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From London we hear - that Britain has proposed a four point plan. To bring about - a top level conference with Soviet Russia. The Four Points - agreeing with President Eisenhower's view that there should be plenty of preparation. Not - with the suggestion made by Prime Minister Churchill, who thought the Western heads of State should go into conference with Soviet Premier Bulganin, without any preliminaries.

Point number one: Talks by American, British and French diplomatic officials. Who - would arrange for a conference of the Foreign Minister^s of the Western countries.

Point number two: the western Foreign Ministers, getting together, would make arrangements for a meeting between themselves and Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov.

Point Number Three: The Big Four meeting of the Foreign Ministers would lay the groundwork for the climax - *the top level session.*

~~at the top.~~

Point Number Four: The big show - ^{the} ~~on Eisenhower,~~
~~Churchill - Edgar Faure-Bulganin~~ ^{- Eisenhower} conference.

Those four points should provide all the preparation that President Eisenhower considers necessary - if a top level meeting is to accomplish anything useful.

In Parliament today, Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave an indication - that he will be succeeded in office by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. This has been understood all along. But ^{today is} ~~it's~~ the first time Churchill ~~was~~ has come out with it in public.

His declaration ~~today~~ - was oblique. A Labor Party M P asked the Prime Minister - about the way his successor would carry out the Churchill policy on Formosa. Sir Winston replied: "No one, in the whole world, has worked so hard as the Foreign Secretary to steer this matter out of the danger area." *And that*

was ~~some~~ ^{ing} referred, clearly, to Eden - as his official successor. But, at the same time, Churchill steered clear of any hint of when he, himself - may retire.

WHITE HOUSE

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~~At~~ the White House, today, leaders of the Senate
[^] foregathered with ^{the} President ~~Eisenhower~~. At lunch - and for
[^] a conference. Subject - the crisis along the China Coast.
Yesterday, the President met with the leaders of the House
of Representatives - for the same purpose.

Upon emerging from the meeting today, Senator
George of Georgia said he heard - "nothing alarming." ^{That} ~~He said~~
[^] he was aware of no immediate crisis in the Far East.

Lindon Johnson of Texas, Democratic leader in the
Senate, gave his impression in the following words: "The
question of war or peace in East Asia - still unsettled."

The President, they say - gave them no indication
if this country would intervene, should the Chinese Communists
attack the off-shore islands.

Senator Russell of Georgia, Chairman of the Senate
armed Services committee, said: "If they know what they ^are
[^] going to do about Quemoy and Matsu, they didn't tell us."

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will have a discussion with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles - about the Yalta papers. So stated by Committee Chairman, Senator George of Georgia. Who says - it won't be any congressional investigation. Merely - an informal discussion.

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The committee wants further information concerning the decision to release the secrets of Yalta. Democrats have been charging - it was for "political" purposes.

Yesterday, the Republican policy committee in the Senate released its own discussion of the Yalta documents. With comment - exceedingly critical of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Purpose - to provide material for Republicans who want to make Yalta an issue in the Nineteen Fifty-six campaign.

BERLIN

The western allies ^{, we hear, will} ~~have~~ protested sharply to Soviet Russia - because of a sort of Red "economic" blockade of West Berlin.

All traffic with West Germany has, of course, to cross Communist areas. And the satellite government of East Germany is resorting to financial extortion. Raising the tax - charged on trucks. Which carry - nearly half of the food supply of West Berlin. ~~H~~itherto, the rate, for a round trip, has been - five dollars per truck. Now they^are hiking that - to one hundred and fifty-five dollars. A boost of eleven hundred percent!

This is being called - a "tax blockade". The West German Parliament asked the Western powers to intervene. ~~So, today, the United States, Britain and France sent a sharp note of protest - to the Russian overlords.~~

SOVIETS

Moscow announces - a huge plan to boost Russian agricultural production. We've been hearing that all is not well - down on the Soviet farm. Which is only confirmed by the project we hear about now. Sounds like desperation - a scheme to send thousands of Communist party officials to collective farms. Where - they'll try to make the crops grow better.

For a remedy - experts to be sent, a huge lot of them. Khrushchev, using these words: "Some tens of thousands of particularly experienced workers of party and government organisations. Including - agricultural scientists".

INDO CHINA

The tension has eased - in Indo China. One of the powerful religious-political sects - now switching over to the side of Premier Diem. The "Cao Dai" - with a membership of a million; ~~five-hundred-thousand~~ in southern Viet Nam.

And - ^{its own} a private Army of twenty-five thousand.

It's a strange religious cult - founded as recently as Nineteen Twenty-nine. The story - an odd one. A civil servant a minor official - getting a revelation through the medium of a Ouija Board. Which told ~~MM~~ him of the "all seeing eye", the Divine power of the universe. The Ouija Board revealing, moreover, that the "pope" of the new religion was to be a minister of the government, Le-Van Trung.

