

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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PEACE

In Washington today, there was formal action on the Russian peace proposal. (At the State Department, American officials met with representatives of the fifteen Allied nations *that have* ~~with~~ soldiers in Korea. They gathered, and adopted a joint declaration, asking for - clarification. Just what was the full meaning of Malik's recent suggestion that a "cease-fire" could be arranged?)

In Moscow, simultaneously, the United States was taking the matter to the Kremlin. American Ambassador Kirk called on Acting Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko - shortly after Gromyko had returned from Paris, where he had attended a long and futile meeting of the Deputy Foreign Ministers. He had hardly got back, when Ambassador Kirk, acting on orders from Washington, asked for an interview. Moscow Foreign Minister Vishinsky is ill, and Gromyko is taking his place - which put the whole thing ~~on a~~ ^{at} diplomatic top level.

The meeting lasted for twenty minutes - whereupon Kirk hurried back to the Embassy, to make a quick report to Washington.

Secretary of State Acheson has just declared that the report from Ambassador Kirk is -- "slightly hopeful." Those are the Acheson words -- "slightly hopeful." It indicates that discussion will continue -- for a truce.

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TOKYO, THURSDAY, JUNE 28.--(UP)--GEN. MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY'S
HEADQUARTERS HAD "NO COMMENT" TODAY ON REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT
RUSSIA TOLD THE UNITED STATES THE AMERICAN AND NORTH KOREAN FIELD
COMMANDERS SHOULD NEGOTIATE A CEASE FIRE IN KOREA.

HOWEVER OBSERVERS BELIEVED THAT NEGOTIATIONS TO END THE KOREAN
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DEVELOPMENTS MIGHT NOT BE TOO FAR OFF.

COL. G. P. WELCH, SPOKESMAN FOR RIDGWAY, WOULD NOT COMMENT
ON WHETHER HE CONSIDERED THE RUSSIAN MOVE AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT OR
WHETHER RIDGWAY WAS PREPARING TO CARRY OUT ANY INSTRUCTIONS FROM
WASHINGTON TO END THE WAR.

THE PRESS REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON APPEARED TO BE THE FIRST NEWS
THE HEADQUARTERS SPOKESMAN HAD RECEIVED ON RUSSIA'S NEWEST NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSAL.

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THE COMMUNIST NORTH KOREAN RADIO AT PYONGYANG CONTINUED TO BROADCAST THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL OF RUSSIAN UN DELEGATE JACOB MALIK FOR THE FIGHTING FORCES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE 38TH PARALLEL BUT MADE NO COMMENT.

THERE WAS NO WORD HERE ON WHETHER UN COMMANDER RIDGWAY OR 8TH ARMY COMMANDER LT. GEN. JAMES A. VAN FLEET WOULD BE THE REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET THE NORTH KOREANS IN THE FIELD IF THE UN DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE SOVIET PROPOSAL.

OBSERVERS HERE HAD SPECULATED THAT RUSSIAN DIPLOMACY WOULD FAVOR THE KOREAN WAR BEING SETTLED BY THE NORTH KOREANS SINCE THE COMMUNISTS HAVE NEVER RECOGNIZED RED CHINA'S TROOPS TO BE MORE THAN A GROUP OF "VOLUNTEERS."

SETTLEMENT IN THE FIELD BETWEEN THE UN AND THE NORTH KOREANS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT FACE SAVING MEASURE FOR THE CHINESE. THEIR "VOLUNTEER" TROOPS COULD RETURN TO CHINA WITHOUT PEIPING HAVING TO ADMIT FAILURE OF COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO OVERRUN ALL OF KOREA.

THUS THE NORTH KOREANS WOULD HAVE TO SUFFER FULL BLAME FOR THE DISASTROUS WAR.

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The news from Korea tells of huge masses of Red reinforcements moving to the warfront. Hosts of Chinese, believed to be fresh from Manchuria, are being mustered to the north of Seoul, and the American belief is that a new big offensive is in the making. ~~Washington is reporting that the Communists~~ ~~are planning~~ Air scouts report intense enemy activity, and today the assault planes were busy - shooting up Red concentrations on the ground.

At the same time, heavy Communist patrols have moved out into No Man's Land, as if to screen the build-up of Red forces further back - and there were sharp clashes today at various points along the front.

One line of speculation is that, in all these appearances of a new offensive, the Chinese Communists are putting up a show of force - as negotiations for a truce appear to be getting under way. A display of strength - to back up their demands in talks for a cease-fire. But a more general belief among American officers is that they are

getting ready for another try for Seoul, another drive to
seize the capital.

TIBET

A strange entourage moved into Hong Kong today - brought by special train from Red China, and received with much ceremony. A Tibetan delegation returning home from Peking, after having signed an agreement with Red China.

