

CONFERENCE.

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The East-West conference of the Foreign Ministers got going, today - at a round table. The shape - important, the top of the table - circular! Which vital fact - was the result of emergency diplomatic negotiations.

Earlier today, the news was - that the opening of the conference would have to be delayed until tomorrow, at least. Because the Soviets were insisting - that the East German Reds would have to participate on an equal basis ~~with~~ with the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four.

Which was entirely unacceptable ^{to} ~~the~~ the West. The British, French and Americans sticking to their stand - that both East and West Germany should be present only in an advisory capacity. Moscow delegate Gromyko trying, obviously - to get the German Communists in ~~on~~ on a basis that would, in effect, mean Western recognition for the puppet regime. Which our side - has always refused to concede.

Grim Gromyko acted mighty stubborn. But, in the end,

he gave in - ~~or~~ on that point. Agreeing - that the German Reds, like the west Germans, should have separate tables. Rival Teutonic delegations - seated apart from the big time Foreign Ministers.

In return for this, the West made a concession on another point. The Soviets - ~~demanded~~ demanding a round table. While the British, French and Americans insisted on a square **arrangement** table. The difference - between a circle and a rectangle. Important in geometry - as any student of Euclid knows.

But why all the hullabaloo about the geometry? Well, the idea was this. The Soviets wanted it a circle - so that the delegate for the German Reds could be fitted in. Both German delegates, in fact. ~~WjilixTi~~ While the West insisted on a square table - **arrangement** - ~~which has~~ four sides. ~~and would~~ ^{To} accommodate only - the Big Four.

So the round table was the concession made by the West. Meaning, we presume - that Gromyko has an idea of

sneaking in the German Red^s at the ~~in~~ round table, at some point or other in the proceedings.

(The negotiations on all this required hot and heavy diplomacy this morning. When it looked as if the ~~big paraver~~^{session} would have to be put off until tomorrow. The settlement - avoiding that. The conference ~~between~~ beginning - only two-and-a-half-hours late. Thanks, largely, to the solution of the problem - of a round table versus a square table.

~~Yes, the boys are starting off - in style.~~

IRAQ

British armament - for the left wing regime in Iraq. The London government announcing, today - that it will sell jet bombers, tanks and other modern weapons to Premier Kassem's government in Baghdad. Explaining - that it's a way to keep Iraq from appealing to Soviet Russia for armament, ,
With a possibility - of the Baghdad regime falling under Communist influence.

At the London Foreign Office, the statement - that the United States has approved of "limited" sales of weapons to Iraq.

LUNIK

The argument about ~~it~~ Lunik - before a congressional committee, today, ~~with~~ Lloyd Mallan, of True Magazine, insisting - that the Soviet Lunik was a hoax. The Russians inventing the tale - of an artificial satellite that went past the moon, and into an orbit around the sun.

The science reporter - telling of a trip to Russia, during which he interviewed soviet scientists, ~~which~~ led him to the conclusion - that Russian rocket equipment was crude and obsolete. The Soviets - far behind the U S A.

However, three committee members made the suggestion, today - that Mallan may have been the victim of a "first class snow job." Propaganda deception - to conceal Russian rocket progress.

MICHIGAN

Havoc - at the athletic fields of the University of Michigan today. A violent wind storm - ripping through the football stadium, the baseball field, and other athletic structures.

The wind storm - then roaring on into a residential section. Where homes were smashed, and powerlines torn down. One life lost - in a blast as violent as a tornado.

UNEMPLOYMENT

A warning - from Secretary of Labor Mitchell, as he announces the good news. Reminding us - that, in spite of a sharp drop in unemployment, there are still areas of trouble, where, in the midst of all this prosperity of ours - people still cannot get jobs. Areas of unemployment, as the figures for the jobless ~~4~~ decline to the lowest point since Nineteen Fifty Seven.

Today's figure - three million, six hundred and twenty seven thousand unemployed. Representing - an April decrease of seven hundred and thirty five thousand. With indications - that the figure will drop still farther.

~~(For employment - a rise ~~to~~ of one million, one hundred and eighty-five thousand. Producing - a record-breaking high for April. More than sixty-five million Americans - holding jobs.)~~

STEEL

The steel workers - presenting their first demand, today. Calling - for ~~an~~ shorter working hours. Meeting with industry representatives in New York, union President MacDonald offered a program for a four day week, every fourth week. Which would average - a thirty-eight hour week. Instead of the present - forty hours.

BAUDOIN

A royal reception - for the nation's latest guest.

A royal guest - young King Baudouin of Belgium.

President Eisenhower - meeting him at the Washington airport, today. While a twenty one gun salute rang out. Military bands ^{were} playing as the President and the Belgian King took the traditional parade route through the streets of Washington.

(King Baudouin - to be a Presidential guest for three days. After which - he'll do some sightseeing, ^{He's here} on a twenty day visit.)

PHILIPPINES

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Total defeat - for a Japanese mission in the island of Lubang, in the Philippines. In the jungles of which - two Japanese soldiers are still holding out, fourteen ^(years) ~~years~~ after the end of World War Two. Japan ^{we asked} ~~asked~~ "please do something about those die-hard fugitives." Tokyo responding - by sending a mission, ~~Headed~~ - by an official of the Ministry of Welfare in Tokyo.

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The party arrived on Lubang island - with a battery of loud speakers. Intending - to send their message reverberating through the jungle. But today, as they ~~is~~ were installing the loud-speakers among the trees, they were attacked. Assailed by an enemy - ^{that} ~~which~~ drove them off in confusion. The ~~off~~ official from the Tokyo Welfare Ministry - in a hospital, tonight. Also - two Japanese newspapermen.

The enemy? No, not the two fugitives. Much worse - a swarm of bees. Jungle bees can be ferocious - and these were. Thousands of tropical honey-makers - pouncing on the Japanese mission, ~~stinging~~ them so badly - they're hospital cases, tonight.

- Don -

To bee or not to bee - that was the stinging

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question.

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DETROIT

The Detroit adventure - at a tuneful climax tonight.

The Michigan metropolis - in a cultural campaign. Business men banding together - to provide free concerts and other artistic events. Held - at department stores, hotels and schools. During lunch hours - for example. So that all may enjoy the arts - at no cost whatever.

Tonight, in the Detroit adventure - the beginning of a series of chamber music events, in the Veterans Memorial building with top ranking musicians - playing the works of the great composers.

So the automobile capital of the world may now be called - melodious Detroit.