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BERMUDA

A dispatch from Tucker's Town, Bermuda, tells how America and France have come to an agreement - a most important agreement on Indo-China. President Eisenhower and Premier Laniel, agreeing that an American military mission should be sent to train army units of Viet Nam. According to the dispatch, Secretary of State Dulles has convinced the French that they could withdraw many of their troops - if the American training mission went into operation right away. The mission, to be similar to the one we sent to Greece. You may recall how that mission was given credit for helping the Greek Army put down a Communist rebellion just after the war.

Foreign Minister Bidault is reported to have accepted the idea. His government is anxious to reduce its forces in Indo-China after long eight years of war there.

During the discussion, President Eisenhower urged France to stand firm against the Reds and be wary of a possible trap in Communist peace propaganda.

## HOURS FOLLOW BERMUDA

From Bermuda, we also learn how the Big Three settled one problem at the very beginning. The question - at what hour to meet each day. Secretary of State Dulles started the discussion at the meeting of Foreign Ministers, by remarking: "I am authorized to say, the President arises every morning at six o'clock - and is available for business from then on."

Well, we know that Sir Winston Churchill is fond of talking on into the wee small hours. Not so fond of getting out at dawn. So to the Dulles remark, Anthony Eden replied: "I wish to say - I am not authorized to say my delegation will be available at that hour!"

So Britain and America were deadlocked and that left it up to France. Whereupon Foreign Minister Bidault decided the issue by stating: "My delegation usually does not get up that early." And that was that.

A majority of two to one - against America.

But President Eisenhower got up at his usual time, anyway.

Which gave him an opportunity to read dispatches from

Washington, <sup>and</sup> ~~and to~~ carry on discussions with the Secretary of

State. ~~The President had no trouble in being ready for his~~

~~daily conferences with Churchill and Laniel.~~



## EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower, as we have heard, will speak before the U.N. General Assembly tomorrow. He will arrive from Bermuda early in the afternoon around four.

The general prediction is that he will announce no dramatic change in our stand on the control of atomic weapons. But, he is expected to challenge the Kremlin to join us in using atomic energy for peaceful purposes. In other words, the President's words will be directed in the direction of Vishinsky.

President Eisenhower, of course, is not the first chief executive to address the U.N. Former President Truman spoke at the cornerstone ceremony at the U.N. headquarters in Nineteen forty-Nine.



## EAST GERMANS

East Germany warns France not to accept the plan for a European army. The Red legislature sent a letter to the President of the Paris Assembly. The letter predicts that if German units are drawn into a European army - then eventually Germany will make war on France again. Says the letter:

"Military circles in West Germany already are announcing openly their plans for revenge - which are directed against France."

Then the Communist letter advises the French to work with East Germany. Because then there will be no future danger of a German army invading France.

The letter, obviously intended to throw a monkey-wrench into Allied plans for strengthening the West.

A former Nazi officer takes over command of the East German police army. General Bernhard Bechler<sup>who</sup> was a colonel in Hitler's armed forces. Now he's a general, and working for the Communist regime. Bechler is described as a tough soldier. ~~and~~ It's charged against him, that he sent his wife to a concentration camp after the war - because he wanted to marry another. ~~woman.~~

His appointment is regarded in the West as an effort to tighten the control of the Communist Party over the police-army; ~~this~~, because that army failed to put down the revolt of East German workers last June. ~~The~~ <sup>t</sup>revolt went on, until Russian tanks were sent in.

We also hear that Field Marshal Paulus is acting as adviser to the ~~the~~ police army. Paulus was Hitler's Commander who surrendered at Stalingrad. Now released from a Red prison, he's living in a luxurious villa near Dresden. So far, he has been given no official post. But he's an adviser to senior officers of one police army group.

## INDO-CHINA

In Indo-China, Red "suicide troops" have all but wiped out one loyalist garrison; in a human sea attack on Gia Lok - about thirty-seven miles from Hanoi.

More than two thousand of them screaming and shouting raced over a minefield and thru artillery, machine gun, and rifle fire that mowed them down. But some - enough - got thru. From then on it was hand-to-hand. The bayonet and the knife.

The loyalists had sent out a call for help. In response French planes arrived and blasted the Reds with their fire bombs and machine gun fire. An armored column came up through jungle trails and hit the enemy in the rear. But, even with all that help the Viet Nam garrison was all but wiped out.

French pilots reported hundreds of enemy dead in the nearby rice fields. So it was a battle costly to both sides.



# RETAKE

## PEACE CONFERENCE

Today our Special Envoy at Panmunjom, Arthur Dean, submitted a new draft agreement for setting up the Korean Peace Conference. One article of the plan-- Russia to sit with the Reds. Which means that they will probably reject it. But Dean indicated that he has the support of Syngman Rhee. And, that he is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of seventeen allied nations.

The new Dean proposal, the latest effort to get the Reds to agree on preliminaries for the Peace Conference provided for by the Korean Truce.

