

PARIS CONFERENCE

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Soviet Russia agrees to discuss the demilitarization of Germany along with other questions in the cold war. This appears to be a concession, since Moscow heretofore had wanted to take up the matter of German armament, separately, being so bitterly opposed to the plan for rearming western Germany. The new Russian proposal was presented today by Soviet Representative Gromyko at the conference of Deputy Foreign Ministers -- Moscow willing to discuss, not only Germany but also other matters, like Korea.

## FOLLOW PARIS CONFERENCE

The immediate reaction in western circles is that the Soviet proposal today has ~~injected~~ injected new life into the Paris conference, the previous eighteen sessions of which have been getting nowhere. They say that the Gromyko offer does not bring a full and final agreement - but it does add plenty of hope for a full scale meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four, which the Deputies are trying to arrange.

## CHINA

The reign of terror in Red China is confirmed by an official Communist dispatch. We have had previous reports about mass executions, as the Reds try to crush underground warfare waged against them. Such accounts have usually come from the Nationalists, and might have been considered exaggerated. But this one emanates from the government news agency at Peiping. It says that last Sunday. Easter, crowds in Peiping watched a mass killing of anti-Communists - and states further that wholesale executions are being increased in Canton. The Communist dispatch indicates that the murderous ~~xx~~ reign of terror is the only way they can crush opposition - and, in the words of the dispatch -- "basically uproot anti-revolutionary activity."

## KOREA

Perhaps the most significant news from Korea tonight is -- rain. The entire battle front along the thirty-eighth parallel was drrenched by a day long downpour that turned battle fields into quagmires. This made the wet weather score three days out of the last four, and emphasized what is well known -- that (the rainy season in Korea is beginning. Which could seal the stalemate that has been going on for several days -- the contending forces facing each other along the Parallel without much change of position.) In other words, the campaign may be taken over by that famous officer - General Mud.

In the rain today, there was heavy fighting in one sector - the area north of Seoul, just below the Parallel. There the Reds are putting up a stubborn fight, and it took a powerful attack to drive Chinese troops from three peaks ~~of a jagged mountain ridge~~ ~~summits~~ dominating the highway from Seoul to Pyongyang, the northern capital. ~~At another place nearby, a Communist regiment held up an American~~



~~advance all day -- and, at last reports, the enemy  
had not yet been driven out.~~

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Elsewhere, along the battle front across the peninsula, there was little action. ~~Over toward the east coast, the free Koreans have driven on beyond the Parallel, and today were six miles inside North Korea. They were meeting no resistance - except from those pestilent enemies, rain and mud.~~

ADD FOLLOW KOREA

( The latest -- a Chinese reply to General MacArthur's offer to negotiate a military truce on the battlefield. It's a rejection, blunt and rude. The Chinese Red radio calls the MacArthur offer -- a bluff and an insult. )

## BERLIN

They say that our new commander in Berlin -- is "steaming". Major General Lemuel Matthewson, who took over recently is faced with his first Berlin "incident" -- Red police shooting at bus ~~ix~~ loads of American soldiers and their families.

It happened today when four U.S. Army sightseeing busses were taking seventy-three Americans on a tour through the Soviet sector -- as they had permission to do. They turned to enter the Potsdamer Platz, and the first bus in line was not molested. Then, as the second turned ~~the~~ corner, three German Communist policemen stepped out and signaled -- halt. But the driver ignored that, stepped on the gas and went on.

By now the third bus was coming around, the Red policemen opened fire with pistols, shooting at the tires. But they missed. That infuriated them, apparently - because, as the fourth bus rounded the corner, they jumped in front of it and started shooting through the windshield. They just missed the driver,

who was crouching low behind the wheel, and one bullet ripped through the raincoat of an American Army Major.

Nobody was injured, but American Commander General Matthewson is -- "steaming". And a vigorous complaint is being prepared -- protesting the wanton shooting.



## AURIOL

The President of France is being received with all due ceremony. He arrived in New York today aboard the liner Ile de France, and whistles of tug boats were pandemonium, while fire boats sprayed streams of water in salutation. President Auriol then took a train for Washington, accompanied by his wife and son - and French Foreign Minister Robert Schumann and a group of advisers. Presidential guests at dinner this evening and President Auriol will address a joint session of Congress on Monday.

COMMUNIST INVESTIGATION

( Tonight one of ~~one~~ top ranking actors of ~~this~~ ~~country~~ was heard from - ~~on the subject of~~ Communism. Jose Ferrer -- who is ~~right~~ now being seen in the films as Cyrano De Bergerac. ) He of the long nose. Ferrer has been summoned by the Committee on Un-American Activities, ~~and, before appearing, issues a formal statement, answering the sixty-four dollar question~~

( Through his lawyers ~~in Washington~~ he declares that, ~~in the words of the statement~~ - "he is not, has never been and could not be a Communist, a ~~Communist sympathizer, or~~ or a fellow traveller, or in any way an encourager of any Communist party concept." ~~objective. Which certainly sounds like a complete denial, as copious as it is positive.~~

Moreover, Jose Ferrer says he will appear before the Committee on April ~~XXXXXX~~ Twentieth for questioning -- and he offers to cooperate fully in the investigation of communists in Hollywood.

## KANSAS CITY

In Kansas City they were counting votes today, but there was no suspense - no doubt of how the election had gone. Once again the citizens association has won out overwhelmingly - against the regular democratic organization. Of twelve candidates running for various offices, the Democrats have elected only one.

(Yet this time the Democrats were united, not split into feuding factions. Which came about, following the murder of Charles Binaggio, Democratic Boss of the North End, slain by underworld killers a year or so ago. That ended a factional battle, in which Binaggio had figured - and, for this election, the Democrats formed a united front - which included what's left of the old Pendergast machine. They waged a whirlwind campaign - providing automobiles to drive voters to the polls. Also - baby sitters to enable mothers to vote. But it did no good.)

