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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Eisenhower today challenged the Russians to exchange complete military blue-prints with the U.S -- a dramatic bid to prove that America really wants peace.

The President also called for complete freedom of aerial photography.

President Eisenhower made his surprising proposals at this afternoon's session of the big four summit conference, which was considering world disarmament. He termed these, something that could be accepted as an immediate, practical step to build mutual trust between the United States and the Soviet Union.

What do the Russians say? No reply -- not a word -- not yet, anyway.

The President's proposal was two-fold: First, that the United States and Russia give each other a complete blue print of their military establishments,

from one end of each country to the other.

Second -- that they provide facilities for aerial photography of each other's territory. The president said the Russians could have complete freedom to take all the pictures they wanted over here - if we could do the same in the Soviet Union.

Altho the Russians had no comment -- Western leaders were enthusiastic.

British Prime Minister Eden said he was "deeply moved" by the sincerity of the President's proposal. It could be a great step forward, he said.

French Premier Faure said he just wished the peoples of the whole world could have been in the conference room to hear President Eisenhower's voice. If they could have been, said Faure -- they would have remembered July 21st, 1955, as the date that really something had changed regarding disarmament.

In opening his remarks the President said he had been searching his "heart and mind" for something to say to convince everyone of the great sincerity of the United States in the search for peace.

He said he was talking mainly to the Russians, because it was they and the United States who possessed new and terrible weapons which give rise to fears and dangers of surprise attack.

Then he outlined his two-point plan to throw open both nations to free inspection from the air, and exchange of military blue prints.

By this step, he told the Soviets, the two great powers could convince the world they would be providing, between themselves, against the possibility of "A great surprise attack."

He pointed out that "no sound and reliable agreement can be made unless it is completely covered by an

inspection and reporting system adequate to support every portion of the agreement."

The principal question, he said, was how nations could adequately supervise disarmament.

First Washington reaction to the President's proposals came from chairman George of the Senate Foreign relations committee. An acid test of Russian sincerity - he called it. "After all", said the senator, -- "the United States, as a free nation already lives in a fish bowl, so we have nothing to lose."

Assistant GOP leader Halleck of Indiana said -- "it will be a magnificent achievement for the Geneva conference, if the Russians accept."

As Halleck put it: "The objective of the president, to avoid a surprise attack would mean very, very much to the world if accepted by the Soviets."

Behind the scenes -- members of the House and Senate say -- they don't believe the Soviet leaders will accept -- but, from a propaganda stand point, they don't see how the United States can lose in making such proposals.

Senator George, by way, added that he knew a few hours in advance, that President Eisenhower planned to make this surprise move. Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover advised him of it this morning.

On the Democratic side -- acting Majority leader Clements of Kentucky said he "Highly" approves. "Its attuned to the atomic age," said Clements. -- "Its practical and workable. Its a test of good faith that can be described as ultimate."

Even from his hospital sick bed -- Majority leader Johnson of Texas had a comment: "Its the daring, imaginative stroke for which a war-weary world has been

waiting. It will test the good faith of the Communists and separate the war-mongers from the peacemakers."

Back at Geneva -- the big four foreign ministers had to disappoint their chiefs this morning -- They weren't ready with their report on the deadlocked issues of German unification and European security. They were told to report tomorrow. One reason for the delay was a list of "supplementary proposals" submitted by the Russians on these subjects. No details were made public.

Well, Geneva was not all serious business. The Soviets let a small army of reporters and photographers into their villa to take pictures of Russian leaders sipping cool drinks.

In the usual mob-scene that followed -- one camera-man was bumped from the rear.

"Doggone it," he shouted "stop shoving!".

The shovels stopped, and apologized -- and then both sides had to laugh. He was the Soviet Defense Minister -- Marshal Zhukov.

TITO

The United States is said to be considering a halt in foreign aid to Yugoslavia -- a halt until marshal Tito permits full inspection of the use he's making of American weapons.

Officials of the state and defense departments are said to be seriously concerned over Yugoslavia's refusal to permit routine checks by American military inspectors stationed there.

INDO-CHINA

The Indian Government is disturbed over yesterday's rioting in Saigon, Indo-China - and has asked both British Prime Minister Eden, and Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov to investigate.

Noting that the trouble occurred on the anniversary of the 1954 Geneva conference which ended the Indo-China War - the Indian Foreign office says the demonstration was "deliberately organized".

Yesterday also was the day that talks were to begin between Communist North Viet Nam and free South Viet Nam on the question of free elections to unify the country.

But Premier Diem has balked at such conferences - he says the Communists are not observing other provisions of the truce -- and besides. He didn't sign the ceasefire agreement anyway.

ARGENTINA

A bomb explosion in the printing plant of a pro-government magazine, in Buenos Aires. No injuries - minor damage. But, another uneasy situation for President Peron. The Argentine radio again found it necessary to denounce reports of a new uprising as "mere rumors." The broadcast also denied that the Navy has revolted again -- sailed away to another country. Nothing to it, insists Peron's radio - the Navy is holding maneuvers off the coast.

