

Molotov made another proposal at the Berlin Conference today. But - nothing very different. He told the Western Foreign Ministers that the proceedings should be as follows:— <sup>Form an</sup> ~~an~~ all-German government - meaning, of course a coalition government, with East German Communists included. And - withdraw all occupation forces from Germany. Then - hold an election.

This was pretty much what Moscow has been suggesting all along. While the West wants - free elections first, — An all-German government ~~to~~ - to be selected by the people. Today's Molotov proposal, with its demand for a withdrawal of all occupation troops - might leave West Germany open to the armed Red forces in the Soviet Zone.

[ Diplomats in Berlin are ~~saying~~ saying, tonight, that East and West remain so far apart at the conference - there seems little hope for any general agreement. ]

## TOKYO

Now, over to Tokyo, where the word is - that Moscow has recalled a couple of members of the Soviet Mission to Japan, Actually - Red espionage agents. They had worked with the diplomat who has vanished in mystery. Rastovorov - Second Secretary of the Mission, who is said to have been an official of the Soviet Secret Police. The report is that Rastovorov deserted Communism - and is giving vital information to U.S. Intelligence officers.

The Soviet Mission denies that its missing Second Secretary was a follower of Beria, the Secret Police chief who was overthrown and executed in Moscow. But the report is that Rastovorov was a member of the Beria clique, and was greatly disturbed by the news that his big boss in the Kremlin had fallen to his doom. Then Rastovorov was ordered back to Moscow, and that was too much - he fled to the West.

[ This is regarded as of the utmost importance. U.S. Intelligence getting from a master-spy -- a complete line of information on Soviet espionage in Japan.]

## INDO-CHINA

Tonight's news from Indo-China sounds ~~critical~~  
critical - three columns of Reds driving rapidly into the  
kingdom of Laos. Right now, the Communist vanguard is within  
forty-eight miles of the loyal capital of Luang-Prabang.  
French-Indian forces are fighting a delaying action, trying  
desperately to slow down the drive - while a large garrison  
at Luang-Prabang is preparing for all-out resistance.

[ Meanwhile, in Washington, the word is that the  
Iron Curtain nations have increased their shipments of weapons  
to the Reds in Indo-China -- since the end of the fighting in  
Korea. The belief is that the Communists may be getting set for  
an all-out military effort to grab control of all Indo-China. ]



## PRISONER

The Reds of Czechoslovakia have released an American prisoner, whom they seized in Nineteen Forty-eight. John Hvasta of Hillside, New Jersey, a naturalized <sup>citizen who</sup> ~~American~~ served in the Navy during World War Two - and then went to study at a Czech University, ~~xxx~~ under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

But don't think that John Hvasta, only now released, has been in a Communist prison ever since Nineteen Forty-eight. A couple of years ago, he escaped, and remained a fugitive, ~~in~~ ~~Czechoslovakia~~ Hiding, and dodging the Red police, for twenty-one months.

Last autumn, in October, he made his way to the U.S. Embassy in Prague - where he was given refuge. <sup>There</sup> ~~He~~ remained ~~there~~, while U.S. diplomatic officials negotiated with the Communist government - for his release. An arrangement was made, and John Hvasta is on his way back to Hillside, New Jersey.



## QUEEN

A dispatch from Australia states that the police are taking "very seriously" - a letter threatening the life of Queen Elizabeth, during ~~her~~ Australian tour. The letter, written in broken English, is believed to have been sent by an immigrant German railroad fireman, who hates the British - and is mentally unbalanced. Today, the State Police Chief, Ivor Green, ~~declaring~~ declared: "We are treating this letter very seriously, and my men are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to find the writer."

discordant

This is a ~~distorted~~ note in the wild welcome that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are getting in the Land Down Under. Today at Sydney, a mob of fifty thousand broke through police barriers and virtually mobbed Her Majesty. While the Duke - is being besieged by Australian bobbysoxers. Today, he was in a jam of co-eds of Sydney University, swarms of girls ~~throwing~~ blowing kisses at the Queen's husband.

