

BERLIN CONFERENCE

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Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, today, rejected a final appeal for the independence of Austria.

Proceedings^{at} the Berlin Conference, began with an address by Austria's Foreign Minister, Leopold Figl, who asked the Foreign Ministers not to adjourn until they had made a treaty with a liberated Austria. But he said that Austria would never agree to the treaty terms proposed by Soviet Russia. Molotov insisting - that Russian troops must remain in Austria, until a treaty with Germany is concluded. Which seems a long way off.

The western Foreign Ministers then asked the Soviet statesman to conclude an Austrian independence with no strings attached. Molotov turned that down - which seems to make the matter definite. There will be no agreement on Austria at the present Berlin conference.

The word is that the Western Foreign Ministers have prepared a document, which they intend to present when the conference ends. A "statement

of principles" - in which they will pledge their determination to fight on for a just settlement in Europe. The "statement of principles" will include several points. That - Germany must be unified through free elections. That - Austria must be given full independence. And that - the West has a right to maintain a system in defense and alliances.

This might turn out to be the only result of the conference of the Foreign Ministers - a solemn proclamation given to the world. Already it has been made clear that the Soviets will not permit free elections in Germany, or independence in Austria.¹¹ The Germans and Austrians cannot miss the point.

ITALY

Communists in Rome tried a demonstration today, but were suppressed - immediately and sternly. ~~qzkk~~ Quick action - by the police.

The Reds were shouting against the Premier designate, Mario Scelba, who will soon ~~be~~ go before the National Assembly, and ask for a vote of confidence in the Cabinet he has lined up. The Communists are bitterly hostile to Scelba. He being - the arch anti-Communist, who suppressed Red outbreaks, following World War Two. Scelba was then Minister of the Interior, and he sure cracked down.

Today, the Communists called a twenty-four hour general strike in Rome - and crowds of Reds came surging into the heart of the city. But the police were waiting - the same police, organized by Premier Designate Scelba, when he was Minister of the Interior, battling Communism.

Rioters were arrested all over the place. Four hundred Reds - herded off to jail.

INDIA

In Calcutta, India, today - the worst rioting that India has had, since ^{Gaining} independence from Britain. A mob of ten to fifteen thousand - in a savage battle with the police.

The trouble began with a sitdown strike by school teachers, demanding more pay. The police tried to make the ~~xxx~~ sitdown strikers move, and Communist agitators whipped up the mob.

The rioters hurled stones and bricks - the police fighting back with clubs and tear gas. Which produced a fantastic angle of terror. Horses, maddened by tear gas, charged wildly through the swarming crowd - trampling down rioters.

SUBMARINE

From the Chinese Nationalists, we have a report of a Soviet submarine - sunk by an American undersea craft. Said ^{to have} happened off the coast of the island of Hainan, Southern China. The red submarine - torpedoed by the American sub.

~~This report, circulating on Formosa, has no confirmation of any sort. But it is known that Russian submarines, based in Siberian and Manchurian ports, have been navigating down to southeastern Asia - carrying supplies for the Reds in Indo China, and smuggling Communist agents into the Philippines and Malaya.~~

Several times, American ships and planes have been sent to investigate these Red activities.

Acc. Submarine

In Washington, the Navy denies the story.

Saying that there is nothing ~~xxxx~~ to it.

MARILYN MONROE

The Marines in Korea had a high old time today - whooping it up for Marilyn Monroe. The movie star began a tour, giving shows for soldiers in Korea. She was accompanied by Mrs. Lefty O'Doyle - while Marilyn's husband, Joe Di Maggio, and his old minor league manager, Lefty O'Doyle, are coaching baseball teams in Japan.

When Marilyn and Mrs. Lefty arrived in Tokyo, the reception they got was second only to that given President-elect Eisenhower when he ^(flew) ~~came~~ to Korea after the Nineteen Fifty-two election. The first show was at the base of the first Marine Division. Where Ten thousand leathernecks were gathered.

Some waited for hours - to get good seats. Others, with no seats at all, climbed telephone poles - and watched. One group, arriving late, brought along a high-powered telescope - so that they could get glimpses of the show.

Marilyn Monroe wearing a stunning purple dress, sang songs from recent movies - a performance

that she will repeat, all the way across the armistice
front in Korea.

COMMUNISTS

Six Communist leaders were convicted in Detroit, today. "Second string" officials of the Reds - found guilty of "conspiring to teach ~~the~~ and advocate the violent overthrow of the government". The jury deliberated for seven hours, then returned the verdict. Lawyers for the Communists insist - they will appeal all the way to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

INCOME TAX

A congressional committee, today, voted to change the income tax date - the date for filing returns. Change it from March Fifteenth to April Fifteenth.

This was recommended by President Eisenhower, who thinks individuals should be given more time to calculate their taxes - often a complicated job.

So now the Ways and Means Committee of the House votes - okay. Change in the tax filing date from March Fifteenth to April Fifteenth.