Exiled Navy officers in Uruguay say that's a funny report! Its mid-winter now off Argentina, when maneuvers are rarely held!

SUB

The nations second atomic powered submarine -- the Seawolf, has been launched at Groton, Connecticut -- where the first atomic sub -- the Nautilus also was built at the ceremonies this morning. Navy Secretary Thomas said he looks forward to the day when he will be turning out those nuclear subs in rapid succession; also other atomic naval ships and naval aircraft, as well.

Even as he spoke, the keel of the 3rd atomic sub was laid at Groton.

TALBOTT

Air secretary Talbott has offered to give up his partnership with a New York management-engineering firm -- if senate investigators think that will help the airforce.

Talbott asked for, and promptly received a public hearing before chairman McClellan's Senate investigating sub committee this afternoon -- saying that he'd had quite enough of innuendoes about his dealings with private industry.

The Air Secretary was indignant as he took the witness chair. He said to the Senators: "Its a shocking thing to point the finger of suspicion at a man who doesn't deserve it -- and, I don't think I deserve it," said he.

The Air Secretary added that he was testifying because of all the "rumors, publicity and discussion." That he's with the Government by being a partner of

Mulligan and Company of New York. Also that he had informed the Senators back in 1953 that he intended to retain his interest in the firm.

However said the Air Secretary; -- I will terminate my connection if, in the opinion of these gentlemen, the Senators - I would be helping the Airforce and the Administration.

The Committee is still mulling this over.

LEAD STEPHANIE BRYAN CASE

A formal charge of murder was filed this afternoon in Berkeley against University of California student Burton Abbot -- accused of the slaying of school-girl Stephanie Bryan, who disappeared 3 months ago.

Abbot had been a suspect since Friday evening when his wife found the 14 year old girl's purse in the basement, but no charges had been made until Stephanie's body was discovered near the Abbott's cabin in the northern California mountains late last night.

Thru-out the night, a constant guard was maintained outside his jail cell, but the 27 year old accounting student betrayed no signs either of guilt, or of emotional collapse.

He has been questioned many times in the past few hours. So far with no result.

The news that a girl's body had been found was carried to the suspects home by newsmen, even before Berkeley police arrived.

27 year old Burton Abbott paled at the report, but said: "I don't know how the body got there. I don't know a thing about it. I'm still staying with my story that I don't know a thing about it."

Then he asked: "How far from the cabin did they find the body." When told it was only 200 yards away he replied: "Well, I'm stymied -- I don't know what to say".

Ironically -- Abbott's wife, Georgia, is technically in line to get the 25 hundred-dollar reward for information about the missing girl. She's the one who found Stephanie's belongings in the basement of their home.

Even stranger yet - the Abbott's cabin in the

remote Trinity Mountains was the scene of another grisly western crime -- the shooting and ax murder of Ray Latham in 1948. The Abbotts bought it from the convicted murder Lloyd Snyder -- just before he left for prison.

YACHT

The air force has spotted the missing yacht "South Wind" -- last boat to be heard from at the end of the transpacific Yacht race.

The South wind apparently was fighting a westerly wind and still trying to reach Honolulu.

Miles away where the other yachts completed their runs several days ago.

Nothing wrong - just an ill wind, for the South wind.

MRS. IKE

It was ladies day at Geneva - at least behind the scenes. Mamie Eisenhower too the wives of the other Western Big three leaders for a boat ride on lovely lake Geneva -- which, incidentally inspired her middle-name.

No Russian wives went along, however -- Soviet delegates left them all at home!

The sight-seeing tour of the picturesque Lake included a small black cottage near the Franco-Swiss border, where Lenin and Trotsky plotted the Russian revolution during Lenin's world war one exile from Russia.

Mrs. Eisenhower was in gay spirits as she boarded the small Yacht "L"Elma" -- at the port of Pregny -- once part of the estate of Empress Josephine. She waved to friends on the dock, and said she was feeling "wonderful".

The guests also were smiling and happy - the wives of Anthony Eden, Edgar Faure, Swiss President Max Petitpierre, John Foster Dulles, Under Secretary Livingston Merchant, and Franklin Gowen, the Geneva Counsel - General. It was quite a trip - complete with a fine swiss luncheon - melon, salmon, trout, roast chicken, light and red wine, and champagne. Diplomacy on the feminine level - at Geneva.

All of which reminds me of the fact that tonight I am broadcasting from the banks of the Russian River, in the big tree country of California, north of San Francisco. The Russians came here over a hundred years ago, stayed for a time - and even built a fort. Then - they pulled out. If they had stayed maybe most of North America today would be a part of the U.S.S.R.

But that's a melancholy thought. Let's switch to a more pleasant subject - urgent too:-