

GENEVA

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Red China spoke its part - at Geneva today.

Foreign Minister Chou En-Lai making his first major address, and right off the bat, he tried to do a thing - contrary to the agenda.

At the Berlin conference, which arranged for the Geneva parley, it was agreed that the Geneva proceedings should be limited to the Far East. Korea and Indo China, specifically. Soviet Russia had argued - for a wider scope. Make the Geneva gathering, with Red China included - a sort of global conference. But that was rejected, and a limited agenda was adopted.

Nevertheless, today, Chou En-Lai went global. His address wandering to a whole series of topics - not connected with Korea or Indo China. He demanded a halt - in the rearmament of western Germany. Argued - in favor of the Moscow proposal for a European security system/. Then, went on to the abolition of atomic weapons.

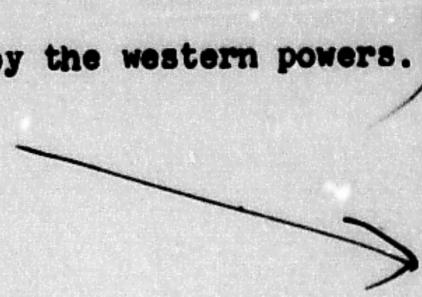
But he did include far eastern matters too.

Suggesting - an all-Asian collective security pact.

With - an abolition of all western bases in Asia.

What about Red China in the U N? Oh yes, Chou En-Lai got around to that also. Demanding - the admission of Red China into the United Nations. Saying - that Nationalist China should be ousted from the world organization. Red China - given its place.

(The speech was global all right - and, we suppose the Foreign Minister from Red China will try to get some of those European questions into the deliberations on Asia. Which will be opposed firmly - by the western powers.)



Later in the day, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov demanded - that the Reds in Indo China ^{be} invited to the Geneva meeting. He made this a condition of any discussion of peace in Indo China. Or Even - a cease-fire for the evacuation of the wounded from Dien Bien Phu.

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INDO CHINA - INDEPENDENCE

The independence of Viet Nam was formally concluded today - with the signing of ~~a declaration~~ in

Paris. Premier Joseph Laniel - on one side. The Vice President of the Indo-Chinese country - on the other.

The new independent state remains in association - within the French union.

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French forces are making a diversion - hoping to relieve the pressure at Dien Bien Phu. Today, they captured a Red junction twenty-five miles from the beleaguered fortress.

This is no full scale drive to relieve the hard pressed garrison. The attacking force - making no attempt to cut its way to Dien Bien Phu. The French command explaining - that there's not enough strength to break the deep, strong lines of encirclement the Reds have established. The attacking force - trying merely to draw Communist units away from the fortress, and impede plans for an all-out mass assault.

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scudding on the wind. Heralding - the monsoon. It remains

to be seen how the season of tropical rains will affect the

fate of the ^{men who have been defending Dien} ~~great band of heroes, who have defended their~~
^{Bien Phu} ~~fortress~~ with such desperate valor.

PILOTS - INDO-CHINA

A New Jersey employment agency, civilian - is hiring pilots for Indo-China. So announced - at Teterboro. The employer - an American airline, under contract with the French government. The identity of the airline - not made public. A spokesman merely stating - it's not Chennault's outfit. Not the Chinese airline of General Clair Chennault - which has been flying transport planes in the Indo-Chinese War area.

a spokesman says
At Teterboro, ~~they want~~ they want - flyers "who don't give a hang." They are told - they can expect death if shot down behind the Communist line. They must be veterans, and are offered twenty-five thousand dollars for thirteen months of service. With - a one month vacation.

Apparently, the recruiting has been going on for some time. A spokesman of the ~~Rixkix~~ "Pilots' Employment Agency" saying: "All I can do is refer you to a report out of Indo-China last Sunday. Saying - twenty-five American pilots were flying transport planes."

Today, Vice President Nixon declared - the major goal for the administration is, in the Vice President's words - "to keep from sending American fighting men to Indo China, or any place else in the world, if we can."

