

MEETING / J.-W. Tues. June 15 - '54,

~~Today~~ White House Press Secretary, ~~James~~ Hagerty, today that read a formal statement ~~xxxix~~ began with this sentence: "Some weeks ago, the President of the United States invited the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom - to spend a weekend as his guests in Washington."

The Hagerty statement then added - that Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden accepted the invitation - and will be here next week.

Afterward, Hagerty said that he did not know how long Churchill and Eden would stay. But he did indicate that the subjects of discussion - would be the outstanding issues upon which America and Britain hope to develop a united front.

The meeting, described as "informal." Which will allow any of the participants to raise any particular problem - such as the Indo-Chinese War, the failure of the Geneva Conference, ^{ON} ~~the~~ the fall of the Laniel ~~XXXXX~~ government in Paris.

Secretary of State Dulles ^{said today} ~~will attend~~ ~~he~~ told his news conference that the White House talks would determine how

far the free world should go in resisting Red imperialism in Asia. In other words, whether ^{we} ~~Britain~~ should intervene in the Indo-Chinese ^a War - or, draw the line ~~xxx~~ somewhere else.

So far, Britain has refused to join a "Nato" of southeast Asia. The British, waiting for the Geneva talks to develop. But Churchill has told the House of Commons that the Geneva Conference - is deadlocked. So when Churchill comes to America - he may be prepared to join a Far Eastern alliance.

Anyway, the White House statement today - means that one of the most critical conferences of recent months will be held - as soon as Churchill and Eden get here.

CHURCHILL FOLLOW MEETING

Churchill, announcing the forthcoming meeting in the Commons, pointed out that the Geneva Conference is deadlocked; that it will be a total failure - unless the Reds change their tactics; and then he told the M.P's that he is going to Washington to confer with President Eisenhower.

Also - that Foreign Secretary - Eden, is returning from Geneva; to address the Commons on Thursday; and then the two of them will fly to Washington for the weekend of June Twenty-Fifth.

The Commons gave Churchill an ovation when he made the announcement. Even opposition Leader Clement Attlee rising to wish Churchill and Eden success. Attlee added that he hopes the Washington meeting will lead on to high level talks with Malenkov.

GENEVA

The Geneva Conference has definitely failed *so far*
is concerned.
aa ~~on~~ the Korean problem. Today, the sixteen nations that fought
^ in Korea issued a joint statement. The statement declaring
that the Reds are simply stalling - trying to keep the
conference going without any intention of coming to a real
agreement. The statement adds, that it's better to face the
truth - than to raise false hopes. So, the U.N. breaks off
the talks on Korea - leaving only Indo-China on the agenda.

A dispatch from Hanoi describes French planes blasting about a hundred Communist bases in the Red River delta. The French, trying to save the highway that runs from the port of Haiphong to Hanoi, ~~It is~~ the lifeline by which American supplies are brought in. ~~So the defenders want to keep the Reds as far away from it as possible.~~

The planes hit the bases with bombs, bullets and flaming ~~gasoline~~ ^{napalm}. Returning pilots say that ~~many~~ ^{of the Red bases} had been fortified with minefields and anti-tank traps - and camouflaged as native villages. ~~The bases, intended as~~ ^{— designed as} advance depots - for an offensive against Hanoi.

French Intelligence charges that Red China is increasing its help to the rebels. Mao Tse-tung, rushing more ammunition and supplies - to help Red General Giap mount his offensive.

GUATEMALA

In Mexico City, refugees from Guatemala ^{are} predicting

an anti-Communist revolution, ~~very soon. These observers say -~~

That the Army ^{will move} probably ~~to start a rising~~ against the Communist

government. They add, that the Reds are trying to intimidate their opponents - by murdering ~~some~~ and arresting ~~the others.~~

But no ^{direct} definite word, from Guatemala ~~itself.~~ The

press attache at our Embassy ^{there, when} ~~in Guatemala City~~ was reached by

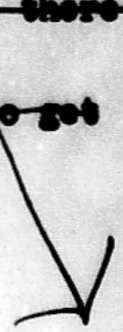
phone, ~~but he~~ absolutely refused to discuss the situation.

Even when he was asked merely whether the capital was calm -

he replied: "I can tell you nothing."

So The situation in Guatemala ^{remains} confused. ~~and there~~

~~are reports that the Army has ordered the President to get rid of the Reds, or to get out of office.~~



DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles at his news conference today said there was a reign of terror in Guatemala. But no details, the Secretary refusing to say anything more.

What about a Latin-American conference of Foreign Ministers to discuss Guatemala? Well, Secretary Dulles would neither deny nor confirm the reports of such a conference.

AMERICANS

Communist China proposes a deal by which we could get our citizens home from behind the Bamboo Curtain. We heard last week how our Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, Alexis Johnson, had raised ^{this} ~~the problem~~ at Geneva. Johnson telling the Chinese that we have a list of eighty-three Americans who are being held prisoner in China. ^{— and} What could we do to get them home?

Now Mao Tse-tung gives his reply. He wants us to release the Chinese students in this country. Our government has said that, since the start of the Korean War, one hundred and twenty Chinese students have been denied exit permits. Now we say, we'll consider exchanging them for the eighty-three Americans.

That's the plan being discussed by both sides at Geneva.

Please drop the story slugged TUNESIA and use the following in its place.

OPPENHEIMER - We would have had the hydrogen bomb at least four years earlier - if Doctor Robert Oppenheimer, and other scientists, had supported the project. So stated by Doctor Edward Teller, the man who is known as the "father of the H-Bomb."

