

Word from the U N, that, the United States has okays that India compromise for a truce in Korea. This follows an amendment of the resolution. Under the plan, the U N would have authority for the disposal of prisoners of war who refused to go home to the Reds.

So it's all agreed -- on our side! The only trouble being that Vishinsky, today, rejected the whole thing -- for a second time. On Monday, he turned it down, speaking for Moscow. Today he said "no" in behalf of China. Announcing that the Chinese Red government will not accept the peace plan proposed by India.

But the U N is going through with it all, just the same. But the reasoning is - that it might be good propaganda to pass the resolution presented by India, and backed by the other Asiatic nations, putting them on the side of the West.

GERMANY-ARMY

In West Germany - the U.S. Army admits that  
it <sup>is</sup> investigating a huge graft scandal. This has been  
reported previously - with charges of bribery and  
kick-backs in the giant program of European defense.  
Both <sup>our</sup> Army people and <sup>our</sup> civilian employees are involved.  
German and French authorities are cooperating - in an  
all-out investigation of the military graft scandal.

*Also* - In West Germany - an espionage mystery. An agent for Western Intelligence has vanished in Belgium, and it may turn out to be - a joke on us. The Western secret agent is a former Communist spy, who came over to our side - or did he?

The story is, on the surface at least - that Eric Otto Klare, of the East German ~~mi~~ police, was assigned to a Red espionage mission in Belgium, where he was to procure plans of airfields in France, established by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. But, on his way, he lost his nerve - went to the western intelligence officials, and offered to enlist in their espionage service. They accepted, and told him - to go on to Belgium, and contact Red spies he was to meet there. These to be arrested.

In Belgium, he was picked up by local police to whom he explained he was a spy for the West. So they let him go his way - presumably to report to western intelligence. But he never did.

That was the last seen of him. There's a suspicion that he may have gone back to East Germany. Just a spy, who pretended to go over to the West - to make it easier for him to carry out his mission of Red espionage.

## EAST GERMANY

In East Germany, the Reds have opened a violent propaganda campaign against the titular head of the German Protestant churches - Bishop Otto Dibelius. The belief is that this may herald all-out communist war against the German Evangelical Lutherans.

The occasion for this was a statement made by Bishop Dibelius, on a recent visit to London - where he stated that the Reds were ~~pe~~ operating uranium mines with slave labor.

Returning to Berlin, the Lutheran Bishop was to have proceeded to Moscow for a conference with the orthodox patriarch Alexius, head of the old Russian Church, now under Communist control. But he was informed that the Moscow patriarch was ill - the trip called off. Which is now followed by bitter attacks on what he said in London - about slave labor in uranium mines.

The propaganda blasts intimate that Bishop Dibelius and other leaders of the Lutheran Church

are on the side of the West, and the warning is that the Communist authorities may take over the Protestant churches of East Germany. Splitting the German Lutheran Church - ~~RE~~ by establishing a Red controlled branch.

## MOSCOW

The Soviets hurl a blast against an American importation - and you can hardly blame them. The zoot suit, seen in these parts half-a-dozen to ten years ago. The <sup>^</sup>rage in Paris, the left bank, - in Nineteen Forty-Nine. Now - Moscow.

Today the journal of Soviet Youth, printed a blast illustrated by a picture of a slouching individual in a coat with wide shoulders and narrow waist, and drooping to the knees - the old zoot suit. A university student, whose manner in class is described as follows: "He sits holding one leg over the other, chewing American gum. He smiles crookedly. His answers are made in a lazy <sup>v</sup>oice." Sure sounds like the zoot suiter.!

The Journal of Communist Youth cites the case of Rem Sobinov, at the Moscow University School of Law. Saying - he made his girl friend pawn her watch and overcoat to buy him a motorcycle. And - took her to parties where everybody talked about jazz music. They ~~sang~~ sang popular songs, in what the publication calls - "Morbid, decadent voices." Which means, I suppose, the

weepy kind of torch song.

You can't blame Moscow for letting out  
anti-capitalist yells, when the zoot suit hits town.



## EISENHOWER

Today's Eisenhower appointments are not of the cabinet level, but just below - William P. Rogers - chosen to be Deputy Attorney General. He was the *able* Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee Investigating government corruption and the peddling of influence. Now to be - number two man in the Department of Justice.

Arthur Vandenberg Jr - ~~to be the~~ White House Secretary. Son of the late Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, he'll take over the job of handling White House details for President Eisenhower.

There's a guessing game about the remaining two cabinet posts, commerce and Labor. One report mentions Walter Williams, a Seattle banker as the new Secretary of Commerce. During the campaign, he was co-chairman of <sup>*the*</sup> a "citizens for Eisenhower" group.

For the Labor Department, the speculation is Merlin Pitzele, chairman of the New York State mediation Board, under Governor Dewey. Merlin Pitzele is also business Editor for the magazine, Business

Week, the head of which is Elliott Bell - who was Governor Dewey's financial expert in Albany.

The indications are that the President-elect will remain in this country over the weekend -not setting out for Korea until next week at least. With time out for Thanksgiving Day's observance, General Eisenhower has a full schedule of appointments until Monday.

