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From Seattle, Washington

Secretary of State Dulles today rejected the Molotov-Soviet proposal for a Big Five meeting. As expected, the Secretary of State turned down the Molotov demand that Mao-Tse-Tung be invited to sit in.

Secretary Dulles made the point that Red China was responsible for much of the bloodshed in Korea. And, is threatening other places right now - such as Indochina.

At any rate the Chinese issue is to be the first on the agenda at Berlin. America, Britain and France all agreeing to accept the agenda as presented by Molotov. But today's Dulles statement means the Western Powers are not going to give China any lengthy consideration just now, and that our wish is to proceed with the problems of Germany and Austria.

EDEN

A plan for the reunification of Germany will be presented during the big four meetings - by Anthony Eden. A dispatch from Berlin says the British Foreign Secretary is expected to offer such a plan in behalf of the three western powers.

The plan is rumored to have four main points: - first, supervision of elections in both East and West Germany, to ensure complete freedom during the voting. Secondly, creation of an all-German national assembly, to draft a constitution. Third, the formation of an all-German government. And finally, a peace treaty that will end the occupation of Germany.

Eden insists that no peace treaty can stand up for long unless it is negotiated with a unified German government. We hear Eden puts it this way: - that "a dictated treaty would be unacceptable to the German nation." Hence a free election must be the first step.

Night Show. SUBSTITUTE TREATY

We will help South Korea - in case of another Communist invasion. That statement, part of ^{the} mutual defense treaty between this country and the Republic of Korea. Today the Senate approved that treaty.

And it becomes effective as soon as President Eisenhower signs it.

The agreement, already ratified by Syngman Rhee's government. Now the Senate gives its okay. By a vote of eighty-one to six. Before the vote, the senators noted that the pact does not bind us - if Syngman Rhee begins a war against North Korea. Moreover, it does not allow the President to declare war - without the consent of Congress. As one senator said, the agreement is intended to warn aggressors that we'll defend the peace in Korea.

PRISONERS

And the Reds will take the twenty-one American prisoners who are still at Pan Mun Jon. This, following an appeal from the G.I.'s. Until now, the Communist line was - that they wouldn't do so - that the problem should be handled by a Korean peace conference.

But, as we know, *at Pan Mun Jon* the Indian guards walked out after handing over all remaining anti-Communist prisoners to the U.N. And now the Chinese and North Koreans now agree to accept the pro-Communist prisoners - including the twenty-one Americans, who now, we suppose, will disappear behind the Iron Curtain.

PRESS CONFERENCE

That "press conference" at Pan Mun Jom was staged by the pro-Communist prisoners - including the twenty-one Americans. Arrangements for it made by Red reporters Alan Winnington and W ilfred Burchett. The reporters issued invitations to the "press conference" on Sunday. But not the entire press invited. The U.P. was banned. Also banned, the great British news agency "Reuters" and, the French news agency, Havas.

The principal spokesman turned out to be Sergeant Richard Corden, of East Providence, Rhode Island, assisted by Sergeant La wrence S ullivan of Omaha. Corden and Sullivan made a statement for the rest of the Americans. They announced that they are not Communists - but that some hope to become Reds. No explanation of just what this double talk means - but that's the way Corden and Sullivan handed it out. They said - the twenty-one America ns have asked the

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communist command to turn them into civilians - what they call "civilian fighters for peace."

The twenty-one deny that they have been forced to stay with the Reds - or that the Communists offered them rewards for refusing to go home. Or that they have been threatened in any way. Apparently none has changed his mind.

WILSON FOLLOW PRISONERS

In Washington, Secretary of Defense Wilson has announced that he has ordered all twenty-one dishonorably discharged. Speaking at a news conference, the Defense Secretary said the pro-Communist prisoners were a disgrace to the Army. He added that ~~with~~ he is taking "full responsibility" for the action.

At the same time, Secretary Wilson revealed that court martial proceedings will go forward against Corporal Ed Dickenson - the first of the G.I.'s who changed his mind - and decided to come home. According to the Secretary, a pre-trial investigation will start this week. And only then will a decision be made - on whether or not Dickenson should actually face a court martial.

FORMOSA

The Army of Chiang Kai Shek - may soon return to the Chinese mainland. So we hear from Taipeh. General William Chase, Chief of our military advisers there, is the one who says so.

General Chase was at the dock to meet all those thousands of ex-prisoners as they arrived from Korea. When they landed at Formosa many reported that they had been forced into service by the Reds. It was then that General Chase told them they would return - eventually to their homeland, adding - "I hope it will not be too long."

Thousands of Nationalist Chinese turned out to welcome the ex-prisoners. The crowd, lining a twenty-mile route - twenty miles of exploding firecrackers and cheering - and ~~and~~ shouts of "Death to Mao Tse-Tung!" and "Return to the Mainland!" However you say that in Chinese.

