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The big event happened quietly at the U N today -- the adoption of the American proposal for the Korean peace conference. This had raised noisy storms, but it all ended on a tranquil note.

India withdrew its bid for a seat at the far eastern conference. ^{That} ~~which~~ had been the key factor in the dispute. Great Britain -- wanting India to participate. ^{and} The Soviets -- calling for the admission of a whole string of non-belligerents.

Today, however, Indian delegate V. K. Krishna Menon told the General Assembly -- India withdraws. He described the attitude of his government in these words: "Not running away from battle, but not trying to add to the heat of battle."

U S delegate Henry Cabot Lodge called the Indian move "generous and statesmanlike."

So the General Assembly went ahead and passed the American proposal -- that the world organization invite all the seventeen countries that contributed soldiers to the U N forces in Korea. The vote, ^{on this: -} -- forty-three to

five, only the Soviet bloc opposing.

~~(When, in another vote, the General Assembly invited Soviet Russia to attend the Korean peace conference, "provided the other side desires it." The vote on that was -- fifty five to one. Only Nationalist China voting against.)~~ *hch*

PRISONERS

Four hundred Allied prisoners handed over today, and it looks as if the prisoner exchange will end -- in about a week. One-hundred-and-forty-five Americans, two Australians, three Turks, and two-hundred-and-fifty South Koreans. -- ^{That was} today's quota. Which would leave some twenty-five hundred captives -- still to be set free. The Reds are handing them over -- four hundred a day. So the arithmetic would indicate -- September fifth, as the final day of the prisoner exchange.

GERMANY- FOOD

Another riot in East Berlin -- people battling ~~against~~
the Red police. ~~And~~ Once again the story is -- *those*
"Eisenhower packages."

The distribution of American food in West Berlin
has been resumed -- eighty thousand parcels given to
East Berliners today, *- in the West Zone.* When the crowds went back to the
Eastern sector, forces of Red police were waiting -- and
started confiscating the "Eisenhower packages."

That started the riot, crowds storming an El ~~staxx~~
station. And -- beating up the police. Reinforcements
arrived, and recaptured the El station but the police
called off their confiscation program -- in the face of
so much trouble.

An ace returned to Germany today -- after four years of exile in Argentina. ^{It turns into} ~~marking~~ a political event.

Colonel Hans Ulrich Rudel -- who was both a Nazi propagandist and a war flyer. He served in Russia -- a fighter pilot credited with an amazing record against Russian armament. They say that, in air attacks, he destroyed five-hundred-and-eighteen Russian tanks. He was wounded and lost a leg.

After the downfall of the Nazis, the one legged air ace fled -- making his way to South America. But, from Argentina, ^{he} kept in touch with pro-Nazi movements back in Germany. In the present election campaign, the extreme right wing party named him as a candidate for the West German Parliament. But the Adenauer government barred him, as a Nazi. Together, -- with Werner Naumann, leader of those neo-Nazis. But they can't legally, keep him from campaigning, making speeches -- and, now, the one-legged Nazi stalwart returns to do just that.

TREASURE

A mysterious treasure was delivered at a Belgian bank today. Kept secret -- but we hear that the treasure consisted of soggy banknotes, bundles of money wet with sea water. Brought in by the Italian salvage vessel - Rostro.

The Rostro has been doing a salvage job on the -- "Flying Enterprise." Remember "stay-put Carlson," the headline story of the skipper who wouldn't leave his ship, until the wreck was ready to sink? Well, the Flying Enterprise lies at the bottom of the sea and under Maritime Law, the salvagers are entitled to what ever they can recover.

A Belgium bank engaged an Italian salvage firm with a record in the romantic business of recovering sunken cargo. The Flying Enterprise lies off southwest England, under two-hundred-and-fifty feet of water. Too deep for ordinary diving operations, and the belief is -- that the Italians must have used a diving bell, or some ~~kind of an~~ ultra-modern ~~kind of~~ diving suit.

In any case, the Rostro put into port with bundles of sodden banknotes, ~~The~~ Flying Enterprise ^{was} ~~λ~~ reported to have carried British and American currency worth two-hundred-and-ten-thousand dollars. The rumor in Belgium is that the Rostro also brought up other cargo -- typewriters, laboratory equipment, even automobiles.

All of which sounds like a fascinating epilogue ^{to} ~~λ~~ that epic of the Flying Enterprise, and "stay-put Carlson."

GUATEMALA

Today, the State Department handed a communication to the Guatemalan Ambassador -- protesting against the seizure of two-hundred-and-thirty-four thousand acres of land, owned by the United Fruit Company -- and confiscated by the Guatemalan government, which, some say, is dominated by Communists.

The Guatemalans claim they've offered the company -- "just compensation." This the State Department ridicules. Payment would be made in Guatemalan bonds, maturing in twenty-five years. The State Department calls those bonds "of uncertain market value scarcely to be regarded as either prompt or effective payment."

COMMUNISTS

The F B I is hunting for more Communists of the underground - who helped the two fugitive party leaders, found hiding - high in the Sierras of California.

Robert Thompson - one of the eleven top Communist leaders, convicted of conspiracy. The other - Sidney Steinberg, a second string Red official.

Thompson had been hidden by the Communist underground for four years. He was disguised with a mustache and dyed hair, living together with Steinberg, in a lonely mountain cabin. Four confederates have been arrested, and the F B I is looking for others.

