

CONFERENCE

L7-Deleo Thurs, Feb, 27-58.

London says - there'll be a summit conference in Geneva, sometime during July. Top-level talks - which will include from four to six nations. This - according to British Government officials.

American, British and French ambassadors in Moscow - ready to begin preparatory talks, laying the ground for the meeting of the heads of state. The ambassadors - waiting for the Russians to get ready to start the preliminary negotiations.

A dispatch from Bonn, West Germany, chimes in - quoting Russian diplomats in West Germany. Who say - that Moscow will agree to go to Geneva at any time. July - an acceptable month.

In Washington - nothing so definite or enthusiastic. The London statement - called "Premature" officials explaining - that the London reports are evidence that the Labor Party is putting pressure on the MacMillan Government for an early summit meeting.

EISENHOWER-DISABILITY

Here's a question - that came up today. Suppose that President Eisenhower, if he were disabled by illness - should hand over the Presidential office to Vice-President Nixon. While the President - was recovering. Would he be able to reassume office - when he got well?

Speaker Sam Rayburn says - NO. The Texan - explaining in these words: "If the Vice-President goes in with the oath he must take, as it is now written - he is President. I don't see how the President could ever get back in," declared the Speaker of the House.

Meanwhile, there are congressional demands - for a disclosure of the secret - to which the president referred in his news conference yesterday. When he said - he had a complete understanding with Vice-President Nixon about what would happen, if the President became disabled by illness. Adding - that the cabinet has been

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informed of what should be done.

Today, Senate Republican Leader Knowland of California told newsmen - that he and other G O P leaders in Congress were told of the Eisenhower-Nixon agreement, some ten days ago. But they were not informed - what the arrangement is. Or - whether it is verbal, or in writing.

Congress - exceedingly curious about it. Senator Knowland saying - the whole matter will be discussed at a meeting between Republican Congressional leaders and the President, on Tuesday. They'll ask him.

EISENHOWER-SPEECH

President Eisenhower will make a radio-television address on May sixth - signalling the start of the Republican Congressional campaign. He will speak at a dinner meeting of GOP Senators and Representatives -and call on the voters to elect a Republican Congress this coming November.

BENSON

Two Republican Congressmen tried in vain to convince President Eisenhower, today - that Secretary of Agriculture Benson is a political liability, Farm belt legislators - congressmen Miller and Weaver.

Representing other GOP law makers from the Middle West, they conferred with President Eisenhower at the White House for thirty minutes, ~~staying~~ Telling him that Ezra Benson, if kept as Head of the Department of Agriculture, would cost the Republicans up to thirty seats in the House of Representatives, in the fall election.

But the President replied - that he has complete faith in the Secretary. Backing him up - as he has done repeatedly.

The two - congressmen said they won't give up - hoping to change the President's mind with further arguments.

MISSILE

Now - the super Intercontinental Ballistic Missile. More powerful, swifter, more accurate and of longer range - than any rockets we're now testing So announced - by the Air Force.

The key to all this ? An improved nose ~~cone~~. ~~cone~~. Different from the heavy blunt cones of other types.

The Air Force explains - the new rocket is on the drawing board, at present. So they're going ahead with the other missiles - until they get the new one further along.

Meanwhile , at Cape Canaveral, Florida the Army fired a Redstone missile, today. Experiment - a success.

RUSSIA-ATOMIC

The Atomic Energy Commission in Washington announces two more Russian Atomic blasts today.

Hydrogen bomb, apparently - tried out in the Arctic. The third in five days. The Soviets - using a testing ground above the Arctic Circle.

Today's detonation - the second in five days.

One report is that the Russians are exploding hydrogen bombs - way up above the earth's atmosphere carried by rockets, to test the effect of nuclear explosions out in space.

DISARMAMENT

This country has a new negotiator - on disarmament. Succeeding Harold Stassen - who stepped out of the position to campaign for the Republican nomination as Governor of Pennsylvania. The new Ambassador to deal with Soviet Russia in any future disarmament negotiations.- James J. Wadsworth, hitherto an American representative at the United Nations.

TUNISIA

Tunisia turns down a French plan - to create a strip of "No Man's Land" along the border of Tunisia and Algeria. Purpose - to prevent border incidents, and keep Algerian insurgents from crossing

Today, Tunisian President Bourguiba declared *that* the creation of a zone a mile wide would mean - the deportation of seventy thousand Algerians from along the border. Which, said he: - "revolts the conscience"

The French cabinet has okayed the project - which Tunisia now rejects.

ENGLAND-CRASH

Over in snowbound England, a party of television engineers were trapped - at a TV transmitting station on top of a mountain. Caught in the blizzard - remaining there over night. This morning - a banging at the door. When they opened it, a man, streaming with blood - staggered in.

"There's been a crash," he gasped.

The first word - of an air disaster, which took thirty-five lives. With - seven survivors. The victims - automobile dealers, flying for an outing to the Isle of Man, in the Irish Sea. The plane - running into the fog-shrouded mountain, fifteen miles from Manchester.

