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Soviet Russia has invited the Chancellor of Austria-to visit Moscow. For the negotiation-of an Austrian Peace Treaty.

This, if it works, could remove one of the chief stumbling blocks in the way of high level negotiations between the Soviets and the West.

Yesterday, President Eisenhower called for a conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four-as a preliminary to a possible meeting of the chiefs of staff. All depending-on some evidence of Russian sincerity. More than once, the President has called for-deeds, not words. Among the deeds mentioned-a peace treaty with Austria.

Today, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov had an interview with the Austrian Ambassador to Moscow. Handing him-a written document. And adding-an oral message, word of mouth.

The written message was a reply to an Austrian note, sent along ten days ago. The Austrian

Government-making inquiries about possible negotiations for a Peace Treaty. Answering that-Moscow demands guarantees against a union of Austria and Germany. Guarantees-against an Anschluss, such as Hitler put across, when he seized Austria. Today's Moscow note expresses the fear that the rearmament of West Germany might, in the words of the note, "engulf Austria." In addition, Moscow mentions terms for the withdrawal of all Foreign troops from Austria; British, French, American, and Russian.

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So that was the written communication which Molotov today, handed Austrian Ambassador Bischoff. Along-with an oral statement. In which he is quoted as "taking into consideration that it is desirable to establish personal contact between Austria and the Soviet Union," said Molotov, "the Soviet Government will welcome the arrival in Moscow of Chancellor Rabb, as well as other representatives which the Austrian Government might desire to send

for this purpose."

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CONFERENCE-FOLLOW RATIFICATION

President Eisenhower will have talks next week with top Congressional Leaders-on the subject of a four-power conference. Today the President issued the invitation for two meetings at the White House.

On Wednesday, he'll foregather with Democratic and Republican leaders in the House of Representatives. On Thursday-leaders of both parties in the Senate.

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This invitation followed a statement by Senator Knowland of California, Gop leader in the Senate, who warned-that a four-power conference of the heads of state might hurt, rather than help, the cause of Peace. The Senator was not opposed, in any definite way. His caution was-that the Western Powers had better have a good understanding among themselves before-going into conference with Soviet Russia.

SUBSTITUTE-LONDON DISARMAMENT

The Soviets offer- a major proposal of policy in the question of disarmament. If-the West will drop the plan to re-arm Western Germany. So announced in London tonight-where disarmament talks are on.

Moscow is now willing to join in an agreement to reduce "conventional" armament. Without demanding the simultaneous abolition of atomic and hydrogen weapons. Hitherto, the Russians have insisted-that there ~~can~~ be no discussion of disarmament, in general. Without-an agreement for an atomic ban. So this is a decided reversal.

However, the offer^{has} tacked on to it-a clause which would veto West German re-armament. Which the Soviets have been trying to stop-all along.

BELGIUM

Belgium is having disorders-riots all over the country. (Because of a question of-schools. The Belgian Government subsidizes education, and most of the schools are Catholic.) A Socialist-Liberal regime is in power at the moment, and they voted-to cut subsidies to Catholic Schools by some ten million dollars.

That's what causes the trouble-students going on strike, staging demonstrations. Battling the police-threatening a "march on Brussels." Many students injured-scores arrested.

DAVIS

This Nation has lost one of its veterans of Public Life John W. Davis. At Charleston, South Carolina, today, he fell victim to pneumonia-at the age of Eighty-One.

John W. Davis-who ran for President against Calvin Coolidge in Nineteen Twenty-Four. Unsuccessful candidate on the Democratic Ticket-after which he continued an eminent career as a constitutional lawyer. A foremost authority-in questions of Government and law.



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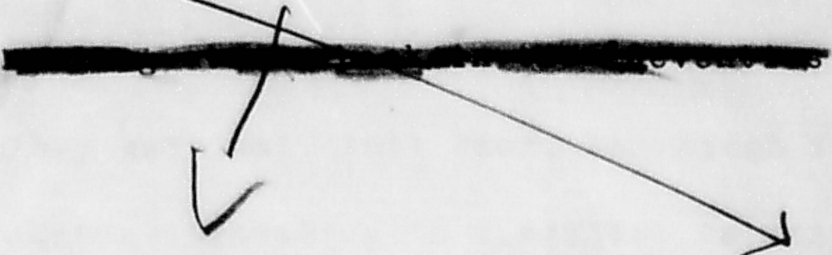
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All France, today, honored an anniversary-
and no wonder. This being-an era of the wonders of
science. And-the wonders of science fiction. Today
is the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Jules
Verne.

In Paris-a big parade, with floats
depicting Jules Verne heroes and their exploits. Like-
"the trip to the Moon", "Around the World in Eighty
Days". Prominent, of course-Captain Nemo and his
memorable submarine.

Over here, in this country, we've been
having an impressive tribute to Jules Verne. The U. S.
Navy-naming the first atomic submarine "The Nautilus."
Which was the name of the wondrous undersea craft
commanded by Captain Nemo. In-"Twenty Thousand Leagues
Under the Sea."



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off to this, and knew he was there-but couldn't find him in the enormous crowd, The hundreds of thousands of worshippers-swarming on the bank of the sacred river.

Now, an enormous manhunt^{is on}-but they haven't caught Man Singh.

Novice Judge.

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ROMANCE

Now-a romance of the desert. A young couple eloping-fleeing from the wrath of the girl's father. Taking refuge-with a Bedouin Tribe, far away among the eternal sands. The bride-the daughter of the Dutch Consul in Aleppo. The groom-the son of a Moslem Judge.

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hospitality-and they were married according to Moslem Rites. They've been found, living in a black tent of the Bedouin-furnished with magnificent Persian carpets.

Today the desert sheik is quoted as saying: "Arab tradition obliges me to protect them down to the life of the last man in the tribe."

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GHOST HOUSE

10 At Memphis, Tennessee, the police are searching for treasure-taken from the "Ghost House." At last reports they had recovered twenty-two thousand dollars worth of precious antiques-vases and statues, chinaware and crystal. Other thousands of dollars worth-still sought. The burglars-a gang of boys, who hadn't any idea of what they were looting.

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WALTER

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WEATHER

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PUN

Here's a pun that's going around in Washington-and it's a good one. President Eisenhower and Abraham Lincoln have at least one thing in common. What?-A Gettysburg Address.

Not bad? The difference between the address where you live, and the address you declaim.

How are you at the art of punning Hugh?

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