That nomination was a stunning surprise. Nobody more astonished - than Le Van Trung. Who was widely known - as a gay character. He loved a festive cup of wine - and the charms of dancing girls. But Le Van Trung accepted the

leadership of the new sect - and, overnight, changed his way of life. Becoming - as aescetic as a Buddhist monk.

"Cao Dai" the cult of the "all seeing eye" is a strange mixture of Buddhism, Rome Catholicism, and mystical tendencies ~~or~~ of one sort or another. Curiously, one of its semi-divine personalities is the French author, Victor Hugo.

In every temple of "Cao Dai", there's a statue of Victor Hugo. Which receives - religious veneration.

Today, in huge gaudy temples monks of the sect were chanting thanks to the "all seeing eye". Thanks - for lessening the danger of Civil War. "Cao Dai" with its private Army - going over to Premier Diem.

PALESTINE

Another important archeological discovery - reported in Palestine. An expedition, sponsored by the government of Israel, finding - the palace of King Herod of the Bible. Excavations - at Masada, near the Dead Sea.

Historian Josephus tells how Herod the Great, who reigned in Judea from thirty-seven B.C. to four B.C. -- built a palace of magnificent splendor. Josephus - giving descriptions, which are now borne out by the unearthing of the ruins.

A palace - built like a fortress on the edge of a high plateau. Floors - of superb mosaics. The greatest wonder- four cisterns, with a total capacity of forty thousand meters of water. Where the water came from - a mystery. Considering - how dry the desert country now is.

This palace of the great, wicked King of Judea, had a spacious terrace, with a giant collonade. The columns - Greek in style, Ionian and Corinthian. Which takes us - to the human touch.

A name found - engraved on one of the columns.

The name of a Roman soldier - who scratched ^{his name} ~~a memento~~ on

column in the palace of Herod the Great. Reminding us that

Judea was under Roman domination, at the time when the

New Testament begins.

BIRDS

Soviet Russia reports - American wild ducks, found in Russian territory. Birds - banded in this country. Part of the study - of wildlife and the migrations of birds.

The Russian Embassy reported the matter to the U.S. fish and Wildlife Service. Saying, about two dozen American-banded pin tailed ducks were shot ~~and~~ or captured - in Siberia. Also, a few snow geese and brants. Nearly all had been banded in ^{over} ~~the~~ Western States. Most of them - ~~are~~ on the West Coast.

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~~T~~his is the first evidence that birds in the United States migrate across the North Pacific - to Russian territory.

PULITZER

A member of a great newspaper dynasty - has departed from the editorial offices of this earth. Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Son of the legended Joseph Pulitzer. Who, in the old New York World - did so much to establish popular journalism in America. He trained his son in the newspaper art, and the younger Joseph Pulitzer became - a dominant figure in American journalism. He died suddenly in St. Louis - at the age of seventy.

Meanwhile, Colonel Robert R. McCormick lies gravely ill, at the ~~xx~~ age of seventy-four. Publisher of the Chicago ~~Tie~~ Tribune, and one of the leading personalities in the newspaper world.

EXPLOSION

A Notre Dame Professor was killed, today - by an explosion. A small building, in which rocket fuel experiments were held - blew up.

Four Senior students, working in the building, told Dr. John Treacy, Assistant Professor of Chemical engineering - that something had gone wrong with an experiment. They were standing thirty to fifty feet away from the building, when the explosion occurred. Hurling - debris. A flying metal object struck the professor - like a deadly missile. The four student^s standing with him - unharmed.

DUST STORM

A huge dust storm - sweeping across five southwestern states. Called - one of the worst ever. As bad as anything in the plague of dust storms of the Nineteen Thirties.

The murky tempest - ~~as~~ blowing on a four hundred mile front, from southern Colorado into Texas. The dust - extending upward as much as four miles. Blown - by frosty winds at sixty miles an hour.

All the result of a cold front - moving eastward. The chilly breeze picking up the soil - and whirling it along. Visibility - virtually zero, in many places.

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An Oklahoma State Trooper says: "The dust was so thick, ~~as~~ I never knew when the sun came up."

In the Texas panhandle, the tempest of dust collided with a snowstorm. The result, a heavy fall of muddy snow.

MAYOR

The Mayor of Dearborn, Michigan, plans - a city Marriage Bureau. Mayor Orville Hubbard believing - that the town fathers should aid people who seek mates. His Honor - inspired by "lonely hearts" advertisements he sees in magazines.

He says - that, since the project was announced, the response has been ~~xxx~~ enthusiastic. Hundreds of people writing - that a city marriage Bureau would certainly promote the cause of matrimony.

One ~~dx~~ lady, a middle-aged spinster, praises the project on the grounds of - safety first. She says - it's dangerous to go out with meⁿ unless you can be sure about them. Her letter stating: "Most of the men, nowadays, that go out - just can't be trusted."

- Hugh -
Well, that's cautious all right. But - is it the

2/2 way to catch a husband?