

SOVIET NOTE L.T.-K-Man. Aug. 17-53,

The State Department in Washington makes a ~~xxxx~~ reply to the new note from Moscow. The view is that the Soviets are trying to influence the elections in West Germany. Moscow proposing - unification of Eastern and Western Germany, followed by free elections. These, in turn, to be followed by a Big Four conference, to frame a German peace treaty.

That unification program might sound good to some Germans. But the State Department points out - that Moscow means a unification of the governments of Eastern and Western Germany. The Red Puppet regime - to combine with the west German state on a basis of equality. Equal partners - although the puppet country has only eighteen million people, while West Germany has forty-eight million.

Moreover, the plan of unification sounds exactly like the scheme the Soviets put over in satellite states like Poland and Czechoslovakia. The Communists, assuming a place in the government - leading to a Red seizure of control.

The western plan would be to hold a four power conference first, then free elections -- for unification. This, it seems, will be our answer - when we make a formal reply to the Moscow note. Which is ~~xxxxx~~ not likely - until after the West German elections.

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The General Assembly of the United Nations went into session today - formalities mostly. The ^{purpose} ~~purpose~~ of the meeting, ~~is~~ to set up the peace conference, as decreed by the Korean armistice.

One central point is that the United States will not oppose an invitation to Soviet Russia ^{to participate,} ~~to join in~~ ~~the Far Eastern palaver.~~ Moscow delegate Vishinsky was asked about this, today, but only hinted -- that he might make some sort of obstruction. The old Vishinsky way.

PRISONERS

In Washington, the announcement - that the Army may court-martial ~~XXXX~~ returned American prisoners - of war, who squealed on their ~~XXXXXX~~ comrades in Red prison camps. Acting- as informers and spies for the Communists. But, a spokesman for the Army emphasizes that court-martials will be ordered only if it is shown that an informer caused the death or injury of other Americans.

At the same time, we are ~~gixx~~ given a caution - that accusations made by returning prisoners may be the result of personal antagonisms.

We hear of a soldier removed from a homeward bound Army transport for his own protection. His ~~XX~~ comrades calling him an informer - and threatening revenge. They say he sold out to the Communists in ~~XX~~ return for a supply of marijuana.

Today's exchange at Pan Mun Jom brought out the largest group of allied prisoners released on one day. Four-hundred-and-fifty, seventy-five of ^{them}~~whom are~~ Americans.

SUB HUNGARY

The Red government of Hungary has liberated British businessman, Edgar Sanders. At long last - after he had served three and a half years in prison. Sanders was convicted on a charge of "espionage" at the same time as Robert Voegeler, the American Telephone Executive. Who was freed a couple of years ago.

The dispatch from Budapest declares that the Red government has liberated Sanders on a plea from his wife back in England. Voegeler, too, was turned loose in response to pressing appeals from his wife.

IRAN

In Teheran today, raging mobs were storming through the streets - tearing down pictures and statues of the Shah, Risa Pahlevi. Desecrating the tomb of that Monarch's Father. The Communists, the Tudeh Party tried to give the disturbances an anti-American slant.

The Shah, with his Queen, is in Baghdad, having fled from Iran - following a coup d'etat that failed. Royalist military forces - in a futile attempt ~~■~~ to overthrow Premier Mossadegh, who has made himself -- dictator. The word is that the fugitive King and Queen, after a stop in Baghdad, will go to Europe.

Mossadegh is setting up a ~~committee~~ council of regency to run Iran. He'll be a member - actually in complete control. Today, one of Mossadegh's officials demanded that the Shah be brought back to face trial as a traitor. But they'll have to catch him first.

So now, another climax in the series of events that followed the ~~the~~ seizure of Anglo-Iranian Oil -

directed by Mossadegh. The monarch overthrown - although there may be resistance to the Mossadegh dictatorship.

FRANCE

The city of Paris has a military look, patrolled by troops in battle kit. The government of Premier Laniel has called in military forces, to meet a threat of Communist ~~ix~~ violence, as the nationwide strike loses ground. More and more workers going back to their jobs, in spite of orders from leftist unions. The strike against government economy measures - fizzling out.

Today Premier Laniel was in conference with moderate union leaders - trying to find some formula for calling off the walkout that tied France up for days. The Reds don't want a compromise, and hence the military precautions. Paris, with a new look -- a military look.

Here's the latest. Premier Laniel went on the radio tonight and issued an ultimatum - telling all the strikers to go back to their jobs -- or the French government will mobilize all its resources to break the strike.

EARTHQUAKES

Today, the Ionian Islands were still shaking, though the tremblors were mild. The great earthquakes dying down.

U.S. warships began withdrawing, their task of rescue complete. Their crews were on short rations for the past couple of days. The sailors volunteering - so as to make more food available to the stricken refugees.

The crisis is over for those islands ^{(off the} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ West Coast of Greece, but the destruction is almost complete. Reports tell of looting in the wreckage of towns -- Greek soldiers opening fire on vandals.

The Greek Army Commander asked the U.S. Rescue Fleet to halt the helicopter flights -- dropping food in isolated areas. Because hungry people were fighting for the supplies that came down from the sky. Better to distribute the food - in a more systematic way.

FOREIGN AID

President Eisenhower declares that foreign aid may have to be continued for a long time. Because, the menace of Soviet aggression is likely to be with us for years to come.

The President said this, in forwarding to Congress a report prepared by the committee headed by Security Administrator Harold Stassen. ~~xx~~ The report stating: "Mutual Security planning must be of a long range ~~xx~~ nature." Designed to meet, what the report calls, "conditions that probably will be with us for a number of years."

