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DIPLOMATIC NOTE

The United States has handed Soviet Russia a bluntly worded diplomatic note stating that this country intends to keep American troops in Japan. Keep them there - - indefinitely. More over, we will not permit the Soviets to "violate" a peace treaty with Japan.

This is in answer to a Moscow protest, which declared that U. S . military bases in Japan and a separate peace treaty with that country would violate the Potsdam agreement. To this our government replies, in effect, that the Potsdam agreement has been a complete failure - - because of Soviet aggression. So, therefore, we reserve the right to make a peace treaty with Japan, which will provide for the stationing of American troops in that country.

KOREA

The news, in the next few days, is likely to feature another of those odd names -

Imjin. That's a Korean river north of Seoul, and the line of battle defending the Korean capital is - along the Imjin. Today's news tells of hordes of Chinese reds pushing toward that stream. In some places, they're massed along the Imjin, with only the river separating them the contending forces.

According to descriptions from the war front, it is no huge military barrier - the Imjin being a rather narrow, sluggish stream. But the U.N. forces North of Seoul are using it as a moat - for their defense line.

U.S. army intelligence reports that the massing of the reds includes nineteen Chinese divisions, for a total of a hundred and seventy one thousand - plus half again as many North Korean communists. Giving a total of - more

than a quarter of a million. The march of swarms of Reds is being lashed by the fury of American air power. The planes were out all day, hunting out any units, raking them with bombs, rockets, machine gun fire.

On the Red side in the sky, the day was marked by the appearance of more jets than ever - about fifty Russian-built M I G 15's. But there was little sign of air battle - the Reds having no inclination to fight. The jets flew down out of Manchuria - but when they sighted flights of American jets on patrol, they turned back toward the border.

(In Tokyo, a further measure of censorship was clamped on the war news today - the correspondents are forbidden to mention the identity of individual units in their dispatches.) They are not permitted any more to name regiments or divisions, or different nationalities as like British, South Africans, Turks. The purpose is, of course, to keep this kind of detailed information from the enemy - as the hour for the Communist offensive appears to be at hand.

CHINA

Red China has ordered the seizure of all American assets -- and a freezing of American bank deposits. This is in retaliation to the United States order putting an embargo on China and freezing all Chinese Communist assets in territory under American control. The Red retaliation is announced by the Chinese news agency, which tells of the seizure of what it calls - "all assets of the U.S. government and American enterprises." That, and the freezing of American bank deposits in Red China.

DALAI LAMA

The latest from India - a dispatch stating that the Dalai Lama, fleeing from Tibet, has reached ~~the town of~~ Gyantse. That's ^{a key city on the great} ~~an important place on~~ ^{between Lhasa and} ~~the~~ caravan route ^{from Tibet to} India, and is linked with India by a telegraph line, ~~xxxxxx~~ At Gyantse there's an Indian trade commission and a small Indian Army garrison. ^R So the sixteen year old living Buddha in flight from the Chinese Reds, has reached a point in contact with the outer world - considerable contact for Tibet. Though Gyantse - is still a hundred and ninety miles from the border, of India. ^{He still} has the main range of the Himalayas to cross.

JUGOSLAVIA

In Communist, anti-Soviet Yugoslavia, defiance was hurled today by Marshall Tito. Speaking to the Yugoslav parliament, he said their country is menaced by six-hundred-and-sixty-thousand soldiers ~~six~~ of the Red satellites - Bulgaria, Romania, ~~and~~ ^{and} Hungary. So, the Tito government is bringing in a record - breaking defense budget for Nineteen Fifty-one.

Tito delivered a bitterly worded attack on Moscow, ridiculing ~~as~~ what he called - the strange peace - ^{propaganda} campaign. "By peace" he said, "they mean: do not move - wait until you are swallowed by us." If you do not agree with that, and ~~you~~ you offer resistance, then you are an aggressor". That's the prescription for peace, Moscow style, as described by the Yugoslav Marshall - who is Red but anti-~~as~~ Stalinist.

FINLAND

Finland reports that the General Secretary of the Finnish Communist party has gone to Moscow -- "for reasons of health". Which begins to sound monotonous - so many ~~ix~~ leaders of Communist parties in various countries ^{winding} ~~going~~ their way to the Red capital -- because of illness. Chief among them in Moscow right now are the big bosses of the Reds in France and Italy, Thorex and ~~Enxi~~ Togliatti. They also want to Moscow for - "reasons of health."

President Truman gives his opinion of the address that former President Hoover made week before last. He calls it -- "isolationism." (The President said this at his news conference today. He added that, if this country took the Hoover advice, it would take all afternoon to tell what might happen to the nation. He said with sharp emphasis that this country is not going back to isolationism.)

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~~Add this to Truman Hoover~~

In his address, Herbert Hoover declared that the suggestions he made were not - isolationist. But we hear the west European countries have been making anxious inquiries about his contention that we should not send troops or money to Western Europe, unless the West European countries display more inclination to rally in their own defense. Today's White House reply to the Hoover address is regarded as intended to quiet the worry.

DULLES

John Foster Dulles declared ^{today} that his radio address tomorrow night will not be any "answer" to former President Herbert Hoover. It has been stated widely that the Republican adviser in the State Department would speak in opposition to the Herbert Hoover suggestion of a Gibraltar of the western hemisphere. But ^{Dulles} sent a telegram today to the former President, expressing regret that his radio talk tomorrow has been billed as -- "a reply to Hoover."

