

L.T. - Deleo. Monday, Aug. 8, 1955.

At Geneva, the "Atoms for peace conference" went into session today, with a statement -- that the hydrogen bomb will be harnessed, and turned to the benefit of the human race.

So stated by Doctor Homi Bhabhas, of India -- presiding over the gathering of the scientists from seventy-two countries. He predicted, that within twenty years, the harnessing of the H bomb may bring incredible benefit for mankind. By ~~bringing~~<sup>bringing</sup> the power of the sun, ~~in~~<sup>under</sup> human control.

At the congress of nuclear scientists, there's an atoms for peace exposition. Impressive examples of atomic equipment, on display. With guides -- explaining the scientific ~~so~~ wonders.

Today, one of the guides was telling a middle-aged German about the workings of an atomic reactor from the United States.

Whereupon this German character asked: →

"Can I work the controls?"

It is very complicated, cautioned the guide.

Well, responded the German, I myself did a little work in nuclear fission.

He was Dr. Otto Hahn the German physicist who was the first ever to split the <sup>uranium</sup>~~uranium~~ atom. That renowned Professor Hahn -- whose laboratory exploit showed the way to the atomic ~~wa~~ bomb.

## BALLOON

At International Falls, Minnesota, today - another giant balloon went aloft. Number three - in a series. A fourth launching - scheduled a few days hence.

Last week, we heard how a gas bag, as tall as a twenty-five story building, had ascended to an altitude of one hundred-and-twenty-five thousand feet. Which experiment was repeated - over the weekend. With automatic cameras, making pictures of the earth, far below.

Live animals - also carried along, guinea pigs, rats, mice, fruit flies. To determine how they might be affected - by cosmic rays.

Housed comfortably in an aluminum sphere, thirty inches in diameter. Protected from pressure and low temperature. But - would the cosmic rays penetrate the thin shell of the sphere - and affect the experimental animals?

That's important - for questions of space ~~and~~ travel. Suppose inter-planetary voyagers were on their way

to the moon, or Mars or Venus. Would the cosmic rays discharged by the sun penetrate their metal cabin, with deadly effect?

(Today the problem was posed by Otto Winzen - German born technician, who does balloon research for the U S Armed Forces. He thinks a critical area lies at about one hundred and eighteen thousand feet - where the cosmic rays enter the earth's atmosphere. The impact bringing about - atomic explosions.

Well, the big balloon, rising to one hundred and twenty-five thousand feet, carried the guinea pigs, rats, mice and fruit flies - up through that perilous area of atomic explosions. How did they get along? You can see the importance of the experiments - in a study of the prospects of space travel.)

POWERAMA

Huge construction work is on in Chicago - building the General Motors powerama. Along the lake front - a display of the uses of power in this modern world. A "World's Fair of Power." For example - giant earth-moving equipment. Marine exhibits - on a great pier jutting out into Lake Michigan. Monstrous rock-crushing equipment - and an atomic canon.

To name only a few ~~we~~ examples - in a technological fantasy.

<sup>G.M.</sup> The Powerama - ~~which will~~ <sup>to</sup> run for twenty-six days, beginning <sup>Aug. Thirty</sup> - ~~September~~ <sup>First</sup>.

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SOVIET

Soviet Premier Bulganin sends a diplomatic message to the government of Norway - because of an air crash. Disaster to a Russian plane - twenty-five lives lost. Ten of the victims being - Norwegian women. Representatives of Norwegian groups - who had accepted an invitation to the land of the Soviets.

The plane crash - an accident. The Moscow Premier expressing "profound regret." Also - promising compensation to the families of the Norwegian victims. Still another indication of the new tone in Moscow.

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EAST GERMANY

Trouble at Potsdam - imperial playground of the Kaisers of old. Now - in the Soviet sector.

Farmers - permitted to bring provisions to market at Potsdam. So on Saturday, wagons from the farms rolled in with potatoes. Customers - crowding. But the farmers told the customers - that, according to Communist orders they ~~was~~ could sell no more than one pound of potatoes to any one customer because of a ~~f~~ food shortage in East Berlin.

The customers were enraged. They stormed the wagons taking all the potatoes they could get their hands on. Several Communist policemen intervened - and were beaten up. Others chased away. The people making off with the potatoes. They got ~~the~~ their kartoffel.

KOREA

Tension is reported between the U S Army and the South Korean government - following disorders, in which Korean mobs attacked U S Army compounds in four cities. At Pusan, soldiers in gas masks beat off a raging crowd - dispersing the rioters with tear gas and streams of water from fire hoses.

(The South Korean Chief of Police charges that American soldiers were brutal, and used bayonets. Which the American Army authorities deny. Stating - that one Korean slashed his own arms and face with a knife. Then claiming - it was the doing of an American bayonet. Another, knocked off a truck by a stream of water, did fall on a bayonet - and was hurt.)

The trouble arises over the presence, in South Korea, of Communist members of the armistice commission - which is doing an inspection job. South Koreans shouting - that the Red armistice inspectors are spies.

They began by marching against headquarters of the truce commission at Pusan. A mob, repelled by South Korean



police. And angry crowds turned also - against American Army compounds. The South Koreans - resenting the truce, which the United States negotiated.

PAKISTAN

A political crisis in Pakistan, following the resignation of Premier Mohammed Ali. A political conflict on -- to determine who will succeed him. Reports are that the law minister <sup>H.S.</sup> ~~Mr. Sxx~~ Suhrawardi, is trying to form a coalition cabinet, -- with himself as Prime Minister.

