

Substitute YALTA L.T.D. Wed. Mar. 16 - '55.

The Yalta papers will provide no end of discussion - for a long time to come. Discussion - by the public, the politicians, the historians. There's too much in the ~~documents~~ with secret memoranda - to be summarized briefly. So let's take a look at the principal scene. The most critical one - considering the state of the world just now. ~~China~~ The dealings concerning China.

The documents show that, weeks before Yalta, President Franklin D. Roosevelt received a secret memoranda from Averill Harriman. Now - Governor of New York. Then - U.S. Ambassador to Moscow. In this, Ambassador Harriman informed F.D.R. - that Soviet Russia was prepared to enter the war against Japan "with full power." Then, when Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin met at Yalta - Stalin laid down conditions. Making demands - which would have to be met before the Soviets entered the war against Japan.

At the same time, President Roosevelt had been urged by the U. S. Chiefs of Staff, to persuade Soviet Russia to enter the Far Eastern war as soon as possible.

The crucial event was a conversation between Roosevelt and Stalin, by themselves - in February of nineteen forty-five - ten years ago. Stalin and Roosevelt going into the question of the Russian demands.

Stalin wanted the southern half of the large islands of Sakhalin. Also the Kurile Islands just north of Japan. F.D.R. said that there would be no trouble about that.

The large question was - Manchuria. which Japan had seized from China. The key point - the port of Dairen. F.D.R. talking to Stalin, noted that Russia wanted a warm water port. —————→

Which, indeed, had been the ambition of the Russian Czars from time immemorial. F.D.R. suggested the Soviets might get Dairen, under a lease. He added that he had not consulted the Chinese government of Chiang Kai Shek about this. In the end the Soviets got Dairen. Also Manchurian Port Arthur for a naval base. Stalin wanted control of the Manchurian Railroads, and got them, under a lease. F.D.R. said he hadn't consulted Chiang Kai Shek about that either.

They were dealing with property guaranteed to Nationalist China. But President Roosevelt said that if the Chinese Nationalists were consulted about Russia's entrance into the war against Japan, the word would soon spread. Stalin agreed. Anyway, the agreement was - that the consent of Chiang Kai Shek would be obtained later on. Well, it was, after the —————→

deal had been made without ~~their~~ ^{Chiang's} knowledge.

(The Soviets, through the harbor and railroad arrangement, got control of Manchuria - which they, later on, turned over to the Chinese Reds. ~~The~~ ^{Russian} ~~Soviet~~ control of Manchuria - figuring large ^{ly} in the Communist conquest of all China.

At that Yalta conversation, between Roosevelt and Stalin - British Prime Minister Winston Churchill was, of course, not present. Which was just as well.

Because F.D.R. suggested to Stalin that Nationalist China might be compensated by getting Hong Kong. He thought that ~~Great~~ ^{ish} British colony could be given to the Chinese - in the form of an International harbor. F.D.R. made a remark to Stalin that Churchill would probably object. Well, he sure would.

The documents show that, later on, at Yalta - the suggestion was made that United Nations should have a trustee-ship "over Colonial possessions." To which

Churchill replied heatedly that he would not have ~~any~~ anybody meddling in the vital concerns of the British Empire.

One interesting fact about the secret papers, now made public, is that part of the information is based on memoranda made by Alger Hiss who, later on, was sent to prison, convicted of perjury in connection with Communist espionage. Hiss ^{a top} ~~was an~~ official in the U.S. Delegation at the Yalta Conference.

^{So -}
~~Well~~ after ten years, ~~these~~ the secret negotiations at Yalta are now - public property. Much material - for plenty of study.

ARUBA

And That Aruba crisis has ended, apparently - the case of the Finnish tanker with thirteen thousand tons of jet fighter fuel ~~Intended~~ ^{Reds,} - for the Chinese ~~Communists~~. The dangerous international issue - decided by the crew. The sailors - refusing to take the tanker to Communist waters. That's the word from Helsinki, the home port of the ship.

The Aruba - steaming in the Indian Ocean, ~~when~~ they got the news - of that international uproar. The Chiang Kai-shek people on Formosa vowing - the tanker, with ~~the~~ ^{all that} jet fuel, would never get through to the Reds. Demands in Washington - that the Aruba be halted. Learning all that, the crew held a meeting - and rebelled against going into Chinese waters. Two days ago, they informed the captain - they wouldn't proceed any farther than Singapore.

