

SOVIETS L.P.-K. Wed. Aug. 5 - '53.

The Supreme Soviet is meeting in Moscow, and today the annual budget was presented. The figures show a decrease in money to be spent for armament. A small cut -- about three percent.

More striking is a big splash of taxes on agriculture. These are cut by forty-three percent - and the supreme Soviet received the news with cheers. Possibly, it means that the new regime in the Kremlin plans more and better food for the Russian people.

The session of the Supreme Soviet was opened this morning by Premier Malenkov - who was given an ovation.

MOSCOW NOTE

The State Department is puzzled by the note from Soviet Russia. So vague and ambiguous - they can hardly figure out what it means.

The Moscow note is a reply to a western invitation, suggesting a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Big Four. To discuss an Austrian peace treaty - and the unification of Germany, with free elections. Moscow does not reject this, but neither does Moscow accept. The door is left open, apparently.

The Soviets propose a conference ^{of} ~~to~~ the Big Five. Which would include Red China. But, it isn't clear if Moscow means -- Big Four would have to be Big Five. Maybe they ^are suggesting the inclusion of Red China in something later on.

The United States is opposed, arguing - that it would imply a recognition of the Communist regime in China.

however, the Far Eastern political conference, provided for by the Korean armistice - includes Red China. So, we're dealing with that outfit, whether we

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like it or not. But, after all, if you do have a
peace conference, it might very well include - the
co ntry with which you are at war. That would seem
to be common sense - a quality so often conspicuous by
its absence, ----

FOLLOW MOSCOW NOTE

The Washington word is that there'll be no reply to the Moscow note until Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, returns from Korea. Today, he was in conference with South Korean President, Syngman Rhee.

PROTEST

Washington issues another angry protest to Soviet Russia - about the shooting down of the American B-50 bomber off the coast of Siberia ~~pk~~ last week. Once again, the denial - that the American plane was over Russian territory. The charge is made - that Red fighter planes gave no signal to the B-50. They started shooting without warning - after which the bomber fired back.


Furthermore, it would seem that survivors of the plane - were picked up by Russian boats. Moscow denies any knowledge of survivors. But the ~~State~~ State Department - repeats its inquiry: ~~Is~~ And demands - "appropriate" compensation for the shooting down of the bomber.

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PRISONER EXCHANGE

Seventy more Americans - passing into Freedom Village, Pan Mun Jom. Seventy Americans, out of a total of three-hundred-and-ninety-two --most of them South Koreans. The Communists had promised to hand over four hundred today in the prisoner exchange -- but were a little short of that on the second day.

The mood at Freedom Village was the same as yesterday, only a little gaiety. Most of the prisoners in serious mood - haggard, emaciated.



PRISONERS

About half of the first American prisoners released have tuberculosis. That's the report from Korea today. The returning captives tell of hardships, malnutrition, long illness. ~~Medical officers declare~~ ^{say} ~~xxxxxxx~~ it's obvious that some of them should have been released in the ~~xxxxxxx~~ prisoner exchange of last spring. The exchange - of the sick and wounded. They say the Reds were lying when they claimed, at the time, that they had returned all the ailing captives.

Today, further horror ~~xxxxxxx~~ stories were told of death marches. And - inhuman conditions in camps. But the allied authorities are trying to play down atrocity reports. Which, they were afraid, might shake the uneasy truce - and endanger the other captives on their way back.

The Communists are making a propaganda ~~xxxxxxx~~ show out of the return of their own prisoners of war. At Pan Mun Jom, they take them in slowly, to enable photographers to get a lot of pictures. They put on a parade of contempt for the American clothes the Red

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Captives wear - given to them in South Korean camps. The prisoners angrily stripping off shirts and trousers, and tossing these on the ground. Then - marching off in shorts. But it's noticed that, later, those discarded articles are picked up, carefully bundled, and carried away. ^{So} They're not wasting good ~~the~~ American-made clothes.

INDIA

Over in India, the government at New Delhi asked the Indian parliament, today, for laws to ~~punish~~ ^{punish} the practice of "untouchability." Which is an ancient custom in the caste system of Hindustan - the fantastic treatment of outcasts, the "untouchables." Their very shadow will defile a lordly Brahmin.

The ^{new} constitution of independent India forbids "untouchability". But that has made little difference. The actual penalties are left to the local provinces, and only three of these have enacted local regulations -- at all effective.

So, today, the government commissioner for castes and tribes, asked the Indian parliament for a law -- providing penalties all over India. To remove that age-old abasement. ~~from~~ ^{Make touchable} twenty-five million "untouchables!"

SUBSTITUTE PLANE

Four survivors were picked up today - following the crash of a B-36 in the North Atlantic. The bomber, with twenty-three aboard, caught fire and reported - ~~the fire was~~ ^{they were} bailing out.

This was four hundred miles west of Scotland; ^{was soon underway,} and a great operation of rescue ~~began~~ ^{was soon underway,} Liferrafts were dropped from planes to survivors in the cold, stormy waters. A British vessel, steaming to the scene, picked up four ~~men~~. The fear is - that these may be the only survivors.

