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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Representatives of the Big Three met in Paris today - getting all set for the coming Big Four Conference at Geneva. Experts in various fields will continue their talks until July Fifteenth - when the three foreign ministers will arrive and take over. A NATO council of Ministers is scheduled for the 16th, and on the eighteenth, the scene will shift to Geneva - for the "Parley at the Summit," to use Churchill's famous phrase...

...Today's preliminary session was concerned mainly with one point - a security guarantee that might be offered to the Kremlin in exchange for free elections in Germany. The West agreeing, that Russia has a right to make sure that she is never attacked again by an armed Germany. This was what Prime Minister Eden had

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in mind last night - when he said that the arms control system of the West could be extended to cover the Iron Curtain countries...

... In Paris, it is rumored that the experts who are now in the French capital are working on the idea that there may be some kind of arrangement for cooperation between NATO and the eastern alliance recently set up in Warsaw. In other words, NATO might guarantee that there will not be another German invasion of Russia - if the Kremlin will agree to a real authentic free election in Germany.

EISENHOWER

The First Lady will accompany President Eisenhower to Geneva for the Big Four Conference. Which is not unusual. All her life she has been on the move, as the wife of a soldier...

The White House also gives us the time table for the President's journey. He and Mrs. Eisenhower will board the Presidential plane, Columbine, at ten thirty P.M., Friday, July Fifteenth. Flying by way of Iceland. Then direct to Geneva, arriving July Sixteenth... Of course in case of unfavorable weather the Presidential plane will take the southern via the Azores... The President and Mrs. Eisenhower will stay at a Chateau just outside Geneva.

NEHRU

Nehru in Rome, says that Soviet policy is not affected by weakness. The Indian premier, apparently, making a reply to Secretary of State Dulles - who yesterday told a Congressional committee that the amiable line that the Kremlin has been following, is caused by economic necessity. The Secretary of State had remarked that the whole Soviet system may be on the point of collapse. Nehru says that just isn't so. In fact he says that during his visit to Russia he found that country very strong, and Nehru believes that the new twist in the Kremlin line - is due simply to a desire for peace....

VIENNA

The American army today began its evacuation of Austria. All married men below the rank of commissioned officer to be shipped home this month. The first trainload pulled out of Vienna today - bound for their ship.

This is the first step under the Austrian peace treaty - which provides that Soviet, British, French, and American troops must be out of Austria within ninety days...

PRAVDA

Scientists in the Soviet Union ought to copy some Capitalistic ideas. So says Pravda, official paper of the Kremlin. Then it explains that too many Russian scientists are engaged on problems that were solved in West a long time ago...

The Moscow paper even accuses the Soviet experts of rejecting the discoveries of Capitalist scientists. To which we might add that they claim to have invented nearly everything. Now wonder of wonders Pravda says that too many Russians are suffering from what it's editor calls "self satisfaction and conceit." Suggesting as a cure - that the Russians pay more attention to the West....

SISPERA --

The British government protested to Czechoslovakia today - over a British housewife who has been a virtual prisoner in that communist country...

Mrs. Phillys Sispera married a Czech pilot during the war. They had three children - all born in Britain and then went to Czechoslovakia to live. Later she divorced him. Meanwhile he was caught trying to escape to the West, and sentenced to eleven years in the uranium mines... When Mrs. Sispera had decided to go back to Britain with her children, communists said no. They brought in her former husband to talk to her. Brought him from the uranium mine to plead with her to stay. The Prague authorities even promising her a villa, if she would....But Mrs. Sispera stated flatly that she intended to go back to her homeland. Whereupon, the Reds said that she was free to go - but that she would have to leave her three children behind. And now she is a virtual prisoner in Czechoslovakia.

Today the British Minister of State called in the Czech ambassador - and protested. Pointing out that the case of Mrs. Sispera is only one of many. And that relations between their two countries cannot improve unless the Czech Reds agree to let this British woman return to England with her children...

INDO*CHINA

In Indo-China, more fighting/ⁱⁿ-- Laos. The army, locked in battle with the Reds. From Saigon we hear that the rebels, at a strength of three battalions, have already overrun one area, and that even if French troops are rushed in it promises to be a costly operation, because of the mountainous terrain. One of the wildest parts of Indo-China.

EMPLOYMENT

Employment in this country rose to an all-time high last month. The number of persons holding jobs - over sixty-four million. And that's a million more than normal for this time of year. This increase, attributed to more factory jobs, as well as extra activity in farming....

So the economy of America seems to be okay. So we hear from the Commerce and Labor Departments.

