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Molotov tomorrow will present a Soviet proposal for a European Security Pact. So announced by the Moscow Foreign Minister in a two hour speech today. ^R He blasted the alliance of western powers -- in the usual Molotov way. The tone of his address being such that the western Foreign Ministers have little optimism about the European Security Pact that he'll present tomorrow. They think he'll demand a European arrangement, with only European countries ~~participating~~ participating. Which, of course, would mean the exclusion of the United States. And that, in turn, would mean European security - dominated by Soviet Russia. A poor sort of security - rather like the wolf making a treaty with the sheep.

~~At that meeting of the Foreign Ministers tomorrow, it is believed that Molotov will answer suggestions made by the Western powers yesterday. They rejected, formally, the Soviet insistence on a five power conference, which would include Red China.~~

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A later dispatch states that on Thursday the Foreign Ministers will go into secret session -- to discuss the problems of the Far East. The western diplomats made the suggestion and Molotov agreed.

So, on Thursday they'll take up suggestions made by the western powers yesterday, when - they ~~had~~ rejected formally, the Soviet insistence on a five power conference which would include Red China.



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But they said, tentatively, that Great Britain, France and the United States might go into a Far Eastern conference to discuss limited and specific problems with Asiatic Reds. A sort of compromise - no world conference, which would include Red China.

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~~But~~ -- a limited parley in which local Far Eastern questions would be discussed with ^{Red China,} ~~the Chinese Reds.~~

Which it remains to be seen how the Soviet Foreign Minister will take that.

INDO CHINA

The declaration in Washington is -- that no American airmen will be sent to the war in Indo China. We will provide the French forces with out there with added war planes and ~~xxxxx~~ equipment. But -- no personnel.

So stated today by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson. He was ^{queried} ~~asked~~ about reports that France had asked for -- American pilots. Especially -- transport pilots to strengthen military communications. The Secretary's reply was emphatic -- no, no pilots.

(He added, though, that an American military mission might be sent to Indo China, headed by Lieutenant General John O'Daniel, commander of U.S. Army forces in the Pacific. The General is now in Washington, conferring with the joint Chiefs of Staff.)

Secretary Wilson said he thought the French ~~forces~~ could win the victory in Indo China -- without American man power. ^{He} ~~Secretary Wilson~~ seemed

optimistic in spite of the grave tone of the news from Southeast^{ern} Asia. *Then*)

*(*He pointed out that Indo Chinese Reds can get only "very limited aid" from Communist China. Because, of the difficulties of transport. It is mighty tough country for sending anything more than a trickle of arms and equipment.)

In Indo China, the French Minister of Defense, Rene Pleven, has arrived at the imperiled city of Luang Prabang. There he found thousands of people -- throwing up defenses along the outskirts of the city. Even Buddhist monks were helping. *HP* A showdown battle for the capital of the Kingdom of Laos is expected in the next twenty four hours (*and* -- *^* the battle *will* be heralded by the sound of temple drums.

In Buddhist monasteries monks have been alerted, ~~to~~ ~~give the ring signal~~ *When* the Reds appear, *They'll* give the alarm by beating *brass and* on wooden drums. The ancient way, in Buddhist countries -- of giving warning to the people.)

NORTH KOREA

Today, we have our first authentic report on conditions -- in North Korea. ~~This comes~~ from a neutral inspection team - which, ~~xxxx~~ under the armistice, made a tour of the Communist area. Now they've come back, and here's the report: -

"The country ~~is~~ dead. ~~There is~~ no activity. The cities ~~are~~ completely destroyed. ~~It was~~ difficult to find a building ~~that was~~ still standing."

The inspection team adds that the people are living in bomb shelters, rubble and dugouts. And they add: "Nothing, so far as we could see, is being rebuilt." Which is in answer to Communist broadcast claims that there is ~~xxxx~~ rapid reconstruction in North Korea.

REFUGEE

At a U.S. Air field in western Germany, a man changed his mind. One of two fliers of the Red air force in Czechoslovakia.

Last Friday, a military training plane from behind the Iron Curtain, landed at the U.S. base. It had run out of gas, and was compelled to make a forced landing. Two Red airmen aboard, and they announced they wanted to return immediately to their own Communist land.

American officials said -- okay. ~~We~~
Red pilots and our people
they started making arrangements -- and today all
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was set to send the two Red fliers back. That was when one of them changed ~~his~~ his mind. Corporal Jeri Sorn -- turning suddenly to U.S. officials, ~~and~~ asking ~~at~~ for political asylum. Which is being granted!

He simply couldn't refrain from taking advantage of the lucky accident, the forced landing, which gave him a chance -- to take refuge with freedom.

SOVIET ATOMIC

There's a report in Moscow that the Soviet Army has tested - atomic artillery. Tonight's dispatch from the Russian capital quotes what it calls "well informed sources". Saying - that atomic guns ~~xxxx~~ of various calibers were tried out. This is said to have occurred in Red Army maneuvers, held in European Russia. The Red command, testing the effectiveness of atomic artillery.