Some days ago, Nixon made a sensation by intimating that we may have to send American troops to aid the French, there in southeast Asia. Now, he clarifies his views - by pointing to the "new look" military policy of the Eisenhower administration. Which, he says, proposes a strategy - which would avoid the necessity of sending U S troops to distant battlefields. If - this can, at all, be avoided.

Today, meanwhile, Admiral Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was conferring with President Eisenhower - telling the President of talks he had over in Europe with British and French leaders. Subject - that Indo-China crisis.

DIPLOMATS

The London Foreign Office denies - any ~~knowledge~~ ^{knowledge} about the two missing British diplomats, Guy Burgess and Donald

Maclean No information concerning their whereabouts has been gained from Soviet secret police officials -- who, recently, have deserted to the West.

Today, the London Daily Express printed a report of disclosures made, allegedly, by Vladimir Petrov, head of Soviet Secret Police activities in Australia. Saying - that Petrov, going over to freedom, had revealed the whole story of ~~Burgess~~ Burgess and Maclean.

Other newspaper accounts said the same thing about Captain Khokhilov, of the Red secret police, who abandoned Communism in Germany. Both he and Petrov reported to have said -- that Burgess is now editing an English language newspaper in Moscow. MacLean - working at the Soviet Foreign Ministry, helping to draft notes and memoranda.

These accounts caused excitement in Britain -

where the case of the two missing diplomats is an affair of perennial interest. But the Foreign Office issues a carefully worded statement - a denial. Saying that neither of the two former Soviet police officials have thrown any light on the mystery of Burgess and Maclean. They ^{are} giving information to western intelligence. But - ^{- nothing} ~~knowing~~ about the missing diplomats.

as Gamal Abdel Nasser, who now has the office of Premier. It was Nasser who, today, made the announcement of a Communist scheme to overthrow the government. Saying the plotters included military supporters of Naguib. In Cairo, this is considered - another move in the under-cover battle, which - has been waged between Naguib and Nasser, ever since a military revolution overthrew King Farouk, nearly two years ago.

EGYPT

Egypt announces - the smashing of a Communist conspiracy. Fifty-two plotters - arrested - including twelve army officers. Military men, we are told - who helped to restore President Mohammed Naguib to office on Feb February twenty-seventh.

Naguib remains President. But the real power seems to have devolved on Gamal Abdel Nasser, who now has the office of Premier. It was Nasser who, today, made the announcement of a Communist scheme to overthrow the government. Saying the plotters included military supporters of Naguib.

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PALESTINE

~~Jerusalem~~
The armistice commission in Palestine voted a

condemnation of ~~af~~ Israel today. Blaming the Jewish state "in the strongest terms" for an attack on a village across the border of Jordan. The Jordanians charged that an armed force of Israelis attacked the little town of ~~Budrus~~ Budrus, and laid siege to that place for three hours. Which charge is upheld.

The armistice commission, formed by the United Nations, consists, officially, of Jordanian and Jewish delegates. ~~But~~ the Israelis played no part in today's decision. They were absent from the commission. The vote was taken by the Moslem members together with U N supervisor, General Bennike. Israel - blamed for a serious frontier violation.

At the Mr. Parthy hearing today emphasis
~~Committee Chairman Mandt put emphasis today on~~

was placed on

a thing quite obvious to the general public. ~~He~~ Commented

with pointed meaning - that somebody is committing perjury.

The long drawn out questioning of Army Secretary Stevens has brought forward a whole series of direct contradictions.

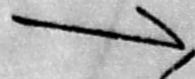
~~Maxim~~ In which - one side or the other must be testifying falsely.

Perjury is a mighty serious matter, especially when it concerns groups headed by the Secretary of the United States Army, on the ~~max~~ one hand, *And* - a U.S. Senator on the other.

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Today *the* proceedings went storming on slowly, with a loud laugh at one point. When statements were made that at Camp Dix, private David Schine rode around comfortably, while other G I's took the brunt of bad weather. That - he fraternized with commissioned officers, in a back-slapping way. That - he escaped kitchen police. And that -

he paid another soldier to clean his rifle.

None of which sounds like the old army game -
even in the case of a millionaire's son, who was prominent
as an investigator for a powerful Senate committee.