On the Congressional front, we hear that the Senate Republicans have agreed on Senator Taft as their leader. Senator Knowland of California - to be chairman of the G O P policy committee.

(Ambassador O'Dwyer resigns - and his resignation was accepted by President Truman today .

William O'Dwyer, Ambassador to Mexico, has been under fire for his conduct while Mayor of New York.)

The Senate Crime Investigation, a couple of years ago, criticized him in scathing terms. The Republicans have been claiming that he was given the diplomatic post in Mexico City - to get him out of a tangle in New York. ~~Which, of course, indicates that O'Dwyer's Ambassadorial term in Mexico would end in January, anyway.~~

President Truman says he accepts the resignation with - "reluctance". In a letter to O'Dwyer he declares that this country is losing, what he calls "one of the most effective representatives" it has ever had in Mexico.

## STRIKE

New York had a brief longshoremen strike today, which tied up the harbor for seven hours. This afternoon, the walkout was called off by Union President Joseph Ryan, who said: "The men went out in protest against the smear tactics of the State Crime Commission against their leaders."

At the docks, the word was that the strike was ordered by the Union Boss at the big piers, Micky Bowers, called an ex-convict. The State Crime Commission is investigating rackets along the waterfront - and subpoenaed Bowers as a witness. He objects, and hence the strike.

Such is the story we have, and it sounds odd - the New York waterfront paralyzed during a large part of the day, as a means of blocking a racket investigation.

## BLIZZARD

The big storm roared through the middlewest today - blinding snow on a howling wind. Colorado reports <sup>another</sup> twelve inches of the frosty white; and <sup>as far east as</sup> Indiana, <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ gale <sup>roared</sup> ~~at~~ eighty miles an hour. Transportation tied up, communications paralyzed, several lives lost.

Last night, we heard how the blizzard came up surprisingly - across the Texas Panhandle. It blew from southwest to northeast, all day. Tonight, ripping things up along the Great Lakes. Big snow, big wind.

## SVEN HEDIN

( Stockholm reports the death of - the dean of exploration. Eighty-seven year old Sven Hedin, whose career began back in the 'Eighties - with travels in Central Asia, that are classics.) He was burdened with honors. In 1902, the King of Sweden elevated him to the nobility - the last Swede to be so honored. To the end of his long life he was - the geographer, the map-maker, the writer.

I knew him rather well, having met him in Stockholm some twenty-five years ago. In fact I went on a sort of pilgrimage to the home of the great explorer who was a legend. Not long before I had been in Afghanistan - and I knew how Sven Hedin had made great caravan expeditions, exploring towering Pamirs, the burning Taklamakan, seeking the sources of the great rivers, the Indus, the Brahmaputra, and searching for lost civilizations.

Even then, I was interested in Tibet, and Sven Hedin at that time was the foremost of travelers who had been there. He had explored Western Tibet, getting as far into Inner Tibet

as Shigatze, and the great monastery of Tashilumpo, seat of the Panchen Lama. But there was one thing he had missed - Lhasa, the Forbidden City of the Dalai Lama. This had been a great disappointment in the life of Sven Hedin - he had never been able to get to Lhasa, that classic goal of travelers.

We talked about all this, and I suppose I told him that I had the ambition - some day to reach Lhasa. But that seemed futile then - Tibet a closed land. Lhasa a goal that even the great Sven Hedin could not attain.

Years later, the unexpected came about. In the complications created by the Communist peril, I was at last permitted to visit Lhasa. Lowell Jr. and I making the trip. When we got back, I naturally thought of Sven Hedin. By a break of luck, we had been given the chance that had been denied to him. I wrote him, reminding him of my visit to his home those years ago, and telling him of our trip to Lhasa. That began a correspondence by letter, which continued on to the end. He wanted to know about Lhasa, the goal he had never

been able to reach - and was intensely interested in Lowell, Jr.'s book describing our trip.

Then he sent us a set of his own collected works. He was a prolific writer of books that made history. I had many of them in my library already, and now came - a dozen volumes. Huge tomes - each profusely illustrated with maps, charts, drawings. Sven Hedin was an accomplished artist, and made sketches of every interesting thing during his great expeditions - much as an explorer today would snap camera pictures.

He was like a figure out of the past - the heroic days of exploration.



## RESTAURANT

Here's a come-down that had to be expected, whenever you find something lofty and idealistic, there's liable to be a catch - the inspiring vision taking a fall. Which now happens in the case of that story we had last night - about the restaurant in Victoria, British Columbia, which was leaving it up to the customers - to pay what they thought was right. Not only were they honest - they were over-charging themselves, paying more than the regular prices.

That was last night's account. So what now? Well a woman walked in, sat down, and had soup, shrimp cocktail, crabmeat salad, vegetable salad, half a dozen fried oysters, an ice cream sunday, a piece of pie, two cups of coffee. Then - went to the cashier and plunked down fifty cents. According to the regular rates, she had eaten four dollars and a half's worth.

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The cashier looked a bit groggy, but the lady explained: "I never pay more than fifty cents for a meal."