

EISENHOWER

L.T.-Delco. Wed. Oct. 26 - '55.

President Eisenhower, from his hospital bed, gave out a statement - expressing hope that the Geneva Conference will have good results. He says it will - if the Soviets cooperate.

In his declaration, today, the President spoke of the western proposals, and said: "They will reflect a genuine spirit of conciliation and accommodation. If the Soviet union responds in a similar spirit - much progress can be made."

GENEVA

At Geneva, today, the arrival of the Foreign Ministers began with - Molotov. Who was joined by Marshal Sokolovksy, chairman of the Soviet Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Red Marshal - wearing the civilian clothes of a diplomat.

The conference begins ~~later~~ tomorrow - with the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four tackling the problems of German unification, disarmament and European security.

Topics, on the agenda. But there's another that will come up. The crisis in the Middle East - brought about by the shipment of Communist weapons to Egypt.

Today, when American Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles left Paris, bound for Geneva, he was half an hour late - catching his plane. Detained - by urgent conversations with the ~~Prime~~ Premier of Israel, Moshe Sharett. Who argued - that Israel must get more armament quickly. To balance - the shipment of military equipment from Red Czechoslovakia to Egypt.

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Another skirmish - in Palestine. Egyptian troops - capturing an Israeli strong point in the demilitarized zone of El Auja, in the southern desert. Each side claims the other started the shooting, which resulted in a brief battle - half a dozen casualties.

A military spokesman for Israel says the Egyptians held the outpost for a ~~few~~ few hours. Then - withdrew.

At the same time, Israel charges that Syrian troops fired across the northern border - at three points, yesterday. Shooting - at an Israeli police jeep, at a military patrol, and at a party of workers. Syria countered with an accusation of its own. Saying - that Israeli soldiers shot at a group of Syrian villagers. One - killed.

These reported border incidents are more and more ominous - as tension ~~increases~~ increases in Palestine.

FRANCE

It looks like a new political crisis in France.

Number three - in three weeks.

Today the cabinet of Premier Edgar Faure authorized him - to demand a vote of confidence in the National Assembly, if necessary.

Which ~~NEWS~~ news was followed by word - that the powerful socialist party has decided not to support the Premier. They'll vote against him.

The issue is, of course, the Moroccan crisis - which will be debated by the National Assembly.

In Morocco, a sudden outbreak of riots. But not of the terrorists variety. Celebrations of the right-about-face of the Pasha Marrakesh, who astounded the French and just about everybody else - by demanding the restoration of the exiled Sultan Ben Youssef.

Although the Pasha ^{of} Marrakesh had been foremost in bringing about the downfall of the Sultan two years ago.

At Marrakesh - nationalists went on a rampage of enthusiasm, Crowds of students - hailing the new stand taken by the Pasha. The demonstration got out of hand - with crowds defying the police. And four ~~persons~~ were killed in ~~the~~ the shooting that followed.

In the city of Saigon, today, Premier Diem appeared on a balcony, and made a declaration to a huge crowd. Stating: "I solemnly proclaim that the state of Viet Nam is now a Republic - following the will of Viet Nam, expressed by its vote of October twenty-third."

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Referring, of course, to the referendum - which produced overwhelming majorities. Diem, voted in as President. Bao Dai, voted out as Emperor. The people - declaring for a Republic.

(Diem continues in his ~~post~~ post as Premier - with the added title of President. He's expected to retain his previous cabinet. Governmental affairs - going on as usual. Especially - the pro-American policy.)

Saigon, tonight, was a scene of spectacular celebration. A national holiday - with crowds parading through the streets.

MACAO

The Chinese Reds made an ominous gesture in the direction of Macao - the Portuguese colony on the China Coast. Today, the Peking radio declared - that the Communist regime may "demand the return of this territory" at any time. This is twice in twelve hours that the Red radio has made the same threat.

(The Portuguese respond - they'll not give up Macao, which they've held for four hundred years. Dating back - to that eastern empire which Portugal had in the days of the great discoveries.)

The word along the China Coast is that India has a finger in the pie. Nehru - hatching a scheme jointly with Mao Tse-Tung. Which refers to the fact that Portugal has colonies in India too, ^{principally} the city of ^{Marmagao in the region} ~~Goa~~ ^{principally} called ~~Goa~~ ^{Goa}.

Nehru wants to take them over. So there might be a squeeze play - by the Chinese communists and India, simultaneously.

AUSTRALIA

Australia will have a general election - on December tenth. So announced ^S~~by~~ Prime Minister Menzies, ~~today~~.

This follows the Petrov affair - the disclosures made by the former Soviet spy chief in Australia. Who - deserted to the West.

The espionage sensation got into Australian politics. Because of ^{on the part} action of Labor Party Chief H. V. Evatt. The Petrov revelations implicated some of Evatt's own aides - and he sent a query to Molotov. The Australian Labor Party leader, asking the Soviet Foreign Minister - were the Petrov spy disclosures false? Molotov replied - they were false. What else could he say?

Evatt's action astounded some of his Labor colleagues - and there's a split in the party. One faction seceding - forming a new group, the "labor anti-Communist party."

Following all this, Prime Minister Menzies calls an election, with every prospect - that his Liberal Party coalition will win.

LONDON

Britain - confronted with a new austerity program.

Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler - telling Parliament of plans to combat inflation. A twenty percent increase of sales taxes - which are, already mighty heavy. Also - a large reduction of government spending - curtailing social services. Only one bright spot in the picture - no increase of income taxes.

The chancellor of the exchequer told Parliament that curbs are necessary - because Britain is exporting too little, and importing too much. Financial position -weakened.

ARABIA

There's a clash of British and American interests at an oasis in the desert of southwestern Arabia. The importance of which is - oil.

The Sultan of Muskat claims the oasis of ~~Buraimi~~ ^{Buraimi.} Which ~~claims~~ claim is disputed by the King of Saudi Arabia - ~~and that~~ who wants that oil rich area.

In the background, the British hold a protectorate over Muskat, and think - a British company should have the development of the oil field. While - Saudi Arabia proposes that American oil interests exploit the treasure underground.

So what do we hear now?

In the House of Commons, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden today stated - that troops of the Sultan of Muskat and other allies of the British, have seized control of the Buraimi oasis.

Driving out - Saudi Arabian forces. There seems to have been some fighting - in this clash ~~is~~ between Arabian principalities. With - conflicting British and American interests in the background.

MARGARET

In London, today, Princess Margaret continued her daily meetings with Group Captain Peter Townsend - in spite of rising opposition to their marriage.

The powerful London Times - coming out in thundering opposition. The Times declaring that, if Margaret married Townsend, who has been divorced - she ^{should} ~~must~~ renounce her royal rights. And even, in the words of the newspaper - her "place in the royal family." The Princess - exhorted to follow the path o f duty.

(The long editorial echoes a statement by the Archbishop of Canterbury - who repeated the position of the established Church of England, as an unrelenting foe of divorce.) But the Church of Scotland permits divorce. She might be married there

Former Governor Thomas E. Dewey, today, denied ~~REF~~ reports that he has Presidential ambitions for Nineteen Fifty six. Returning from a trip around the world, he told newsmen: "I have no plans of any kind to take an active part in the Nineteen Fifty six election's -- literally none."

To this he added: "I'm not even informed enough to answer any question on ~~ex~~ politics. Because ^{he went on} "I haven't seen more than half a dozen American papers, since I left New York."

There was one subject, however, on which he did comment - the effect of President Eisenhower's illness abroad. "I detected a sense of personal loss, everywhere I went," said he.

STROBEL

The federal buildings chief testifies - that he has an interest in a New York firm of consulting engineers. Peter Strobel says - he's been doing work for the company, and sharing in its profits.

But he denies using his federal job - to get favors for the company. Which, says he, is indicated by the fact - that the profits of the ~~EE~~ concern declined fifty percent, after he became the federal buildings chief.

All this came out at a Congressional hearing today - with intimations that Strobel's participation in a private firm might violate the "conflict of interests" law.

STRIKE

New York will not have ^{the} a milk strike ^{that} ~~was~~ has been threatening. Today, a new contract agreement was reached by milk dealers and the teamsters union. This provides for a wage increase - to be followed by a hike in the price of milk. Upped - half a cent a quart.

NEW ORLEANS

Hospitals, at New Orleans, today were swamped - by asthma patients. Following - the worst plague of smog that New Orleans has ever had. For the seventh consecutive day- murky clouds rolled in on the city. The smog so dense - traffic was tied up. Visibility - a little better than zero.

The acrid, choking fumes affected people with respiratory ailments - asthma sufferers, in particular.

CANADA TRAIN

In Western Canada, today, thirty passengers were taken from a ~~train~~ ^{train on which they had been} marooned for three days. The train so thoroughly trapped that a narrow catwalk had to be swung for one-hundred-and-sixty feet across a gorge. The only way - to get the passengers out.

On Monday night, the passenger train was rolling through Coquihalla Pass, a wild region, one hundred miles southeast of Vancouver. There was a storm, floods - and washouts. The train halted - when the tracks were washed out. Keeping it - from going either forward or backward.

A rescue train was dispatched - but there was no way to get the passengers out - by ordinary means. Craggy terrain and pouring flood water - sealing the trap. Until a long, swaying catwalk across the gorge could be constructed.

ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB

From George Marshall of the Adirondack Mountain Club I have just ~~xx~~ learned something that came in as quite a surprise. There are sixty-one out of the one hundred highest peaks in the Adirondacks that haven't even a trail on them. In other words twenty one of these are over four thousand feet in height, sixty one mountains in the Adirondacks that are just as they were in the days when that was Indian country.

GOVERNOR

In Alabama - did Governor "Kissin' Jim" Folsom use profanity in praising a prayer? He's accused of doing just that - using a word beginning with "D". Saying - the prayer was that good.

This is said to have occurred at the recent conference of Southern Governors, and a Baptist association accuses "Kissin' Jim" of "profaning a prayer."

Today, a Secretary to the Governor denied the allegation. Saying - the word beginning with "D" was never uttered. Witnesses are cited - including the Baptist Minister who gave the prayer at the Governors' conference. All that "Kissin' Jim" did was to express hearty approval. He said: "That was a good Baptist prayer."

He was delighted with it. That was the only thing with a "D". He denies everything else. So, maybe ^{Hugh,} that should end the debate - in the key of "D".