

on the neutral nation commission - unless the South Koreans approved of the plan. Which looked as if we might have to count Switzerland out.

Today, however, the government at Bern announced - they ^{will} ~~will~~ participate in the ~~xx~~ five-power control of prisoners of war. Even - if the South Koreans refuse to ratify.

This leaves India as a question mark.

Prime Minister Nehru having intimated - that India would not serve as the leading member of the neutral commission, if there was any chance of South Korean hostility toward Indian troops guarding prisoners.

Meanwhile, the negotiators have been polishing off the final armistice arrangements, without a hitch, apparently. The Chinese Red radio is talking about the truce, as if it were already made.

SUB FOLLOW KOREA

Tonight Sweden accepted an invitation to become a member of the committee of neutral nations. ~~The message was delivered to the State Department by the Swedish ambassador.~~

Later this evening, the South Korean Ambassador made public a letter written by Syngman Rhee to President Eisenhower. He told the President that the armistice terms are appeasement which, in one day, would leave the United States, in Syngman Rhee's words, "a democratic oasis in a Communistic sea."

The latest, The Korean Ambassador to Washington has just made a statement on the CBS radio - that his country will refuse to sign the armistice terms. Which leaves the question still open as to how far will South Korea, refusing to sign, continue its opposition.

KOREA-WAR

The war front blazed into action today, when eight thousand Chinese Reds made a storming attack on the East Central front, hitting the south Koreans. The Reds captured several outposts, then drove at the main south Korean line. The ~~NEWS~~ Peiping radio gives a comment that this new drive is intended to show the South Koreans that they can't hold the line, let alone take the offensive, as they have been threatening, cannot do it, that is, without American support.

ITALY

Today's final election count in Italy shows, Premier De Gasperi to have - the slimmest of margins.

If his moderates had got ^{Ten} any fraction over fifty percent of the popular vote, they would be entitled to sixty-four and one-half percent of the Chamber of Deputies. ^{In this} They failed by the narrowest of margins. They got forty-nine and seventy-nine one hundredths percent.

Which means that, instead of sixty-four and a half percent of the seats in Parliament, they get only those ~~that~~ they actually carried in the election. The way things went, they succeeded in electing a shade more than half. ^{This means} They have a margin of sixteen votes over the combined opposition. ~~That~~ Too small a majority to run a stable government.

The moderates lost out on both sides - left and right. The Communists and their Socialist Allies scored gains. The Communists polled about

twenty-two percent. The Left Wing Socialists about twelve percent. Over on the right, the Monarchists and neo-fascists won sixty-nine Parliamentary seats. Previously, they had fifteen, so they come out more than four times as strong.

In Rome today, there was an immediate ~~rumor~~ rumor that Premier De Gasperi would resign. But this is just as promptly denied. One supposition is that the Premier, with his feeble majority, will call another National Election soon. Another guess is that he may form a coalition with the Monarchists.

This illustrates the fact that The government at Rome may now have to go through a series of shifting coalitions- as is the case in France. Which is a disturbing prospect - De Gasperi, with his ~~pro~~ pro-American policy, having been in power longer than any other government in Western Europe.

FRANCE

The latest from Paris - George Bidault failed to win a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies tonight. ~~He~~ Missed -- by ~~only~~ only one vote, in his attempt to line up a majority to support him as Premier.

EAST GERMANY

The Communist government has made peace with the Protestant Church - in East Germany. So announced today by the Red regime, and the Evangelical Bishops. Under this "peace agreement" the Communists will stop their persecution of East German protestants, while the church agrees not to interfere in economic and political affairs.

This is a striking reversal of Red policy - the Communists abandoning their campaign against the Protestant churches.

MOSCOW

In Moscow today, a full page editorial appeared in ~~Pravda~~ ^{the} official newspaper ~~of the Russian Communist party,~~ ^{Pravda} ~~of the Russian Communist party,~~ Blasting Communists who, in the words of the dispatch, "exaggerate the role of individual leaders". Pravda condemns what it calls - the "personality cult". And says - this must be stopped.

~~well,~~ The trend that has been evident since the death of Stalin - condemning the worship of a leader. (And who doesn't remember - the fulsome worship of Stalin?)

All this points to a paradox in the development of Soviet Communism. According to the Gospel of Marx, economic factors are everything in human history - personalities counting hardly at all. Yet, when the Soviets assumed control - Lenin became all powerful. As a fanatical Marxist, he tried to avoid the appearance of one-man rule. But he couldn't keep from being - the one-man ruler.

Stalin made no pretense. He was the all-

powerful dictator - and Stalin-worship was a kind of religion in Soviet Russia. Stalin's pictures, everywhere. Stalin's glory sung on all sides.

But now we have a reversal of all that. Stalin's own successor, Malenkov, is not being played up to the skies. Instead, Moscow propaganda takes a sharp turn - denouncing the "personality cult". Obviously the ruling group in the Kremlin does not want anyone of its number to be raised up too high. Molotov and Beria, it would seem, are not having any Malenkov worship.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower speaks out again - in defense of his program of military cut-backs. Insisting - that it's a plan of "order and efficiency". Speaking to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, at Minneapolis, the President criticized military preparedness on a basis of what he called "frenzies and ~~xx~~ alarms."

