

Tues, Nov. 15 - '55

At Geneva, tonight - a surprise proposal from the Soviets. Molotov, at the last minute - offering a disarmament plan, which would continue consideration of President Eisenhower's "open sky" inspection program. And, the Molotov suggestion includes - a new plan for European security.

This development, at the last moment, caused the foreign ministers to schedule an extra session - for tomorrow, the closing day.

This Molotov surprise is regarded as a propaganda move to keep the conference from having a look - of utter failure.

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From D amascus the news - that Syria is concluding a trade agreement with Soviet Russia. Which will be signed - tomorrow. So says the Damascus radio.

We hear, moreover, that the Syrians are *also* making a deal with Czechoslovakia - for Communist weapons. The same sort of armament arrangement - that the Czechoslovak Reds have with E<sup>gypt</sup>. This - to be completed when Syria gets a ten million dollar loan from <sup>—</sup>Saudi Arabia. Money - from Arabian oil.

Oil brought from beneath the sands of Arabia by American oil men!  
Things are indeed getting complicated in the Near and Middle East.

## POLIO

Today government scientist Dr. Alexander Langmuir, declared: " This means - it works." He was talking about the Salk polio vaccine - with new figures given out by the U.S. Public Health Service.

These show that paralytic polio this year, was - two-to-five times greater in unvaccinated children, than in vaccinated children. In new York, paralytic polio occurred at the rate of nearly twenty-one per one-hundred-thousand - among the unvaccinated. <sup>Only</sup> Four per one hundred thousand - among the vaccinated. ~~only~~ <sup>One-fifth</sup> as many.

The figures for the whole country show the vaccine - seventy-four per cent effective. Which leads Dr. Langmuir to predict - that polio will be eradicated as completely as smallpox has been.

All this transpired at a meeting of the American Public Health Association in Kansas City. Where another expert on polio told - how he has made a bet. He noted that, in nineteen fifty-three, a pre-vaccine year, the total <sup>number of</sup> cases in the United States was about sixteen thousand. He's betting that in nineteen fifty-six, the total will drop to a figure below one thousand. <sup>And -</sup> In nineteen fifty-seven, - fewer than one hundred cases of polio in this country.

"I'll lose the bet," he says - "But it will be a moral victory." Explaining that he'll lose the bet - only because there won't be enough of the vaccine available.



In the London Parliament, there's a demand - for a separation of church and state. For the disestablishment - of the church of England. This - following the break-up of the romance between Princess Margaret and group captain Peter Townsend. <sup>~ b</sup> Because Townsend is - divorced.

Today, Prime Minister Anthony Eden gave a reply. His position - the more interesting, because he, himself, is divorced.

He stated that, recently, both the established church and other protestant sects in England, studied the matter. A ppointing commissions - which made reports.

"Both reports," declared the Prime Minister, "indicated the separation of church from state, at the present juncture, would be to the detriment of the church and the nation."

So his answer is - no.

The demand in Parliament was voiced by a

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Socialist M.P. Stephen P. H. Swingler, Grand nephew of an archbishop of Canterbury and primate of the Church of England. The argument he presented went back to an old point of controversy:—

Namely - that the prime Minister appoints the bishops of the Anglican Church. Although - the Prime Minister could be an agnostic, a Jew, a Roman Catholic. In the case of Anthony Eden - a divorced and remarried prime minister. Although - the Church of England forbids the remarriage of divorced persons.

The argument for disestablishment is <sup>also</sup> being pressed by two powerful British newspapers - The London Daily Herald and <sup>The</sup> Daily Express. The Herald <sup>in these words:-</sup> argues; "Nobody will deny that it is illogical to have Bishops appointed by Prime Ministers -- who have included a Welsh Baptist, a Scottish Presbyterian, and a Unitarian."

The newspaper adding: A Prime Minister who happens to belong to the Church of Rome - is always an interesting possibility."

But Eden says that the churches are satisfied. So nothing is likely to be done.

All of which recalls one of the controversies of the Nineteenth Century, which brought into prominence - the longest word, generally used, in the English language. Anti<sup>^</sup>disestablishmen<sup>^</sup>tarianism. That was when they ~~xxx~~ were disestablishing the Anglican Church - in Wales.

By the way, the other night I made what may be a rather frequently made mistake. I said the Church of England was founded by Henry the Eighth. Well, it wasn't. And I've heard from far and wide about my error. So some evening - real soon - I'll tell a little about the origin of the Church of England

The State of Colorado brought a charge of murder, today - against John Gilbert Graham. The F.B.I. detected and arrested him - for blowing up the air liner, with the loss of forty-four lives. Including that of his mother - on whom <sup>he thought</sup> he had more than thirty-seven thousand dollars worth of insurance.

But the FBI could intervene only under federal law - on the ground of sabotage. So now, Graham has been handed over to the State authorities to face the capital charge - of murder.

~~In Denver, District Attorney Bert Keating says, Graham will be tried for the murder of his mother. Because they were both residents of Denver, and the crime was plotted in that city. However, he could also be tried for murder forty-four times over - for each of the victims.~~

~~Meanwhile~~ <sup>T</sup> the Denver Post declares that, two years ago, there was a mysterious explosion in the restaurant operated by Graham and his mother.



It was blamed - on leaking gas. But the firemen said - it appeared as if gas pipes in the restaurant had been deliberately loosened. Further - that Graham once parked his car on a railroad track, and that a train hit it, so that he might collect insurance.

*newspaper gives credit*  
The ~~Denver Post~~ ~~attributes this~~ to Lucius

Messervy, who ~~says he~~ became suspicious when he heard of the air crash in which Graham's mother perished. ~~whereupon~~ *He* told the FBI.

In Washington, meanwhile, suggestions are being made - that there be compulsory baggage inspection in airline travel. Also tighter insurance regulations - to guard against any similar atrocity. ~~It sound rather horrible to think that it might be necessary - to take precautions against anything like that.~~

## MARS

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"There is life on Mars," declares Earl Nelson - great-great-grandnephew of that immortal Nelson, Britain's favorite sea hero. In fact, Earl Nelson, in London, has written a book to show <sup>that</sup> there's life on mars. This coming year, the red planet, named after the God of War, will approach the earth <sup>as</sup> ~~the~~ nearest <sup>as</sup> ~~it~~ it ever does. A mere thirty-five million, four hundred thousand miles away;- which is not exactly ~~within~~ hand-shaking distance. But Mars is usually much farther from us than that. So astronomers, all over the world, are getting their telescopes ready.

They believe - there may be some sort of low grade vegetation on Mars. Because of touches of green - showing up on the red planet. But may there not be more?

Mars--2.

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Earl Nelson is sure the new observations next year will indicate - ~~will~~ yes. He agrees, if there's vegetable life, there's likely to be animal life. But what kind?

Earl Nelson replies: "It has been suggested that life on Mars may have developed along what we term 'insect lines'. This is not entirely impossible."

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The implication <sup>being</sup> ~~is~~ that the Martians may be some kind of super-insect. With powerful mentality - capable of constructing vast engineering works. Like the "Canals" on Mars - if these exist.

Anyway, that's the kind of book turned out by the great-great-grandnephew of Lord Nelson of Trafalgar. Admiral Nelson had merely to deal with Frenchmen and Napoleon, <sup>— and a few women,</sup> While Earl Nelson thinks - of Martians.

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Hugh, <sup>he says!</sup> -

"If they do have brains, ~~he says,~~ <sup>they</sup> are probably arguing - whether there is life on Earth."

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