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France and Britain gave warning today against what they call - "premature relaxation." Don't feel too easy about things - because of that forthcoming meeting by the heads of state at Geneva. The cold war may not end so easily.

At Strasbourg, France, the Foreign Ministers have been meeting - and, today, Pinay of France declared: "We will not go to Geneva to sell out Europe."

British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan spoke in metaphors. "We've grown accustomed," said he, "to the icy wind of the East. But we must be careful not to melt too easily when the climate suddenly grows warmer."

That's right - we should not melt too easily. But how can we keep from melting - in the weather we're having?

EISENHOWER - CONFERENCE

President Eisenhower, today, gave his view of the prospects - at that Eisenhower-Eden-Faure-Bulganin conference.

He said, what the world needs, for real peace between East and West, is "mutual trust". And added the hope that the "summit" meeting will, in the Presidential words - "proceed a little way toward the creation of that trust."

The question of disarmament, with effective controls, came up at the news conference. The President - considering the possibility of some country manufacturing weapons, in this, they note - that Hallik is an expert on disarmament, secrecy.

He said that, even with controls, there might be some production of small weapons, under cover. But noted - that great factories and spacious airfields are necessary to build and accommodate modern warplanes and guided missiles. Big time armament needing - big time facilities. Which would be hard to conceal.

DISARMAMENT

In London - talks have been going on between Russian and Japanese diplomats - negotiating for a Japanese Peace Treaty. A meeting - scheduled for yesterday - but -- called off.

That gave a tip - that Soviet Ambassador Malik was not in London. He left - on Saturday, without any public notice. Malik - stealing away, and returning to Moscow. He ~~will~~ won't be back in London until next week.

Diplomatic observers perceive a significance in this. They note - that Malik is an expert on disarmament. In Moscow now - probably, to give advice on problems of arms reduction. Signifying, according to diplomatic observers, that Premier Bulganin will go to the top level meeting, on the eighteenth, ready to present a disarmament proposal.

In West Germany, Munich - a bomb assassination. *Me 2*

The victim^s - a slovak leader, who figured prominently in the affairs of his country, during the time of th⁴ Hitler domination.

When the Nazis took over Czechoslovakia, they promoted an independent Slovak. ~~Cermak~~^{Cermak} becoming Minister of Culture in the Pro-Hitler government. During the war, he was Slovak Minister to Berlin. After the downfall of Hitler's Germany, he served a term in prison, as a pro-Nazi collaborator. Of late, at Munich, he was the head of a Slovak anti-Communist association. Today's dispatch tells how Cermak went to the Munich Post Office for his mail - and received a package. He went over to a counter, and opened it. Whereupon, there ^{was} a devastating explosion. The Slovak leader - killed instantly. As was a German woman. Seventeen people - injured.

Today, the West German police revealed - they were able to trace the package to the Frankfurt Post Office, →

→ Where, they say, the bomb was mailed by a man,
who spoke German with a Slavic accent. The bomb assassination,
apparently - connected with feuds among Slovak refugees.

BRITAIN - EGYPT

London is making a vigorous ~~an~~ protest to Cairo -
because of Egyptian guns shooting at a British vessel. The
freighter "Anshun" fired on while navigating in the Gulf of
- east of Sinai,
Akaba. No casualties - and little if any damage.

The incident - part of a blockade that Egypt has
proclaimed. Stopping vessels navigating through waters, leading
like a new one they have at the head of the Gulf of
to ports of Israel ~~- like~~ Akaba. Britain does not recognize
this Egyptian blockade - of Israel -- and protests because
the ship was halted. ~~Adding~~ Adding - that Egyptian guns kept
on shooting ~~even~~ *even* after the vessel had halted.

ETNA

On the Island of Sicily, a fire mountain is hurling incandescent rocks a couple of thousand feet into the air.

Mt. Etna - in an increasing eruption. Molten lava - boiling up inside the crater.

However, the farmers, at the foot of the mountain, are taking care of their fields as usual. The old story - of a peasant population clinging to the rich fields, fertilized by volcanic ash, Although - Mt. Etna has a wicked reputation, Estimated - to have killed a million people, in five hundred eruptions, during a span of twenty-five centuries.

CHESS

The Soviet-American chess match, in Moscow, has ended. The U S players - taking a drubbing. The score - twenty-one points for the Russians. Six - for the Americans. Not counting - several adjourned games.

Our ~~team~~ team didn't do so well, in that international competition. But the number one American player did - remarkably well. Samuel Reshevsky - often called the "chess champion of the West."

~~Sammy~~ During the four rounds of the match, ^{he} was paired with Botvinnik, the champion of the world. Their final game, last night, ended in - a draw. Whereby - Reshevsky sealed his victory over the champ. He beat Botinnnik in the second game they played. The other three - ending ~~in~~ in draws.

The championship of the world was not at stake, but ^{Reshevsky} ~~Sammy~~ surely increased his prestige - the bright spot for the Americans - in the Moscow match.

SENATE

The Senate has okayed international agreements - to improve the treatment of prisoners of war. Also - civilians who are victims of an armed clash. The agreements, revising previous international conventions, drafted at Geneva in Nineteen Forty Nine - with fifty-nine ~~xx~~ nations participating, including - Soviet Russia.

U.S. action was delayed by the Korean war - with its villainous treatment of war - prisoners by the Reds. One might be cynical about the value of agreements for better treatment. But, as Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana pointed out, today - the United States has "everything to gain, and nothing to lose."

