even as you and I, Hughie*