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CHURCHILL

The report is insistent - that Prime Minister Churchill may go to Moscow alone. Sir Winston will go to see Malenkov, on a one-man mission - if a four-power conference of the heads of state does not materialize. This was reported in London earlier today, and was confirmed tonight in Paris.

We are told that Churchill stated his determination to American Secretary of State Dulles, arguing of the need of direct contact between the West and the Kremlin. He wants an Eisenhower-Bidault-Malenkov, Churchill meeting. But, if we won't agree to that - he'll see Malenkov.

The word is that Secretary Dulles replied - if the Prime Minister does go to Moscow all by himself, he'll be speaking for Britain alone. He would not be speaking for the United States.

Tonight's dispatch from Paris intimates that the

Prime Minister has already approached Moscow on the possibility of a Churchill-Malenkov meeting.

London
The ~~Western power~~ meeting sent a proposal to Moscow for a conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four.

Which, we hear, is not likely to be accepted. We want to talk about Germany and Austria. The Soviets want to include Red China, making it a five-power affair. So it looks like another stalemate.

Tomorrow, Prime Minister Churchill faces the House of Commons, where he'll be peppered with questions about a possible meeting with Soviet Russia. Parliament being - for it. So it may be that he'll have something to say about - a one-man mission to Moscow. On which - he is said to be determined.

PRISONERS - KOREA

Today - no "explanations" at Pan Mun Jom. For the second day in succession, the Red "explainers" did not interview any Communist prisoners. The reason - the Korean captives refused to listen, refused to go to the "explanation" structures. A sort of - sit down strike.

The Indians in charge of the camp offered to send a thousand Chinese - to get the "explanations." The Chinese, interviewed thus far, ^{have} replied with howling defiance. But, at least, they'll go - while the Koreans won't/. The Reds, however, insist on "explaining" to Koreans - and there's a stalemate.

Today, the Neutral Commission refused to use force. The Reds ~~we~~ want the Indian guards to use tear gas, or even gunfire - on the rebellious Koreans. But the Neutral Commission voted - No. Sweden and Switzerland - supported by India. The two Communist members, Poland and Czechoslovakia, voted - Yes. When they lost out, they - walked out. It looks

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as if the two Red "neutrals" might boycott the Neutral Commission. In which case, the whole "explanation" business would collapse.

Well, it's in a state of collapse already with anti-Communist captives in revolt against those "explanations."

YUGOSLAVIA

In Yugoslavia, the statement that the Tito government will not go into a conference on Trieste if Great Britain and the United States hand over Trieste and Zone A to the Italians. That is, not if they do this, in advance. The meeting of the Foreign Ministers in London proposed a conference, with Tito, in fact, had already suggested. He is willing to consider suggestions that Trieste and Zone A might be turned over to the Italians; but he won't play marbles if that is decided in advance.

Such is the word in Belgrade - with Tito still to make a formal reply to the invitation to a conference.

GERMANY

Excerpt

Chancellor Adenauer has formed a new West German government. A coalition - and a powerful one. Most of the Ministers are drawn from Adenauer's own Christian Democrats. But a couple of other moderate conservative parties are included, and, a Refugee Party. This one - representing Germans who fled from Communist-occupied areas. The coalition controls more than two-thirds of the Lower House of the West German Parliament, and puts Adenauer in firm control for the next four years. Which is a reflection - of the victory he won in the recent elections. A landslide for his policy - based on West German rearmament - within the framework of the Western alliance.

PALESTINE

A new crisis flares in Palestine - with the kingdom of Jordan, today, calling on the Arab League. Jordan - invoking a collective security pact, which the Moslem countries concluded last year.

This follows an Israeli raid on three Jordanian border towns, in which -- sixty-six Arabs were killed. An act - which our own State Department describes as - "shocking."

In Washington, today, the Ambassador of Israel asked the United States to withhold judgment and hear the "full story." The Ambassador called on the State Department, and presented the case of the Jewish state. The Israelis declare that the killings were provoked by repeated Arab raids across the border, with shooting and killing in Jewish villages.