So the Senate voted - unanimous approval.

SENATOR JOHNSON

Lyndon Johnson of Texas ~~am~~ may not resume his post as Democratic leader in the Senate. So indicated by Dr. James Cain, Mayo Clinic specialist, and personal friend of the Senator ^{who was} ~~it~~ called in when Lyndon Johnson had a heart attack on Saturday. The doctor reports - the Senator was better today - and seems on the road to recovery. However, he must remain at the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland - for another month. Afterward, a period of recuperation at his Texas ranch.

Dr. Cain adding - that Lyndon Johnson should be able to return to the Senate in January. But, he'll have to "slow down," meaning - he can't resume his whirlwind activity, as the Senate majority leader.

DIXON YATES

President Eisenhower says - he'll cancel the Dixon Yates power contract, If Memphis, Tennessee, builds its own power plant. Memphis has announced - that's just what Memphis will do. The President said his aides are making a study, and if the city does go ahead, that will end the contract ^{that has been} under bitter attack by the Democrats.

President Eisenhower told his news conference - that, originally, he had recommended that the Tennessee Metropolis ~~build~~ build its own power plant. He thinks - that cities should do that sort of thing, for themselves. But he had been informed that Memphis couldn't. Hence the Dixon-Yates proposal.

Both sides are likely to hail the cancellation as a victory for themselves. The Democrats - because they put the quietus on the ~~Dixon~~ Dixon-Yates business. The Republicans - because that original Eisenhower recommendation is being put into practice. Memphis - getting a power plant.

PRISON

The prison riot in the State of Washington has ended - by agreement. Dr. Thomas Harris, Director of State Institutions - negotiating with the ringleaders.

Yesterday, eight hundred prisoners broke into insurrection, and ~~seized~~^{seized} nine hostages. Including - the assistant prison superintendent. The convicts - demanding better treatment and changes in the parole system. The State Director of Institutions, Dr. Harris, signed an agreement - that he would recommend changes. Whereupon the prisoners gave in, and released the hostages.

JERSEY JOE

Jersey Joe Walcott was a witness - before a Senate sub-committee today. But the former heavyweight champion had nothing to say about jabs or uppercuts. His theme - ~~Thisxxxxx~~ juvenile delinquency. Jersey Joe is now a special policeman, at Camden, New Jersey - helping to keep children out of trouble. The ex-champ - having six of his own.

He told the Senators that he had a "bad boy" in a tough neighborhood. But his parents know how to handle the situation. A method - which Jersey Joe today, recommended as a cure for juvenile delinquency. The formula - lots of loving attention and judicial ~~doses~~ doses of old-fashioned "strap oil".

You should love em dearly, but use the strap when necessary - according to Jersey Joe.

BOY

At Nashville, Tennessee, Mrs. J. A. Singleton, wife of a policeman - often played a ~~tax~~ game with her two year old boy. He had a toy pistol - and he'd aim it at Mom. Whereupon, she'd act frightened. ~~into little household game~~ ^{Fun} Sonny boy aiming the toy pistol at Mom,

Yesterday, Mrs. Singleton sat reading a newspaper, when Sonny boy came toddling along - to play the game. She looked up - and nearly fainted. The two year old had a big, thirty-eight calibre revolver - pointing at mom. A pistol belonging to her policeman husband - and she knew it was fully loaded.

There was one saving grace. In the game with the toy pistol, Mrs. Singleton had never taught Sonny boy - to pull the trigger.

~~Hereafter, when Mrs. Singleton plays games with~~

~~Junior they'll shoot marbles.~~

The news wire, today, brought a full transcript of questions and answers at the White House news conference. It begins in such a typical way, that I think I'll read, word for word, ~~as~~ the first question and answer. Another version - of the same old subject.

President Eisenhower: "Please sit down. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen: I have no announcements. We will go right to questions:"

Merriman Smith of the United Press: "Mr. President, some of your friends in the Senate don't quite share your feelings - ^{for} ~~about~~ a moratorium about discussing your plans for Nineteen Fifty Six. Senator Flanders, in a Fourth of July speech in Illinois, said you cannot refuse to run in Nineteen Fifty-Six. My question is - can you?"


Answer: "Well, for myself, I don't believe that I can recall - that I ever said what anyone else could, or could not, do. And I think that is a decision I have to reach for ~~me~~ myself. Some time."

Same old question - same old non-committal answer.

WEATHER

And now - don't complain about the heat. You haven't any reason - when you think of the White House News conference today. Sweltering Washington weather, no air conditioning in the conference room. Proceedings televised and filmed- with the blazing heat of the lights. The President and the reporters - as good as in a Turkish bath. So here's the way the transcript of the White House news conference ends.

James B. Weston of the New York times: "Mr.

President whatever happened to that ~~air conditioned~~ air conditioned press room that you were ~~talking~~ thinking about?" 

it must have seemed ideal.

Laughter.)

Answer: "Well, you know, I must confess - when

I came in here this morning I was shocked. I thought we had some kind of chilling arrangements in here, and I agree - that we're not handling this thing fairly. I'd be glad to ask you into my office, if there were not so many of you. But I can't crowd you in there, I have no place where I can do it."

Dean of the White House correspondents!
Merriman Smith of the United Press: "Thank you,

Mr. President!" That "thank you" ^{*being*} ~~is~~ the customary ~~signal~~

signal, ^{*ending*} ~~indicating~~ the news conference, ~~has ended~~. But ^{*high*}

it must have sounded ironical.