At the same time, the sailors radioed a message back to Finland - asking their union for support. Last night, the Executive Committee of the Finnish Seamen's Union held an

emergency meeting, and sent a reply. Authorizing the tanker crew - to strike against any trip to a Red port. And that settled it.

So the word is - that the Aruba has altered its course. Steering - for a non-Communist harbor. In India, possibly, or Ceylon.

FORMOSA - SCANDAL

The Nationalist government on Formosa is having a financial scandal. Which broke - today. The charge - of a one million, three hundred thousand dollar fraud, involving high officials of the Chiang Kai-shek regime.

Last autumn, a contract was given to a Chinese firm on Formosa, the Yangtse Timber Company - for the construction of one hundred landing craft. Financed - by military aid funds from the United States. To date, we hear, only sixteen landing craft have been delivered - to the Nationalist navy.

~~All of which came up, today, in the Formosa parliament.~~
~~The charge made - that American aid funds were misappropriated.~~
~~Nationalist officials - in cahoots with the Yangtse Timber~~
~~Company.~~ Graft - and corruption. The National Defense Ministry and the Council for U.S. aid implicated.

~~(Reports on Formosa - that the U.S. government has now shifted similar contracts over to the Japanese. Having shipbuilders in Japan - construct landing craft for the Chinese Nationalist navy.)~~

EISENHOWER - ATOMIC

President Eisenhower says, if we get into a war in the Far East, ^{yes} we'll use - tactical atomic weapons. That is, atomic missiles for attacking military targets. Not - city destroyers. In this, he ^{today} confirmed what Secretary of State John Foster Dulles indicated yesterday.

The President noted that, in a tactical use of atomic weapons on the battlefield, there should be care, not to devastate the ~~■~~ centers of civilian population. But he was aware of the danger - of not being able to discriminate between military and civilian, ~~When~~ - atomic weapons go into action.

FRANCE

France ^{now} plans to make - hydrogen bombs. So announced -
by Premier Edgar Faure, today. Not that France intends to
bomb anybody - it's more a matter of national pride. Premier
Faure stating - that in this world of today, there's a line
drawn between countries that have the hydrogen bomb, and those
that have not. Those that have not, are considered inferior
to those that have. France wants to maintain the position of a
first class power - and thinks the H-bomb is necessary to do so.

BRITAIN

Aneurin Bevan ~~was~~ thrown out of the British Labor Party today. But it wasn't much of a victory for former Premier Clement Attlee. The vote was - too close. With Bevan openly defying the party leadership, the majority against him was expected to be heavy. But, with Labor M.P's voting, the count came out -- one hundred and forty-one to one hundred and twelve. A margin of only twenty-nine - for Attlee. Who - was expected to get twice as much.

The vote is interpreted as indicating - plenty of opposition to Attlee's leadership. Not so promising for the Labor Party - when ^{those next} general elections come along.

MOSCOW -

Soviet Russia made an apology to Great Britain today - following a shooting affray at the British Embassy in Moscow. On Monday, a Russian with a gun invaded the Embassy - shooting and wounding a Soviet guard. The British protested. So now - the Kremlin explains the incident. Saying - it was the doing of a crackpot. Called - "mentally ill."

BERLIN

Over in Germany, top officials of a West German optical firm went on trial today - charged with furnishing Red China with optical instruments in the Korean War. The firm was financed, partly, by U.S. aid funds. The optical instruments - used to direct artillery fire against American troops.

The Askania Company was granted American aid, amounting to nearly nine hundred thousand dollars. Also - was given U.S. defense contracts to the tune of one million, two hundred thousand. The Company agreeing -

~~thousand. When this financial arrangement was made, 100,000 dollars~~
~~of the Company agreed~~ - to abide by U.S. rules forbidding strategic trade with Communist nations. Nevertheless, the Askania people sold nearly half a million dollars' worth of optical instruments to Red China.

(This came to light when American troops in Korea captured Communist equipment for directing artillery fire. Optical instruments - bearing the trade-mark of the German company, which received American aid.)

PALESTINE

Israel reports a Moslem bombing - inside Israeli territory. Vicinity - of the "Gaza Strip". Where - raiders from Israel raided Egyptian territory last month - and killed forty-two Moslems. This latest incident - retaliation for that.