From the dock the ex-prisoners were taken by motor convoy to "Freedom Village" - where they will be put through, what is called, "A re-education course." Incidentally, they have been assured that none will be drafted into the army - against his will. The Chiang Government to do everything it can, to find them civilian employment.

INDO-CHINA

In Indo-China, the French Command declares that it is bracing to meet an all-out Red attack against the stronghold town of Dien Bien Phu. The Reds are reported to have forty thousand troops moving down on that town; four divisions, supported by heavy artillery.

Reconnaissance patrols - in contact with the enemy, say the Reds are now within fifteen hundred yards from the French defenses.

The French fear their air strip there may ~~soon~~ soon be unusable; knocked out by artillery fire. So transport planes are being flown in around the clock - bringing all the supplies possible in the time that's left. All available planes are in on this airlift; as the defenders get set for an all-out attack on Dien Bien Phu.

Meanwhile, the rebels are threatening to cut a key highway that connects the Annam coast with the

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stronghold of Savannakhet on the Mekong River. Red troops here are now blowing up bridges.

Yesterday the news from Indo-China seemed optimistic. ~~Now~~ Tonight it's the other way - in an area that all agree is more vital to us than Korea.

SPAIN

In Madrid, students tried to seize a radio station. A small group, entered the radio building, and tried to take over, to broadcast their shouts for the return of Gibraltar.

In the anti-British - Gibraltar demonstrations one student was killed by police, and twenty more arrested.

The students turned their attention ~~to~~ from the British to the Spanish police, calling for the resignation of the police chief. They even attacked members of the Franco Party.

They failed in their attempt to take over the radio.

CONDON

Congressman Robert Condon told the Atomic Energy Commission today that neither he nor his wife were ever communists - or communist sympathizers. The California Democrat denying charges which led the commission to bar him from top secret atomic tests in Nevada last May.

Condon charged that the Commission had been unfair in dealing with him, and demanded a hearing, to clear his reputation. Today, given that chance, he denied any contact with the Communist Party, and said it was completely false that he and his wife belonged to Communist cell when they were at the University of California. He admitted that he attended a meeting of the Independent Progressive Party in 1948. But he said he declared that he wanted to persuade the party not to enter candidates in the Democratic primary.

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Congressman Condon's argument, that the Atomic Energy Commission acted on an unevaluated report.

Then he added: "I am in a position of having been - refused the right to face my unknown accuser."

LANGLIE

I am in Seattle again tonight, and I have just heard of something the Governor of Washington has done that might well be copied - and has been in some states.

Governor Arthur Langlie, alarmed at the number of fatal accidents on the highways, decided on drastic action. He knew that more of the citizens of this state were killed on the roads in one year than in the entire Korean war. And this is true in every state.

So he clamped down - last November. More patrol cars, helicopters, radar, officers in plain clothes. And it has worked. This month the death toll cut 50%.

I asked Governor Langlie this afternoon what was. He replied: "Speed." Our mania for speed. So go slower - and your chances of living are far greater. So, here's a salute to Governor Langlie of the State of Washington!

COFFEE

Are you a coffee drinker? If so here is one for you: - there has been a lot of comment on the way the price of coffee goes up and up. Who's to blame? A dispatch from Rio states that ~~Br~~ Brazil is offering to let a select group of American observers see just what is causing the coffee crisis.

The President of the Brazilian Coffee Institute invites a dozen members of Congress, newspaper men, and labor leaders to come to Rio. Also, the Federation of Womens Clubs is invited to send four typical American housewives to see the coffee ~~px~~ plantations of Brazil - to see how they have been hit by frost. And why the shortage. The American observers to be free to go where they like; see what they wish - and question anyone in the coffee business. Says he "We want the Americans to see that we are putting all cards on the table - nothing hidden."

SAFARI

Game hunters arriving at Nairobi! Which doesn't sound unusual. Except that these are the twelve young American women! Remember? They are just in from roaming through the bush country of northern Tanganyika - and, they brought some trophies. Particularly the skins and horns of two buffalo. One shot by Beverly Putnam of New York who organized the expedition.

The other bagged by Mrs. Louise Shilling of Honolulu. The members of the expedition report that they saw a lot of lions, but didn't shoot any. And they didn't bring back the fifteen foot python - they found one day in their camp and that nearly scared them out of their safari shorts.

From Nairobi the party will go to Mombasa on the coast, then on to the exotic island of Zanzibar to meet the Sultan of Zanzibar - then on to the Belgian Congo, pygmy country.

In the meantime, they've set up camp in Nairobi,

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and are standing in line at the local beauty parlor. One of them, interviewed as she sat under a dryer - Hope Beaver of Dubuque, Iowa, bemoaned the insects - which are, said she, the top hazard of big game hunting. Although bitten from head to toe, Hope says she she hopes to return to Tanganyika some day. Another member of the party, not Miss Beaver from Dubuque - she withheld her name - says she hopes to too. But, with the exception of herself she says, Harry - next time she wants it to be an all-male safari.