He said his program ~~xx~~ of less money for the air force would produce more planes "more swiftly and less expensively". Through - "greater efficiency."

TAFT

Senator Taft steps out as Republican floor leader - for the time being, at least. Doctors' orders - the Ohio Senator suffering from a ~~mal~~ malady of the hip. He says it's a kind of ailment ~~for~~ of the the bone - the ~~mal~~ doctors don't know just what. But, they ^{do} say it's responding to treatment, and will be okay - if the Senator takes it easy for a while. His duties, as Republican leader on the floor of the Senate, too burdensome, a physical ordeal. So he's turning them over, temporarily, to Senator Knowland of California. When President Eisenhower heard of this today, he sent a wire to Mr. Republican, expressing his regret. Saying: "The country needs such as you."

DEWEY

Governor Dewey of New York announces a joint session of the New York and New Jersey legislatures -- ~~xx~~ to plan a campaign against racketeering on the New York waterfront.

The problem along the Hudson River concerns New Jersey as well as New York. So Governor Dewey will meet with Governor Driscoll of New Jersey - and they'll draft legislation. Then, late this month, the New York New Jersey lawmakers will ~~gain~~ gather together - to form an interstate compact of such scope that it will require legislation by Congress in Washington.

THAMES

Over in England, ~~the River~~ Thames was dry today - for ~~a stretch of~~ three miles. Which sounds odd -- in ~~wet~~ rainy England.

It was the doing of Scotland Yard - ~~which~~ ~~is~~ investigating a murder case. Among the clues - the murder weapon, a dagger. Also - the bicycle of a victim. Both - supposed to have been dropped into the Thames.

So today they drained the river, all the way from Teddington to Richmond. They closed the lock at Teddington, and that held back the stream. They opened the lock at Richmond, and that let the water out. So, the Thames ran dry - for three miles.

Whereupon, thirty Scotland Yard men went sloshing through the mud, searching among the debris on the River bottom. But they failed to find the dagger, or the bicycle.

These, they figure, must be in the ~~river~~ river somewhere ^{But} else. ~~X~~ They can hardly drain the entire length of the famous River Thames.

RIO GRANDE

Down along the Rio Grande, officials are cracking down on a "black market" in drinking water. That historic river is still - mostly dry. There's water at only three points between Laredo and the Gulf of Mexico. So people, who have the precious fluid, have been selling it illegally. One man arrested - charged with violating the state health law.

On the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, soldiers are patrolling to stop the "looting" of water. Strict rationing has been decreed, and people have been raiding the river - wherever water can be found.

BASEBALL

A Senator^e committee, today, voted to permit ^{organized} baseball to restrict radio and television - allow the big leagues to keep broadcasts and telecasts out of areas where these take business away from the Minor League^s.

Hitherto, baseball has been afraid of the anti-trust laws. The committee decision, today, would permit them to deal with radio and television, and take no chance of being prosecuted ~~as~~ as a monopoly. The measure, requested for the protection of the minor leagues, ~~will~~ will now go to the floor of the Senate.

TORNADO

In Massachusetts, a "state of Emergency" was declared today. Governor Christian Herter issuing a proclamation following the devastating tornado last night. The death list has risen to eighty-two, and ten thousand people are homeless. Damage - more than fifty million dollars.

In Washington, a member of the Congressional atomic energy Committee, States the belief that the Atomic explosions in Nevada may have been responsible for the epidemic of ~~XXXX~~ tornados. Congressman Van Zandt of Pennsylvania declares that in one of the recent ~~XXXX~~ atomic tests, there was evidence of an effect on the weather. But this theory is promptly denied by top ranking scientific authorities. They say the twisters were caused by the meeting of a cold weather front coming down from the north and masses of warm air from the south.

STORM CELLAR

Tonight, we have a suggestion from an engineering expert, on the subject of - tornados. John Steele, of the University of Nebraska, recommends an old American tradition - the storm cellar. The dug-out constructed of timbers and ■■ covered with earth - in which old timers took refuge, when the black funnel-shaped cloud appeared. The storm cellar has gone out of style; result - many fatalities.

He notes what happened at Arcadia, Nebraska, on Sunday. Ten killed - when a tornado demolished a farmhouse - in which a family reunion was being held. But, just across the road, was farmer Guy Lutz, who had a storm cellar near his house. He hurried his family down underground. Nobody injured - although their house, built of concrete blocks, was torn to pieces by the twister.

When I was a boy in the middlewest, we had a storm cellar - and, in it, the family stored ■■ fruit - and potatoes. Cyclones often came our way every summer. And we always had time to get to the

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storm cellar - when we saw one of those crazy, black, ominous funnel-shaped clouds coming. Everybody had one of those sod-covered shelters in the Prairie country where we lived in Shelby County, Iowa.- the tall corn country.

And now here comes our Ivory human tornado -

N - Case.