

CONFERENCE L.T.P.G. Thursday. May 21-53.

Things were busy and tense, last night, in the ~~President's headquarters~~ at the White House. A gathering of top ranking advisers, sitting in with <sup>the</sup> President, ~~Eisenhower~~.

Making a final decision on a plan - which broke into the headlines this afternoon. <sup>P</sup> When the decision was concluded,

there were trans-Atlantic telephone calls - to London, to Paris. Extending <sup>an invitation</sup> ~~an invitation~~ - to Prime Minister Winston Churchill and the Premier of France, <sup>an invitation</sup> ~~to meet with~~ President Eisenhower. For a conference - of the Western Big Three. To

settle <sup>whatever</sup> ~~the~~ differences <sup>there may be</sup> between them; - like the controversy going on between the British and Americans.

The invitations were immediately accepted - although, yesterday, Churchill stated that he would not invite President Eisenhower to London - for any conference. Sir Winston explaining that, while Britain would be delighted to welcome the President on a visit, the differences between the two countries were not great enough to demand a Churchill-Eisenhower meeting. But now the President, himself, was ~~sitting~~ calling

the conference. So the answer was - invitation accepted.

The time - next month. The place - Bermuda.

Not announced officially as yet, but everything points to those pleasant islands out in the Atlantic.

The differences to be settled are obvious - not counting such noisy matters as the exchange of compliments between Leader of the Labor Opposition, Clement Attlee, and Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin. The most general aspect is

this - that Great Britain and France are not so skeptical *about* *this latest* ~~about the~~ Soviet peace offensive. They have more confidence in Moscow's new manner of conciliation than we have in

Washington. ~~They were more inclined toward the peace proposals~~

~~offered by the Communists in their XXXX bill, stating xxx~~

~~they might be the basis for an armistice. Then there is the~~

~~question of admitting the USSR into the United Nations, upon~~

~~the resolution of xxx which the British have the link to~~

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This forthcoming Bermuda conference of the Big Three

is everywhere regarded as a prelude to a possible meeting of the Big Four, Soviet Russia included. Churchill himself proposed a get-together with Malenkov; and, President Eisenhower has never rejected the notion, not outright - although plenty of opposition has been expressed in Congress. The President has merely stated that there should be more evidence of Soviet good faith.

Here's a later dispatch - from London. Churchill, in the House of Commons, makes it clear that, at Bermuda, he will press for a Big Four meeting with Soviet leadership.

Well, Tonight, this presidential stroke is being hailed far and wide. In Washington, universal expressions of Congressional approval. In London and Paris, President Eisenhower is being acclaimed - for taking the initiative. The comment is that his call for a Bermuda Conference will swing European public opinion strongly toward the United States.

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~~The earlier dispatches today mentioned Premier Rene Mayer of France. It was taken for granted that he would join Churchill and Eisenhower at Bermuda. But, within a few,~~

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~~'strongly toward the United States.'~~

Here's a Moscow reaction. A dispatch from the Soviet capital states that President Eisenhower's move has caused - surprise. Moscow diplomatic circles had not expected that there would ~~xxx~~ be a conference of the West - in advance of talks with Soviet Russia. But they see the sense of it, saying that the Western powers should settle their own disagreements <sup>which</sup> ~~it~~ would make conferences with Kremlin leaders easier to arrange.

FRANCE

~~Yes, there was~~ <sup>more</sup> political drama in Paris, today. The National Assembly voted out the Premier by an overwhelming majority - three-hundred-and-twenty-eight to two-hundred-and-forty-four. (So now France is without a government again, following) the fall of the eighteenth Prime Minister since the end of the Second World War.

The scene in the National Assembly, tonight, was worthy of a theatrical production - the Premier making an eleventh hour attempt to save his ministry. He knew what was coming - a line-up against him on economic policy. A domestic issue - measures to be taken to bolster French finance. He couldn't do anything about that, so he turned to the field of foreign policy, thinking he might stave off defeat (by making a headline statement.)

Premier Mayer took the rostrum, and <sup>dramatically</sup> announced - "The Bermuda Conference!" (Telling the legislators about the meeting of the Western Big Three, which is to be held.) He made that the more dramatic, by intimating that the Bermuda

Conference would be a prelude to a Big Four meeting with Soviet Russia.

