

CONFERENCE L.T.-P.G. Fri, May 15 - '53,

In the Senate today there was a call for an International Conference. But a "big two" conference Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey said ~~that~~ ^{there} had better be a meeting between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The United States and Great Britain should settle their own differences, before they think of top level discussions with Soviet Russia. Start with a "big two" conference - Eisenhower-Churchill.

London reports that the Prime Minister will not press his plan for a get together with Malenkov. He still thinks it should not be delayed unduly - but, he will let his own suggestion ride for the present. Sir Winston is reported to have told this to Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany - who is in London talking things over with the British Government.

Adenauer is represented as feeling that there should be conversations with the Russians some time. But they should not be hurried - without adequate ~~preparations~~ preparations. Which would indicate

that Adenauer leans towards the view expressed by President Eisenhower - that the time is not ripe, and will not be until Moscow shows evidence of good faith.

In London, meanwhile, newspapers are blazing at Senator McCarthy - for the attack he hurled at Labor Party leader Clement Attlee, yesterday. (The Daily Herald, the Labor Party paper, calls McCarthy - "a sinister Senator". Other editors in sympathy with labor, are equally bitter. The daily Mirror stating: "We waste no more breath on McCarthy."

The Manchester Guardian which is Liberal, takes a gentler view, but supports Attlee. Conservative papers give no editorial comment - while printing columns about the Attlee-McCarthy uproar, which is the talk of the town in London.)

GERMANY

Change -

The West German Parliament has given final approval to the European army pact - under which the West Germans will recover full sovereignty, and contribute half a million ^{soldiers} ~~dollars~~, to the international Army. The Lower House gave its okay, six weeks ago and today the Upper House completed the action - on the treaty.

This makes West Germany the first one to ratify - the first of six countries in the West European agreement. The others are France, and Italy, Belgium, ~~the~~ Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. West Germany, by the way, can't begin to recruit its half million allotment of troops until the other nations have ratified the pact.

The Soviet paper PRAVDA in Moscow says that William Oatis is being given an amnesty. It is not clear at this time whether he has been released or is going to be soon -- whether he has actually been ~~xxx~~ released is not ~~xxxxx~~ known.

BERLIN

The latest account of escape from behind the Iron Curtain tells of a refugee fleeing - with two ships! In the Red sector of Berlin, Kurt Hinze, a ship-owner, decided to get away and he planned it so well that he was able to take out a couple of his vessels. One - an excursion steamer; the other - a freighter. These navigated in the River Spree, a waterway at Berlin - and, today they arrived in the western sector.

The River Spree, by the way, is where Kaiser Wilhelm used to have his palace. During the Spartacus left-wing rebellion following World War One it was taken over by U-boat sailors who commandeered the Kaiser's quarters, slept in his bed, ate his wild game, and drank his wine. I was there when they were driven out - by artillery fire from guns of the majority Socialist regime.

AIR CRASH

There was a frightful air crash in Germany today - when an American jet plane slammed into two huge cargo planes. Four ~~ix~~ flying box cars were in formation when the jet fighter came flashing. Ramming into one of the transports, careening off and tearing the wing from another. Three lives lost - four survivors. Some of the crewmen were able to get out by parachute; although spectators say that all three planes crashed "in a million flaming pieces."

KOREAN TRUCE

In Korea the truce deadlock is still on -
the Red negotiators sitting back more stubbornly than
ever - following a statement made by the Prime Minister
of India today. ~~He spoke in support of the truce plan~~
~~offered by the Communists.~~ Said the Red proposals
should, in his words, "form the basis of discussion".
Which is all the more to the point - because India is
one of the five countries which both sides have accepted
as neutrals for the handling of prisoners who don't
want to go home.

Yesterday, the word was the Red negotiators
~~of Pan Mun Jem~~ were encouraged by the qualified
endorsement that Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave
their plan.) *a similar* *as India*
~~their plan.~~ Now ~~the~~ statement ~~is~~ from Nehru gives ~~it~~
them all the more reason to stall and wait - hoping
that world opinion will back them up.

