

GENEVA

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In Geneva - the toughest talk of this conference.

Three hours of blunt declarations - by the foreign ministers.

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with Gromyko - starting it, Repeating his demand -
independent status for East Germany! Retorting for the West -
France's Couve de Murville. Who warned Gromyko ^{that} Soviet policy
might drive the German people to despair. And that would leave
Europe facing - another disaster. Couve de Murville, repeating
that there is only one solution to this crisis - created by the
Soviet Union. The solution - free elections for all of Germany/
Selwyn Lloyd and Christian Herter - strongly
supporting the French position. Herter, letting Gromyko know ^{that}
he is jeopardizing the summit conference that Khrushchev wants
so badly. Herter, declaring flatly - that President Eisenhower
will not go to any meeting with Khrushchev, as long as the
Soviet ultimatum on Berlin still stands.

ATOMIC

There has been another
~~The latest~~ private conference between Herter and
which we hear was
Gromyko *X* "inconclusive". Subject - a possible ban on atomic
explosions. Gromyko, refusing to discuss President Eisenhower's
proposal for - a "fool proof inspection system". The Soviet
Foreign Minister did express some interest in "high altitude
tests". *X* But western observers believe - Gromyko is only
searching for information - about our "Argus" experiment,
X those nuclear devices we touched off last fall - more than
thirty miles up.

SUMMIT - PLACE

If a summit conference does take place this summer - it won't be inside the United States. That became clear today - following DeGaulle's announcement. The President of France, insisting he won't attend a summit conference outside Europe. In this DeGaulle is supported by West Germany. Also Britain - going along. Although the British don't seem to care where the heads of government get together. At any rate it now appears that Khrushchev will not be paying us the visit - he's been talking so much about.

He'll be rejected by the full treaty...
for his day - not so. That Strauss is...
next Secretary of Commerce.

STRAUSS

The Senate Commerce Committee has finally okayed Lewis Strauss. In a squeaker. By one vote. Nine to eight. Three Democrats joined the six Republicans in supporting Strauss for Secretary of Commerce. The three Democrats approving President Eisenhower's nomination: - Pastore of Rhode Island, Thurman of South Carolina, and Lausche of Ohio. The eight "nos" cast by the rest of the Democrats on the committee. cabinet officer, Tom

Now, this hassle goes to the floor of the Senate, where opponents, brilliant and able opponents of Strauss predict he'll be rejected by the full Senate. But those for him say - not so. That Strauss is sure to be our next Secretary of Commerce.

MCCELROY

Today we also hear that Defense Secretary McElroy will stay on - not resign. Neil McElroy so announcing after a conference with President Eisenhower at the White House.

The tall, genial, exceedingly able former head of Proctor and Gamble had hoped to return to private life this fall. But the President wants him to stay on, now that Quarles, is dead. He of course has been succeeded by another impressive cabinet officer, Tom Gates.

DULLES

The medical report on John Foster Dulles? - Still most pessimistic. The State Department, saying - "Mr. Dulles continues to grow weaker." Our former Secretary of State - now in a coma. His family - has gathered in Washington. Mrs. Dulles - spending all her time at the hospital.

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TRUMAN

Good news regarding the Truman family. Mrs. Truman's operation, a success. She is expected to have a full recovery. Meanwhile her lovely daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Clifton Daniel - has presented Bess and Harry S. Truman with a second grandson - just as the former president had predicted!

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CUBA

of which you may have heard -
Fidel Castro's new agrarian law ~~x~~ affects every

sugar mill in Cuba. The law, forbidding Cubans connected with the sugar mills to farm sugar cane at the ~~same~~ same time. The idea of the law - to prevent mill owners from exploiting farm labor.

They are
~~And~~ non-Cubans - come under the law. ~~Ordered~~ to sell - their sugar cane land, *Sell* within a year - or face expropriation by the Havana government.

One quick result of Castro's agrarian policy - less capital flowing into the island. Foreigners, not so anxious to invest their money - in Cuban sugar.

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SEAWAY

Today the first tourist ship - made the run through the St. Lawrence Seaway. The "Stella Maris" - with sixty four passengers aboard. She left ~~Mon~~ Montreal on Saturday - sailing ~~up stream~~ through the new channel - arriving at Toronto today.

The "Stella Maris" - first of what soon will be a fleet of *passenger ships,* ~~Tourist vessels,~~ carrying sightseers through - the ^{*great*} St. Lawrence Seaway.

CAFE

A dispatch from Geneva states - there is one cafe where all the Russians go - for a drink at least once.

The Landolt Cafe. What makes it so special - for Soviet visitors? Just this. The Landolt Cafe is where Lenin spent a lot of time during his exile. You

You may recall that the original Bolshevik made his home in Geneva before the revolution. Often surrounded by fellow conspirators, talking over plans for overthrowing the Tsar. Often they met at the Landolt Cafe. A Swiss pub that is now a sort of Soviet shrine.

There used to be a table there with Lenin's initials on it. So they say. One day, he didn't show up - and the waiters never saw him again. The world's first Bolshevik - had stopped planning revolution. He was heading for Russia.

Some old-timers in Geneva say they can remember - when Lenin was a steady customer at the Landolt Cafe.

Don, can't you just see Lenin, sitting there at that table, brooding and plotting?

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