FOLLOW PALESTINE

Today the Security Council of the U.N., called an emergency meeting - to take up the new crisis in Palestine, as a threat to world peace.

ARABIA

The news tells of a violent strike in an unexpected place - Saudi Arabia, the great Arabian oilfields. Martial law has been declared, and one hundred leaders of the walkout have been arrested.

Those great oilfields on the Persian Gulf are American operated - in conjunction with the government of King Ibn Saud. They produce nine hundred ^{thousand} barrels of crude oil a day, and five thousand Americans are employed out there. The native Arabian workers number twenty thousand, and they have gone out on a general strike - demanding higher wages.

In the vast realms of the desert, King Ibn Saud rules according to ancient laws of the Koran. Strikes are forbidden.* The aged Ibn Saud is reported ill, but his officials, it seems, are enforcing the law, based on the ways of the desert. Hence, the military measures and many arrests - in the strike against the Arabian-American Oil Company.

CLARK

General Mark Clark has been offered the post of - President of the Citadel. The Citadel - being one of the famous military colleges of the South. Today, the school authorities sent a telegram to Governor Byrnes of South Carolina, who is in New York - a United States representative to the United Nations. Asking the Governor to make an official offer to the recent Commander-in-Chief in Tokyo. The word is that General Clark will fly to Charleston - to confer. Which would indicate - that the offer interests him.

I had dinner with Gen & Mrs. Clark tonight, and they confirmed this.

Incidentally several years ago he was offered the Presidency of one^{of} the largest universities in the West. He had intended to end his Army career at that time. But President Truman asked him to stay on and go to Rome as emissary to the Vatican. Instead he went to Tokyo and Korea as head of the United Nations Forces. - Now - the presidency of a college - maybe.

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SHAKE_RIVER

There was testimony in Washington, today, that the basin of the Snake River, in Idaho, has enough ^{underground} water to irrigate eight hundred thousand acres of land. So stated by Robert Hogg, an engineer of the Idaho Power Company. Right now, many fields are irrigated by water pumped up from underground. But only a small fraction, compared with a huge expanse of arid land that could be turned into a garden.

DEWEY

Governor Dewey makes a demand on Candidate Robert Wagner, asking - who was the national figure, of top level importance, ^{that sought} ~~who asked for~~ the release from prison of Joseph Fay, the Labor leader convicted of huge extortions?

Wagner, running for Mayor of New York City, made the charge in the ^{in big city} bitter political campaign that ~~he~~ ^{he} didn't say ^{who} it was that made the appeal. ^P Today, Governor Dewey, through his counsel, sent a telegram to Wagner saying: "Please advise ~~me~~ forthwith the name of the alleged person - or publicly retract your statements."

WICKS

The radio-television appearance of New York State Senator Arthur Wicks will be re-broadcast tomorrow night by N.B.C. Following a mix-up yesterday -- in which a film made by Wicks failed to get on television. The film, mislaid. Which drew loud complaints from supporters of the State Senator, and now - the radio-T.V. appearance will be given statewide circulation.

In this, Wicks repeats his explanation of that visit he made to convicted Labor Racketeer Joseph Fay, at Sing Sing. He says he talked with Fay - trying to straighten out some labor troubles in the Senator's district. The convicted extortionist in prison - still a power in union affairs.

Wicks also refers to the scandals of labor racketeering at the harness racing tracks, and says he sponsored a bill in the state legislature - which would have prevented the employment of men with criminal records at the raceways. But the bill was vetoed - by Governor Dewey.

This draws an immediate reply from the Governor's

office. The statement - that the bill Wicks refers
to would not have banned employees with criminal records.
Nothing about criminal records - in the bill.

EISENHOWER

The meeting of the two Presidents was a stately affair - down on the Rio Grande today. Where the Falcon Dam was dedicated - a great project constructed jointly by the United States and Mexico. To provide - irrigation and flood control on both sides of the international boundary, that famous river.

First, President Eisenhower crossed the Rio Grande to Mexico, and was welcomed by President Ruis Cortines. The bands played and a huge crowd cheered, as the two heads of state shook hands, and exchanged cordial greetings.