STRIKES

The telephone strike is on in Washington - ten thousand employees walking out in the district of Columbia and nearby areas. The company announces -- the government's vital telephone service will not be affected.

This is one of a whole series of local telephone strikes; - with pickets battling the police at Indianapolis.

Similar labor trouble - in the rubber industry.

And strikes are threatened among maritime and garment workers. A wave of labor unrest - throughout the country.

STEVENSON

The Democratic celebration for Adlai Stevenson ran into trouble today -- the chairman of the dinner committee, John J. Kelly, getting into a row with the Democratic National Chairman, Stephen Mitchell. Kelly quits, with the statement -- that his ideas conflicted with those of Mitchell.

The immediate point at issue ^{was} said to be -- the selection of a toastmaster. National Chairman Mitchell named Senator Gillette of Iowa. Dinner chairman Kelly objected, saying Gillette was -- an "outsider."

I don't know how the Senator from Iowa would figure as an outsider -- but the troubles are said to go deeper than that. A feud between the old guard and -- the "neophytes."

In the Presidential election, Stevenson had a lot of political newcomers -- running his campaign. Amateurs -- in the opinion of the veteran politicians. There ^{are} the two factions -- the old guard and the neophytes. National Chairman Mitchell, whom Adlai picked, qualifies as a "neophyte."

So the home-coming for Adlai brings about a quarrel that's a symptom -- of the situation in the Democratic Party.

DU PONT

Here are some figures, illustrating the financial facts of life. At Wilmington, Delaware, the Du Pont Company announces the amount of money it has put aside for federal taxes during the first six months of this year. The tax money is more than the total of wages and salaries paid by the Du Ponts in the same period.

The giant corporation has ninety thousand employees, and these were paid two-hundred-and-twenty-six million dollars. Federal taxes come to two-hundred-and-thirty-three million, for the six months. To which you can add sixteen million more for state levies and social security.

Its a record-breaking tax bill, and reflects two things. First -- a sharp increase of industrial production by DuPont, the present boom. Second -- the huge burden of taxes, these days.

There was a sensational murder in New York tonight -- committed, apparently, by a professional killer of the underworld. The usual thing is - that the gangster was, himself, killed. Thomas Lewis, President of the New York local of the Building Service ~~XXXX~~ employees union, was shot down in the apartment house, where he lived. Killed - as he stepped from the ~~XXXX~~ elevator, on the fifth floor, to enter his apartment.

The gunman then ran down the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ stairs but there was a lot of screaming by women after the ~~XXXX~~ pistol shots, and a policeman heard the noise - Patrolman Vincent Langan. He ran to the scene, as the gangster killer dashed out of the apartment house. There was a fast exchange of shots, the ~~XXX~~ policeman killing the gunman.

INDIANS

(draft)

Near Newell, West Virginia, in the valley of the Ohio River, there was a small hill -- a mound.

Archeologists from the Carnegie Museum, in Pittsburgh, have been digging into it, and now come up with relics of the "shell people". That's what they call Indians of some five thousand years ago, ~~who~~ represent -- the second oldest American Indian culture. In that West Virginian mound, the archeologists found arrowheads and tools made of stone. ~~And~~ -- shells.

Those archaic Indians were in a transitional stage -- Nomadic hunters changing to a more settled form of life. They had some primitive culture, but lived largely, on shell fish taken from streams of the Ohio Valley. Like -- the familiar crawfish, I suppose. The discarded shells would pile up during the centuries -- making a mound, like the one in West Virginia.

In that Ohio River section, the archeologists found relics of -- the "pottery people". These were ^{unknown so-called} later, and of a more advanced civilization. They could make pottery. The "shell people" -- too primitive for ^{that.}

SHOES

At Kankakee, Illinois, Gus Helopolous wants to give away three thousand five hundred pairs of shoes. Or - are they pairs? Gus, an alert Greek Businessman, saw a government advertisement - offering army surplus shoes for fifty cents a pair. Gus bought the lot - but the shoes didn't match each other. He hired a couple of boys to sort them out. They were able to match up five hundred pairs but it cost Gus five hundred dollars, for labor. Whereupon he gave it up. He'll ~~xxx~~ keep the five hundred matched pairs, and will give away the rest - if he can find anybody to take them.

At Laureldale, Pennsylvania, industrial executives are waiting for a white haired mining prospector to show up -- in an old truck, loaded with dirt. Chemical engineers will test the dirt -- and, if the stuff turns out okay, the white haired prospector will be rich.

This is no tale of a mining bonanza out west -- the traditional place for "strike it rich". The mine is in Connecticut, near New Milford. *the picturesque old town of* The prospector, Howard Hewitt -- ~~who~~ has been digging there for three years. It was a mica mine -- producing the mineral also called *is* singlass; Once used for windows -- of various kinds.

But Howard Hewitt figured -- that old mica mine also contained "beryl"; The mineral from which they make -- beryllium. Which is all-important in -- the atomic bomb. The government, right now, stockpiles beryllium -- for the U. S. atomic program.

So now the prospector announces -- he struck it rich. High grade beryllium -- which would be worth

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three-hundred to six-hundred dollars a ton. So he has loaded up an old truck, driving to Laureldale, Pa. - to the Beryllium Corporation of America; where top flight executives are waiting - to test the story -- of striking it rich in Connecticut. Better stop off there tonite, Mike, on your way home to Vermont, and stake a Beryl claim.