

L.T.-DELCO. THURSDAY, JAN. 29, 1959.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In London, moves to begin preparations for a big-time East-West conference in April. British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd - in talks with the envoy from West German Chancellor Adenauer.

They are discussing a reply to Moscow proposals - for a conference on German reunification and the question of Berlin. The United States and France - to play their part in drafting an answer.

Diplomatic sources in London say the Western powers will propose an East-West meeting of the Foreign Ministers to gather in Geneva, late in April.

MONACO

Later news, today, is - that the political uproar in Monaco brings to a climax a ~~political~~ conflict that has been going on for years. A republican faction in the council, the parliament - making efforts to limit the absolute power of Prince Rainier.

We think of Monaco as a sort of comic opera ~~principl~~ principality - the gambling realm of Monte Carlo. Prince Rainier - one of the few despotic monarchs left on this earth, who, last year, condescended to let the Council have some small degree of authority.

But, it seems, the Council became too ~~independ~~ independent. Some of its members advocating - a Republic of Monaco. 2

So, today, Prince Rainier suspended the constitution of Monaco. Asserting - his own absolute authority.

At the moment, it doesn't seem as ^{if} ~~if~~ the operetta principality will have a revolution ~~prin~~ - in the style of

Cuba. But you never can tell. Could it be that Princess Grace might find herself a sovereign in exile? Maybe - going back to work for the movies?[?]

CUBA

On Monday, Fidel Castro will begin the distribution of land among the peasants in Oriente Province. Castro, in person - to deliver titles to the first of the small farmers, who'll get allotments. The revolutionary leader - making quite a ceremony of this. The distribution of land - to be celebrated by a huge mass meeting.

MISSILES

An official account - of the missile situation. How does our American armament of rockets - compare with that of Soviet Russia?

A congressional committee wanted information about this. Calling - Secretary of Defense McElroy as a witness. So he, today, gave an account - based on the latest intelligence^{ce} reports, ~~Collated~~ - by a ~~special~~ special board. ~~Headed~~ - by Allen Dulles, Chief of the ~~the~~ Central Intelligence Agency.

On the basis of this information, Secretary McElroy told the committee - that neither Soviet Russia nor the United States ~~have~~ has, at this moment, an intercontinental missile, capable of going into operation, in the event of war. But we'll be first to have one. A squadron armed with the Atlas I.C.B.M. will be ready to fire - in July. ^{Said Neil McElroy} But, after that, the Soviets will forge ahead of us - in the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles ~~that~~ they'll have.

Secretary McElroy said - we don't intend to match

Russia - missile for missile. Our program being - more diversified. Relying - on a variety of weapons to deter war. The I.C.B.M., and - missile-firing submarines. Also - Air Force bombers, armed with hydrogen bombs.

He added - that the Soviets will have an I.C.B.M. of greater power than any produced in the United States. Which, he explained will help the Russians on outer space projects - but not - in a military way. Because the U.S. Atlas, with its range of fifty-five hundred miles, has enough power to reach any target - do it with hydrogen bomb warheads. More power, he explained, might merely mean - that you would overshoot the mark.

The Secretary's testimony was promptly challenged by Senator Symington of Missouri, who declared - that our Central Intelligence people under-estimate the capabilities of the Soviets in producing missiles.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Congressional battle on civil rights began, today. With ^a bi-partisan group of Senators - introducing a bill for government action in the school integration crisis. [Fifteen legislators, headed by Senator Douglas of Illinois, introduced a measure - that would provide federal aid in establishing integrated schools. More than forty million dollars a year, for five years - in the form of grants for the construction of schools in states where classrooms may be closed. To prevent - racial integration.

This drastic bill ^{is} in opposition to a moderate measure proposed by Democratic Leader Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas. Also in opposition - to civil rights legislation, which the Administration intends to propose.

Actually, today's bill is part of a parliamentary maneuver. The measure - going to the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Chairman of which is Senator Eastland of Mississippi, a strong segregationist. The measure - having

mighty little chance to get through that Committee, which is virtually certain to okay Lyndon Johnson's moderate legislation.

But then, on the floor of the Senate, the liberals will try to ~~take~~ tack on their proposals in the form of amendments.

FARM

Congressional opinion seems to be - that President Eisenhower's farm proposals, today - have little chance of success. The White House asking - for a reduction of farm price supports. Such - as are producing "excessively expensive" agricultural surpluses.

Even ~~Rxx~~ Republican leaders are saying privately - that there's little chance of Congress voting any reduction of price supports for the farmers.

RACKETS

The Fifth Amendment had a vigorous work-out in Washington, today. The Senate Rackets Committee - going into the affairs of the Teamsters Union. With special reference - to the way the insurance business of the union was awarded.

One witness, Paul Dorfman, called ~~Red~~ "Red." A former prize fighter - alleged to be tied in with the underworld, ~~He~~ got the insurance business, and the charge is - that this was in return for supporting Teamster President James Hoffa in Chicago. Committee Counsel Robert Kennedy states - there was collusion in this insurance business. With Dorfman - receiving excessive amounts of money for fees.

Today, on the witness stand, "Red" Dorfman took the Fifth Amendment repeatedly - as did other union officials. Also - a Chicago businessman, ~~Who~~ was asked - about his relations with Dorfman. To which the businessman replied - Fifth Amendment.

LONDON

Here's our annual story from London. At least once, each winter, we have a fantastic tale - of London fog. Today's installment - bringing the usual picture of the British metropolis tied up by a dense, blinding pea souper. Traffic conditions described as "appalling."

One example will illustrate the whole foggy situation. Near Wimbledon an automobile was driving along through the fog - slowly feeling its way, other cars trailing along behind - in a follow-the-leader fashion. Suddenly car number one ran into - a goal post. A goal post on a football field! Don, I wonder if the occupants all got out and began kicking the ball around - or maybe they had a scrum.

A threat of war - between North Carolina and South Dakota. Because of a bill passed by the South Dakota State Senate, ~~Requiring~~ that packages of cigarettes must be labelled - with a skull and cross bones, ~~As~~ a warning - a deadly symbol

North Carolina, being a number one producer of tobacco - is up in arms against this. Governor Luther Hodges, today - telegraphing a protest to the South Dakota governor, Ralph Herseeth, ~~With~~ a ~~Threat~~ - of retaliation.

~~As South Dakota~~ If South Dakota puts the skull and cross bones on cigarettes, North Carolina will put a ~~label~~ label on South Dakota farm products. What kind of label? Governor Hodges indicates that it may be, in his words - "a warning that South Dakota soil, has the highest content in the nation, of selenium, a well-known poison." Which would be tit for tat - selenium for skull and cross bones.