

GENEVA

LT.-K. Friday, May 14, 1954.

At Geneva, Soviet Russia made a slight concession about what is to be done - in case of an armistice in Indo China.

Moscow Foreign Minister Molotov - agreeing that a truce would be supervised by neutral nations. With - a pledge by the major powers, guaranteeing an armistice.

But Molotov wants the French to recognize the various Red "governments" in Indo-China. Not only the regime in Viet Nam - but, also, the shadowy rebel "governments" in Laos and Cambodia. These latter two are mere "phantoms" according to the French.

Foreign Minister Bidault, from Paris, wants "cease-fire" negotiations to be separate from all discussion of political ~~problems~~ problems. Get an armistice first, and then, take up questions of a permanent settlement. Molotov demanding - that the two be tied together.

INDO CHINA

The United States will enter discussions with France - on the subject of possible intervention in the Indo Chinese war. A franco-American conference - to be held, "very soon."

Which follows an appeal made by French Premier Laniel to Washington. The Premier wants to know what the United States would do under the following circumstances: If the Geneva conference fails to end the war in the Indo China, or if the Reds capture the all-important city of Hanoi, or if Red China further increases aid to the Indo-Chinese Communists.

The Paris dispatch emphasizes that Premier Laniel did not ask the United States to send American troops. Air action - contemplated.

delegate to the U.S. Henry Jabot Lodge,
that the French are doing in the
than expected.

A petition was made public today, - from people of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations. Complaining - about the hydrogen bomb tests in that Eniwetok-Bikini area. The claim is that inhabitants of coral atolls were injured by radioactive dust. What are called - "radio-active fall outs." The document - signed by members of a committee of an island Congress. Also- by one hundred inhabitants of the Marshalls. The archipelago, a former Japanese possession, is now held in trust by the U N - and administered by the United States.

It is claimed that on two atolls, the polynesians are, in the words of the petition, "suffering in various degrees from a lowering of blood count, burns, nausea and a falling off of hair from the head."

American delegate to the U N Henry Cabot Lodge, makes a reply, indicating that the damage was done in the test of March first - ~~xxxxxxx~~ when a shift of the wind caused radioactive materials to be blown farther than expected/

He says - everything is being done to aid those islanders affected. ... don't work. Because of radioactivity

The petition is dated April twentieth - only now released. Following the official announcement - that ~~is~~ the series of hydrogen experiments in the Pacific have been completed.

All of which is believed to result from the hydrogen bomb explosions in the Far Pacific. Radioactivity drifting this way - not enough to be of any consequence - but enough to confuse the galger counters.

URANIUM

Uranium prospectors in the west are complaining - their geiger counters don't work. Because of radioactivity in the air. This comes from Wyoming, also Utah. Where, what they call the "background count" is running six to seven times as high as normal. So, signs of uranium are obscured by atmospheric radiation.

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BRITAIN

The British expulsion of two Russian diplomats was held up today - in odd fashion. Two Soviet air attaches, accused of espionage, went aboard a Russian vessel, on their way, being tossed out. When, a British Marshal appeared, and nailed a notice to the mast - forbidding the ship to sail. A warrant - enforcing a damage claim, almost forgotten,

Months ago, in a German port, the Soviet vessel had a collision with a Dutch ~~freighter~~ freighter. The owners of which - put in a claim for some forty-seven hundred dollars.

According to maritime law, the Dutch owners could press the claim whenever they could catch the Soviet vessel in port. Which they did, at London - just as the two expelled Russian diplomats were about to sail. The legal proceedings - causing a delay.

QUEEN

Prime Minister Churchill is the guest of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh tonight - after boarding the royal yacht, the Britannia, today. The Queen, returning home from that long royal tour, invited Sir Winston to come out and meet the royal family, as the Britannia drew near the port of Southampton.

The Queen's welcome home - to be celebrated tomorrow. London worrying - about the weather. It has been raining ~~rain~~ for two days, and they hope - there won't be a downpour to drench the festivities.

MCCARTHY

The White House figures more prominently than ever in that Army-McCarthy mix-up. Today, Democratic Committee member Senator McClellan of Arkansas - demanded that presidential aid Sherman Adams and other White House officials be subpoenaed, ~~Unless~~ - the secrecy is called off about a White House meeting, where the suggestion was made that the Army prepare a report on Cohn and Schine.

Yesterday, Army Counsellor John Adams testified that presidential assistant Sherman Adams - made the suggestion. Today, he was questioned further. ~~Especially~~ - about the presence of our U N delegate, former Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, at the White House meeting.

John Adams
He responded by saying - he had been instructed to give no further evidence on that subject. But who had instructed him? Army counsellor Welch said - the instructions came from the "highest level."

All of which led to the drastic demand made by Senator McClellan, who said that, if necessary, those who participated in the White House meeting should be called to testify.

All of which was followed by the unusual business of committee members playing the part of witnesses - testifying under oath about meetings they had with Adams during the Fort Monmouth investigation.

This afternoon, Republican National Chairman Leonard Hall said - he'd like to see the hearings end.

Because they^are taking attention away from President Eisenhower's legislative program. Which follows reports

that the White House is pressing for a quick windup of the television spectacle. Republican leaders believing - that these are hurting G O P chances in the congressional campaign.

TEACHER

A school teacher is under suspension today, at Wayland, Massachusetts. Admitting - that she was an active member of the Communist party from Nineteen Forty-five to 'fifty. The remarkable thing - the 'ancestry of the teacher who joined the Communist party.