The party today was a rather pathetic sight - five meek, mild Tibetans, accompanied by twenty-one Chinese Communists. The Tibetans, representatives of the Dalai Lama, ~~were inconspicuous figures.~~ They wore the colorful flowing gowns of their Himalayan land, with long pigtails wrapped around their

heads. And on top, Western fedoras. ~~They also wore odd expressions, rather sullen, on their faces, as well as~~

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They looked pathetic - after/
~~might~~ having been compelled to sign away the independence of their country, making the Roof-of-the-World a vassal state of

Red China. The Communists with them were Chinese officials, going to take over military and administrative posts in Tibet,

— Reds who
~~and they~~ were neither humble nor downcast - wearing military uniforms, with pistols.

At Hong Kong, newsmen tried to interview the

emissaries of the Dalai Lama, but they never got a chance -
shooed away by the pistol toting Chinese Communists, ~~surrounding~~
surrounding the five meek, mild Tibetans.

SOVIET GLIDERS

Soviet Russia is going into all kinds of sports in a big way. Moscow has accepted an invitation to the next Olympic Games, and the belief is that the Russian athletes will make a good showing - judging from reports of mass efforts to develop Russian champions.

Today's news is in the realm of gliders - Moscow reporting two new world records. A woman glider pilot, Marina Pylayeva, went winging for nearly a hundred and fifty miles in a plane without power. ~~She flew from one city to another and back on a closed course, bettering the previous record set by a Frenchman.~~

A speed mark for gliders was established by Alexander Mednikov, who flew sixty-two miles in an hour and twenty minutes for an average speed of forty-six and a half miles an hour. Which is virtually supersonic, when you ride on wings without a motor.

IRAN

In London, Prime Minister Clement A. Attlee and leader of the opposition Winston Churchill had an urgent secret conference tonight. Subject - Iran. Today, in the House of Commons, Churchill asked for the meeting - which the head of the Labor Government promptly granted.

Any decisions that may have been arrived at are kept a secret, but the get-together is a vivid sign that the Iranian crisis grows more dangerous. British naval and military units are ready to hurry to the ~~Iranian~~ oilfields to protect twenty-five hundred British employees. The cruiser Mauritius is on its way, as we heard last night. Meanwhile, the Teheran Government has sent its own military forces to the oilfields - where the British employees have gathered, awaiting evacuation.

So there's the crux of the crisis - the position of those twenty-five hundred British citizens. London says no order for evacuation has been given - but, if one should be given, would the Iranians try to prevent the Oil Company employees from leaving? London says the only British concern

is the safety of those British citizens, and ~~the~~ military force
~~will~~ ^{would} be used to protect them - and not the Company properties.

There's London word that a final effort will be made to negotiate the oil dispute, a "last chance" approach by the British - and, in Washington, Secretary of State Acheson once again appealed to the Iranian Government to have the nationalized oilfields operated by the Anglo-Iranian Company.

ACHESON - SALARY

In Congress today, the Democrats ~~shank~~^{checked} a Republican maneuver to force out Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

G.O.P. legislators planned to do it by using an old familiar weapon - the dollar sign. ~~The idea was - to cut off the salary of the Secretary of State. This, in a process that would also stop the pay checks of everybody in the State Department.~~

The money appropriations for the federal government ~~for the Department~~ expire at the end of the fiscal year, ~~which~~ is next Saturday; - and a new financial bill ~~to put up cash~~ has been delayed. So a temporary measure is before Congress, to keep things going during the month of July. The Republican idea was to tack on an amendment, which would omit the State Department - no dough for the bureau of diplomacy for the coming month. ^P Thus, they hoped to put the squeeze on the State Department, and force the Secretary to resign. Of course, Dean Acheson could very likely get by for a month without wages. But it would ~~have been~~^{be} tough for a lot of Department employees, having to face a string of payless pay-days.

However ~~but~~ today the Democrats blocked all that. The Rules Committee tacked on a provision forbidding amendments. So the anti-Acheson people, even if they could muster a majority, would have to vote down the emergency bill altogether. Which would tie up the whole ~~the~~ United States Government for a month ^{-- just} - to take a financial smack at the Secretary of State. Which is hardly likely - leaving ^e Uncle Sam flat broke for a month. That certainly would make him snap his Red, White and Blue suspenders.

CONTROLS

The situation of the Controls Bill in Washington is ambiguous. Today the Senate was considering a watered down version, which would abolish the roll-backs of beef prices. This - in the face of urgent pleas by Price Administrator diSalle and Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston, who begged Congress not to cancel the roll-backs.

At the same time, the House of Representatives decided to seek a temporary extension of the present law. This expires Saturday, midnight, and there may not be time for Congress to put through a new measure. So an extension is wanted, just in case.

NARCOTICS

Today brought the most definite kind of evidence that the narcotics racket is directed by Lucky Luciano, over in Italy. We've been hearing reports that this gangster, sent to prison in the ~~Min~~ United States and then deported, was at the head of a ring selling dope in the United States - which would seem to be definite, after testimony before the Senate Crime investigators today.

