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SUB NOTE

We are ready to negotiate with Russia on a plan to use atomic energy for peace. So says Secretary of State Dulles. The plan - that dramatic proposal by President Eisenhower in his address before the U.N. General Assembly. The President said then that he favored Private discussions about pooling some of the atomic power of the great nations; and today Malenkov gave his answer, ~~to President Eisenhower for discussion on atomic~~ accepting the proposal. ~~And now~~ control Secretary of State Dulles announces formally that we will negotiate with the Soviet Union. As he put it: - "explore every possibility of securing agreement and bringing President Eisenhower's historic proposal into the realm of creative action."

Molotov handed the Kremlin note to Ambassador, Bohlen. It did not give complete approval to what Mr. Eisenhower said. According to the note, some of the President's remarks were not clear.

Moreover, the Russians charged that he did not

provide for banning of atomic weapons.

But the Soviet note did say this:- "as to Pres. Eisenhower's statement on the confidential or diplomatic talks concerning his proposal, the Soviet government, following consistently its peace loving policy, expresses its readiness to take part in such negotiations."

This is a reversal of past refusals to agree with us about atomic weapons. The Soviets have always refused to permit any real inspection of atomic development inside Russia. Now they agree with us - at least for the holding of conversations on the peacetime use of atomic energy.

Many members of Congress believe that the new Soviet attitude may ease international tension. Says Senator Sparkman of Alabama: "It's going well ahead of anything they have been willing to do yet." And Senator Morse of Oregon adds that Congress should give the President full support in any negotiations with the Kremlin

The Russian note was also well received at the U N. Said the President of the Security Council: "This is already very important. A step in the right direction!" "Very encouraging, if true", was the comment of our delegate, Cabot Lodge.

In London, diplomats point out that the Russian note indicates a change within the Soviet government - because the first reaction in Moscow had been hostile. The Tass News Agency, attacking the Eisenhower speech as a threat.

The London diplomats add - it is the second political somersault that Malenkov has taken in recent weeks. First, he agreed to a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Big Four - backing down from his demand that Red China be invited. Now he accepts the Eisenhower proposal on atomic energy. After other Moscow sources had denounced that proposal.



## BIG FOUR

The Big Three have agreed about giving a security guarantee to the ~~Russ~~ Russians - a guarantee against future aggression. Diplomatic sources in Paris disclosed this today. No details on the contents of the agreement. But it's said to follow from the proposal made by Churchill seven months ago. The British Prime Minister spoke of a guarantee which would keep both Russia and Germany from attacking one another again. At the Bermuda conference, Sir Winston convinced both President Eisenhower and Premier Laniel that the Soviet Union had a right to ~~ask~~ such a guarantee.

Then he stated in the House of Commons that he hoped for early progress on it.

Now we hear how much progress has been made. The Big Three accepting the Churchill proposal. And they'll offer it to Malenkov at the meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in Berlin next month.



## MOSSADEGH

In Teheran, a military tribunal sentences Mossadegh to three years in solitary confinement. The former Premier of Iran, found guilty of attempting to overthrow the monarchy. Thirteen counts listed against him - including illegal arrest of officers, dissolution of the imperial guards, arrest of the man who carried to him the Shah's order ~~to~~ of dismissal from the government, and sending cables to Iranian envoys, warning them not to greet the Shah when he was in exile.

The three year sentence, a light one - granted because of Mossadegh's age, and because of his former services to Iran.

The Shah, personally appealed <sup>in</sup> for ~~the~~ clemency, ~~he~~ sent a letter to the court, stating that he forgave Mossadegh for offenses against the royal family. The Shah also made it clear that he favored leniency.

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This, the second time that the Shah has intervened in behalf of Mossadegh. The former Shah ordered Mossadegh into banishment for fifteen years. But the Crown Prince, who is now Shah, intervened, and got the sentence reduced. After that, Mossadegh returned to Teheran - the first step in his rise to become Premier.