But all that had no effect. When the vote came, Premier Mayer was downed by a combination of Socialists, Communists, and members of the former Party headed by General De Gaulle, the extreme Right Wing. A strange sort of line-up, one explanation being - the De Gaullists <sup>(voted)</sup> ~~mixed~~ with the Left Wing, ~~Socialists and Communists~~ <sup>→</sup> because they want to bring in a new government, which they can join.

The best guess in Paris tonight is that the next Premier will be - Bidault, of the Catholic Popular Republican Party. (He was Foreign Minister of the Cabinet that now has fallen, and ~~Mixte~~ is popular with the follow<sup>ers</sup> of General DeGaulle.)

(In any case, France is left without a government - just as the Bermuda Conference is announced.) Premier Mayer, himself, stated that the change of ministry in Paris would have no effect on the Big Three meeting - (because French foreign policy remains the same.) <sup>Just a</sup> ~~the~~ new Premier - going to Bermuda.

TRUCE TALKS

π On the other side of the world,

x At Tokyo, the belief is that the prospects for a truce depend largely on talks, in New Delhi, between American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Prime Minister Nehru of India. The armistice negotiations at Panmunjom are still in abeyance, for the sixth day. It is understood that our side has prepared another compromise proposal, but this is being held up - pending the Dulles-Nehru talks.

They had a meeting today, and Nehru told the newsmen that they had discussed the Korean problem. Secretary Dulles, we hear, seeks assurances from Nehru on what attitude the Indians would take, if they were given custody of prisoner-of-war who don't want to go back to the Reds.

## WAR

According to a judge in Los Angeles - it's a war. President Truman called it - a police action. But His Honor, Judge Harry Westover, disagrees.

This comes in a suit filed by a Los Angeles business man, Jack Weissman, whose son was killed in Korea. The point at issue - a five thousand dollar life insurance policy, under which double indemnity would have to be paid in case of accident, single indemnity in case of war.

The attorney for the plaintiff argued that the conflict in Korea was not a war, legally, because only Congress has the power to declare war. Judge Westover, however, cited a series of precedents, dating back to the Civil War, and said:

"We doubt very much if there is any question, in the minds of the majority of the people in this country, that the conflict now raging in Korea, can be anything but a war."

Substitute lead BOY

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~~He was a waif, etc. etc...~~



BOY

At Pusan, in Korea, Song Yong Cho boarded an airliner today - bound for the United States. Song Yong Cho, who is eleven years old, was fairly spry as he climbed up the steps into the big plane. His artificial feet were working - okay. To see him off - a whole crowd of well-wishing friends. G.I's, U.S. medical officers, Army chaplains, members of the Masons, Catholic nuns. Saying, "good-bye" to Song Yong Cho -- the shoe-shine boy.

He was a waif, with amputated feet - when he was picked up by Sergeant Harold Douglas of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The Sarge, who has seven children of his own back in Mississippi, took him to the barracks, gave him a place to sleep, and fed him.

But Song Yong Cho was too proud to live on charity. He got himself a shoe-shine box, and every day - went crawling ~~thru~~ through the streets. "Shine 'em up, boss!" And made enough to pay for his own food.

Sergeant Douglas admired the kid's high spirit so much,

that he went to the Army's orthopedic laboratory, and talked to Captain James Calway of San Francisco. Couldn't they fix up a pair of feet for Song Yong Cho? The Captain said - sure. And soon the shoe-shine boy was able to walk again - still shining shoes.

Captain Calway was ~~1~~ so impressed that he thought - maybe he could get Song Yong Cho into "Boys' Town", Nebraska - that famous institution founded by the late Father Flanagan for waifs and strays. He wrote to Bishop Fulton Sheen, famous on Radio and T.V. Who relayed the case along to the Director of Boys' Town. After that, it was only a question of getting Song Yong Cho to the United States.

That was worked out, according to a law passed recently by Congress - admitting a number of Korean War orphans. Song Yong Cho - the first to come in under the quota.

He needed the cost of travel to Nebraska. That was taken care of by the Masonic Club at Pusan, which collected ~~from~~ four hundred dollars. He needed a new suit - the

the Maryknoll Sisters attended to that. The Nuns, stitching and sewing.

So, today, Song Yong Cho left Korea, with artificial feet, a new suit, and a pocketful of change. Bound - for Boys' Town, Nebraska.

AIR FORCE

A late dispatch from Washington gives an Air Force opinion of the cut made in the Eisenhower budget, - less money for the Air Force. The reduction would mean ~~poorer~~ <sup>poorer</sup> equipment, lower standards of training, fewer planes. A Congressman asked for the <sup>(view)</sup> ~~opinion~~ of the Air Force, and that's what he got - a statement that the cut of more than five billion, ordered by the President, would be a blow to U.S. air power.