McCarthy committee

ADD MCCARTHY

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The hearing ended ^{today} with a McCarthy charge

that Army Secretary Stevens threatened to retaliate against the hearings with a lawyer. The argument being - the General Lawton, commander at Fort Monmouth, because the he's under attack, more or less, and should have the General praised the investigation being made by the

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CRASH

Now, an Air Force thriller - a jet plane crash in a tremendous hail storm. Two officers, from Hamilton Air Force base, flying in Oklahoma skies - Colonel H.R.Thyng and Major H. C. Van Trease. When - their jet fighter was caught in a raging storm. "The worst weather I ever saw," says Major Van Trease. A bombarding tempest of hail.

Their plane out of control - and they bailed out.

Colonel Thyng injured on landing - taken to a hospital. Major Van Trease - having his own adventure; by parachute in the hail storm.

The wind so violent, his parachute half collapsed.

The flyer - swinging like a pendulum, in an arc of ninety degrees. Zooming - back and forth. And all the time - hit by hail stones as big as an egg. He was battered and bruised, as he came down - for a mighty rough landing. Swinging - like that. through the hail.

He was okay today, although he sustained a back injury - and was beaten black and blue by the hail stones.

MUSKRATS

Lake Preston, South Dakota, reports - an end of the "Muskrat Ramble". The one this year, the biggest on record. Townspeople reporting - they never saw so many muskrats in the "Ramble" through the streets.

The curious annual phenomenon comes about - because of two lakes. Each year, the muskrats migrating from one body of water to the other. The town of Lake Preston - right in the middle of their migration route. So the swarms of rodents go right on through - via Main Street.

~~So many this year that several got into the local bank. One muskrat - invading the Kingsbury County Hospital~~

~~Hospital. At another place,~~ Mrs. Bob Herring - was chased by one. She was on her way to a lodge meeting, when she saw the muskrat, trailing her on ~~the~~ down the street. She ran - so did the rodent. At the lodge hall, she was just able to slam the door on the face of the pursuing muskrat.

L.J.Lewis had a fight with one. The muskrat, ~~attacking~~ attacking the cuffs of his trousers. He kicked the critter off,

sending it flying for six feet. "But," Lewis relates, "it recovered immediately, and came rushing back at me. Finally, I got a real good kick that lifted the muskrat maybe twenty feet away, out into the street."

That was enough to discourage the rambunctious rodent. Which, thereupon, joined the other muskrats in the ramble to ~~rainxfkthe~~ new homes in the lake.

MOTHERS

Mother's Day in Philadelphia will include the kind of thing that Mom likes best of all - a bargain. Something - almost for nothing. The price - that low.

Today, the Penn Sherwood Hotel issued invitations to thousands of mothers - to dine from a menu - that certainly will excite the astonishment of many a housewife. A menu - which was used in one of the most famous dining places in the United States. That swankiest of New York restaurants - Delmonico's. Time was, when Delmonico's represented the height of luxury and fashion. ^{Opening} ~~Delmonico's~~ in New York in Eighteen Thirty-Four, with a menu that listed the following:

Roast Beef - five cents. Corned Beef and Cabbage - four cents. Roast Chicken - ten cents. Coffee or Tea - one cent a cup.

That was a la carte - and, in addition, there was a table d'hote dinner priced at twelve cents. How times have changed since Eighteen Thirty-Four!

So that's to be the Mother's Day feature at the hotel in Philadelphia. Mom - to have the privilege of ordering

from that Delmonico menu, at those prices of one hundred and twenty years ago. A bargain, ^{Mike,} - to make her head swim.

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~~Then, on the following day, Mom can cook dinner at home with Roast Beef - eighty-five cents a pound; or Corned Beef - maybe seventy-five cents a pound; or a medium sized Chicken - costing two bucks. The coffee, ^{- Mike -} which fashionable Delmonico's sold at a penny a cup, will cost her - a dollar and twenty-five cents a pound.~~

~~Heaven on Mother's Day. But after that, the~~

~~price of American City...~~

~~some...~~