The bill goes to the floor of the House, and must be passed by the Senate.

GEOLGY

From the world of science - news about the earliest life on this planet. Primitive plants and fungus-type organisms - found in the oldest known rocks.

The story tells us how Professor Stanley Tyler, head of the Department of Geology at the University of Wisconsin, was poking around last summer - along the northern shore of Lake Superior, Canadian Ontario. The rock formations there - pre-Cambrian.

A geology textbook will tell you that, hitherto, the earliest evidences of living things are found in - Cambrian rocks. The pre-Cambrian came earlier - rocks formed when the earth cooled. Hitherto thought - life-less.

But, as Professor Tyler was geologizing, what did he see? A mass of stone, which looked like fossils of - algae. Minute plants - of the most primitive sort. So the Professor took a chunk of rock away for investigation. Studying it, he also found

a kind of fungus growth. But he could hardly believe what he had discovered.

He teamed up with two other scientists - Professor Elso Barghoorn of Harvard and Professor Patrick Hurley of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and their ~~study~~ combined studies proved the point - the character of the fossils, the age of the rock.

So now the discovery is made public. Proving - that life existed on this planet two ~~hundred~~ billion years ago.

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JAMES ROOSEVELT

The James Roosevelt court proceedings, at Pasadena, California, had something of the air of a circus today - with crowds, mostly women, ~~packed~~<sup>jammed</sup> in to hear the testimony.

The son of the late President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was on the witness stand - and the testimony was supposed to be strictly financial. James Roosevelt denying his ability to pay the money ~~his~~<sup>his</sup> wife demands.

But the proceedings got around to Gladys Irene Owens one of the women named by Mrs. Romelle Roosevelt. There was the matter of the trust fund, which James Roosevelt set up in Mrs. Owens' name - which, he says, was really for his own use. Today, he explained that the trust fund was made out to her - because she was his secretary, and there might be occasions when he would want her to withdraw money.

Today's evidence also showed that James Roosevelt had his will made out by the lawyer who ~~presented~~ represented Gladys Irene Owens. But this



line of testimony was not pursued. The point at issue supposed to be - financial.

Later in the day Mrs. Romelle Roosevelt was to take the stand, and present her side of the case.

## CAVE

News from Crystal Cave, Kentucky, states that explorers have reached - Camp One. Three thousand feet below the surface of the earth. There they have established a base, Camp One - from which to push on further into the deep underground.

Crystal Cave is famous - an immense ~~labyrinth~~ labyrinth of underground passages, linking giant caverns, largely unexplored. A party of thirty-five is on an expedition into those realms of ~~eternal~~ ~~blackness~~ blackness. To get to Camp One, they had to crawl for six hours through a passage - which, at some points, was only <sup>(nine)</sup> ~~xxx~~ inches high. *Quite a tight squeeze.*

A world of eternal silence - except that, at one point, the cave explorers were startled by ~~an~~ a weird sound. They say it ~~was~~ was something like water running into a bath tub. They found an underground cascade. In one cavern - an eighty foot waterfall, along a subterranean river.

## CROOK

Now let's take a look at - one of the most deplorable crooks on record.

At Wheaton, Illinois, the police have arrested Alexander Patterson - whose criminal career goes back to the first World War. When he was convicted of impersonating a Lieutenant Colonel. Later on, he ~~xxx~~ tried another kind of impersonation - that of a Baptist Minister.

Today, Patterson admitted passing bad checks for a total of eighty thousand dollars. His favorite victims - religious book stores and church supply houses. Talking religion, he would buy something, and cash a worthless check.

The F B I wants him on a charge of buying a ministerial robe at the California Robe and Choir Gown Company. Giving a check for one hundred <sup>and</sup> twenty-five dollars, getting back sixty-five dollars.

The Reverend William Diman, Executive Secretary of the Chicago Baptist Association, tells how, last summer, Patterson was given a preaching



assignment. Delivering a Sunday sermon at the Raymond Baptist Church.

Today the Reverend William Diman said:

"The sermon was satisfactory; but he cashed a check for Seventy-five dollars before he left." *A real sanctimonious crook if there ever was one.*

## URANIUM

Last night, from here at Aspen, Colorado, the one-time rich silver camp, now a top ski center, I told about the tremendous uranium boom ~~is~~ on the western slope of the Rockies. But there was one story I didn't have time to tell.

C. E. Poister of Grand Junction told me about an easterner, who came to him for advice, several months ago. He was worried and said: "What ~~is~~ kind of weapons must I get to protect myself from the wild animals and how about the ~~xxx~~ snakes out here in the uranium country?"

To which Poister replied: "Wild animals and snakes will be no ~~xxx~~ problem, the only danger you run when you get <sup>out</sup> into the open country south of here, is that you may get lost."

The chap ~~xxx~~ has never been heard from since.

Right now the man we are going to hear from is you, Mike Fitzmaurice.