## MOTHER

The mother of a G.I. will visit her son at Panmunjom. At least she will, if she can persuade our military forces in Japan to let her go on from Tokyo. And if she can get an okay from the Neutral Nations Armistice Commission. Mrs. Portia Howe of Alden, Minnesota, is the mother of one of the twenty-two American soldiers who say they prefer Communism. She believes she can persuade him to come home if she can talk to him face to face. As she puts it:

"He's a victim of brain washing - and needs help."

Her friends say she'll probably leave for Japan by air tomorrow night. She will carry letters to other G.I.s from their relatives. And promises to deliver them if she can get far enough to do so.

## IRAN

In Teheran, anti-government demonstrations for the second straight day. - This following announcement that Iran and Britain will resume diplomatic relations. Yesterday, there was rioting in the great Bazaar of the Iranian capital. Today, the demonstrations broke out on the grounds of Teheran University. The Tudeh - the Reds - seem to have successful agitators working among the students who began by chanting, "Down with Britain." Also they shouted in support of Mossadegh. The dispatch says they even seized pistols from the police, and threatened to run wild through the streets of Teheran. But Premier Zahedi moved quickly. Troops were rushed to the scene and when the students refused to disperse they opened fire. Casualties - two killed and two wounded; fourteen arrested.

Premier Zahedi declares that anyone who demonstrates any further against his foreign policy will be treated as a traitor. He announces that he won't let anything interfere with his plan to get Iranian oil back on the world market.



## BEN-GURION

The first Premier of the state of Israel steps down. David Ben-Gurion, who has been in power/since Nineteen Forty-Nine. ~~Now~~ He resigns to go into retirement. In his place, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, becomes Acting Premier - ~~at least~~ until the other parties indicate whether or not they will support him.

## TELEGRAMS

The White House announces that it has received more than twenty thousand telegrams in connection with Senator McCarthy's appeal for people to wire the President on the subject of aid to allies who trade with Red China. According to White House Press Secretary Murray Snyder, telegrams are still coming in at the rate of about 300 an hour to break them down - how many pro and how many con.

## PILOT

Swiss and French officials are arguing over an American pilot. Both nations, wanting to put him on trial - charged with stealing over twenty-eight thousand dollars in gold.

Harold Dahl of Sidney, Illinois, was a pilot for Swissair. His plane was carrying a shipment of gold from Paris to Geneva, last October. When the plane arrived at its destination, one receptacle of gold was found to be missing. Observers on the plane declare that they <sup>saw</sup> ~~had seen~~ Dahl go to the baggage room during the flight. And when he left the plane in Geneva, he was reported to be carrying something under his coat.

He was finally arrested at the Ritz, ~~Hotel~~ in Paris. Arrested with him, a former Swissair hostess. Dahl admits that he carried something away from the plane under his coat - but he maintains that it was a couple of bottles of cognac.

In any case, he'll go on trial. But the question is - where? The French say that he should be tried in Paris, where he was arrested. The Swiss retort that the theft took place



on or over their territory - and so they should be the ones to try the pilot. Legal magistrates of the two countries are meeting in Paris now. And they promise to disclose their findings tomorrow. - their decision on who has the right to bring criminal charges against the pilot from Sidney, Illinois.

## TORNADO

The Tornado that hit Vicksburg on Saturday killed more than thirty, injured at least two hundred and thirty, and left some twelve hundred homeless. Damages, estimated at more than twenty-five million.

President Eisenhower has already officially labeled Vicksburg "a disaster area."

## HOUND

This is about an Alsatian hound that routed an African leopard. The story comes from Mombasa, Kenya.

The leopard came over a cliff into the garden of a Britisher. Who owns an Alsatian hound - appropriately named "Tarzan." So he turned "Tarzan" loose in the garden - to see what he could do. Seemed like a faint hope, for a leopard usually is more than a match for any dog. But the hound charged. The leopard ran; 'round and 'round the garden they went. "Tarzan" baying, a hound in full chase. The leopard, leaping frantically against the stockade of the garden - never turning to fight the hound. Finally the big cat found a way out, the way it had come - over the cliff. The cliff, over fifty feet high - but somehow the terrified leopard managed to scramble over.

One of the few authentic reports of a hound chasing a leopard. And we hear that "Tarzan" suffered only a few claw marks, while remaining in possession of the field.



## ELECTRONIC

The National Bureau of Standards unveils a new mechanical brain, an electronic device, - almost human.

The machine is called "Fosdic" - not Harry Emerson tho - and will be used to speed up the handling of census information. "Fosdic" makes allowances for smudges and erasures in reading data - just as human beings do. This "Fosdic" also seems to be an expert on sin. It looks twice and measures its starting place - to make sure it's in the right column. And it has the human characteristic of self criticism - it notes when it has failed to read a sheet completely.

"Fosdic" also works so fast that human beings could not possibly compete. It handles thirty census documents a minute - where the usual rate is two. And its margin of error, about one mistake in one hundred thousand - just like you, Mike.