

EUROPE

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In Paris today, the Council of Ministers of six West European countries voted - to press for a "United States of Europe." That's what it amounts to - a unified European political community. The Ministers represent the Schuman Plan countries - France, Western Germany, Italy, Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg. They say the plan should be pushed - "without delay."

They favor a European assembly, with fourteen countries represented. Most of them think that this assembly should be elected by universal suffrage - the people, not the governments, to select the delegates. A Constitution for Europe has been drafted, and the Ministers hope for further action at a conference to be held in Rome, in July.

Slowly, that old vision seems to be taking shape - a United States of Europe.

## SUB CONFERENCE

This afternoon, we had the first official reaction of the Eisenhower administration to Prime Minister Churchill's proposal for a Soviet-Western power conference. The reaction is not enthusiastic. At the State Department, a spokesman indicated that, before any such meeting could be held, Moscow should give some evidence of being in earnest. Bring about the truce in Korea, conclude an Austrian peace treaty. Actions of that sort would be ~~xxxxxx~~ concrete evidence.

One view in administration circles is said to be: - a meeting with Malenkov would only help the Moscow Premier to strengthen his leadership in Russia. Well, I suppose it would add to his prestige - Malenkov in a headline get-together with such leading lights as Eisenhower and ~~Prime Minister~~ Churchill.

In Congress, today, Senator Knowland of California, Chairman of the Senate Republican Party Policy Committee, charged that Great Britain is trying to coerce us into what he called a "far eastern Munich".

which would make World War Three inevitable.

The California Senator, an ardent supporter of the Nationalist regime of Chiang Kai Shek on Formosa, says the British want Red China to be admitted into the United Nations and given a place on the Security Council.

Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin says that he'll make a Senate speech tomorrow, answering the statements made by Clement Attlee, leader of the Labor opposition in the House of Commons. Attlee denounced our foreign policy, and McCarthy says he made - a "foul and dastardly attack on the President." Attlee said he didn't know who was running the foreign policy in Washington, President Eisenhower or Senator McCarthy.

Here's an opinion from the Democratic standard bearer last November - Adlai Stevenson. On his trip abroad, he was in India today - New Delhi - where he spoke in favor of the Churchill suggestion for a top level conference. "We should always," said Adlai Stevenson, "keep the door open for wide



consultations and negotiations, with a view to a peaceful resolution of the conflicts that divide and torment the world."

In Paris, strong demand for a conference.

This emanates from the powerful foreign affairs commission of the French national assembly - which threatens to block the ratification of the European Army pact unless the French government comes forward with plans for a four-power meeting.

## TRUCE TALK

The Reds have rejected the U.N. proposal; the one taken to Korea by General Mark Clark, himself because it was considered that important. The plan, okayed in Washington, calls for the release of prisoners-of-war who don't want to go home, - just turn them loose in South Korea.

Actually, the proposal amounts to a modification of the compromise offered by the Reds; which suggested that a neutral commission take charge of such prisoners for two months after an armistice - their final disposition to be decided by a high level conference. Our answer, today, would keep the plan for a neutral commission, which has been agreed upon - the Communists, in that four-month period to be given a chance to talk the prisoners into going home, if it is possible to persuade them. Then turn loose the ones that refuse - instead of having the question go before a conference, in which the Reds might stall interminably.

But our proposal today would apply to Chinese only-

not the North Koreans. These, we say, would be set free right away, when an armistice was concluded. No neutral commission for the North Koreans - only for the Chinese.

It sounds complicated, but one supposition is that ~~it~~<sup>it</sup> might cause a split between the Chinese and the North Korean Reds. The North Korean Communists would have no chance to argue with North Korean prisoners, who ~~are~~<sup>would</sup> be liberated right away in their own country. The Chinese, on the contrary, would have a chance to try persuasion on Chinese prisoners - who, if they refused to go back, would be liberated in North Korea - not their own country. They might prefer to go home.

It still sounds complicated, but that's the only explanation that the news dispatch from the Far East can suggest

## EGYPT

The Suez Canal is taking on a warlike aspect again. Today, the British garrison of eighty thousand was in readiness for possible violence. Troop leaves are cancelled. Armed escorts guarding automobiles and trucks. Trenches and fortified outposts were prepared for trouble. Reinforcements - on the way. Royal marine commandoes in full battle kit - sailing from Malta.

The reason - the breakdown of British-Egyptian negotiations. (One point in the deadlock is this. Both sides agreed that British troops should evacuate the Suez Canal Zone - as the Egyptians demand. But the British should have the right to put soldiers back in, should there be a crisis, the danger of war. That left the question - who should decide on the danger of war? Whether it might be serious enough to justify a return of the British to Suez. The British said they should. The Egyptians insisted - they'd make the decision. Hence the deadlock. )

Today, Cairo newspapers blazed with anti-British



invective. Premier Mohammed Naguib, the Strong Man, denounced statements on the Suez Canal made by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. (In London, a government spokesman discloses a whole new series of outbreaks in the Canal Zone. Egyptian attacks against the British.) Thirty of these incidents - in the past six weeks. All adding up to the fear that the situation may flare up again - renewing the violence and rioting that happened a year ago.



## IRAN

The brother of the Shah of Persia is leaving the country - bound for Germany. "For reasons of health," it is announced. But that's one of those diplomatic fictions, apparently. The word is that Prince Ali Riza is being forced to go - on demand from Premier Mossadegh. All - part of the feud between the Premier and the Shah, ~~Reza Pahlevi.~~

(Iran has been having a major conflict in inner government circles - because of Mossadegh's oil policy, seizing the Anglo-Iranian properties, and bringing on an economic crisis. The monarch opposes this - and, recently, there was violent rioting in Teheran, with partisans of the Shah forcing Mossadegh to take sanctuary in the House of Parliament. The Premier, however, with all his weeping and emotional collapse - has rallied mob support against the Shah. He has been forcing out members of the court party. The royal family - hard hit,)

Reza Pahlevi's queen is in exile in Europe, and now - his brother goes.

