

BIG FOUR

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The Big Four will meet again. That's the word just in from Brussels. The Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain and France have agreed to talks with Soviet Russia. The Council of Foreign Ministers will meet once again, in the hope of settling the East-West cold war.

ADD BIG FOUR

It is believed that the Western powers made the condition that Soviet Russia be willing to discuss not only Germany, but also such matters as Korea.

EISENHOWER

In St. Louis today, General Eisenhower said that he was hopeful of preserving peace - "but I know it will be a long hard task." ^{Gen.} Ike, on his way to spend Christmas in Denver, said that he was off to Europe on the first of the year - for a ten day look around. Then back to Washington for another ten days of planning conferences, ^{then} ~~before~~ going to Europe, to stay.

There has been much speculation about where the new supreme commander ^{will} ~~might~~ make his headquarters in Western Europe - London, [?] Paris, or maybe, Brussels? He wouldn't tell, ~~today~~, except to say that "it wouldn't be in a large city."

When asked to smile for a photograph, he replied: "There's not much to smile about these days - the sooner I'm back as President of Columbia University, the more pleasing it will be."


TRUMAN-ACHESON

President Truman makes an all-out defence of Secretary of State Acheson -- and refuses to remove him. Today the President gave his answer to the Republicans in Congress. ^{The answer is "No!"} ~~who~~ have issued the strongest kind of demand -- for the dismissal of the Secretary.

The President says the attacks are, in his words -- "the same false charges that have been made, time and time again, over a period of months. They have no basis in fact whatever," says Mr. Truman.

He announces his decision by referring back to a page of Civil War History. "It's the same sort of thing," he says, "that happened to Seward. President Lincoln was asked to dismiss Secretary of State Seward. He refused. So do I refuse to dismiss Acheson."

The mention of Secretary of State Seward presents contrasts, as well as resemblances. When Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the Presidency, William H. Seward was



much more prominent as a national figure, and he thought he should have been nominated. When made Secretary of State, he thought he would run the government, dominating Lincoln -- who was regarded as a countrified rail-splitter. Seward came forward with some fantastic ideas, which were ignored by Lincoln -- after which, he was content to be a mere Secretary of State. All of which has little resemblance to relations between President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson. The similarity being -- that Seward was attacked in Congress, but Lincoln refused to dismiss him.

MONTGOMERY

In London today, Field Marshal Montgomery, Monty of El Alamein, placed himself at the disposal of his old chief, General Eisenhower. Up to now, Monty has been commanding the joint Western Union Military staff, which now becomes part of Eisenhower's new headquarters. "It's entirely up to General Eisenhower," said a member of Montgomery's staff. Word is that the two top military leaders will talk it over face to face in the New Year.

KOREA

In northeast Korea tonight, the U.S. Third Division stands alone in the Hungnam beachhead. Outnumbered at least two-to-one, the rear guard has fallen back under constant Red pressure, ^{- fallen back} into a tiny pocket only two miles deep - five miles long. But, as one correspondent puts it: "This is no Dunkirk - there's no panic. We hold all the air and fire power advantages, and the men of the Third Division are confident."

The Third Division has fallen back behind one of the most powerful barrages ever seen - Howitzers, self-propelled guns, heavy mortars - the combined naval might of six aircraft carriers, two cruisers, Big Mo, destroyers and rocket ships - close in shore. Major General Soule's Third Division was picked for the final stand as it was the only ~~division~~ force which escaped more or less unscathed from the recent Red onslaught in Northeast Korea.

~~There's no word tonight from the Eighth Army front north of Seoul, where the new Red drive is threatened. But the North Korean radio today announced plans to retake Seoul - drive all United Nations forces from Korea.~~

REPLACE FINAL PARAGRAPH KOREA (from "there's no word"
~~and ending "from Korea".~~

→ On the Eighth Army front today, north of Seoul, a minor South Korean offensive ran into trouble. The R.O.K Forces met strong North Korean resistance. Elsewhere the front is quiet -- and there are no signs of the threatened offensive by the Reds.

North Korea's new radio station announced plans yesterday for the recapture of Seoul. Said it would drive all U.N. forces from the Korean Peninsula.

NORTH KOREANS

In Tokyo, General MacArthur's headquarters said today that the North Korean ^{Red} army has been reorganized - reequipped - reinforced. That a new North Korean army now faces the Eighth Army north of Seoul. A new army of a hundred and fifty thousand men, - with another fifty thousand reserves & still in Manchuria. The North Koreans have used the breathing space since their defeat at Pyongyang to reorganize their forces - in that "privileged sanctuary" ^{their} of Manchuria. The army which was thoroughly defeated at that time, is now almost as strong as General MacArthur's U.N. forces.

This news has touched off much speculation in Tokyo. Will Red China hold its forces at the thirty-eighth parallel, leaving the fighting south of the border to the North Koreans? This may well be so, for only North Korean forces have been sighted south of the parallel so far. (To date, eighteen North Korean divisions have been identified in action - most of them on the Eighth Army front, around Seoul.)