The raiders, crossing the Egyptian border, hurled hand-grenades into a Jewish village. One person - injured. The hand-grenade attack was concentrated on a house - which happened to be empty.

MATUSOW

Matusow, the turn-coat witness, was given a prison sentence today - for criminal contempt of court. Three years.

At El Paso, Matusow testified before Federal Judge R. E. Thomason. Swearing - that he had sworn falsely, in giving evidence against Clinton Jencks, the New Mexico labor leader. Jencks - convicted of making a false "non-Communist affidavit." Today, Judge Thomason ruled that Matusow had, in the Judge's words, "schemed to defeat justice, and deliberately shown contempt of this court."

Hence, the sentence of three years - which Matusow's lawyers will appeal.

EISENHOWER - POLITICS

President Eisenhower disagrees with Vice-President Nixon - who said the Republicans can't win in Nineteen Fifty-Six without an Eisenhower ticket. At his news conference, today, the President gave the opinion - that the G.O.P. could win with any candidate "worthy of the high office." If - the Republicans put through, what the President called "fine programs for the good of all Americans."

PERESS

There was testimony, today - in that old, familiar Peress case. A former Army officer - telling of his part in the procedure, which kept the dentist in the Army. Peress - finally getting an honorable discharge.

Former Major Curtis Kirkland of Jacksonville, Florida, told a Senate investigating committee that ~~that~~ he passed on the Peress papers. Never noticing - that the dentist had refused to answer questions concerning Communism. ~~Marking down~~
~~the Fifth Amendment~~ ^{May} Kirkland said - it slipped by him in the rush of paper work. He was handling - about three hundred papers a day, ^{Adding:-} so he told the Committee. "I share in the administrative error."

(~~This is typical of testimony, as the Committee investigates the Army mistake in the Peress case.~~)

HARLAN

The Senate has just approved that nomination of John Marshall Harlan as a Justice of the Supreme Court.

The vote was seventy-one to eleven. The principal opposition to Justice Harlan was on the score of his being a New Yorker!

And, one statement was - that he had been recommended by former Governor Dewey.

TAX

The House of Representatives, today, could have had a quick showdown on the tax issue. Yesterday, the Senate, in passing a bill extending corporation²~~ion~~ and excise taxes, rejected the House proposal for a reduction of personal income taxes. Today, the Senate measure was passed along to the House - and the Congressmen could have taken a vote on it. Accepting it - or rejecting it. But they shied away from a showdown on the political hot potato - and voted to put the whole thing in the hands of a joint committee of both Houses. For - adjustment.

The word is that there's little probability - that any tax cut would be put back into the bill.

STOCK MARKET

The New York stock market staged a rally today.

More than a billion dollars of recent losses were recovered as the market took a swing upward.

URANIUM

There's a uranium rush in the High Sierra. A thousand prospectors - fanning out in the mountains east of Bakersfield.

Yesterday, there was a stampede at offices of the Atomic Energy Commission in Bakersfield. When - they unveiled the first uranium map of the far west, Showing - three "hot spots" in the High Sierra, Crowds jammed in - to have a look. Marking down - the uranium "hot spots" on the map. Today - the rush to the mountains.

(Farther east, a Texas prospector reports - he has made a uranium strike in Illinois. The Hicks Dome area - of Hardin County.)

VIKINGS

I wonder what my friend Admiral Donald MacMillan - will say about this one. In Ireland, a report - that the Vikings of old were partly Irish. Irishmen along in the crew - when Leif Ericsson reached the shores of North America. As it is believed - he did. Leif the Lucky - son of Erik the Red.

Professor John Steffensen of the University of Iceland, has been making a study of the original population of that northern island, and says - it was "probably thirty percent Irish in the Year One Thousand, when Leif Ericsson set sail."

He points out that Irish monks reached Iceland - before the Scandinavians ever got there. Indicating - an early Irish settlement. Then the Vikings, who came later - brought Irish slaves along. Furthermore, the sea rovers, themselves, were of two distinct races. Professor Steffensen has been making an investigation of tombs of the ancient Norsemen, and finds - they were partly Scandinavian, and

partly from Ireland.

Well, the professor's timing is good, Hugh. He gives us this archeological information - on the eve of St. Patrick's Day.