**But** Mossadegh isn't at all thankful to the Shah. Says the weepy ex-Premier. "I committed no crimes in order to be pardoned. I don't need to be forgiven."

But he is forgiven, even though the prosecutor demanded death for him. He gets three years in solitary confinement instead.

DEAN

Our special envoy to Pan Mun Jom, Arthur Dean, does not believe that either the Reds or the South Koreans will begin the fighting again - even if a peace conference is never held.

Dean broke off his talks at Pan Mun Jom after the Reds had accused us of treachery. He was called home by the President, and after reporting at the White House, he spoke tonight over radio and Tv. He said the chances for a real peace settlement are not very good, but this does not necessarily mean a renewal of the war, because the armistice will remain in effect.

For one thing, he believes North Korea suffered so much devastation - the Reds are not anxious to have it happen again. As he put it: -"The Communists took a terrific beating. We stopped the tide, and time-table, of Red aggression."

Nor does he believe that Syngman Ahnee will take any action on his own.

The armistice to continue - but a conference may never be held to negotiate a stable peace in Korea.



## PRISONERS

The U N prepares to make one final appeal to those twenty two G I's who say they prefer Communism. The deadline for repatriation, midnight tomorrow. The prisoners, still refusing to come out for their interviews. So the last minute appeal will have to be made by loud speaker.

General Thimayya says that he will give both the Americans and the South Koreans one last chance to go through the processing. If they still ~~do~~ refuse, then the neutral commission will permit our loud speakers to go into action. Three trucks to be sent up to the compound ~~at~~ gate. And then personal appeals from the families of the G I's, to be broadcast into the compound.

American officials are said to be very pessimistic/ They agree with General Hull - who does not believe any of the Americans want to come home. Here's how he puts it: "If they wanted to return - there would have been no difficulties."

But our psychological warfare teams will go into action anyhow. They'll put on the tape recordings - urging the G I's to abandon Communism. After that, the American prisoners will have to act fast - because time will run out on them at midnight tomorrow.

INDO CHINA

In Indo China, the Communist Viet Minh radio announces the release of many prisoners of war. The radio states that hundreds of French and North African troops will be sent back to their own lines.

The Red amnesty is the latest in a series of peace overtures by rebel leader Ho Chi Minh. And his radio declares that the amnesty is a proof that he wants peace with the French.

*This is*  
~~not~~ not the first prisoner exchange in Indo China,  
But, according to French officials, this will be the biggest number ever released by the Reds.



RED SCHOOLS

West German Reds ~~are~~ crossing the border to attend school in the Soviet Zone. So <sup>it says</sup> ~~stated~~ in a dispatch from Berlin. West German officials estimate the number at around sixteen hundred -- many belonging to the "Free German youth" -- a Communist organization that has been outlawed by the Adenauer government. And the ~~schools~~ schools they're going to are Communist propaganda schools. In other words, the students will learn how to support the Soviet line when they return to the West.

They<sup>a</sup> are described as well dressed. But customs inspectors report that they bring ragged clothing in their baggage -- probably to be used in propaganda pictures about living conditions in Western Germany. <sup>Anyhow</sup> They<sup>a</sup> are off to school behind the Iron Curtain - and they'll return to their homes as Red agitators.

## CRASH

A dispatch from Reykjavik, Iceland, reveals that the rescue team on foot - with skis and ice crampons, has pushed within sight of that Navy plane that crashed on a glacier four days ago. And the report is - no survivors. On Friday, a plane flew over the area, and brought back word that some members of the crew were still alive. But the team on the ground says it isn't so. At least not now. No signs of life around the wreckage. As for the equipment that was dropped by air - it's just lying around on the ground where it fell.

The team on the ground was not able to go all the way. According to its leader, Jon Jonson, they were forced back by strong winds - which made it impossible for them to cross one difficult ice crevasse area - or to get around the crevasses. But Jon Jonson adds that he did see the plane clearly. That in crashing on the glacier it broke in two. So any survivors would have had no protection from the cold, sleet and wind whipping across the glacier.

