

CONFERENCE

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Word from Washington - that there's a change of opinion about the proper place to hold a summit conference. The U.S. government - now in favor of Geneva. Rejecting suggestions - that the top level palaver might be held in Washington.

Something of a reversal - of opinion. President Eisenhower having indicated, previously - that he thought Washington might be okay for the summit affair. Especially - if it was going to be a long drawn out lot of talk. For a short conference - the place didn't make much difference.

But that presidential opinion has changed - according to administration officials. The argument now being - that, if the big international show was held in Washington, it would boost the prestige of Khrushchev. Who has been shouting for a meeting of the heads of state. ~~And~~ This country ~~is~~ not ~~manifesting~~ manifesting much enthusiasm for it.

As for the date - October or November seems about right. At which time - the General Assembly of the United

Nations will be in session, in New York. And a summit conference in this country - might get all tangled up with the proceedings at the U.N. Which would add elements of confusion - according to opinion in Washington.

~~Moreover, the presence of Khrushchev and Company in the United States might involve security problems, measures for their safety. Also - possible political problems, if Khrushchev came to the U.S.A., with other Kremlin big-shots.)~~

All of which adds up - to Geneva. Neutral Switzerland - a natural place for East-West proceedings.

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Meanwhile, in London, they released the text of a note sent by Soviet Premier Bulganin to British Prime Minister Macmillan. Concerning the prospects of a summit conference. Bulganin expressing, what he calls - "definite anxiety". Saying - the Soviets are worried about the development of armament in the West. Believing - that the Western powers plan to go to the conference - backed by something new in the field of weapons.

( That seems to be the gist of the Bulganin "anxiety".

Which might possibly have some relation to word in Washington - that the American attitude on disarmament may be affected by the new atomic tests in the Far Pacific, during the summer.

Experiments - that might indicate how far we can safely go in a disarmament agreement with Soviet Russia. Agreement, for example, on a two or three year ban - of further atomic tests.)

FRANCE

In Paris, today, Premier Gaillard received a set of proposals - for a settlement of the dispute with Tunisia.

Proposals - presented by American and British mediators. The outlook? Not so favorable - largely because of a political development inside France.

~~The proposals, presented by the British-American mediators~~ *They - the proposals -* come from Tunisian President Bourguiba. A

compromise - calling for the French to recognize Tunisian sovereignty over the great naval base at Bizerte. The French, however - to remain in Bizerte, at least for the time being.

The French - to give up Tunisian air bases. But - with neutral supervision to make sure the bases won't be used in flying supplies to the rebels in Algeria.

Previously, Bourguiba had been demanding - unconditional withdrawal from Bizerte and the air bases.

Word from Paris is that Premier Gaillard would be willing to ratify these terms. But *that he* ~~is~~ is now faced with a sudden political revolt. His coalition government includes

Ministers belonging to a Conservative party, which threatens -  
to turn against Gaillard, if he accepts <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ compromise <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~  
they claim, would be a blow - to French prestige.

If the Conservative Ministers should withdraw from the  
Cabinet - the Gaillard government would fall.

## ECONOMICS

Today was a busy one in Washington - with action in the battle against the recession.

Congress - completing its work on a bill to put up one-billion,-eight-hundred-and-fifty-million dollars for new housing construction. The House passed the bill, unanimously, today - sending it to the President. Who, meanwhile - released more than two billions of government funds, to be used on housing and rural electrification projects.

The Army - announcing that it will place a hundred million dollars in defense contracts with the automobile industry; To revive operations in plants - hit hard by the slump.

Measures to reduce unemployment - while, at the White House, the President conferred with eight Governors of states; Discussing proposals - for expanding unemployment compensation; Increasing - the benefits for the jobless; Whose number - is now the highest in sixteen years.

After the conference, Governor Knight of California stated - that the President intends to ask authorization from Congress. Permitting - the use of government money to finance a thirteen-week extension of unemployment compensation programs. Administered - by the States.

RACKETS

Testimony before a Congressional Committee, today, brought the promise - of a libel suit. Hearings have been going on for days - concerning the Kohler Company strike at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, a long, bitter dispute. The witness, today - Lyman Conger, chief strike negotiator for the Kohler Company. Who made remarks - about Robert Burkhart, the negotiator for the Auto Workers Union.

He said - that, in strike negotiations, Burkhart's attitude was that of, what Conger called, a "confirmed Communist." To which the witness added: "I believe he still ~~is~~ is."

Whereupon the lawyer for the Union promptly challenged <sup>him</sup> ~~the witness~~ to repeat the statement - outside the Committee room. Some place, that is - where he wouldn't be protected by Congressional immunity.

So Conger obliged. Outside the Committee room, he repeated the charge of Communism. Saying: "I stand on it."

Which brings the prospect of a libel suit - in



addition to all the bitter argument in the Kohler hearings.

Today, for example, the charge that the Auto Workers Union ran an "Iron Curtain reign of terror" during the strike.

## PRIZE

These are days of contests and quizzes, and here's a new one - announced by Senator Watkins of Utah. A prize - offered for an essay explaining the meaning of one single sentence. The sentence - in a government booklet on how to prepare your income tax return.

The Senator calling the conglomeration of words - "a masterpiece of incomprehensibility." Saying - he has shown the single sentence to a number of people, <sup>with</sup> nobody - able to figure out what it means.