Miss Anne Hale, a descendant of Nathan Hale - martyr for his country in the Revolutionary war. She says her ancestors also include Captain Miles Standish, ~~And~~ - John and Priscilla Alden. *In al* Remember the famous romantic story of Mayflower and Plymouth Rock days - how John Alden courted Priscilla in behalf of his friend, Captain Miles Standish? But Priscilla said - "Why don't you speak for ~~your~~ yourself John?" And - married him?

Remarkable - to be descended ~~as~~ from all three in that romantic tri^{an}gle. But hardly appropriate for ~~as~~ such a descendant - to join the Communist party.

INDIANA

Sounds as if they had a lively political battle at Indianapolis. Today, the new G O P state secretary, John Sellers, ordered new locks put on all doors - at the Indiana Republican headquarters. Which follows what he denounces as - vandalism.

Night before last, the G O P ~~stia~~ stalwarts assembled. The control of the state political organization - at issue. The dominant faction - headed by Senators William Jenner and Homer Capehart. Their ascendancy challenged - by a group under the leadership of Governor George Craig. When it came to a vote, the insurgents won out. The Jenner-Capehart faction deposed.

So that would seem to be that. But what did the new party leaders find the next morning? The addressograph - dumped in the ash can. Thousands of plates, with names for addressing - taken from filing cabinets. Tossed into a trash barrel - so badly scrambled, the addressograph ~~any~~ system won't be in order again for six months.

So that's why new locks are being installed on the doors at Republican headquarters. A significant reason is

"Boatmen" with the Coast Guard...
A Hudsonian freighter, off the shore, in a violent
storm last night, going against a near Cape Hatteras, "the
prevailing of the Atlantic." Coast Guard cutters braving
the boiling waves of the sea, setting a line aboard the
ship's deck and rigging a breeches buoy. Fourteen sailors
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pulled to safety over the violent surf, to shore.

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COAST GUARD

The Coast Guard calls this -- a "routine" operation. But that only means - a magnificent rescue is "routine" with the Coast Guard.

A Honduran freighter, driven ashore, in a violent storm last night. Going aground - near Cape Hatteras, "the graveyard of the Atlantic." Coast Guard cutters braving the boiling wrath of the sea. Getting a line aboard the shipwreck - and rigging a breeches buoy. Fourteen sailors aboard the freighter on the rocks - and everyone of them ferried to safety over the violent surf, to shore.

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HEMINGWAY

Famous Author Ernest Hemingway was in Madrid today. Telling about - the misadventure of air crashes he had in East Africa, last January. He says he was injured far more gravely than indicated at the time.

We heard how Hemingway and his wife crashed in a light plane, in the wilderness near Victoria Falls. A rescue plane picked them up, the next day, and then - the ~~rescue~~ rescue plane crashed. At the time, Hemingway thought he had incurred a dislocated shoulder and elbow, and a slight concussion.

But he went on to have alarming symptoms - which were explained when he got to Europe, and had an x-ray examination at Venice. There, ~~Says~~ says Hemingway, the examination indicated - spinal injuries, ruptures of the liver and right kidney, collapsed intestines and a concussion involving some ~~loss~~ loss of brain fluid. Which last caused a loss of most of the vision in the left eye.

These injuries - from the two airplane ~~crashes~~ crashes.

In addition to which, Hemingway was later burned severely in an African brush fire.

Well, the renowned writer is known to be a rugged character. But Africa can be rugged also. However, Hemingway now says - he has recovered fully, and is ~~as~~ okay.

BANKER

In California, the bonding company people have resigned themselves ^{that} they're the loser. This, in the case of a remarkable banking mixup.

The exchange Bank of Santa Rosa was instructed to transfer to Jack H. Perry - fourteen thousand dollars. But the money was handed over to Jesse H. Perry, who just happened to ~~come~~ come along. He took the cash, asking no ~~such~~ questions.

"With all that money," says Perry, "I quit my job and really had myself a time." Spending - nearly all of the fourteen thousand.

He was charged with "larceny by trickery." But the defense claimed there was no law, forbidding - "larceny by trickery." Which the jury upheld, with a verdict of - "not guilty."

Meanwhile, the bank had made good for the money, and the bonding ~~company~~ company had reimbursed the bank. The bonding company - left holding the proverbial bag.

GAMBLER

A San Francisco jury has convicted a big time gambler of income tax ~~ix~~ evasion - in spite of a rather startling line of defense. The defendant explained - it was his custom to carry a million dollars around in a suitcase.

George W. Lewis was called - a "bookie's bookie." a sort of banker for bookmakers. Charged with evading income ~~tax~~ tax to the tune ~~xxx~~ of nearly half a million. Based on evidence - that he paid out a million, six hundred thousand dollars in eight years. During which time - he reported an income of about seven-hundred-and-fifty thousand. The "bookie's bookie" explaining - ~~axxx~~ the difference came out of that suitcase, in which he carried a million in cash. Because - he didn't trust banks."

Well, the San Francisco jury didn't trust that explanation either, and said "guilty". With a possible maximum penalty - of fifteen years in prison.

GIRLS

Newspapermen report a lot of secrecy at Oklahoma A & M college. Nobody wanting to talk about an epidemic - of co-eds tossing each other in a pool. Until a hundred girls were dunked and drenched - in a wild melee.

The fracas began - with the dunking of a co-ed whose engagement was being celebrated. Which set a contagious example, and all the girls started throwing each other in.

Male students, apparently, just watched - about a thousand of them cheering the dunking party the girls were having. Which grew so strenuous, that today ~~there~~ three co-eds were in the hospital. Two - from having inhaled water; ~~it would seem~~ ^{and} One girl - with a broken toe.