KOREA-PRISONERS

News from the notorious prison camp on Koje Island tells ^{of} a weird episode, when a spokesman for the captives brought out the bodies of two prisoners, who had been killed. He turned these over to U.S. guards - together with two prisoners who confessed themselves to be the killers. These two tell investigators that their victims had "ordered" them to murder other captives. But they, instead, turned on the ones who gave the murder order, and killed them!

KOREA-WAR

American air power, today, made one of its heaviest attacks in the Korean war, smashing a Red Army training center near Chinnampo. ~~The bombing assault led to an air battle on high in which~~ ^{also} American Sabre-jets shot down three MIGS and damaged five others.

~~Among the bunkers and the trenches on the war front, fighting flared at a point called Texas Hill, where South Koreans, driven from outposts, came storming back to recapture positions from the Reds.~~

INDO CHINA SOLDIERS

News from Indo-China tells of an agreement concerning the forgotten Chinese Nationalist soldiers. Twenty-seven thousand forgotten soldiers who passed out of the news - almost out of memory since Nineteen Forty nine. They now are to be sent to - Formosa. These twenty-seven thousand are Chinese Nationalists, who retreated before the sweep of the Reds, and crossed the border into Indo-China. Interned ~~there~~ by the French ~~authorities~~ - and kept ever since on an ~~Indo-China~~ island. Now an agreement has been reached with the Formosa, ~~regime~~, and the twenty-seven thousand forgotten soldiers will join the Nationalist forces of Chiang Kai-Shek.

I B M

You have all heard of the electric ^{or} brain?
I am at the home of that ^{marvel} ~~wizard~~ of this age of
machines. Actually I haven't paid a call on the
electric ~~pe~~ brain. Instead, I am standing here before
a microphone in an auditorium of the vast I B M plant
near Poughkeepsie, New York, not far from my own
home. ^P I am the guest ~~of~~ this evening of an old
friend, Thomas J. Watson, who to me has always been
far more wonderful than any electric ^{or} brain, or any
of the magic machines that come from these I B M
factories, where they make electric accounting machines,
electric calculators, electric typewriters and so on.
Mr. Watson has just been telling me about one machine
that can handle more than sixteen thousand additions
per second! And here I have difficulty even adding
up my monthly expense account. ^H Over my news wire
a few moments ago I received a dispatch from Washington
that will be of special interest to the hundreds of
I B M people who are here with me at the broadcast.
The dispatch tells how --—————→

GUIDED MISSILE

→ The Army has begun acquiring land around a whole series of big cities - for guided missile sites. Places from which to ~~xi~~ launch the anti-aircraft missile called "nike". Nee-kay I guess would be the correct pronunciation, for the word N I K E is classical Greek, meaning "victory" and the new ~~xx~~ weapon certainly sounds as if it ought to be victorious. That guided missile, they say, can find its way to a target thirty miles off in the sky - capable of knocking out any bomber.

The chief of our cities and production areas - like this huge I B M plant -- are to be protected by - "nike". And at each site, a considerable space of ground is needed - a good deal more than twenty ~~xxxx~~ acres, we hear. Each for example, will have an elaborate battery of radar stations. Nike being - radar ~~xxxxxxx~~ controlled. Whenever possible government property will be used.

I suppose you know all about Rocky Marciano knocking out Jersey Joe in the first Round in Chicago Stadium tonight. Or did he really? Joe was waiting for the count to get up but waited too long. Apparently he meant to get up just before the count of nine, waited to rest during the count, but waited apparently too long and the count went to ten.

What an endless amount of argument and discussion that's going to cause. All that vast amount of dough ~~is~~ spent on a fight that went less than a round - 1 minute and 25 seconds - with the loser able and eager to fight on - and staying down a fraction of a second too long! A melancholy end indeed to a great fight career for old Jersey Joe. Ending with confusion - and the crowd booing.

WEATHER

New Yorkers won't be surprised at this. The Weather Bureau, at Albany, announcing - this has been the wettest spring on record. Since March First, the rainfall has exceeded sixteen inches, which is tops for moisture since Eighteen twenty-six, when weather statistics in Albany began. The previous record was established in Eighteen Seventy-one - now broken by these endless rainy days.