The co-pilot, injured - making his way through the snow to the television transmitter on top of the mountain. Where, luckily, he found the marooned engineers. Otherwise, the survivors might have perished in the bitter cold.

A telephone call from the TV station brought

am bulances following a spearhead of snow Plows -
which took an hour and a half to gouge their way
for more than three miles.

Tragedy - in the British world of automobile
dealers

CANADA

In Canada, the Montreal income tax office reveals that seventy-five percent of the returns for nineteen fifty-seven -are incorrect. Tax payers- blundering in their calculations.

What's the trouble? Oh, Just a change they made in figuring out a ten percent credit, which the tax payer may deduct.

Previously, it had been simple. But, this year, the method is as follows: "A tax payer must work out his old-age security tax, deduct it from his federal income tax- before he calculates the ten percent credit."

Some day, the tax man is going to learn- to stop complicating the mathematics. Canada should know! with seventy-five percent of the returns- incorrect.

INVESTIGATION

In Washington, today, FCC Commissioner Richard Mack was talking to newsmen - before going in to testify before a Senate Investigating Committee. A reporter asked him - did he intend to resign?

"Of course not," Mack replied. "I certainly have no intention of resigning."

Then facing the committee, he swore - that he had not been influenced, either by friends, or by money he borrowed, When he ~~acted~~^{voted} as he did in the award of Miami television channel number ten.

He confirmed previous testimony - of loans ~~made~~ from Thurmond Whiteside, a long - time friend, Whiteside - connected with National Airlines, which got the TV channel.

Also, Whiteside presented him as a gift - with a one-sixth interest in an insurance agency. Which did business with the Airline. Mack told the committee today - that he didn't know about the insurance - air-line transaction. Not until - last

Monday night. Whereupon, he wrote to Whiteside -
"Renouncing" his interest in the agency.

He said - he had paid off most of the loans he
got from Whiteside. Doing this - with income he received
from the insurance business.

ROBBER

Now, let's all sing the old song - "The man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo." But - in a minor key, with sour notes. Because this is about - the man who didn't break the bank at Las Vegas.

He should have known better - a bank examiner, wise to the ways of money. Or - so you'd think. But Louis Miles quit his bank examining job at Tacoma, Washington, because he had figured out a system for beating the gambling games. Or - so he thought.

The outcome? well, today, the former bank examiner was wrapped by the police - hiding in a patch of bushwood. After having robbed a bank - in Seattle.

Having gone broke in Las Vegas gambling houses, in spite of his mathematical system for beating the games, the former bank examiner had resorted - to bank robbery.

WIND

In New Jersey, they've located- the runaway blimp. Which broke loose, this morning at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station. High winds were blowing, and away went the huge gas bag. Two sailors aboard, but they were able to jump out- before the blimp really got going.

Alarm - in airline circles. The roving balloon - in the sky, along the route between New York and Washington. And a speeding airliner - might run smack into a gas bag three hundred feet long. All flights cancelled - until the blimp was found.

Five hours later, a helicopter pilot spotted the fugitive. The blimp - having come down in the New Jersey pine woods.

Another breezy story - takes us around the world, to Japan. A violent gale - sweeping the top of Fujiama. On top of which legend^{my} mountain, there's a weather station.

A gust of wind, blowing at a hundred miles an hour, caught a weatherman - and blew him right off the top of Fujiama. Out into space he went - falling for six hundred feet. Landing, luckily - in a crevass filled with snow. Injured - but ^L alive.

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I happen to be broadcasting from a mountain tonight - in southern Vermont. And it has a most appropriate name - at any rate it has right now. The snow here is one hundred inches in depth. And - it's called Mt. Snow.

WEATHER

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The Western prairies ^{tonight} a wild scene of blinding blizzard. A huge snowstorm, today - hitting the Middle West. From Kansas - North. Zero cold - accompanying the snow. In the South - another tornado, following a dozen or so that raised havoc in Mississippi and Louisiana, last night.

At Piney Woods, Mississippi, the tornado picked up a woman a hundred-and-one years old, who was lying in her bed, when the twister ripped the house. Tossing her - for twenty yards into a

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flower garden. ^{Don -} The hundred-and-one-year-old woman ~~shook herself -~~ ^{said 'well, I declare!'} ~~shook up a bit, that's all.~~ A hardy - centenarian.

SUDAN

Folks - how are you going to vote? For the corn stalk, the lantern, the rifle, or the axe? Or the crocodile or the hippopotamus. You'd have to make up your mind about it - if you were a tribesman of the Sudan.

Today was election day in the Sudan - all the way from Wadi Halfi to the headwaters of the Blue Nile, the voters flocking to the polls on donkeys, horses, and camels of course. The first election - the Sudan has ever had. A whole string of parties and the battle of ballots - each represented by a picture, a symbol. No use writing the names of the parties for voters who can't read.

Yes, some voting - for the hippopotamus!