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The Moscow doctors go free! You will recall how last January nine Soviet doctors were charged with terrorism and espionage, and they were accused, among other things, of murdering Andrei Zhdanov, a leading member of the Politburo. It was reported that they had confessed to deliberately making awrong diagnosis of his illness. These charges, one of the most startling developments within Russia in recent years.

Tonight the news from Moscow mentions these doctors again. But now we hear that the whole thing was a mistake - or rather was a matter of false arrest. The Ministry of Interior states that the doctors were **arrested** by former members of the Ministry of Security. That there was no legal foundation for arresting them. And that all the persons responsible have been taken into custody. The Moscow Ministry of Interior states

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that all incriminating testimony against the doctors was obtained by unauthorized means! An astonishing statement considering the means which the Reds have used in the past to extort confessions from other victims. So the Malenkov regime makes one more about-face from the days of Stalin. And it releases the doctors who were thrown into jail as criminals when Stalin ruled the Kremlin.

"PEACE OFFENSIVE"

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The new Communist "peace offensive" was drawn up *by*
none other than
~~by~~ Stalin himself. So stated by a high Allied diplomat in
Bonn, Germany. According to this diplomat, Stalin became
convinced that his cold war aggression was not producing the
effect he wanted. It was not preventing the West from
resisting Soviet imperialism. So the great dictator decided
to try conciliation instead.

According to this Allied diplomat, Malenkov has
fallen heir to the new policy. And Malenkov is following *out* that
plan, ~~rigorously~~

Kremlin Stalin-Malenkov
As the ~~diplomat~~ *diplomat* sees it, the ~~plan~~ *plan* involves a number
of steps. First, ~~the~~ *he* offer to exchange sick and wounded
prisoners-of-war. Next, ~~says the diplomat~~ *he tells us* we may expect an
invitation to wider peace talks, which may be as endless as
the earlier ones. Then, perhaps, a new Soviet approach to
the unification of Germany.

That's how the present situation looks to one
diplomat, ~~who points out~~ *who thinks* that Malenkov is ~~probably~~ *again* trying to

split the Allied nations - particularly those contributing to the European army. The diplomat's judgment is that the new Soviet policy could be more dangerous to us than the cold war.

Because it might cause us to slow down our defense plans, while the Russians continue ^{strengthening} ~~to build~~ their armed forces.

In other words, ~~this particular diplomat thinks~~ that the new Soviet approach adds up to a "peace offensive": - ~~He thinks~~ that the Kremlin is not sincere, and that we should be ^{most} ~~very~~ cautious ^{as the Reds once again} ~~in dealing with the Reds, or else they will~~ ~~try to take advantage of us~~ ^{put me over on us.}

PRISONERS-OF-WAR

In Korea, our ~~chief representative~~ ^{people} ~~prepared~~ ^{are all set} to meet
the Reds for discussions ^{about} exchanging sick and wounded
prisoners-of-war. Admiral ~~John~~ Daniel, ^{has assembled} ~~gathering together~~
the team ~~which he will lead~~ ^{he'll take} to Panmunjom on Monday. ^{The} Admiral
~~Daniel~~ is a veteran of past discussions with the Reds.

~~He~~ knows the type ~~of~~ men who are best at dealing with the Reds,
^{and has} ~~so he is~~ carefully ^{chosen his} ~~choosing~~ assistants. ~~to be with him, when the~~
~~discussions open.~~

In the meantime, the Allied Command states that it is
ready to give complete identification of all the Communist
prisoners we have. This, in contrast to Nineteen Fifty-Two.
Then, identifying the prisoners was frequently very difficult.
Because the Reds deliberately snarled the records by having
individuals give different names at different times. This
problem has now been overcome. In the words of one Allied
officer, "We can furnish the identity and records of any
prisoner within minutes after receiving a telephone call."

So the Allies are all prepared to take action as

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soon as the Reds agree to this first exchange of
prisoners-of-war.

FRENCH PRISONERS

Meanwhile Molotov has promised Paris that fourteen Frenchmen held by the North Koreans, will be released soon. Civilians captured during the Red invasion of South Korea.

We know the former British Ambassador in Seoul, is among those to be released. And now the former French Charge d'Affaires will get his freedom.

GASPERI

Italy is to have a general election soon. De Gasperi to ask the people to give him a stronger mandate. A spokesman for the Premier states that de Gasperi will probably make a formal request tomorrow. Then the Italian Parliament will be dissolved, and the issue will be left to the Italian voters.

Ordinarily, there would be no general election this year. The present Parliament was chosen in Nineteen Forty-eight. The Senate was to last for six years. So only a Chamber of Deputies is due to be elected this year. The Premier, however, can demand a general election - this to include the Senate. Which de Gasperi is demanding - because of the conduct of the Communists in the Senate; engaging in free-for-alls when ever beaten in a vote. Only last Sunday, the Communists started a general riot during the debate.

Premier de Gasperi feels that he cannot govern the

country properly as long as the Communist minority can hold up proceedings in the Senate. So, he plans to call a general election, in the hope that the Italian people will solve the problem by voting many of the Reds out of office. He's confident they will.

VOLCANOES

Spouting volcanoes threatening some two million Indonesians. This new story comes as a dispatch to the New York Times. Indonesia is made up of many islands - large and small. And on these islands are over a hundred and sixty volcanoes. Mostly inactive. But seven are showing signs of new life. Particularly Merapi Volcano - on the island of Java. Merapi today was erupting a ~~xxxxx~~ stream of lava more than fifty feet wide; and threatening to blow up.

