

MOSCOW

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There's a sudden New development in the question of a conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four, Tonight, the Moscow radio announced, that Soviet Russia is <sup>now</sup> willing. A diplomatic note was handed to the Ambassadors of Great Britain, the United States, and France. Saying- that Moscow now accepts the western proposal for a meeting of the foreign ~~is~~ ministers. ~~Was~~ Which proposal - Moscow had previously rejected.

Just what the note says in detail is not disclosed. The Moscow broadcast - explaining - that the text will be published on Saturday.



London says the message, which ~~is~~ is a long one, is being translated, and its contents will be available tomorrow.

There is a further report that the Soviets propose Berlin as the meeting place for the foreign Ministers.

The statement is made - that Soviet Russia may have more and better atomic weapons than the United States and its allies. So says Moscow delegate Vishinsky - speaking before the political committee of the U N.

Today Vishinsky was talking up the usual Soviet "peace" program. Demanding - the abolition of the atomic and hydrogen bombs. On Moscow terms - of course. Same old propaganda line,

British Minister of state Selwyn Lloyd replied - saying that the Soviets talk that way, because they're behind the west in the atomic field. Vishinsky came back with a denial that the United States and the western allies are ahead of the Soviets - atomically speaking.

To which he added the following oblique words:

"Other countries....even, possibly, do not possess all the atomic and other weapons that the Soviet Union already has."

The verbiage was considered so interesting - that there was a dispute about a translation from Vishinsky's Russian



into English. Actually, he made no very definite claim,  
but there's a nervous concern in the very mention of the  
words, "atomic bomb, hydrogen bomb."

AUSTRIA

Vienna reports - an Austrian version of the distribution of food in Berlin, those "Eisenhower parcels."

In Vienna, four hundred thousand packages, sixteen pounds each, will be distributed among the needy. Announced on Thanksgiving Day, which they <sup>do not</sup> ~~don't~~ celebrate in Austria. -

**I**t's a program for Christmas which they certainly do celebrate.

American food is already on its way, shiploads of it.

Purchased by the U S government - from American farmers.

Austria to pay - local costs of shipment and distribution.

PRISONERS

Here's news about the strangest Thanksgiving dinner. It sounds like a mockery - in the prisoner of war compound at Pan Mun Jom. The camp of the pro-Communists, who refuse to return - including the twenty-two Americans who prefer the Reds. They had a huge Thanksgiving day dinner,

The feast, with chicken instead of turkey - was sent by the Indian forces on guard. Dinner - for all the pro-Communists, most of whom are South Koreans.

The request was put in by the Americans. Which

certainly sounds as if they do retain some of the habits of home. As they talked among themselves I wonder what ~~of home~~ I wonder ~~what they say they're thankful for,~~ spoke of being thankful for?



In Paris, today, a top level conference opened - on the subject of Indo-China. The "high ~~summit~~ council of the French Union" - which represents the various colonial possession of France. A full scale attempt is being made - to settle disputes between the French and the several states of Indo-China. They <sup>are</sup> fighting the Communists; - but, Indo Chinese allied with France, <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ loudly demanding greater independence. They want to shake off French control.

~~The~~ Today, President Auriol, opening the "high council," made an earnest appeal for harmony. Premier Laniel is ~~is~~ conferring with delegations of Indo Chinese leaders, who are in Paris. Laniel has thi<sup>s</sup> program on his hands - as he faces a critical vote in the National Assembly, tomorrow. Which might oust him as Premier, only a week before the scheduled conference of the Big Three in Bermuda. As ~~is~~ Premier, he's having his hands full.)

In Indo-China, a Communist advance toward the **King**  
Kingdom of Laos has been held up - checked by Air attack.

*And* The strategy <sup>is</sup> interesting.

Paratroop forces of the French Union made a landing  
from the sky at an air base - on the invasion route to Laos.  
They seized the flying field, and brought in air squadrons  
which, from that strategic point, hit the Red enemy so hard -  
the Communist offensive has been stalled.



*In* — *on the Irrawaddy*

~~at~~ Burma, today, Vice President Nixon was greeted by a violent anti-American demonstration, staged by the Communists. So what did he do? The answer is a surprise.

It happened at the ancient city of Pegu, which is forty miles north of Rangoon, the Burmese capital. In times

gone by, Pegu was the capital of lower Burma, *In it is a huge reclining Buddha, and the site* ~~and the site~~ *of a pagoda - even taller than, and even holier than,*

the renowned Shwe Dagon *which is built over some hairs from Buddha, as they say.*

But those venerable scenes were a Burmese bedlam

today, when Vice President Nixon arrived at Pegu. The Reds were out with anti-American placards. A loud speaker blared Communist propaganda. A mob-milling around. But Nixon walked right into the hostile crowd, smiling, shaking hands, talking to people. The mob was - astounded. The Reds - embarrassed. Some even smiled. Vice President Nixon - taking the steam out of that anti-American demonstration in the shadow of the *reclining Buddha.* ~~pagoda~~

The Jamaica celebration for Queen Elizabeth featured an oddity today. The native populations, from jungle villages and distant plantations - came thronging into Kingston, to hail the young sovereign. Guady spectacle, with plenty of singing - calypso, of course.