The point of view I shall express, Dulles tells the former President, "may be somewhat different from yours. But I agree with much that you said, and I hope and expect that you will agree with much that I say. I think" he goes on "it is very healthy to have a great national debate upon the grave issues of our time."

^{TR} There ^{are those} ~~is such opinions~~ in Washington ^{who are} ~~that~~ ^{the whole thing} represents a sharp split among the Republicans. The Hoover view is backed by numbers of G O P. leaders who think we should withdraw ^{to some} ~~toward~~

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extent — —

~~our own borders, and~~ not be spread out ~~as~~ so much.
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Dulles, on the other hand, is a leading spokesman for what they call the "internationalist wing of the Republican party" which believes in strong support ~~for~~ for our friends and Allies abroad. Which view is advocated by ~~President~~ Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, and Governor Dewey of New York.

CONTROLS

The government issued an anti-hoarding order today, imposing penalties on people who stock up with huge supplies of scarce materials. They are threatened with the ~~xxxxx~~ punishment of a year in prison, and a ten thousand dollar fine - for hoarding beyond their needs, or stockpiling for sale on a black market. This applies to a whole series of materials needed for the great armament program of this nation.

One of the most critical of all materials is - raw rubber. So today the government took over the purchase and distribution of all supplies - to make sure that the armament program will have enough raw rubber, and that civilian users will have a fair distribution of supplies available to them.

At the same time, a conference is called to draft a wage-stabilization policy. Today Cyrus Ching, chairman of the wage Stabilization board, summoned leaders of industry and the labor unions, to gather for a conference in Washington beginning January Tenth. They'll be asked to make recommendations for a voluntary control program - a ceiling on wages.

STONE

Late news from London- they think they may have found the Stone of ^{Shawn,} ~~Scone~~ Maybe - with a big "M"

Today Scotland Yards began " amphibious operations " suspecting that the royal coronation stone may be hidden under water - the serpentine pond in London's Hyde Park. A scratch was found on a bridge such as might have been made by a three-hundred-and-fifty pound slab of rock dragged along. So tonight, in Hyde Park, Scotland Yard detectives, with floodlights were probing and plumbing ^{some} fifty acres of water - the serpentine pond.

Excitement mounted when they located a hard, bulky object on the bottom, about the size of the stone of Scone. They tried to get it up, but couldnt - - and right now they're waiting for daybreak. They hope its the ancient Scottish coronation seat-swiped from Westminster Abbey, presumably by

Scottish Nationalists. But they're not sure. It's only a case of - maybe.

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news about ^{another} an ancient British institution ^{- ghosts,} ~~takes a~~
~~modern form - ghosts.~~ They are going to televise one
of the most famous of all the spooks in England --
Catherine Howard, the ill-fated fifth wife of the
bluebeard king, Henry the Eighth. At least, they'll
try to see if television will pick up any sign or
sound of the ghost, said to walk through palace
halls ~~at~~ night.

The experiment is being ~~now~~ conducted in all
seriousness by the British broadcasting company -
a test to be made on the night of January Tenth.

B B ^S _A promises a good show, even if no spook materializes

The place - Hampton Court, perhaps the most
historic of all the royal palaces of England's past.
Built by the great Cardinal Wolsey, in his days of
glory; - and he presented the ~~as~~ palace to the King.
Henry the Eighth made it his favorite, and there he
brought his beautiful bride, Catherine Howard, a
grand daughter of the Duke of Norfolk.

She was young, flighty and gay, but she must have had forebodings - marrying ^a bluebeard, who had wedded four wives already, divorcing two and beheading one, the ill-starred Anne Boleyn. The same fate was awaiting Catherine Howard - accused of love affairs and sent to her doom.

Hampton Court, according to legend, has a number of ~~xxxx~~ spooks. But the principal one is the shade of Catherine Howard. Who, for four hundred years, they say, has walked the ~~xxx~~ palace halls at night - and still does. So B B C will now try to televise one of England's most famous ghosts.

DRUG

From Cleveland, ^{comes} the announcement of a new drug, the next thing to the miracle medicine Cortisone. Just as remarkable for the cure of rheumatic ailments, or maybe more so. The important point is - this new relative of Cortisone is being manufactured synthetically. Which cuts the cost, and makes it cheap.

This announcement was given today, before a meeting of the American Association for the advancement of science, meeting in Cleveland.

The report was made by Dr. Max Tishler, of the Merck Chemical Company. He said the new drug, developed at the ^{great} Merck laboratory at Rahway, N.J., is already being used with, what he called - 'sensational results.'

Same as Cortisone, it was derived from adrenal glands by a complicated process. That's what makes Cortisone so expensive.

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Two years ago it cost two hundred dollars a gram. Now the price has been brought down to thirty -five dollars a gram - still very costly. But the new hormone is being made synthetically - which promises a price along the lines of ordinary medicine.

POLICEMAN

In Boston, the most educated policeman in the country is retiring. Officer Edwin Flanders has taken courses in one college after another, including the study of criminology and navigation at Harvard. Criminology - we understand, But why does a cop need navigation? However that may be, the officer has three college degrees.

So, with all that education, you'd think he must be retiring as chief of police - at least. But not at all. Edwin Flanders has been a patrolman on the beat for twenty-eight *and says "I hope to be a patrolman till I die."* years - and still is a patrolman. Yes, there's nothing like education for getting along in the world.

Now Nelson - that sounds like a Scandinavian-name. So I suppose you are a grad. of the U. of Minn-es-ota?