Indonesia's top volcanologist describes the situation as ominous. Merapi is over nine thousand feet high; and from it is pouring a cloud of smoke. Smoke fatal to men if they breath too much of it. So the nearby population already is fleeing.

Merapi is said to be the worst offender of the seven now in action. So the Indonesian republic faces the problem of moving the people over a wide area before

overwhelmed by erupting lava, or ~~else~~ poisoned by volcanic smoke.

Sputtering volcanic ~~action~~ ^{oas!} Just ^{life} one of the hazards of ~~living~~
those ^{spice} beautiful islands of the ^{Indies} South Seas!

EISENHOWER

The President and Mrs. Eisenhower today attended special Good Friday services at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington; the church they joined just after Inauguration.


This was at high noon, when the three-hour "Vigil of the Cross" began. They listened to the former Army Chief of Chaplains preach on the words of Christ:-
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The President and Mrs. Eisenhower plan to attend Easter services, and also see the Washington Easter Parade, although not participate in it. Also they promise to appear for a moment, during the traditional Easter egg rolling on the White House lawn.

THORPE

Monday Evening I paid my tribute to Jim Thorpe; greatest athlete of all time; the great Sac-and-Fox Indian passing away in a trailer park in California. Mentioning the question of his burial place, I suggested that most appropriate of all would be Carlisle, Penn. Carlisle, where Jim Thorpe played football, and made history as the greatest ball carrier in history.

Tonight we have the final decision on the subject. Jim Thorpe will be buried at Shawnee, Oklahoma - which sounds alright to. Members of the Sac-and-Fox tribe there say they will build a shrine in his honor; a shrine bigger than the one to Will Rogers at Claremore. Which reminds us that the Oklahoma humorist and philosopher also was part Indian. The body of Jim Thorpe will lie in state in Los Angeles until Monday. Then it will be sent to Oklahoma. And arrangements have been



made to pay all the funeral expenses, as well as the railroad fare, for Mrs. Thorpe and her son.

Maybe the decision is the right one. Jim Thorpe was descended from the Sac-and-Fox chieftain, Black Hawk, although on his father's side he was also of Irish descent. It seems appropriate that he should lie in the land of his tribe. The members of the tribe have a fine opportunity to commemorate Jim Thorpe. I would like to see a monument that might include illustrations of great moments from his life - Thorpe in ~~football~~ ^{full flight with a foot} ~~tegs, running with the~~ ball; Thorpe as a baseball player, swinging a bat; ~~Thorpe~~ in track costume, hurling the javelin. ~~as on. To keep alive the memory of~~ ^{winning the Decathlon and} ~~In each of these fields he was a great performer.~~ ^{the man who} ~~And they would help people to remember why~~ at the Nineteen ^{was called by} ~~Twelve Olympics,~~ the King of Sweden ~~said to him, "Sir, you~~ ^{are} the greatest athlete in the world."

DOLPHIN-MARINELAND

In recent years scientists have been telling us something many people have found it hard to believe: that the sea around us is not the silent sea at all. It's full of sounds. That all the creatures in the ocean -- fish, octopus - or octopuses - or octopi - eels, sharks -- all make sounds, talk fishy, just as human beings do, and as dogs and birds make sounds.

Even when you hear that from scientists, you can't be blamed if you are a little skeptical, until you hear it yourself. ^{Well -} I've just heard a dolphin sing!

I stopped by a place ^{in East} ~~on the~~ Florida ~~coast~~ called Marineland, where a few years ago, several young men with a fantastic idea, built great tanks on the coast - a few miles south of St. Augustine. They filled the tanks full of creatures from the sea. Douglas Burden had the idea; General Merian Cooper was a sort of ~~Godfather~~ of it; and C.V. Whitney backed it enthusiastically with his fortune, never expecting it to be a financial success. He just thought it was something

worth while doing. But, it turned out to be such an extraordinary thing that all the world now goes to Marineland; and I believe it gets the biggest crowds of any single attraction in Florida.

The chief trainer there -- yes, they have a trainer [^] who makes the Marine creatures do unbelievable things, -- is Adolph Frahm, formerly of the great Hagggenbach Zoo in Hamburg. I watched Adolph training two dolphin, one a big fellow, five or six years old, called Flip. Flip would roll over in the water at a word of command, jump up and pull ropes, ring a bell, hoist a flag, blow an auto horn, even leap out of the water and smash his way head-first through a hoop that he could only get through by breaking a wall of paper. And then, miracle of miracles, that unbelievable dolphin Flip ^{swam into} ~~got in~~ a big hammock and allowed his trainer to hoist him up out of the water, out of his native element.

If you've ever seen dolphin plunging and diving in the ocean, you won't believe this.

And then, strangest of all, there was a smaller, younger dolphin in an adjoining tank who was so jealous that when the trainer was giving all his attention to Flip -- this one -- I call him Splash -- would slap his great broad tail against the water in his nearby tank, and send the water cascading all over the trainer, to try and get his attention, get him away from Flip. Then as soon as the trainer turned to Splash, Splash would stop splashing and start to sing! You don't believe a dolphin can sing? He certainly can, in a high, weird voice; and he stops and starts as he is told

to - and then he waits to be tickled. *How would you like to tickle a dolphin?* Nelson,

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