

VIENNA

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In Vienna, today, the Ringstrasse was crowded. Thousands of people - strolling along. The Viennese cafes - jammed with customers, there were no official celebrations - just a light-hearted gaiety, everywhere. Throngs - in holiday mood.

Vienna was following the advice of Chancellor Raab. Who told the Austrian people to "breathe again." The breath of - freedom, after ten years in the shadow of Communist oppression.

The Austrian government began business, today, as a sovereign power. And, immediately - found that freedom, like the rose, has thorns. First on the order of business - a diplomatic protest. West Germany - putting in a complaint. Demanding satisfaction, for confiscation of Germany property in Austria.

VIENNA-MOLOTOV

A dispatch from Vienna says - that Molotov stole a march on the West. Without any public notice, whatever, he arranged a surprise meeting with leaders of the newly freed Austrian nation.

After the treaty signing yesterday, the other ~~fact~~ foreign ministers left- homeward bound. But not Molotov. He stayed on, saying - he wanted to do some sight-seeing. Which sounded plausible. Old Imperial Vienna - having many a sight that anyone might want to see. But, today, the word leaked out. The Molotov sightseeing included - a secret meeting with Austrian Chancellor Raab and other top Austrian officials.

This was arranged as a social gathering, a party. Followed, by an attendance at the Vienna opera. A performance of Verdi's "Il trovatore", (the final "E" is sounded). Later, they adjourned to a private suite in a fashionable Vienna hotel.

What the talk was about - nobody knows. Maybe they merely talked about the music. But the whole thing ties in with

an obvious Russian effort - cultivating the Austrians.

Throughout the weekend proceedings, Molotov went out of his way to show Russian friendship for Austria.

DULLES

The Secretary of State came home today in high, hopeful mood. Tomorrow night, he will report to the nation on radio and T.V. Introduced - by President Eisenhower. An indication - ~~in~~ of the importance of the weekend in Vienna.

The signing of the Austrian treaty was, indeed, a stately event. The Vienna meeting, moreover, brought a Soviet acceptance of the western invitation to a four-power conference - top level, at the summit.

When he landed at the Washington airport, today, Secretary Dulles told the reporters: "The four-power meeting will be held under conditions which will, I believe, hold some ~~promise~~ promise of constructive accomplishment." (Which echoes a cautious American hope that good may come out of the meeting between President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden, French Premier Edgar Faure, and Soviet Premier Bulganin.)

But Vienna, while settling the Austrian question, put the spotlight on a more important problem - Germany. The

Soviets, by settling for an independent, neutral Austria, make a graphic demand - for a similar Germany. A neutral Germany - with no ~~no~~ western ties.

And That would negate the rearming of Western Germany. Keep the Germans - from forming an army, as part of a western military defense.

The Russians are expected to press that idea at the meeting of the heads of State. So what will we say?

(One supposition is that the West will counter - with a broad program of European ~~XXXXX~~ security treaties. With- disarmament provisions. West German rearmament - coming under that heading. There might be an agreement for limiting German weapons - as part of a general restriction of armament. *)*

SOVIET DIPLOMATS

Russian diplomats in Washington have asked for a concession from the State Department. They want a relaxation of travel restrictions. Many areas of this country are "off limits" for Soviet citizens.

Where do the Russian diplomats want to go? Well, in fact, most any place. They want to get out of Washington in summer. They just want to get away from the heat.

Their applications name - beaches along the Chesapeake Bay. Which are - among the forbidden areas. They want to rent a few cottages, where the ocean breezes blow.

The State Department indicates ~~merciful~~ ^{that something is} likely to be done about this.

FORMOSA

The Nationalists on Formosa report another battle in the sky with Communist aircraft. Two of their propeller ~~driven~~ driven planes - tangling with a couple of Russian built MIGS.

Only Yesterday, four jet fighters of the Chiang Kai-Shek Air Force had an encounter with Red aircraft near Matsu Island. Reporting - a new type of MIG, an improvement over the jet fighters the Reds used in Korea.

In yesterday's air battle, neither side suffered any damage. So what about the encounter today? Same story - no damage done. Not so murderous - those air battles.

CHINA

The Premier of Red China repeats his offer

-- to negotiate with the United States on the Formosa

question. Chou En Lai is quoted by the Peiping radio

as reiterating the statement he made at the Bandung Conference.

-- Willing to negotiate.

OLYMPICS

At a department ~~store~~ store in Sydney, Australia, a crowd began to gather at midnight . A mob waiting - when the doors were opened this morning. A jam of a thousand people - storming in. Eager - to purchase.

What was the merchandise? Tickets for the Nineteen Fifty six Olympic games. Of a total of a quarter of a million, put on sale in Australia, the Sydney Department ^{(store} ~~store~~ was allotted twenty-thousand, six hundred. By noon, today, all the higher priced tickets had been sold. Those - for the opening and closing ceremonies. The others - going fast.


There have been criticisms about the way Australia had been preparing for next year's Olympics. But, the ticket sale ^{is} ~~has~~ got off to a speedy start - like an Olympic sprint.