## REFUGEES

Today, Congress was urged to approve a bill to admit two hundred and forty thousand refugees into this country within the next two years. Acting Secretary of State Bedell Smith, appearing before a Congressional Sub-Committee, told of population pressures in Europe - created largely by hosts of people seeking refuge from Communist persecution. <sup>P</sup> He said the Eisenhower Administration wants to bring in one hundred and ten thousand, who escaped from <sup>(behind)</sup> ~~the~~ the Iron Curtain and are now in Austria and Western Germany. Another one-hundred-and-fifteen thousand from over-populated countries <sup>like</sup> ~~as~~ Italy, Greece, the Netherlands. This, he said, would be a blow to the Communists in the <sup>forthcoming</sup> ~~forthcoming~~ Italian election.

Bedell Smith admitted that a total figure of two hundred and forty thousand European refugees would be "only a drop in the bucket." But, he argued that, if we led the way, other countries would follow suit - countries capable of absorbing immigrants.

UNION

The A. F. of L. rejects the reform of the Longshoremen's Union. Saying - that the measure<sup>s</sup> announced for a clean-up are not enough. The Federation had ordered the Union to get rid of underworld figures, and Joseph Ryan, President of the Longshoremen, sent back a report of ~~measures~~ measures his organization proposed to take. <sup>All of which</sup> ~~But~~ the A.F. of L. turns ~~it~~ down.

## ROSENBERGS

We have a statement that the convicted atomic spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, worked with two espionage groups that have never been detected. This was stated today by former Atomic Energy Commissioner Sumner Pike, who called it a "reasonable inference." Adding - that the two Communist espionage outfits would be "smoked out", if the two Rosenbergs would talk.

He said that, of the two, now ~~sentenced to~~ <sup>under sentence of</sup> death - the wife was more likely to talk than the husband. Give information - to save her <sup>own</sup> life. "Rosenberg," says ~~former~~ the former Atomic Energy Commissioner, "is a tough guy. He isn't inclined to talk, but Mrs. Rosenberg isn't as strong a character."

The inference from all this is, of course, that the Rosenbergs could save themselves from the electric chair at Sing Sing - if they would confess their dealings with two spy rings in this country, as yet undetected.

## TORNADO

News of a tornado sounds like - the South.  
But, this time, its from Canada. This afternoon a  
tornado swept through the outskirts of Port Huron,  
Michigan, then jumped across the St. Clair River and  
smashed the town of Sarnia in Canadian Ontario. A  
dozen lives reported lost, as the tornado cut a path of  
havoc, and then wrecked the middle of a Canadian<sup>ad</sup> town.  
Four blocks of the business thoroughfare - a mass of  
shattered glass, fallen bricks, and wrecked buildings.

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You would expect that along the Gulf Coast,-  
where the flood waters were still swirling today,  
bringing a new crisis of the deluge.

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ABDULLAH

At New York, today, Sheppard Abdullah King took a plane for Cairo - where he'll try to win back his wife, Samia Gamal. That much publicized romance is on the rocks - the marriage of the Texas heir to a fortune and the ~~ballerina~~<sup>singer</sup> dancer from the banks of the Nile. <sup>TR</sup> Sheppard King of Texas became a Moslem and took the name of - Abdullah.]

He brought Samia Gamal over here, ~~where she~~ where she made some appearances as a dancer. Then went back to Egypt - and, yesterday, announced she would seek a divorce, under Mohammedan law.

Abdullah says he doesn't know what the trouble is. When he boarded the plane, he showed the news reporters a series of messages he had from Samia Gamal. One, sent while she was on her way across the Atlantic, saying: "I already miss you very much." Another, a cable from Cairo: "Received wonderful welcome, wish you were here." But then, a third as follows: "Much better, don't come. No use returning with you."

Abdullah is mystified, but thinks Samia was

influenced by friends and relatives at home, the spirit of Egypt and Islam.

"My greatest obstacle," he said today, "will be to overcome all that Arab poetry."

- Nelson -

Well, that Arab poetry can be high-flown -- with remarks about pomegranate mouth, <sup>^</sup>every brow, <sup>^</sup>and <sup>^</sup>eyes of a gazelle, <sup>^</sup>~~They don't talk that way in Texas.~~

*dimples like opals, hair like gold, of opals, and, ivory complexion*