## PLANE

Over in England, there was an air disaster today - a new type of giant plane crashing. But there was no loss of life - thanks to the skill and quick/<sup>thinking</sup>~~decision~~ of the pilot. The plane - an experimental, ninety-three passenger giant, of the turbo-prop variety. Turbine, that is, with propellers. Built at a cost of two and a quarter million dollars - and intended for high speed trans-Atlantic flights. The pilot - A.J.Pegg, British ace for test flights.

The airliner, with fourteen aboard, was flying over Western England - when a fire broke out in an engine/<sup>nacelle</sup>~~bay~~.  
*Then,*  
Apparently, <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ fuel tank exploded. In mere minutes, the sky giant would be - a mass of flames.

That was when Test Pilot A.J.Pegg did his stuff - with a lightning decision. Down below - the estuary of the Severn River. The tide was out - leaving a great expanse of mud-flats, Slush and ooze, The pilot chose that for an emergency landing field, coming down swiftly - and plowing into the mud-flats. The soft morass <sup>s</sup>~~absorbed~~ the shock, and

the burning plane churned to a stop in a geyser of - fire and ooze.

All got out safely - and, in fact, the flames were extinguished before they destroyed the fuselage of the airliner. The <sup>deluge</sup>~~ocean~~ of slush - helping, no doubt.



## MURDER

In New York, the psychiatrists found Harlow Fraden - to be insane. The self-confessed murderer who killed his father and mother with "champagne and cyanide cocktails." However, his accomplice, Dennis Wepman, is declared to be sane. Which means that the actual murderer is unfit to stand trial, while his partner in the crime - is legally liable to the charge of first degree murder.

This produces a strange legal complication in one of the vilest murder cases on record.

## SURPLUSES

The question of government surpluses came up in Washington today, when Secretary of Agriculture Benson testified before a Congressional Committee. Secretary Benson said the farm surpluses are increasing rapidly, mountains of foodstuffs purchased under the program of supporting agricultural prices.

The Secretary told the Committee that the present policy of rigid price supports is, in his words - "falling down of its own weight." So he urged the enactment of President Eisenhower's program of "flexible" supports.

~~This was promptly assailed by Democratic members of the Committee, Senator Sparkman of Alabama declaring that lower supports would "shock" the farm economy, at a critical time.~~

~~Senator Benson replied - that "flexible" supports need not mean any shock. "It all depends on how it's handled," said he.~~

Meanwhile, there's a suggestion that the government

should start a sale of surplus butter - at cut-rate prices.

A spokesman for the National Milk Producers Federation declared that millions of pounds of butter, stored by the Government, should be got rid of. Cut-rate sales might eliminate the huge surpluses within a year.

In Congress, Senator Gillette of Iowa urges - a "food stamp plan," - Whereby - surplus butter would be disposed of at reduced prices to needy American families. ~~SENATOR~~ Senator Gillette suggested that old-age security and unemployment benefits could be paid, in part, with food stamps.

All reflecting the ~~fact that the Eisenhower~~  
~~administration is confronted with a~~ tough problem *posed by* those  
huge surpluses.



The news from upper New York State reports that the chiefs of the Six Nations are ordering - a "Pow-wow."

A gathering of the tribes - ~~in~~ as in the redskin days of old,

When a "pow-wow" could mean - a decision to go on the warpath.

The Six Nations were the terror of their time - with war hoop

and tomahawk. So what's the trouble now? Well, it's a

<sup>question</sup>  
~~question~~ of calico, pieces of cloth.

In Congress, there's a bill to repeal a clause in a treaty made between the United States government and the Six Nations - in Seventeen Ninety-four. A treaty providing - for a "cloth bounty." The great white father required to give each redskin - a length of calico each year. The idea in Congress is to end this eternal, never-ending, calico "dole", and make a cash settlement. Paying the tribes of the Six Nations - about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars —

for the aborigines.

Which might seem - not a bad bargain, The cloth isn't worth much, and an Indian may get as little as - half a yard a year.