The curiosity was provided by a large chorus of native school children, and they <sup>sang</sup> ~~sang~~ - Scottish songs. And - in Scottish dialect. In honor of Her Majesty, the Jamaica school children had been drilled in the burr of the Scots. So they sang-- <sup>just</sup> like <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ Glasgow <sup>on the Clyde.</sup> Then - ~~but~~ burst into calypso. Glasgow -calypso -- rhyme, if not reason.

## STRIKE

The longest strike in the world has been settled.

The country - Ireland. The town - Dun Laoghaire, or however you pronounce that in Gaelic. A small seaport - nine miles from Dublin.

The strike, at Jim Downey's pub, ~~was~~ started fourteen years ago. And, from time to time, has been in the news - as an example of Irish stubbornness.

Back in Nineteen Thirty Nine, Jim Downey fired a bartender, and the union started picketing. For fourteen years, a picket carried a sign outside the pub every day. Jim Downey got so used to it - he'd go out and hand the picket a drink, on a cold day.

It looked as if the strike would go on - forever. But, a few months ago, Jim died - at the age of seventy-nine. Jim's widow didn't want to keep the pub - with the picketing. So she sold the place to Pat Neville, a tailor from Dublin. Pat had no quarrel with the union - no reason for him to be



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stubborn about it. So today - a settlement, no more picketing in front of the pub, at Dun Laoghaire.

The federal reserve board gives figures to show - that this will be a record-breaking year of American production. Nineteen Fifty-Three began with a rush. Then - something of an economic let-down in the summer. But the over-all picture shows that, this year, we will produce goods and services to the stupendous value of three-hundred-and-sixty-eight billion dollars, ~~which is~~ five percent above last year - and last year was a record-breaker.

(The Federal Reserve Board agrees with other government experts - that inflation appears to be at an end. The cost of living has hit a new high, but it's only one-and-a-half percent above last January. We <sup>are now</sup> ~~are~~ in process of what government economists call - a period of healthy "adjustment.")

## ROBBERY

The F B I expects a round-up of crooks in the Danvers armored car robbery - that seven hundred thousand dollar hold up nearly two years ago. This follows the arrest of an ex-convict, George O'Brien, charged with being one of the bandits. His wife and son ~~are~~ accused of handling stolen money. O'Brien and his family ~~live~~ lived in an expensive Boston residence. Highly respectable people, apparently - until the F B I grabbed them.



## DESERTION

At Orange, Texas, Thomas D. Palmer admits that he is actually - Thomas C. Buntin, who left a wife and three children in Nashville - Tennessee -- twenty-two years ago. At that time, his good looking secretary disappeared. Later on, both were declared - legally dead.

Buntin was a playboy of a wealthy family, and it now develops - that he ~~eloped~~ eloped with the secretary, and married her. Today, they have six children and a grand child.

The secret was broken by an insurance company - which was paying on policies taken out by Buntin before he disappeared.

## LONELY HEART

The police of Oakland, California, have brought about the arrest of a young woman at El Paso, Texas.

And the story is enough to make a cynic moan and sigh - over the ways and wiles of women.

Delbert Stallings of Oakland, saw a picture of a pretty face in a lonely hearts magazine. So he wrote to the lady - in El Paso. <sup>her name</sup> Mildred Mickey Katz - <sup>altho she call herself</sup> ~~also known as~~ Joyce Del Valle.

She came on to Oakland and he says they decided to get married. So he gave Joyce fifteen hundred dollars to make a payment on a house. Three hundred - to bring her furniture from El Paso. Another three hundred for other expenses.

But, just before the wedding, Joyce told him she had to telephone to her mother at Knoxville, Tennessee. The result was - pathos. "Joyce came out of a phone booth crying," Delbert relates today. "She said, 'Poor Mother has had a stroke. I've got to go to her at once.'"

So the wedding had to be delayed - Delbert giving  
*Bucka more -*  
Joyce four hundred to buy a ticket to Knoxville. She bought  
*a*  
*the* ticket; but ~~was~~ to El Paso.

Well, there were more complications - and more payments.  
Until Delbert finally gave up.

All this was last summer, *he didn't put in* but a complaint ~~to put in~~ -  
*until*  
*only* now. Why the delay?

Today Delbert explained: "She's awfully pretty,  
*her figure!*" *So that it seems is what*  
and, ~~she has a good build. Well, that is what~~ is needed -  
to take the loneliness out of a lonely heart! *Especially*  
~~the good build.~~



## NUDISTS

One of the most interesting of Thanksgiving charities - is announced in southern California, A collection of clothes - garments of every kind. Who's doing it? Why, the nudists. But don't think they're gathering clothes for themselves to wear. They're giving the clothes. And who could spare coats and trousers, dresses and skirts - better than the nudists?

They're collecting clothing to be distributed among the destitute in cold countries like Germany and Korea - making up bundles to be shipped aboard.

Mervin Mounce, President of the society of the unattired, says: "Nudists can do without clothes better than most people, so we can help this needy cause."

*Now that* Sounds logical, *Mike - surely* -- you couldn't find better people to give away clothes *than those who don't believe in wearing them at all.*