VACCINE

The government is releasing three hundred thousand "Salk shots." So says Washington. Vaccine produced by Wyeth Laboratories. For free inoculations for first and second grade school children in the South and Southwest - where the second round of inoculations are in progress. About six million more "Salk shots" will be needed to complete its nationwide program.

At the same time, the Health Service announces two moves to insure safety. Six scientists are to be assigned to the vaccine manufacturers to keep close watch on their products. Also a research program to make new knowledge immediately available to doctors using the vaccine.

SEGREGATION

The University of Texas to adopt desegregation this fall. The board of regents today unanimously approved a resolution - that students should be admitted to the graduate school solely on the basis of merit. In other words, anyone who passes the entrance examination and the aptitude tests will be admitted to the graduate school - White or Negro..

The board of regents also announced that their intention is to abolish segregation for undergraduates in the fall of Nineteen Fifty-Six.

CONVICTS

Two men are in a prison at Las Vegas, today - and police believe they may have been implicated in the biggest bank robbery ever pulled off in this country...

It all began when Frank Ellsworth and Raymond Wilson began to flash one hundred dollar bills in Las Vegas. They were picked up by police - who discovered that they were carrying around nearly ninety thousand dollars in cash...believed to be money taken from the Queens Branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank on April Sixth.

LONDON

Have you heard about the London heat wave?

Even solemn judges, on the bench, are putting aside their wigs while presiding over Her Majesty's courts. Stockbrokers are going to work in sun helmets instead of bowler hats. Some Londoners are even leaving their umbrellas at home...

How hot is it? Seventy-eight degrees! But that's tropical for the city on the Thames.

Meanwhile Southern California is having normal London weather. It was down to 65 when our American Airlines Mercury swung over the Pacific Ocean and landed us just beyond the cliffs at Palose Verdes.

Then for a couple of hours this morning I flew around over Southern California with stunt flier Paul Mantz. But this part of America was so shrouded in Mist that we could hardly even find the Salton Sea. Only St. Jacinto, Georgania and a few of the highest

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peaks of the southern Sierras rising thru the mist.

As we flew over we saw that even the big swept wing jets at March Field were staying on the ground.

From 90 degree weather in New York to 65 degrees among the palms of Southern California, - the weather man is as unpredictable as ever.

CHOCOLATES

We all know that Britain is a land of inventions,-

everything from the steam engine to alcoholic milk.

But have you heard about the latest? A British inventor

announces something really revolutionary - "noiseless

chocolates." A variety you can eat at the movies

without annoying those around you. They have a new

type of wrapping - a soundless plastic instead of

cellophane...

The inventor says he tried them out at a performance

of the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. Says he ate

a whole box of them without those next to him knowing

it.

BELL

In Topeka, Kansas, Carl Bjorkman has a bell on his front lawn. In fact it's an old courthouse bell, weighing more than six hundred pounds, with an automatic ringing device causing it to strike every hour, and every half-hour...

The Bjorkman neighbors don't like it. One of them, a Mrs. Hart, signing a complaint - accusing Bjorkman of disturbing the peace, said it woke her up every 30 minutes all night long. Giving her the jitters.

SWIMMER

The Strait of Juan de Fuca conquered at last.

Bert Thomas, of Tacoma, covering the distance between
Port Angeles, ^{Washington,} on the Olympic Peninsula - and Victoria,
British Columbia, on Vancouver Island.

The Victoria Dispatch says that Bert Thomas entered
the water at around nine in the morning, swam out into
an ebb tide - and rode that tide toward Victoria. The
water was smooth all the way - the tide helping him
along. Then the swimmer emerged from the water eleven
hours and seventeen minutes after he had entered it...
Many have tried this and failed - including Florence
Chadwick...

This was the thirteenth time that swimmers had
attempted to cross the Strait of Juan de Fuca - which
is notorious for its hazardous rip tide. Lucky
thirteen for the man who finally made it.

DEWEY

My regular C.B.S. engineer Gene Nicks, who did not come West with me this time wires me that I missed one of the biggest fires we've ever had at Pawling, at the farm of former Governor Dewey, this morning - damage estimated at a hundred thousand dollars. Five barns, two silos, a stable, and a large quantity of farm equipment went up in smoke... Governor Dewey was in New York at the time - but to the farm shortly after he heard about the blaze. He says that a few prize cattle had to be destroyed, besides the other damage... One of the best farms in our neighborhood. And one of our prized farms!

Five fire companies were on the scene at the end. Firemen say they believe the blaze began in a hay barn - and then spread to the other buildings. Well, that's one big fire in my neighborhood that I missed.