Eleven years ago the Citizens Association, including Democrats as well as Republicans, was formed



to throw out the Pendergast machine. Which they did -  
and they've won every election since, including the  
one tabulated today. The latest figures show Mayor  
William Kemp defeating his Democratic opponent by  
sixty-four thousand to fifty-two thousand seven hundred.



## BASKETBALL - FIX

(The new basketball revelations in New York have twists of sardonic irony. Three more C C N Y players under arrest - which, after previous arrests, makes the list of crooks include all the players on the regular team that scored the first grand slam in basketball. They won both the national invitation tourney and the championship of the National Collegiate Athletic Association - that famous "Cinderella" team of City College of New York.)

These latest three arrests tell of the fixing of three games -- only, one didn't stay fixed. Against southern Methodist, the crooked players agreed to keep the winning margin ~~in~~ of their team down to seven points - which would enable the gamblers to clean up. But S M U played so badly that the C C N Y fixers could not hold the score down - "without just lying down on the floor" in the words of New York District Attorney Hogan today. So they didn't get paid for that one.

But in ~~in~~ two other games they did better - much better. Against the University of California

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at Los Angeles and <sup>^</sup>Nagara University, they kept the points of their own team down so successfully - that they lost both games.

The gamblers then wanted them to fix the two big national tournaments, but they refused -- and went ahead and won both contests for that grand slam.

One of the fixed players just arrested, Irwin Dambrot, played so well that he was named "most valuable player,"

*that* in the national invitation tournament. He was an honor student and President of the Student Body.

Sardonic irony indeed - so much ability and such little morality, ~~fix~~ fixing games.

## BASKETBALL COACHES

The outcry against the way college sports are being circused is being echoed -- by the basketball coaches. At a Minneapolis meeting of coaches, a report has been prepared, placing the blame for the "fixing" of basketball games. It's an indictment of college greed for money - the bundles of cash brought in by winning teams. Also - the coaches blame themselves.

~~"We believe," they say, that entirely too much emphasis has been placed by the schools and coaches on income and winning the game. We have found vicious and often illegal recruiting practices - an over-emphasis on winning teams and the income therefrom. In the desire to win games," the report goes on, "We have let players into the game who are not a credit to their school or to the sport."~~

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## BOY SCOUTS

Eleven boy scouts, snowbound in Colorado, are okay tonight - none of them injured. They were camped in the rugged wilds along Club Creek, at the foot of Black Mountain -- when a sudden, flash blizzard hit them. An officer stationed in that area says: "The storm was the worst I have ever seen." Two feet of snow swept by a violent gale, fell in minutes, and the scouts were trapped by huge drifts, along with their leader. Ten other boys, who were in that section, managed to get through - and brought news of <sup>the</sup> predicament of the scouts. ●

So rescue started on its way; but couldn't get far. Automobiles <sup>unable to</sup> ~~could not~~ break through the drifts. <sup>They called for</sup> ~~so, they had to get~~ snow plows, <sup>and</sup> these today did the trick -- churning ~~away~~ through the deep snow blocking the mountain trails. The scouts were okay - after spending the night huddled in their pup tents. <sup>so</sup> It all results in nothing more than an adventure the boys will talk about for a long time.

Meanwhile, a heavy thaw was on today in the <sup>Black</sup>



mountain area and <sup>the</sup> snows were melting rapidly -- bringing  
the usual thing, a threat of floods over wide areas.

## NAMES

Here's a complaint that should be greeted with cheers. In Hollywood Movie Actor Glenn Ford makes a few savage remarks about the way people toss around fond endearments. "Pet names don't mean anything any more," says he. Everybody calls everybody else "honey" or "darling" or something else equally sweet. So -- how do you say it, if you really mean it?

It all began quite naturally, he explains.

If you couldn't remember a girl's name, you called her -- "honey", and -- same for her. When that got monotonous, they branched out with "darling" or "dear" or "sweetie," or "baby." ~~and so forth~~

The big movie moguls, says Glenn Ford, are the worst offenders. "Producers" he ~~notes~~ notes "like to call all waitresses "honey". It feeds their egos. They like to have everybody think they are lady killers," says he.

So what do you say, if you really mean it? Glenn Ford says that it's got so bad that, when he wants to call his wife fondly, he barks -- "hey you".

## BOAT

There was a sea and air search today on the tropical waters between Florida and Cuba -- a hunt for as wonderful a craft as ever sailed the ocean-blue. A two-masted schooner -- manned, or ~~xx~~ rather womaned, by nine beautiful girls wearing red <sup>half</sup> shorts. The boat was flying the Confederate flag - the Stars and bars of the Old South. Wonder what Robert E. Lee or Stonewall Jackson would think of that?

The girls are fashion models and dancing teachers, ages from seventeen to twenty-one. Their idea was to compete in the yacht race, and they ~~xx~~ trained as salt sea sailors - how to splice the main brace and all that. But they weren't allowed in the race, and maybe that's why they hoisted the Confederate flag -- deciding to secede from the Union. Anyway, with a local seafaring man as skipper, they set sail -- intending to navigate over to Cuba. A storm blew up, a howling gale lashing the Florida Strait, and the Schooner with the beautiful crew hasn't been seen since, not for five days. Belief is that probably, when the



tempest began, they steered for one of the sheltered harbors of the many secluded islands off the coast, and are safe. But they have a radio and should have been heard from. So there's worry about them, and a sea and air search was on today - hunting for the beauties in red shorts, who sailed aboard a schooner flying the Confederate Flag.

Nelson, I think you are just the man to go to the rescue.