

GENEVA

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(Allan Jackson - L.T. in Alaska)

CE
The Geneva Conference - may end ^{soon} tomorrow. That's the word from the Swiss city - where the Big Four Foreign Ministers are as far from an agreement as ever.

Today, Selwyn Lloyd, Couve deMurville, and Christian Herter - talked with Gromyko for three hours. They put it up to him flatly - to sign an agreement on Berlin - with no strings attached. That is - a plain affirmation that the Soviets will respect Allied rights in West Berlin.

Gromyko refused to give a direct answer. Whereupon, the three Westerners warned him - they won't stay in Geneva much longer - unless he shows some signs of wanting a real agreement.

The decisive moment could come - tomorrow. That's when Gromyko has promised to make a full statement - of his position.

KHRUSHCHEV

Nikita Khrushchev - at a reception in Warsaw this evening - had a further word - on the sudden cancellation of his trip to Scandinavia. The schedule planned for him - he said - was too crowded - and too formal - and would not have left him any time - for talks.

And - charging again that a government newspaper in Sweden had come out in opposition to his visit - he said - when they spit in my face - why should I go.

MUELLER

The new nominee for Secretary of Commerce - is Frederick Mueller, / of Grand Rapids, Michigan - who has been in the Department / as an Under-Secretary. President Eisenhower's original choice, / of course, / was Lewis Strauss - who lost out in his bid for confirmation by the Senate. Strauss then strongly urged the President / to name Mueller - which Mr. Eisenhower did today.

STEEL

A note on the steel strike - labor secretary

Mitchell has moved onto the scene - as a one-man fact finder - for President Eisenhower. Mitchell - however - emphasized that union and management will be expected to continue their bargaining.

CUBA

Tonight Cuban ~~xxxxxx~~ farmers - are pouring into Havana. Sixty-five thousand are already on hand - with thousands more arriving every hour. Most of them / swinging machetes - and anxious to help Castro / celebrate the sixth anniversary of his anti-Batista campaign.

Castro's enemies - are active, too. Gunmen in a speeding car / twice shot up a camp full of his supporters. And from Oriente Province, / where Castro hid while his rebellion was gathering momentum / comes word of an anti-Castro conspiracy. Ten ~~men~~ former officers in Batista's army - have been arrested for what are called "counter-revolutionary activities."

ROCKET

Today's firing at Cape Canaveral - may have saved the Atlas rocket. The Atlas had failed ~~/~~ five stright times. Today it was given ~~/~~ only a fifty-fifty chance of success. Leading to a feeling ~~/~~ among the scientists - that if it failed again, this type of rocket should be abandoned.

But everything worked - perfectly. The Atlas zoomed into the air ~~/~~ thundered down the South Atlantic range - and hit a target five thousand miles away.

DULLES

Some key documents of our time - are going to the
Eisenhower/library in ~~Abilene~~ Abilene, Kansas. Dulles documents.
Papers left by John Foster Dulles - and covering crucial
international events/in which he was involved - as Secretary of
State.

Mr.Dulles himself agreed to the transfer. With the
library accepting certain safeguards -/to be imposed on
scholars using the documents - because they contain classified
information.

QUEEN

The Canadians are getting a look at their Queen, again. Queen Elizabeth, recovered from her illness / today insisted on going ahead with her schedule. She and Prince Philip toured Edmonton / and were greeted everywhere by wildly cheering crowds.

But Her Majesty's doctor says - she's suffering from fatigue. And her press secretary has revealed / that the royal couple will fly directly back to London - instead of cruising home aboard their royal yacht.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Now let's listen to some more about - Alaska.

Lowell Thomas - reporting.

... and its huge Indian drama
... as we passed over it on
... flight from Anchorage to Bering
... the Naknek River, near there it
... Bay.
... by air to the southeast of Lake
... Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, founder of
... Geographic Magazine - our F-27 turbo-jet
... airstrip at King Salmon during the
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... except
... for people who run things for - parcels.

L.T. - (ALASKAN PENINSULA)

Tonight, Allan, I am far out on the Alaskan Peninsula, in a region famed for its smoking volcanoes, its rivers teeming with salmon and its huge Kodiak brown bear. Mt. Ilianna was smoking as we passed over it on our three hundred mile flight from Anchorage to Bering Sea. Our destination the Naknek River, near where it flows into Kuichak Bay.

A few minutes by air to the southwest of Lake Grosvenor - named for Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, founder of The National Geographic Magazine - our F-27 turbo-jet dropped us onto an airstrip at King Salmon; during the War a big air base; now a center for oil exploration and for bush pilots who fly veteran fishermen to lakes and rivers that abound with grayling, trout, and salmon.

From here we made a number of flights, in small planes, over uninhabited country - uninhabited except for a few people who run camps for sportsmen.

The red salmon run was at its height when we flew in. At one camp we joined a small group - men from South Bend and Detroit - who had fished in Canada, Mexico and South America. They said they had never had such fishing as we found here in the Alaskan Peninsula, here within a few miles of The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes.

We fished in lakes into which water flows from glaciers on Mt. Katmai, the great volcano that blew its top back in June, 1912. That eruption was so violent that ashes fell on areas of Alaska, hundreds of miles away. Even thousands of miles away, on the east coast of North America, in some areas the sun was not seen for more than a month - because internal fires had blown the top right off of Mt. Katmai.

This is one of the most active volcanic regions in the world, and where salmon still swarm up the streams

by the millions. At one of our camps starry-eyed fishing enthusiasts were getting a strike nearby every time they made a cast. They were fighting salmon and often it would take twenty minutes or a half an hour to reel in an eight or ten pounder.

If you come north, don't overlook the Alaskan Peninsula and the country around Mt. Katmai and the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes!

FOLLOW RECORDING

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Well, Lowell, that fits in with - your previous reports. The land of the volcano - seems appropriate after Glacier Bay and Mt. McKinley and the Arctic Ocean. It's good to know that the Alaskan wilderness is still wild - in spite of the booming cities of our forty-ninth state.

Now for Delco - here's Don

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COLOSEUM

A couple of nights ago - I used a story about the Colosseum in Rome, and identified it as the place where Nero had the Christians thrown to the lions. My meaning was a little rusty and letters have come in for professors of ancient history. The professors point out - that the Colosseum didn't exist in Nero's time. It was built after his death - on the site of his palace. Dedicated by the Emperor Titus, in the year Eighty A.D.

Gladiators fought in the Colosseum all right. Occasionally the amphitheatre was flooded - so that the Emperor and the crowd could watch real naval engagements. The Romans had a lot of Roman holidays - in the Colosseum.

But that affair of - the Christians and lions? That took place somewhat earlier - in the Circus Maximus - not in the Colosseum. So now Don - Nero squared the with history.

SERGEANT

A former Army Sergeant claims - that he once did menial labor in the ~~his~~ home of his commanding general. Joseph Bagwell, of Washington, D.C., stated this in a letter to Congressman Frank Kowalski. According to Bagwell, he and two other enlisted men - worked for General James Pierce at Fort Meade, Maryland. And more often for - Mrs. Pierce. The soldiers, in this version, doing the chores of a servant - everything from packing the General's golf bag - to cleaning ~~in~~ lingerie.

SPAIN

The new economic program for Spain was announced in Madrid today - following an extraordinary Cabinet meeting, that lasted most of the night. With Franco presiding - the session heard the Finance Minister report on his trip to Washington. Then the Cabinet hammered out a program - the best way of using American aid. The most important part of the ~~new~~ program calls for more freedom in trade - and fewer hindrances on the use of foreign capital in Spanish industry.