The witness was a federal agent, Charles Siragusa, only recently returned from Italy - where he investigated the activities of Lucky Luciano. He says that the deported ex-convict is, as he puts it - "the kingpin of the narcotics trade, not only in this country, but in Italy." To which he adds that Luciano is also a ~~superintendent~~ top leader of the Maffia, the criminal secret society in Sicily.

This testimony was dramatized by the fact that Siragusa's face was kept away from cameras - important that his looks should not be made public. He is to go on with his work as an undercover agent, battling against the drug

peddlers, and they are not to be given ways of recognizing him.

He said the Italian authorities are investigating Luciano on charges that he brought an automobile and large sums of money into Italy - illegally. When they questioned ^{the gangsters,} ~~him~~ he admitted that he has received cash from America regularly, ever since he was deported - money from the dope racketeers, presumably. ~~The government has added cooperating with the United States in suppressing the international drug traffic~~

Another federal agent, named George Belk, provided a thriller - telling how he, as an undercover detective, played the part of a drug peddler all over the country. He said that top criminals of the narcotics racket spoke of their principal source of dope as - the old man. But "the old man" never appeared in person, and the federal agent was never able to find out who he was.

WEATHER

Old Man Weather is acting up in the Middlewest - on a rampage of bad behavior. Rainstorms, windstorms, electrical storms - that's the story. Word from the town of Wakeeney, Kansas, places the death list at four, with scores injured and in the hospital, the result of a tornado last night, which wiped out six blocks of the residential district. ~~_____~~

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In Illinois and Indiana, thunderstorms driven by winds up to sixty miles an hour, the wind ripping down trees, and telegraph and telephone wires, and damaging homes. The lightning - almost continuous, one flash after another - in cities like Springfield, Illinois; and Indianapolis, Indiana. At Springfield, a man was blasted out of bed by a thunderbolt, and was taken to a hospital.

Heavy rains are creating threats of flood in many places. In Kansas, which had inundations already, the water from the sky is raising the swollen rivers - two inches of rain pouring down today.

FOREST FIRES

A forest fire came near ~~to~~ causing explosive disaster in Newfoundland today, at Gander, where the airport is a number one point for trans-Atlantic planes. Gander has huge gasoline storage tanks for the refueling of ~~a~~ across the ocean airliners. So that was where the forest fire came sweeping in a ~~in~~ tempest of flames. For a while it looked as if the blaze would reach the Gander Airport, but ^{fire fighters} ~~the fire fighters~~ were on the job - with bulldozers, leveling wide areas of trees, to stop the advance of the fire - which was halted just short of the gasoline storage tanks.

Meanwhile, a wind and rainstorm lightened the forest fire peril to the fishing village of Springdale. There, a thousand inhabitants were trapped, and boats were mobilized to take them off by water. But today, a twenty-five ^(mile) ~~hour~~ ^{hour} gale blew - sweeping in a direction to blow the flames away from the village. The storm included a deluge of rain, which helped to diminish the fury of the forest fire.

BOY

At Kannapolis, North Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Rabb Holcomb are giving a fond welcome home to their boy. But they don't know how long he'll stay home.

Kenneth Holcomb is a fifteen year old G.I. from Korea - and here's his record for the wanderlust. When he was seven he ran away from home and started for Florida. When he was nine, he ran away to Washington. When he was eleven - to California. Thirteen - to Texas. There he talked a recruiting Sergeant into letting him enlist. He was a big strapping boy. But the Army found out, and the G.I. was sent home - under age.

Next year, when he was fourteen, he managed to get into the Army again - and this time was sent to Korea. In the Second Division, he went through a month of some of the ~~hmm~~ toughest fighting of the Korean War. But they caught up with him again, and now he is being sent home once more. Before he left, he said to his

Company Commander: "Do you think I will be able to come back when I'm old enough, Sir?"

His father, today, sighed, shook his head, and said: "We don't know what he'll do next."

BLUE LAWS

The Good Old Days are coming back to Bethlehem, New Hampshire, but the idea is to show they were - the Bad Old Days. Next Sunday, the Blue Laws will return - Sabbath restrictions dating back to Colonial times. The town in the White Mountains is putting on the show to illustrate how much more freedom people enjoy nowadays.

For two hours on Sunday, the police will enforce the Blue Laws. Between two and four P.M., there will be an old-time Puritan sabbath - no amusements of any sort permitted, no swimming, no golf. And no singing - unless it's a hymn. You can sing all the Sacred Anthems you want.

To enforce all this, the punishments will be ready. In a public square, they'll have a pillory and, the stocks. Today Chief of Police Howard Sanborn, in charge of the Blue Law carnival, said he thinks he'll have plenty of customers for the old time penalties. So there's your chance, folks, if you'd like to stand in the pillory, with your head and hands sticking through the board. Which would you prefer pillory or stocks, Nelson?