POPE'S SISTER

A dispatch from Rome, telling of the death of the elder sister of Pope Pius the Twelfth. Succumbing to pneumonia - at the age of eighty-three. The Pontiff, himself, is seventy nine. He has a younger sister - seventy-seven. They are of the ancient Roman family; ~~of~~ Pacelli - the members of which certainly seem to be long lived.

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GOVERNOR

President Eisenhower gets a, turn down on an appointment he made to the United Nations. Naming -- a U.S delegate to the General Assembly. Governor Dennis Roberts of Rhode Island, a Democrat -- whose nomination ~~was~~ was okayed by the Senate last week.

Governor Roberts placed a question -- before the Rhode Island Supreme Court. Could he, under the State Constitution ~~Constitution~~ hold both jobs -- Governor, and U.N delegate?

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## HURRICANE

Tonight Hurricane Connie is a tempestuous question mark. One of the most violent -- with winds at one hundred and thirty five miles an hour. Position -- five hundred miles East of Palm Beach.

The tropical storm has already missed Florida, for the most part -- and is moving slowly northward. Which course would carry it -- on up the Atlantic. Missing, the ~~Cape~~ Carolina capes -- raging and roaring out over the ocean.

Let's hope so. But weather experts are not certain. The hurricane may remain on its course -- due north. Or Connie may veer westward and hit the coast.

WEATHER

Today, after the great heat wave, the first freeze of the season. On the summit of White Face Mountain, in Upper New York State.

The burning temperatures along the East Coast broke last night - after a torrential downpour of rain, ~~puddles - left~~ <sup>a storm above which I flew in</sup> coming in from Arizona. Puddles left at the top of White Face Mountain, <sup>was</sup> Found - frozen solid this morning. Temperature - down to twenty-six degrees.

Which reminds me - to thank my <sup>own</sup> good luck. During the heat wave that engulfed the middlewest and East, I was in California - mostly northern California, ~~San Francisco~~ where the weather was <sup>so</sup> ~~almost~~ chilly. <sup>I even</sup> ~~in fact~~ <sup>was</sup> caught a bad cold.

Arriving in New York, today, I found the weather- comparatively cool. The almost unbearable heat <sup>I've heard so much about</sup> ~~having~~ ended last night when we flew in with that storm.

Perfect ~~that was~~ timing, it right, which you can do with

~~back.~~

## YACHTSMAN

Off Bermuda, a fishing boat picked up a<sup>n</sup> Argentine yachtsman -- unconscious. All in, <sup>with</sup> with scurvy; That ancient evil malady in the days of ~~the~~ sailing ships of old.

More than a ~~so~~ dozen years ago Vito Dumas of Argnetina made a solo circumnavigation of the globe, in a sailboat. Taking -- two hundred and seventy four days.

^ In the spring of this year, the hardly yachtsman, now fifty-four -- set sail from Buenos Aires. Destination -- New York.

He was at sea, all alone, for one-hundred-and-~~seventy~~ seven days. Running out of food. ~~So~~ During the final ten days of this ordeal he subsisted entirely -- on powdered chocolate. With that sort of diet -- it's no wonder he was taken down with scurvy. Now <sup>(recovering -</sup> ~~reversing~~ -- in a Bermuda ~~xxxxj~~ hospital.

POLICE

In St. Louis, his honor the mayor is confronted with an ancient familiar truth. In doing something to help people - be sure they want it done. St. Louis policemen have been suffering agonies - in that long, broiling heat wave. St. Louis - famous for torrid summer temperatures. The cops - wearing their usual uniforms.

So Mayor Raymond Tucker came forward with a merciful suggestion. Let the St. Louis cops, have a summer uniform consisting of sun helmets, sport shirts, no neckties. And - Bermuda shorts! You know - the kind ~~the~~ <sup>cousins</sup> British wear in the tropics - short pants, above the knees *and all that sorta thing.*

But what do the cops think about it? Well, the United Press has taken a sort of straw vote - and here's the result:-

Saint Louis policemen think the sun helmets - a good idea. They <sup>a</sup>re enthusiastic about the sport shirts, without neckties.

*^* But the Bermuda shorts! That's another thing altogether.



They shudder at the thought of a cop directing traffic - with his knees exposed. Virtually indecent. Which probably it is - considering the knobs, and bumps that pass for knees, in most members of the male sex.

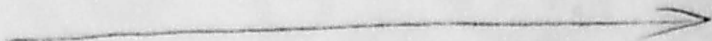
The United Press found only three policemen - in favor of the Bermuda shorts. The others would rather sweat it out than sacrifice their dignity, and show their knees.

## RAFT

Nowadays one of the adventures in vogue, is floating somewhere on a raft. The latest expedition - four young French-Canadians, who propose to drift across the Atlantic on a raft made of Cedar logs.

They started at Montreal and today, were at St. Pierre, Miquelon. That picturesque <sup>French</sup> Island - which is twelve miles off the south coast of Newfoundland. Gay farewell parties. Cheers and high hope - for what is intended to be the first Trans-Atlantic voyage on a raft.

You might wonder at all that optimism - after what happened on the first leg of the voyage, down the St. Laurence River.

The radio went haywire. So Henri and Gaston took off in a small boat, intending to procure spare parts. They never did succeed in navigating their way to the raft again. Instead Henri and Gaston were picked up by a ship, an ore carrier. Meanwhile ~~the~~ what happened to their ~~raf~~ transportation. The raft itself, got into trouble, and had to be 

taken in tow - pulled along by a ship to St. Pierre,

Miquelon.

But the ~~four~~ adventurers have been ~~now~~ reunited

with their raft,

Miquelon they

and, at St. Pierre, are ready to face the broad Atlantic.

ah me - Gaston and Hewie,

After so much trouble in the river, - now comes the deep blue sea.