VACCINE

President Eisenhower, today, put his okay on a voluntary distribution program - for the Salk vaccine. To make sure - that every needy child is inoculated free.

An "equitable" distribution plan was presented at the White House by Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. The States - to present their own needs. The government - ~~is~~ to provide twenty-eight million dollars, as aid. Helping the States - to do their part in the program.

The purpose, ~~is~~ to make sure that children of every age group will receive inoculations - on up through the age of nineteen. The plan - okayed by the American Medical Association and most of the Governors of States. Congress, generally favorable - although some still think there should be federal compulsory controls ^{over} ~~is~~ the distribution of the Salk anti-polio vaccine.



ADD VACCINE

New York City announces - that mass inoculations
will begin Thursday morning, in the metropolis.

WITNESS

There was fast action in the Washington trial of Mrs. Marie Natvig - a turncoat witness. A federal jury deliberated only twenty minutes, before convicting her of perjury.

The fifty one year old grandmother of Miami, Florida, had testified against Edward L. Lamb of Toledo, who is seeking a renewal of a T.V. license Mrs. Natvig accused him of Communist associations. Then, later - (said she had ~~she said she~~ given false evidence.

Moultrie County, Illinois - is without a draft board. The five members - resigning today. Protesting - because they^are not able to induct members of a local religious group.

Seven youths, of the Harshmanite Sect, refuse military service on religious grounds. Fighting the case - through the courts. So now the draft board members declare - they won't induct other boys in Moultrie County.

The sect is a strictly local affair. Founded - in Eighteen Seventy one by a former Methodist minister, S. R. Harshman. Who taught a doctrine of extreme severity.

Puritanism - plus. He founded a Congregation at the town of Sullivan - and the religion has never spread outside of Moultrie County. ~~Two-hundred-and-twenty-five~~ members - and one church. But they make up in stubborn zeal, what they lack in numbers.

FIGHT

In San Francisco, today, there was a hurly-burly scene of reporters, photographers and ~~as~~ hangers-on -- as Rocky Marciano and Don Cockell ~~weight~~ weighed in. The bustle - such that the English boxer turned to Rocky and said: "Blimey, they're more excited than we are."

The Champ grinned and replied: "That's right."

Well, Challenger Cockell is more serene and hopeful than the betting odds, which are ten to one that Rocky will win tonight. Probably - by a knockout.

RUINS

A team of archaeologists, headed by a Yale professor, is making an investigation - near Salem, New Hampshire. Where ~~they~~ there are - some puzzling ruins.

The remains, perhaps - of a monastery built by Irish monks, eleven hundred years ago. Which, if true, would mean - the Irish discovered America. — maybe, or the Vikings.

At any rate, on top of a rugged hill are foundations ~~of~~ of buildings. (and)

A former owner of the property, William Goodwin of Hartford, Connecticut, believes - that Irish monks were there about the year eight-hundred-and-fifty, and constructed a monastery.

Another theory is - that the ruins ^{are much later and} are foundations of buildings of a Pioneer settlement, in the colonial period.

Well, there are old Irish stories of strange voyages, back in the dark Ages. Like the legend of St. Brendan -- famous in the Middle Ages. Telling - of a fabulous land. Which they called - "St. Brendan's Island."

JOHNNIE RAY

A dispatch from England - that sobbing Johnnie Ray is going to get married. That moaning idol of the bobby sockers is on tour over there. The British calling him - the Prince of Wails. Spelled - W A I L S. The bride - to - be? an English soprano, Sylvia Drew. Who sings with the band^d which accompanies Lacrymose Johnnie.

Today, in Birmingham, he said - they fell in love while playing "hearts". During evenings, while on tour, they'd sit down to a deck of cards - and what game could be more appropriate? "Hearts" - as in "hearts and flowers".

But don't let the romantic name delude you.

The game is cantankerous - more like hearts and thistles.

You try to slip ^{your opponent} ~~a victor~~ - the Queen of Spades, for a loss of points. Enough to make the Prince of Wails ^{indeed} let out a heart-rending wail.

But Johnnie and Sylvia fell in love - playing "hearts". He says they won't get married for another year.

"To see if she can make a success of her singing," explains *Bying*
Johnnie.

Then they'll get married, and go on playing
"hearts" ^{and} - playing house.

RABBITS

The "bunny buggy" season is beginning on San Juan Island, in the State of Washington, ~~the~~ Puget Sound. ~~area.~~
At Friday Harbor, they're getting ready - with rabbit catching automobiles.

San Juan Island is infested with rabbits which provide - one of the strangest forms of hunting. Done at night, in speeding automobiles - with butterfly nets. The "bunny buggies" are old cars, which are stripped down - and equipped with special seats. One man drives. Another flashes the beam of a spotlight. A rabbit - caught in the glare. Another man, with a long handled net - scoops him up.

Local farmers, hunting that way, take as many as two hundred rabbits a night. Which they sell - at a good profit.

The San Juan rabbit is not an American ~~and~~ species, at all. Nothing like the jack-rabbit or cotton-tail. It's a domesticated European rabbit, ^{Hugh} - run wild. Now hunted in "bunny buggies".