Then, President Eisenhower went back across the river where he played the part of the host - and President Ruis Cortines visited him. More bands playing - more cordial welcome.

Then the Falcon Dam was dedicated - ~~amixconcrete~~
a concrete expression of international cooperation. ^CConcrete
is exactly the word - there's a lot of it in the dam.

Follow EISENHOWER

The Falcon Dam ceremon^y was followed by tragic news - the crash of an airliner. The plane - carrying Mexican newspaper men and musicians, ~~ran~~ ran into a mountain, north of the City of Monterey. It would appear that at least twelve lives were lost - though the news is not clear at this hour. The crash occurred in a remote area of mountains. The wreckage - spotted by scout planes before the day ended.

PLANE CRASH

The story of the plane crash at New York's Idlewild Airport is one of - swift heroism. With accent - on the word "swift."

The airliner, bound for Puerto Rico, with twenty-seven ~~persons~~ aboard, crashed in flames shortly after the take-off.

The purser aboard was Albert Folli of Clifton, New Jersey - and he went through a wall of flame, dashing into the cabin. There, he threw open the door for escape, and told the passengers to get out. They did - nearly all. Two lives were lost.

Later, the survivors praised Albert Folli for the cool way he handled the situation. But the purser shook his head and said:

"Give the credit to Ann." Meaning - Stewardess Ann Krause of Philadelphia, who was burned severely. But -remained behind with the passengers, herding them through the door.

So the hero points to the heroine, and the word is - "Give the credit to Ann."

RIOT

Tonight, things are quiet at Iowa State College - after one of the wildest of riots in the history of football. On Saturday, the team beat Missouri in a startling upset -- Iowa State not having won an important game in ^{who} ~~history~~ knows when. So the weekend was one of wild jubilation, with students demanding that classes be cancelled today - for a ~~victory~~ celebration.

Which was refused - and, last night, a crowd went storming to the home of the College president. But proxy wasn't there. Whereupon, they went rampaging over the campus, and the trouble snow-balled into a four thousand man riot.

~~Their rage and party making a night of it in the streets and~~
~~the campus and highway. They were sitting in the middle of the~~
~~street.~~ The climax came - in a battle with cops - the police putting down the disturbance by the use of ~~the~~ clubs and tear gas.

BIBLE WEEK

This is Bible Week, and the call is - read the Sacred Scriptures. Bible Week - proclaimed in New York State by Governor Dewey - and public officials throughout the country.

Today, I thought - why not ask a few people, of wide experience - who have seen much of this planet and its people - ask each for his favorite passage in the Bible. It happened that former President Herbert Hoover was in New York - he's in Washington most of the time now - and who would be better for this than our most distinguished elder statesman? So I called him, and he said, the Twenty-Ninth Chapter of Proverbs, Eighteenth verse. He spoke of that passage as a guide for a lifetime. Here it is:

"Where there is no vision, the people perish.

But he that keepeth the law, happy is he!"

So it is written in the Old Testament.

INTERPLANETARY

In Britain, they're bothered by a question - and it certainly has been asked by plenty of people over here. Why all those plans for interplanetary travel? Why make a space voyage - to the Moon, Jupiter or Mars?

The British Interplanetary Society sends out lecturers to rally public interest. But the hecklers keep on asking - why? So now the lecturers have been provided with a set of instructions for giving the answer.

These tell about scientific disclosures that could be made - very technical. They're Greek to the average audience.

So the leaflet of instructions adds the following:

"One can always fall back on the argument - that, after all, Columbus hardly foresaw all the consequences of discovering America, when he set sail!"

Falling back on - Columbus. With a vision, I suppose, of discovering some new America out in the ~~ix~~ solar system. Well, maybe so - and some day people may be singing an interplanetary version of the old chantey:

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In Fourteen Hundred and Ninety-Two,
Columbo sailed the ocean blue.
For he knew the world was round,
Yo ho.

So - Yo Ho, Jupiter. Yo ho, Mars. Yo ho, Mike.