If this is true, it might indicate that the ~~Soviet~~ ^{Red} Army ^{has} duplicated more or less, the tests that we held, months ago in Nevada, where, atomic artillery was tried ~~xxx~~ out successfully. Giant cannon firing atomic shells, which burst in nuclear explosions.

LOCOMOTIVE

I'm in Salt Lake City where an announcement was made today -- plans for an atomic locomotive. Which, of course, could revolutionize railway transportation. The atomic locomotive was designed by Dr. Lyle Borst, Professor of Physics at the University of Utah. He'll ~~present~~ present his plans tomorrow, ^{before} ~~for~~ a meeting ~~in~~ of western railroad equipment manufacturers.

Dr. Borst explains that his locomotive, of seven thousand horsepower, could be run for a year on eleven pounds of uranium. ^{It} ~~that~~ would equal four modern diesel engine units. The actual atomic reactor -- only three feet long, three feet high, and two feet wide. But, ^{the small} ~~that~~ power plant would have to be contained in a steel shield four feet thick and weighing two hundred tons, to protect the crew from radiation.

Dr. Borst says that, for an economical operation of this atomic locomotive, uranium would have to be procured at a cost of about eleven thousand

dollars per pound. Right now, all uranium is controlled by the government and has no ~~xxx~~ market price. But, if government restrictions were removed, the ~~px~~ price of uranium would settle down at about nine thousand dollars per pound. One pound of uranium has energy equal to three million pounds of coal.

Such are the particulars in the announcement -- that an ~~is~~ atomic locomotive has been ~~xxxx~~ designed

ECONOMY

Today top ranking economists gave their views on business prospects for the remainder of this year. Appearing before a congressional committee, they represented top ranking research and industrial groups. Their view was moderate and cautious.

They told the congressional committee that their still remains a lot of unused buying power in this country. The demand -- still there. For that reason, the present decline should be reversed in the second half of this year. The decline followed by an -- upswing.

(^{American} The people, they explain, have a lot of money and are willing to spend it. But they added that, even with an upswing, business later this year, will probably not rise to the top levels of last year. Won't hit the booming peaks - of Nineteen Fifty Three.)

BRAMBLETT

In Washington, Congressman Bramblett convicted. The jury finding the California Republican guilty on seven counts -- of having padded the payroll in his congressional office. Congressman Bramblett remains at liberty - on bail. His lawyer announcing he'll appeal all the way [^] even to the Supreme Court.

EISENHOWER

In Washington, we find President Eisenhower scoring a triumph -- as a telegrapher. But his exploit at the key was a little tainted, rather tarnished.

The President was opening the Third International Trade Fair in Seattle. Doing it - by pressing a silver key in Washington. He turned to General Lucius Clay beside him and asked: "Lucius do you remember how we used to practice the Morse Code at West Point?"

General Clay replied -- yes, he remembered. But he couldn't recall a thing about the Morse Code!

The President sat down, put his finger on the key and started rattling off telegraphic signals. Going down the alphabet -- A. B. C.

Then ~~he~~ he remarked: How easy his ^{own} name was in the Morse Code. He started spelling it out with the key. One dot -- for E. Two dots -- for I. Three dots -- for S. And so on for Eisenhower, quite a telegraphic name.

That was the triumph, which most people will accept as untarnished and unblemished. But, ~~if~~ if any telegrapher happens to be listening in, he must be laughing.

The Presidential telegraphy was correct, except for one thing. It wasn't Morse Code, It was - the International Code.

Telegrapher Eisenhower had the right signals, but ~~they were~~ in the wrong code.

JUDGE

It may seem a bit cruel to give three cheers for Judge Eugene Oppenheimer at Portland, Oregon. Hailing him -- as a mighty golfer. But the temptation is too great -- so here go the cheers. Hip hip hooray and so on. Out on the golf course, His Honor scored -- a hole in one. Which may sound glorious - only it was the wrong hole.

Judge Oppenheimer teed off -- shooting for the number two hole. He took a powerful swing -- and, hooked the ball in a way that a golf ball has often been hooked by some of us. Away it sailed -- wildly. Landing on the third green; and, rolling into the number three hole. So let's all cheer the learned jurist who scored a hole in one even though it was the wrong hole.

FROG

Calaveras County, California has heard ~~ixm~~ from South Africa. Calaveras County is, of course, famous for the jumping frog contest - inspired by Mark Twain's well known story.

A notice came from Johannesburg, entering "Leaping Lena" in the ~~xxxxxxx~~ contest. The South Africans declaring that "Leaping Lena" jumped three-hundred-and-eighty-seven inches in three hops.

The Calaveras County people were doubtful. They didn't think any frog could jump that far.

So now, South Africa replies with word - that "Leaping Lena" will not attend. The prodigious frog will not be there. Why not? Because "Leaping Lena" jumped clear out of sight. In a try-out, the South African frog took a mighty leap and vanished in space.

And now, like Lena let's take a mighty leap from Utah to Harry Marble in New York.