EGYPT-WEATHER

Egypt reports a ferocious heat wave - and exactly at the most uncomfortable time. At Cairo - one hundred-and-six fahrenheit. Further up the Nile, the temperatures were still higher today/ And this is the month of Ramadan, which began yesterday - the month of prayer and fasting for Moslems. During Ramadan the pious Mohammedan doesn't indulge even in a sip of water from sunrise to sunset. It's a thirsty time, at best. And dry as Old Sahara - with Egypt suffering a blazing heat wave, in the thirsty month of Ramadan.

WEDDING

In Norway, a precedent of six hundred years broken today - when a royal princess married a commoner. Princess Ragnhild wedded to play Erling Lorentzen, a shipping executive. In the church - royalty galore. King Haakon of Norway, King Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Denmark, Princess Ingeborg of Sweden, and Princess Margaret of Great Britain. Nearly everybody royal - except - the bridegroom.

All through the ceremony, Princess Ragnhild wept. Emotion - maybe, because she was the first Norwegian Princess to marry a commoner in six hundred years. Or maybe just the emotion of a bride at her wedding.

QUEEN

The case of Queen Elizabeth-the-Second was taken to court in Scotland today. The demand being - that Her Majesty should not be known by that name in the land of the heather. In Scotland, they say - she's Elizabeth the First.

Scottish Nationalists today pointed out - that the first Elizabeth, the great Elizabeth, was Queen of England only. Not - of Scotland! At the time she reigned, Scotland was not united with England. Scotland then had a sovereign of its own, the unhappy Mary, Queen of Scots. So the present Queen is ^{Elizabeth} ~~Elizabeth~~ the First - so far as the Scots are concerned.

Attorneys from London, presenting the case of the Crown, argued back - saying that the Number in Her Majesty's title has been decreed by an act of Parliament, and, that Parliament is the supreme ~~Authority~~ Authority. Not to be checked - by any ruling of a court.

The Scots, however, says there may be violence if Queen Elizabeth is billed - as the Second.

CORONATION

Today was Coronation rehearsal day in London, with the Archbishop of Canterbury presiding. The place of the Queen was taken by the thirty-six year old, good-looking Duchess of Norfolk. She accepted the homage of peers and prelates - in a practice performance of the royal ritual. All under the direction of the Duke of Norfolk, hereditary Earl Marshall of England.

Well, with His Grace the Duke running things, and the Duchess playing the Queen, the rehearsal was an affair of - The Howards. That historic family, of which the Duke of Norfolk is the head, is one of the most ancient in England; of Royal ancestry, too. The Howards provided Queens of England in the past. So now, their Duchess was - Queen for a day.

There was ~~an~~ one awkward incident, when the hereditary Lord High Stewart of Ireland - couldn't get in. The Earl of Shrewsbury, of the historic House of Talbot - arrived at Westminster Abbey wearing a derby hat! He had the coronet of a peer of the realm - tucked

under his arm. In one hand - a white stave six feet long, the emblem of his office. The Earl, I guess, looked rather odd - and the police, on duty, wouldn't let him in. Not until - he was able to produce identification - proving he really was an Earl.

And now from the Earl of Shrewsbury we turn to our Ivory Knight of the Bath, meaning you Nelson.

GODFREY

Arthur Godfrey, underwent an operation today - the first of two. In Boston, the doctors declare - the surgery was a success. The star of radio and television - in good shape tonight. But he'll still have to have another operation - to fix up a bad hip situation.

All the result of an injury that Arthur Godfrey sustained in an automobile accident twenty-two years ago. Hip joint shattered and never mended properly. Now to be replaced with ^{a metal joint} (parts made of plastic) in one of those masterpieces of surgery. It sounds formidable, but I can assure Arthur about the skill of surgeons nowadays. It wasn't so long ago that I too was in hospital trouble right up to the hip - after an accident in Tibet, with eight fractures! In fact I'm sorry Arthur didn't tell me he was in ~~his~~ ^{hip} trouble. I could at least have given him a lot of encouragement. Nowadays a top surgeon can make you better than ~~xxx~~ new -- as they no doubt are doing with Mr. "T.V." - meaning Arthur Godfrey, the human phenomenon.