But the chiefs of the Six Nations take a different view. They regard the "cloth bounty" as a symbol of their sovereignty - under the old treaty. They're afraid - if they renounce their "calico rights", other parts of the treaty would come next. Their land rights, for example. The Onondagas have legal title to a broad reservation - which keeps the city of Syracuse from expanding.

[Hence the "pow-wow" - to protest against the bill in Congress. The Six Nations in an old time conclave - the Onondagas, the Cayugas, the Mohawks, the Oneidas, the Senecas, and the Tuscaroras.]

INDIAN - BARBER

At Hogansburg, New York, an Indian is claiming tribal rights - in an odd way. Peter Lazore is a barber, who was running his tonsorial parlor without a license. That's illegal, and he was brought before a local Justice of the Peace - Justice Le Claire. His defense was - that he's a member of the St. Regis tribe - which has a treaty with the United States - dating back to Seventeen Ninety. Under the treaty, the members of the St. Regis tribe ~~was~~ <sup>are</sup> permitted - to "hunt and fish" without a license.

But what has that to do with shaves and haircuts?

Hard to tell, but that Indian claimed that under the "hunt and fish" clause he was entitled to be a barber without a license. <sup>P</sup> Well, a haircut may have a certain resemblance to

But, even so, scalping. ~~xx~~ <sup>A</sup> the Treaty of Seventeen Ninety does not include a license - to scalp the pale-face.

[ That's the way the Justice looked at it, anyway.

He said - fine, fifty dollars. Lo, <sup>!</sup> the poor Indian. ]



## VALENTINES

St. Valentine's Day is approaching, which makes it appropriate to tell about the sale of the largest collection of Valentines in the world. Twenty-five years ago, Carroll Means, of New York, started collecting them. He's from a family of collectors, his grandfather went in for autographs. His father collected - Indian relics. *P* People laughed when Carroll Means turned his attention to that sentimental theme - the valentine. Especially, those old ones - with sighs and heart-throbs. Will you be my Valentine? Mr. Means, however, had the laugh on them all - when, he sold his record-breaking collection to a greeting card company. Price? - twenty-five thousand dollars!

The champion collector says he prefers the Valentines in vogue during the middle of the last century. They really were romantic - in mid-Victorian style. He quotes one fondly, - a Valentine, reading:

"Look on and see if causeless I complain,  
Give me thy hand and mitigate my pain."

That's how they went a-courting in the days of tall beaver hats and crinolines, and hoop skirts, *hike!*

## NEW\_ORLEANS

In New Orleans, there was a crash of a different sort today -- a tremendous one when, in the harbor, a freighter plowed into a line of oil barges. These had twenty thousand barrels of crude aboard, when the freighter, a ponderous Italian vessel, bore down on them. The result was - catastrophic - Not to say - oily. Two of the barges were hit so hard, they went under water, but came to the surface again, floating. Huge tanks were smashed, and tons of oil poured out over the water.

Nobody hurt - the barge-men saving themselves by quick action. But it sure was - oily!

SOVIET - BRITISH

[ A dispatch from Moscow tells us that the Soviets have offered to buy more than a billion dollars' worth of British merchandise. The proposal made by Foreign Trade Minister Kabanov - to a group of British industrialists, now in Moscow.

The Soviets wanting to buy scores of cargo ships, huge quantities of railroad equipment, machinery of all sorts, and masses of consumer goods.

The dispatch does not say what the Russians would use to pay for all that. But they've been shipping gold into Britain, and they might barter cargoes of corn. ]



CONGRESSMAN

( There was testimony in a Washington court today, that a Congressman said - he could "fix" the F.B.I. This comes in the trial of Representative Ernest Bramblett, a California Republican - accused of padding his congressional payroll. With testimony that the wife of his campaign manager was supposed to work for him. Her salary - paid by the government. But - she gave the pay-check to the Congressman.

Today, the Campaign Manager, John Hardaway of Santa Barbara, California, testified in court - that ~~he~~ had been questioned by F.B.I. agents - in this matter. But - that Bramblett told him not to worry. He could "fix" it. )