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American officials add that the crew had little with them to help out in such an accident as this. They were on their way back to base after a training flight. Somehow they got about fifty miles off course, and the pilot tried to land on the glacier; and crashed, instead.

Three rescue teams are still struggling to reach the wreckage. They are described as about a mile away - waiting for a break in the weather before they can move any further. But one team got near enough to the area of the wreck to look across the crevasses - and they feel sure that all on board were killed when it hit, or else died of exposure shortly afterward.



MONAGHAN

Governor Dewey appoints a czar to supervise harness racing in New York. The horse and buggy sport has been involved in numerous scandals - ever since the murder of a union leader at Yonkers raceway in August. Many charges that criminals were employed at the tracks. Also, accusations of extortion by crooked labor leaders. And ownership of stock by politicians.

Governor Dewey has said repeatedly that he wants harness racing cleaned up. Today, he announced at a press conference that he is appointing George Monaghan, who is now police commissioner in New York City, to handle the problem.

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~~is~~ one of the few times that a Republican governor has ever given an important job to a Democrat.

Monaghan will resign as police ~~and~~ commissioner at the end of this month. And he'll take over his new office on New year's day.

Governor Dewey declares that Monaghan will have complete power - just like the commissioners of baseball and boxing. Says the Governor: "My directive to ~~Mr.~~ Monaghan is -- keep the hoodlum undesirables out of every aspect of ~~harness~~ harness racing, from ownership to operation, for good!"

## MANHUNT

In Detroit, the dragnet is out for a psychopathic murderer. He's Roman Usiondek, who was one of the thirteen prisoners that broke out of southern Michigan State prison. They crawled through a ~~sewer~~ sewer, using <sup>an acetylene</sup> ~~a blow~~ torch to cut through the iron grating. Eleven have already been rounded up. The remaining two, still at large, and one of them is Roman Usiondek, who was sentenced for murder.

He's described as the most dangerous of all. At the time of his conviction, he shouted at the prosecutor: "They won't be able to hold me." And he added: "I'll be back - and when I do, you'll be number one on my list."

So police fear that Usiondek is now searching for the prosecutor. Also, for the woman who identified him as the man who killed her husband. Both are being closely protected <sup>in</sup> in case ~~him~~ Usiondek tries to find them. And meanwhile, throughout Detroit a manhunt is going on for the escaped murderer.



SINGER

People are skeptical nowadays about the tricks and wiles of publicity. Especially - when it's a Cinderella story, the humble obscurity, followed by the golden coach.

The Cinderella in this case is Eleanor Warner, a young soprano discovered by our old friend James Melton -- the operatic tenor. Eleanor Warner was a Chicago stenographer studying voice - scales and exercises. Jimmy Melton happened to hear her, and immediately engaged her - to sing with him.

Her headline debut was at the White House a few days ago, when Eleanor and Jimmy sang for the President and Mrs. Eisenhower. Next stop, Las Vegas, <sup>and the West</sup> ~~LA~~ where the tenor and soprano will star in an elaborate musical production. Former stenographer taking dictation and pounding the typewriter - rising to stardom, over night, as ~~an~~ a soprano. That's the cinderella theme, all right, but people can be skeptical.

Today, there was a New York ~~press~~ press reception, and ~~for~~ Eleanor Warner sang for the news reporters, Fine-!

she sang superbly, winning the golden coach. But, what about the humble obscurity -- the sentimental angle? Was she really a stenographer?

Next to the grand piano was a table with a typewriter a notebook and a pencil. And ~~Mr~~ Eleanor Warner took a letter. One of the reporters - dictating.

Dear Sir - Yours of the twenty-ninth instant duly received, ~~and~~ contents noted... *etc. etc.*

Eleanor scribbled in her notebook, then banged the letter out on the typewriter. That was the acid test, the typewriter test.

She even misspelled a word, *Mike.* Proving - that she was a stenographer.