SUBMARINES

Facts about a new Navy weapon were published today - a midget submarine. The information comes from retired Vice Admiral Charles Lockwood, Commander of undersea craft in World War Two. Writing in the current issue of Collier's Magazine, the Admiral says the baby subs will be able to sneak into enemy countries - making their way up rivers and canals. Submerged, they can attack vital industrial plants, bridges, dams, ships and cities. Their principal armament will be - mines. Including -- atomic mines.

The midget submarines ^{weigh} ~~weight~~ ^{only} twenty five tons, can dive deep, and can stay under water for several days.

TAFT

At Cincinnati, today, the will of the late Senator Taft was filed for probate. He leaves his entire estate to his family, Mrs. Martha Taft and four sons.

The will was made two days after the doctors told the Senator that he was doomed, - ~~BY THE DOCTORS~~

~~REPUBLICAN~~ That was on June Tenth - the day on which Taft made his last appearance on the floor of the United States Senate. On June Twelfth, the Senator went to the hospital in New York, and on that day, he sat down and wrote his will.

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OHIO

There will be no attempt to change the Ohio election law this year - so a successor to Senator Taft can be selected. The project was discussed by Republican members of the State Legislature - they being sure that a Republican would be elected to succeed "Mr. Republican". But they decided to drop the plan.

Which means that a successor to S enator Taft will be named by Democratif Governor Lausche - according to Ohio law, as it how stands.

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closely with four Presidents, 2 Democrats and 2
Republicans.

The point of it all is, of course - the almost
even balance of power in the United States Senate. With
the change of a vote or two, there could be an upset --
the Democrats taking control from the Republicans.

SCANDAL

The question of perjury came up today - in the case of a former Democratic party official, who was paid sixty-five thousand dollars for obtaining a favorable ruling on income tax. Welburn Mayock testified before a Senate sub-committee - that he gave nearly half of the large fee to the Democratic campaign fund in Nineteen Forty-eight. Contributing thirty thousand dollars of it ~~was~~ toward the election of President Truman. He testified, likewise, that he handed a share over to two New York business men, nearly nine thousand dollars.

Today, the two business men denied this. One called the statement a "deliberate lie". Whereupon the chairman of the sub-committee declared: "We have here a case of perjury by someone."

GAMBLER

One of the ^{lead} ~~leading~~ figures of the underworld has been ordered ~~to be~~ deported -- New Jersey gambler Joe Adonis - to be sent back to his native Italy. He claimed he was born in Passaic, New Jersey, but the Department of Justice declares - he's of Italian birth.

The name of Joe Adonis has a sinister place in accounts of crimes of underworld gangs. Called a number one figure in ~~gam~~ gambling operations, he served a prison sentence on a gambling charge. Released recently - now ordered ~~to be~~ deported.

BASEBALL

Yankee pitcher Vic Raschi could be the owner of a lot of baseball bats today - if he had wanted to keep them. Last night, when Vic returned to the Yankee dressing room, after winning his game against the Detroit Tigers, he found - bats upon bats. His place in the dressing room - crammed with wood. His team mates collected all the bats they could find in the ballpark, and just piled them in on the big pitcher. Which was their way of expressing - astonishment.

In the game, Raschi set an all-time record -- for runs driven in by a pitcher. Never before had a hurler been able to bat in more than six in one game. But Raschi drove in seven runs. Wonder of wonders - as is indicated by his previous record. All last season, appearing steadily in ball games, Vic drove in exactly - two runs. Two - for the year.

But last night, the first time up, he rapped out a single, driving in two. The next time up, with bases loaded, he hammered a double -- three tallies

coming in. When he came up again, he batted in two more with a single. Thereby achieving what even the great Babe Ruth was never able to do, ^{-ie-} when he was a pitcher.!

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FILM

Over in England, a movie actor was back on the job today -- with the same face he had before. Film star - Bonar Colleano, who plays rugged parts in British movies. He was being co-starred with American film actress, Lana Turner - when his face changed suddenly.

At night, chasing what he thought was a burglar, he fell - dropping twenty-five feet, and landing on his face. Which knocked his features right out of shape. He never was the sleek, handsome type, and he didn't look so much worse. ^{Just} - different. The picture was halfway completed, ^{But how} ~~and they~~ ^{they} could ~~go~~ go ahead - showing the actor with a different face. And to shoot the scenes over, would have cost - a quarter of a million.

The movie magnates consulted Dr. Sir Archibald MacIndoe, a plastic surgeon of renown. Who said - he thought he could reproduce the original face exactly.

The actor said: ^{"Please Doc} ~~you might~~ make me a little

better looking."

But the film producers roared - "no".

The plastic surgery was performed. Then - the ceremony of removing the bandages. Movie executives gazed anxiously. They virtually broke into applause. The face was the same as before - and today the picture - making was resumed.

AUTOMOBILE

Along a Connecticut road, Mrs. Rose Pavano of New Britain, was driving her car. She glanced in the rear view mirror, and was she amazed! A bull was chasing her - a big angry bull, with lowered horns. Trying to catch the automobile - and rip it apart. Mrs. Pavano's car is - a flaming red. Reminding us of the old saying - about the red flag and the bull.

So what did the lady do? Well, she just stepped on the gas - and left the bull behind. ^{Mike -} Let's hope that bull didn't spy another bright red car - coming head on.