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In the House of Commons, today, Prime Minister MacMillan -- gave an account of his talks with President Eisenhower. The P.M. -- reporting to the M.P.'S. telling them -- that a summit conference on Berlin seems to be a certainty. A meeting of the foreign ministers -- on May eleventh in Geneva. To be followed -- by ~~a palaver~~ of the heads of state later in the summer. <sup>So</sup> Said the P.M. - to the M.P.'S.

However, there seems to be some difference ~~or~~ between the Prime Minister and the President. Mr. Eisenhower telling his news conference today that he would attend a summit conference, only if the foreign ministers accomplished something at their talks. Which is the line - the President has taken all along. While Prime Minister MacMillan today made no such condition in his report to Parliament. Refraining from linking

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the summit conference with the doing of the foreign ministers.

In Paris, President Charles De Gaulle - comes out in agreement with President Eisenhower. De Gaulle telling a news conference, today - that he'll attend a summit conference. If - the preliminary meeting of the foreign ministers produce useful results.

EISENHOWER CONFERENCE.

*And* Here's an Eisenhower comment -- on the proposal for a regular series of summit conferences, As suggested -- by Prime Minister MacMillan, Who thought it might be a good idea to have meetings of the heads of State -- ~~Maybe~~ a couple of times a year. Informal talks at some secluded spot -- out of the glare of publicity.

At his news conference today, President Eisenhower said -- he would never decline to attend such meetings, if they seemed of any use. Pointing out, however - that it was hard to visualize a secluded summit conference, kept out of the limelight. Because -- of the number of people required for such an event. Batteries of interpreters and staff members -- making it almost impossible to have anything informal.

## HAMMERSKJOLD

The Secretary-General of the United Nations <sup>is</sup> in Moscow tonight. Dag Hammarskjold arriving - for talks with Khrushchev. He's on a quiet international mission - without much fanfare or publicity. Trying to ameliorate - the Berlin crisis. In India, he had conversations with Prime Minister Nehru. Flying home from New Delhi, - ~~to~~ <sup>via</sup> Moscow.

## MIDDLE EAST.

In the Middle East - a meeting of two presidents.  
Nasser - of the United Arab Republic. And Fuad Shehab  
- of Lebanon. Meeting today - on the border of their  
two countries for discussion - of ways to meet the  
Communist threat.

It wasn't so long ago that Nasser was feuding with  
the government of Lebanon. But they<sup>a</sup>re now on better  
terms. With Lebanon offering to mediate - in the  
quarrel between Nasser and the Kassem regime in Iraq.

~~New York~~. Reverberations -- of the anti-Communist revolt in far-off Tibet. A demonstration called -- at the UN building in New York. Not many Tibetans in this country -- the rally organized by anti-Communist Chinese, Backed -- by Hungarians, In a New York protest -- against Communist oppression in the Himalayan land of Tibet. →

Reports are -- that the Tibetan insurgents have been driven from Lhasa. Pushed out -- by fifty thousand enemy soldiers. A well-equipped force of Chinese communists -- against which guerrilla fighters could not make a stand for long. Although -- they put up a stubborn battle in the <sup>holy</sup> City of Lhasa.

On the other hand, the insurrection of the Khamba ~~tribesmen~~ <sup>mountaineers</sup> continues to spread, apparently -- through the wild expanses of the Tibetan plateau.

The Tibetans appear to have a stubborn hope -- that India might intervene in their behalf. Although -- Prime Minister Nehru has declared himself against any such policy. At Kalimpong, on the Tibetan border, refugees have decided to send a three-hundred man delegation to New Delhi asking for aid.

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Among them -- Alo Chonde, a leader of the Tibetan underground resistance movement. Alo Chonde addressing a meeting of refugees in these words, "Sell all your belongings" and, somehow, get enough money to rush to Delhi. Our brothers -- are dying in Tibet."

But there seems little likelihood that the Indian Government will take action.



## POLITICS.

At the White House news conference, today -- presidential election politics in the foreground. Even the Eisenhower-MacMillan parley -- getting into the presidential picture.

Today, the question -- why wasn't Vice President Nixon in on the diplomatic talks? A reporter noting - that political interpretations are being put on the Vice President's absence. Was it because President Eisenhower wants to stay neutral -- in the presidential politics of nineteen sixty? When there may be a contest for the Republican nomination - between Nixon and Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York?

The President replied -- not at all. Explaining -- that there had been some notion of having the

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Vice President sit in on the Eisenhower-MacMillian discussions. But that was abandoned because the Vice President was too busy with other matters. So, as a compromise -- Nixon was kept fully informed of what transpired in the diplomatic talks.

Politics at the news conference went so far as to consider -- the democratic side. President Eisenhower - was asked what he thought of the qualifications of Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, as a possible democratic nominee. But all the President would say was -- that Lyndon Johnson was a warm personal friend of his, both of them belonging to what he called, "The Cardiac Club." Referring, of course, to the fact that both the President and Senator Johnson had heart attacks in nineteen fifty-five.

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We may note, by the way, that the democratic leader in the Senate -- is not encouraging political activities in his behalf. Rejecting a plan by his adherents to establish "Johnson-For-President" clubs. The Texan -- repeating that he is not a candidate for the democratic nomination. *And now Don, I nominate you!*

NOTE: ~~The part about Johnson could be dropped.~~

## CONVICTS.

In Ohio today, Governor Michael DiSalle was working to put through a bill abolishing capital punishment in Ohio. At the same time, his wife and twenty-one year old daughter were at home - with eight convicted murderers. Trustees - employed at the Governor's mansion. He's using this fact as an argument against capital punishment. Telling a judiciary committee of the state legislature - "The mansion workers have had years to reconstruct their lives. I look around at these men and say "What would we have gained if they'd been electrocuted<sup>?</sup>."

Actually, it's been the custom for years in Ohio -- to have convicted murderers working at the Governor's mansion. Prisoners -- with established records for good behavior at the State Prison. The Governor

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granting pardons to the trustees, after a few years.

Which, by the way - was the basis for a joke played on Governor DiSalle last evening by one of the convicts at the mansion, Frank Johnson. SiSalle - coming home, Johnson deliberately brushing against him and apologizing politely.

"Pardon me, Governor," he said.

DiSalle roared with laughter, and remarked,

"Maybe he would pardon him."