So maybe you'd like to enter the contest, and win the prize. ~~Which is~~ - a book called "Simplified English." In which case - you might want to know what the sentence is.

Shall I read it to you? Not on your life. That one sentence goes on - for six paragraphs. Words upon words.

~~So I don't~~  
~~And I shouldn't~~ want to bore you with it. You probably will find it in your newspaper tonight or tomorrow morning.

## SATELLITE

American scientists <sup>are</sup> thinking of a man-made moon, one hundred feet in diameter. Approaching the size - of a city block. ~~xxx~~ An overgrown giant - compared with the satellites now going around this earth.

This new plan is disclosed in testimony before a Congressional Committee - made public today. Scientists having told the Committee - how they thought they could send up a man-made moon of that size.

Sounds fantastic - to think of a rocket streaking up, and on its nose - a ball a hundred feet in diameter. But it wouldn't be that way at all. The rocket, on its nose, would have - a small package. Which could be inflated, making a large balloon - of plastic, of some sort, coated with aluminum.

When the rocket gets into outer space, a cartridge ~~m~~ would fire inside the package of plastic - letting off gas to inflate the balloon. Which would then go into an orbit - a satellite gas bag.

## PLANE

Here's another "flying saucer" story. But - the real thing, this time. At Weymouth, Massachusetts, the Navy, today, put its own "flying saucer" on display. It "flies" all right - but, piggy-back, on top of an observation plane.

The latest thing - in radar detection. The plane carrying - a "radar dome" - Thirty-seven feet wide - and shaped like a saucer.

The radar dome, on top of the plane - rotates. The magic eye - scanning the skies all around. The "flying saucer" - the latest thing in radar detection. Capable - of spotting objects in the sky, all the way from sea level to an altitude of a hundred thousand feet. Giving advance warning - of any attack by warplane or missile.

## TICKS

Here's a possible picture - of the future. The world inhabited by - ticks. You know, those pestilent little jiggers that burrow under your skin - and raise red lumps. They may be the future inhabitants of this planet. So says Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hill, Chief Entomologist of the U.S. Army.

He <sup>sees</sup> ~~considers~~ the possible all-out effects of atomic war as follows:-  
~~was~~ The human race - destroying itself. Destroying - all the higher animals, in fact. Killing everything, except the insects. The settling of ~~radio~~ radiation dust - lethal for everything, except the bugs.

Experiment shows that radioactive poisons have the least effect - on insects. The common wood ticks showed <sup>up</sup> ~~up~~ - as the most resistant of all.

A human being, for example, can absorb no more than four-hundred-and-fifty to six-hundred units of radiation. While the wood tick is able to take sixty-thousand units. Remaining alive and healthy, still burrowing under your skin.

So you see the scientific deduction. If there's

enough atomic war, enough radioactive dust, the ticks  
might be the principal survivors. Nothing left but a  
world - of ticks.

The world is not going to the dogs, its going to  
the ticks - says the eminent etomologist.

TREE

At the old town of Worcester, in England, the authorities are keeping Mrs. Dorothy Parkes - in jail. Won't let her - go home. Although - she wants to return, and resume housekeeping.

Today, a police official told the magistrate: "The prisoner is, ~~of xxxxxxxx address xxxxxxxx and xxx~~ I believe, residing in a tree trunk."

Strange kind of home - a household in a tree trunk. But that's the case. Mrs. Parkes and her husband - occupying one of the most curious dwelling places on earth. If asked for their address, they can say - "The big elm tree on the Bomford farm."

The elm - a large one, thirty feet high. The massive trunk of which - was burned out several years ago. Leaving - a large blackened cavern inside the tree. Into which - Mr. and Mrs. Parkes moved. Making things tidy - by covering the blackened walls with <sup>burlap,</sup> ~~sacks~~. The door - a hole in the side of the tree trunk. So there they made themselves comfortable - Home Sweet Home. *In a tree, Like 2 birds,*

All going well - until Mrs. Parkes was arrested, for swiping a pair of boots. The astonished authorities <sup>then</sup> learning, for the first time, about the strange residence, <sup>and</sup> deciding - to hold Mrs. Parkes, rather than let her go back to the hole in the tree. Although she told the court, "I want to go home." <sup>What</sup> <sup>about</sup> Mr. Parkes - still residing in the tree? <sup>He says saying to</sup> he'll keep house, until his wife returns.

Well, the old song tells us:

"Be it ever so humble,  
There's no place like home."

~~And what could be more humble than a hole in a tree?~~

But <sup>Don't you</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>how</sup> ~~seems~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~little~~ <sup>like</sup> ~~too~~ <sup>your</sup> ~~humble~~ <sup>humble</sup> ~~home~~ <sup>home</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> a hole in a tree?



NEWSPAPER

In Banning, California, the local newspaper - denies that there's a recession. At least - so far as that publication is concerned. The editor - expressing his opinion in a practical way. Wanting - to stop recession talk, recession thinking among the reporters, the printers, ~~and~~ the office boy. Everybody on the paper.

This week - an extra five dollars in every pay envelope. To prove - that things are going well. To make the proof more graphic - silver dollars. Glittering evidence - that there's no recession in journalism, at Banning,

California. Have that for a striking example of

~~of what~~ (Dr.) Norman Vincent Peale? ~~calls the~~

Your Power of Positive Thinking? And s-l-u-t-m.