## DULLES


Here's a picture of a magnificent reception, with no end of precautions for safety. American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, accompanied by Mutual Security Administrator Harold Stassen - arrived in Israel today. As their plane approached Tel Aviv, it was escorted by a squadron of Israeli fighter planes. At the airport where they landed, all approaches were guarded by four hundred police. They were welcomed by Foreign Minister Moshe' Sharett, and Secretary Dulles reviewed an honor guard of Israeli paratroopers.

They were escorted to a bulletproof automobile - which, by the way, was a gift of former President Truman to the late Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel. On their way into Tel Aviv, they were guarded by military units armed with machine guns. Orders were - to arrest ~~anyone~~ anyone approaching the Dulles party.

The Ministry of the Interior gave a stern warning - that there should be no demonstrations against the American Secretary of State. The warning was addressed to the Communists -

and other malcontent element<sup>s</sup>.

Altogether, the height of welcome; and precaution.



## FOLLOW ISRAEL

Here's the latest - fist-fighting and brick-throwing between Communists and anti-Communists. At a Red mass meeting, Communist orators shouted anti-American diatribes. Anti-Communists attacked them and ~~gmxx~~ that was when the bricks and fists began to fly.



GERMANY - OFFICER

Here's a novelty - an officer fleeing from promotion.

A Colonel running away from the rank of - General. In West Berlin, Colonel Siegfried Gerber is a refugee, after having fled from the East German army in the Soviet Zone. He's the highest ranking military officer to escape from behind the Iron Curtain.

Today the Colonel stated that, when he escaped, he was about to be promoted to the rank of Major General. And - given command of the coastal defenses along the Red shore.

He says: "I hate Communism. It's just as bad as Naziism." So he fled from the rank of General.

## HURRICANES

This year of Nineteen Fifty-Three is establishing a record - and a bad one. This is clear from <sup>(a count)</sup> ~~the number~~ of - hurricanes. Following the disastrous twisters that hit Waco and San Angelo, Texas, we have a tabulation from the Weather Bureau. <sup>P</sup> Since January First, the tornado rate has been two and three times more than ~~xx~~ the average. January - thirteen twisters. February - fifteen. March - forty-eight. April - sixty-two. For the first eleven days in May - thirty-two. The ~~former~~ average for the entire month of May is thirty-three. Almost equalled in a mere eleven days. At that rate, May will more than double the average.

~~However, in spite of the casualties in the Waco-San Angelo disaster, the loss of life may be less than usual. Because advance notice of tornado-breeding conditions are given by the Weather Bureau.~~ It's a bad season for the black, funnel shaped cloud that rips a path of havoc.

## SAILOR

One of the survivors of the shipwreck in Lake Superior tells of what he considers a miracle - the way he was saved. With the ore ship foundering in a wild ~~gale~~<sup>storm.</sup> Sailor Bernard Oberski found himself in the ~~freezing~~<sup>freezing</sup> waters, lashed by the gale. He couldn't have survived for long. Then he saw a lifeboat with two men in it - but the seas were so heavy he couldn't swim to it.

"Then, like a miracle," he relates, "the boat drifted toward me. I pleaded with the two men inside to help me. But they were so numb they couldn't do anything.

"Just then," he goes on, "a big wave tipped the boat sideways. I hooked my elbows over the side. Another wave tipped the boat to the other side, and threw me aboard."

No wonder Bernard Oberski calls it - a miracle.



## MEXICO

Mexico reports a most unseemly incident. The Governor of the State of Tamaulipas - hit in the face with a rotten tomato. Governor Horacio Teran and a party of officials were the targets for a barrage of over-ripe vegetables. And, squash - the Governor got it!

The cause of the trouble - a magnificent plan to build a five million dollar theatre in Victoria. The Governor - sponsoring the spectacular showplace. What irked the local people is the fact that - their city has no fire department, no fire engine, no hoses, no streams of water.

So, just when the five million dollar theatre project was being boomed, you can imagine what happened. A fire broke out, and the middle of the town went up in flames.

Today, the Governor of Tamaulipas came to inspect the ruins. The mob that hurled the shower of decaying vegetables consisted of the owners of seventy-five shops that burned out in the fire.



## BLONDE

Now this next is the limit - the extremes to which a Hollywood publicity gag will go. What a blonde of the movies will do - to break into the news. Take advantage of almost anything. In this case - that offer made by General Mark Clark of a hundred thousand dollars for the first Mig a Red pilot brings in. So how does a Hollywood actress latch onto that? Take a guess - it's easy.

Kathleen Hughes proposes an addition to the hundred thousand bucks. - What addition? Why, herself. She suggests our military commander over there make a supplementary offer. Promising any Red pilot bringing in a Mig, that he'll be taken to Hollywood - for a date with Kathleen. She describes herself as - "affectionate," and says: "You see, I am the added incentive."

~~says the blonde~~ "I'd be so proud!"  
"If I could lure the guy out here" to show him

around the town, "Nelson, do you think she is  
~~I'd be so proud, says the blonde. I'd take~~  
~~going too far in calling herself an~~  
~~him to Ciro's and Mocambo night clubs, and to some of those~~  
"added incentive?"  
~~little intimate restaurants that I like."~~