COMMUNISTS

There was testimony today that a group of government employees met, in Nineteen Thirty-Eight, to form a Communist cell in ^{our} ~~the~~ federal printing office. So stated by James Phillips, a switching machine operator, who said he was at the meeting.

~~He declared that, among those who attended, was Edward Rothschild, a printing office employee. Rothschild and his wife, Esther, are key figures in the present investigation -- conducted by Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin. Rothschild insists that he was cleared by a government loyalty board several years ago.~~

Today's witness adds that, after he attended the Communist meeting, an attempt was made to recruit him for the Communist party. He says - threats were made. But, after thinking it over, he refused to join - and reported the whole thing to the committee on Un-American activities.

WET BACKS

President Eisenhower ~~gix~~ gives the order - use every resource of the government to check the tide of "wet-backs". This, following a report made to the President by Attorney General Brownell - who has been on a tour of the Mexican border, surveying the situation.

He told the President that the border patrol is unable to handle the swarms of Mexican laborers entering this country illegally. So many of them wading or swimming across the Rio Grande, ^{that} they are called -- "wet backs." Brownell, reports to the President in Denver, stated that, in California alone, there are ~~xxx~~ one hundred thousand illegal Mexican aliens.

RATTLESNAKE

At Greenville, South Carolina, they say that Earl Canada - still clings to his faith. Well, he must have a lot of it. He belongs to a strange cult that handles rattlesnakes. Convinced that their faith will heal snakebit. But it took a huge lot of medical science - to save Earl Canada.

Last night, they were having a "snake handling" revival. The twenty-seven year old cabinet maker was handling a rattler - when the reptile struck him savagely on the ~~xxxx~~ wrist. He refused medical treatment, and became ~~xxxxxxxx~~ unconscious. Paralyzed by the venom, he couldn't talk, couldn't move -- when taken to a hospital.

There the doctors gave him anti-snakebite serum -- and, today, they said: ~~22~~ "One dose is ordinarily sufficient for a snakebite. But six doses were required to counteract the poison."

The cabinet maker was described as in "fair condition." Still clinging to his ~~xxxx~~ faith.

ATHLETICS

Three universities were penalized, today, by the National Collegiate Athletic Association - for violating amateur rules. Arizona State - banished for the next school year. Ruled ineligible - to compete in championship events. Notre Dame -- "severely censured and reprimanded." But the Association commends Notre Dame - for ~~xxx~~ correcting the conditions that are criticized. Michigan State - "reprimanded." The Council supporting the Big Ten, and placing Michigan State on probation.

All these cases concern the old question of subsidizing college athletes.

STAMPS

The stamp collectors of the nation are confronted with a mystery of crime -- a theft of a postage stamp treasure.

It happened in Tampa, Florida, where the philatelists of the nation are holding a convention. Rare collections are on display -- and Lambert Gerber, a Pennsylvania ^{philatelist and} dealer, kept his in a hotel room. A thief broke in, and made off with thirty-five thousand dollars worth. They say the crook showed a rare judgment of collectors' items, an expert ^{— a thief philatelist.}

One catch is -- that the loot cannot be disposed of in the market. Those rare stamps would be recognized by any philatelist. So the suggestion is made -- that the burglar was a collector who had no notion of selling what he stole. He didn't do it for money.

At the Tampa show, today, Colonel A. C. Townsend, a writer on rare stamps, told the convention: "The thief may be the man standing next to you in the show here."

Which put a dramatic accent on the mystery of the
stolen stamps.

ITALY

News from Italy tells of a strange mystery of crime. Two men - confessing to the murder of a beautiful woman. Each confession so convincing -- the police don't know which one to believe.

The scene of the drama, a name that rings in history -- the Rubicon. That famous River which Caesar crossed - on his way to Imperial Destiny. At a village on the Rubicon, a hunchback peasant had a wife -- a beauty of those parts. He was proud of her - the more so because ~~xxx~~ he, himself, was deformed.

-- yes, the inevitable traveling salesman,
Then appeared - a traveling salesman from Milan.

Sounds odd -- a traveling salesman along the Rubicon.

Shades of Julius Caesar! But it was the same old

story. ~~along the line of the traveling salesman~~

Only
~~and the farmer's daughter~~ This time - the hunchback's

wife. And then she was found - stabbed to death.

The husband confessed. He told the police:

"I killed my wife, because she betrayed me."

But the traveling salesman also confessed.

Saying he did it - because she wanted to break off their

illicit romance.

The police are in a quandry-finding no flaw in either story. They think - perhaps the husband confesses the crime, to save his pride. Vindication of his honor -- according to the customs of old. Or, perhaps, the traveling salesman makes a false confession. Because of -- remorse. His conscience -- urging him to take the guilt of the husband, whom he wronged. Tragic mystery in a village on the Rubicon.

WORD

The British are in search of -- a word. They want something that means -- "poor". But, not exactly. "Poor" with a difference.

The Times of London points to the noble Lord hit by taxes and short of cash. Compelled to close his country house, except for a few rooms. The Peer of the Realm, who charges admission to his ancient castles, and takes a fee for guiding tourists through the stately halls.

How ~~can~~ do you describe ~~is~~ him? A poor peer?

The London Times finds that adjective inadequate -- and considers a number of others, like - impoverished, impecunious, indigent, destitute. Even such slangy terms as -- broke, down-and-out, busted. Or, as the British say - on his beam ends.

The best the Times can suggest is a term coined by a gentleman of the foreign office, who had to sell his Rolls-Royce. The diplomat said he was "pound-short".

But it would hardly be dignified, do you think, Mike, if we were to say: "His Grace, the Duke is on his beam ends?"