Doctor Teller did work on the H-Bomb similar to that which Doctor Oppenheimer did on the Atomic Bomb. Teller says he considers Oppenheimer a loyal American. But ^{he}~~Teller~~ also thinks that Oppenheimer's judgment was bad when he advised against pushing forward with the H-Bomb. And so, Teller declares that the security Board was right - in refusing to grant Oppenheimer security clearance.

The Teller statement came shortly after Oppenheimer's attorneys made their brief public. In the brief, they argue, that lack of enthusiasm for the

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H-Bomb program - is not a valid reason for refusing to
reinstate Oppenheimer. But Doctor Teller disagrees.

The "father of the H-Bomb", saying that the security
Board is right *about the famous atomic scientists.*

PUERTO RICANS

A Washington court heard testimony today - from the ringleader of the Puerto Rican terrorists who shot up a group of Congressmen last March. Rafael Cancel Miranda, saying that he never intended to kill anybody. He told how he and his ~~other~~ fellow conspirators went from New York to Washington - determined to make some kind of demonstration. *He said* It was the woman, Mrs. Lolita Lebron - who thought up the idea of the shooting. And ~~she~~ she persuaded the others to join her.

At that point, the prosecutor asked the ringleader - "Then it didn't make any difference to you if someone were killed?"

The terrorist answered; "No, sir - don't believe that. I am happy that nobody was killed."

Meaning
~~The point being~~ that they were a group of fanatics who fired pistols into a gathering of Congressmen - without intending to kill any of them. The whole thing, just a political demonstration. So says the ringleader of the Puerto Rican terrorists.

HOFFMAN

The Governor of New Jersey reveals that one of his predecessors apparently misused more than half a million dollars. We already know about the letter Harold Hoffman wrote to his daughter - in which he confessed to embezzling money from the South Amboy Trust Company.

Now Governor Meyner states that apparently Harold Hoffman covered up his embezzlement by using state funds. Meyner adds that it's not clear yet how much state money Hoffman took - during twenty-two years of financial manipulations.

HEARING

The Strong Silent Man was in the foreground, today

Sub-Committee Investigator Frank Carr. I don't know how strong

he is, ^{but} ~~and~~ he has the gift for silence. Or, at least - the gift for short answers. During long weeks of the hearings, Carr sat among the principals - prominent on the television screen, ~~But~~ - absent from the sound effects. As little children are supposed to be - seen but not heard.

~~But~~ Finally, the time came for him to talk - but

~~he does mighty little of it. He~~ ^{he just} answers - "Yes, sir",

"No, sir". "That's right," or - "That isn't correct."

~~He gave all the impression of the long time F.B.I. man,~~

He gave all the impression of the long time F.B.I. man,

accustomed to mere factual reports. A literal mind - without

much imagination. His round face has a phlegmatic expression,

and you might say - it looks like the face of a policeman.

In fact, if you lined up the principals in this

Army-McCarthy dispute, and asked - which one is the cop?

Well, you'd point out Frank Carr.

PLANE

No one was hurt in that emergency landing - made by a passenger plane at Gage Municipal Airport in Oklahoma. The plane, carrying seventy-eight, ~~persons~~, including ~~some~~ children. ~~It was~~ Bound from New York to ~~Santa Ana - Burbank~~ California.

The hostess says ~~that~~ she saw sparks coming out of the engine - about a half an hour before landing. She went forward to inform the captain, Jack Pedesky of Los Angeles. As darkness fell, the passengers could see the flames - but most remained calm.

~~The~~ The plane came down at the Gage Airport; ~~it~~ rolled slowly to a stop. Then the landing gear collapsed - and the plane ~~rolled~~ ^{went} over on its right side. All ~~the persons~~ ⁷⁸ on board managed to get out - just before the plane burst into flames.

BURTON HOLMES

I suppose the most famous restaurant in the world is the Cafe de la Paix in Paris. No doubt you have often heard the saying that if you sit long enough at a table at that cafe, ^{— there} at the corner of the Rue de la Paix and ~~the~~ Place de l'Opera, sooner or later you will see everyone in the world go by.

Over a long span of time one particular American traveler -- whenever in Paris -- always sat at a certain corner table at the Cafe de la Paix. Eventually he must have convinced himself that he had ownership rights to the table. No doubt in paying his restaurant bills he paid for it over and over. ^{And then one day} ~~he~~ he somehow or other managed to snatch the table ^{and} bring it to America, where for many more years it occupied a conspicuous spot in his home.

^{Today} ~~the~~ table ^{arrived} ~~is~~ in New York. Tomorrow morning it will be put on board the Queen Elizabeth. This globetrotter, who pinched it -- he says he "stole it" -- is going to return that corner table to the famous restaurant in Paris. ^R Who is the traveler? ^{Why} —

his name is Burton Holmes. Now in his eighty-fifth year, Burton Holmes -- whose name for sixty-five years has been synonymous with the word travel - is off to Europe for a final fling. From Herodotus right down to the present day, I suppose Burton Holmes has taken more people on journeys to more countries than any man who ever lived.

This summer B.H. has come out of retirement descended from his picturesque oriental paradise atop one of the hills of Hollywood, to make this last journey to Europe. More than that, he is going to give daily lectures aboard the Queen Elizabeth. What a memorable experience for those who are fortunate enough to make the voyage with him.

Harry, I wish I could take a run over to Paris, and get a seat at one of those tables at the Cafe de la Paix for this event. I'd sure like to be there when the one and only Burton Holmes returns the table he ran off with so many years ago.