SOUTH KOREANS

The South Korean government announced its plans today for the evacuation of its capital at Seoul. First priority goes to women, the ailing, the weak, and the aged. All men of military age must remain in the city until told they can leave. The plan outlines special secondary roads which refugees must follow - leaving main highways clear for military traffic.

South Korean police estimate that three hundred thousand of the city's population have already fled to the south.

PRICES

In Washington today, the Economic Stabilization Agency pegged the costs of all commodities to the level of December First. Any manufacturer or retailer who infringes the new "voluntary" price ceilings, will face an immediate roll-back -- as do General Motors on their Nineteen Fifty-One model autos.

ANTHROPOLOGY

A new war is likely to break out -- among the anthropologists. An announcement was made today on a most disputed subject -- the antiquity of man in America. Less than twelve thousand years -- mighty recent in terms of anthropological time.

This comes from Robert Hackman of the U.S. Geological Service, who discloses the result of a study in Alaska. There, in the Brooks Mountains, the scientists investigated an ancient campsite ~~that was found to be~~ dating back to the migration of tribes from Asia to America via the Bering Strait, Asiatic Indian ancestors of the Indians. The study discloses that the campsite goes back to the time between seven thousand and twelve thousand years ago.

One) ~~the~~ significant point is this: They found -- a Folsom Point. Which comes as a surprise -- because the Folsom Point is a type of spearhead, regarded as the earliest human relic in the Americas. This type of spearhead was made by the first people here, the primordial Indians. So that would indicate that the people of the

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Alaskan campsites were among these earliest of newcomers on this continent -- and the date is less than twelve thousand years ago.

Anthropologists have long been arguing the question -- when did man first come from Asia to America? Many contend it was away back in geological time, the Ice Age. So there is likely to be a controversy over today's announcement -- that man came to America at such a late date.

GOLD

Two Austrians living in Vienna, are filing suit against the United States Government -- for three hundred million dollars. They claim that huge sum on the ground that they are the heirs to treasures of California gold - remaining heirs of Captain John Sutter, on whose property the California gold rush^{of 49} began. ^π The story is one of the strangest in American history.

^ Captain John Sutter, born in Germany of Swiss parents, went out to California in 1838 -- when that State was a part of Mexico. He settled down on the Sacramento River, and there was given a grant of land by the Mexican Government -- forty thousand acres. He was a builder, a sort of constructive genius. He put up a fort and turned much of his forty thousand acres into rich fields and orchards. He built a mill, a tannery, a distillery, a blanket factory, a blacksmith shop, ~~and~~ minor industries of many sorts. For all this he brought in a population of Indians, and even imported Hawaiians -- and ran a flourishing little empire in the Sacramento Valley.

Then - war between the United States and Mexico, with American forces pushing into California. Captain John Sutter sided with the Americans, and helped them take possession of California.

A few years later, in 1849 he decided to put up another mill, and set some of his workers to dig a mill race along the river. There they found -- yellow glittering sand. Gold, the sand loaded with dust and nuggets of the yellow metal. That was the gold strike, which began the rush of the forty-miners.

The gold hunters came swarming. They moved onto Sutter's property, invaded his empire, adventurers, prospectors and squatters. They staked out claims of their own, and simply took over. The authorities did nothing -- the gold rush swamping everything.

Sutter's title, based on a Mexican land grant, was disputed. His forty thousand acres were now the richest gold country in the world, and the lure was too great. His empire was taken away from him.

He appealed to the U.S. Courts, but got

nowhere. He made appeals to Congress, year after year, but no action was taken. Finally, broke and bankrupt, he died in 1880, at the age of 77 -- the day after Congress adjourned once again without recognizing his claim.

So now, one hundred and one years after the gold-rush we find that ancient case ~~reborn~~ revived. ~~in~~
At) Santa Barbara, California, an attorney announces that he has been ~~substantially~~ retained to enter suit for three hundred million dollars -- claimed by two Viennese, nephew and granddaughter of a sister of Captain John Sutter.

FILIBUSTER

There was a mournful thing in Congress today -
- the end of a filibuster. Some people may not approve
of that old way of trying to talk a bill to death.
Moreover, the marathon speechmaking today was designed
to kill a law that would end the inter-state shipment of
slot machines. Many believe the anti-slot machine
measure is a good one. But I think that all of us will
heave a sigh of sadness -- at the way the filibuster
ended. Halted by -- laryngitis. Voice failing, going
into a husky whisper, talkathon terminating in a wheeze.

Senator George Malone of Nevada represents
the one state in which all-out gambling is legal. So
he was against the bill that would forbid the shipment
of slot machines to Nevada -- which the one-armed
bandits prevail everywhere. Last summer, he filibustered
against the measure -- successfully - talked against it
for so long the summer session of Congress ran out.
So, this time, he was all for doing it again, vowing

that he would keep on talking -- "until I drop."

Today he began a long-distance oration -- only it wasn't so long. The Senator declaimed for fifteen minutes. Then his voice faded out, and sank to a wheezy whisper -- laryngitis.

He had to sit down, whereupon the Senate went ahead and passed the anti-slot machine bill. Filibuster defeater -- by laryngitis.

How is your voice tonite, Nelson?

Can you make it?