

**CONFERENCE**

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In San Francisco tonight the question is - will the Russians show up for the signing of the Japanese treaty tomorrow? ( Today we had the word that forty-nine nations would sign the <sup>Japanese</sup> peace <sup>treaty</sup>. Only Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia are expected to abstain. ) So the speculation tonight at the conference is - will the Communists stay away, throw some dramatics and stage a walkout before the signing begins?

ADD CONFERENCE

The latest from California. Southern Pacific Railroad officials revealed tonight that the Soviet delegation will be in San Francisco tomorrow -- whether or not they attend the conference. The railroad say that Andrei Gromyko has booked two cars for New York on Monday.

CONFERENCE-INDONESIA

Indonesia has decided to sign the Japanese peace treaty. The new Republic of that great island-world south of Asia was undecided, hesitating for two weeks. Usually, Indonesia follows the lead of India in foreign affairs - and India refuses to sign. Today, the ministry at Jakarta, on the Island of Java, made its decision - in favor of the west. The Indonesian Foreign Minister is in San Francisco, and he was being notified <sup>to</sup>/<sub>A</sub> sign. Another diplomatic blow for Soviet Russia.

There were curious dramatics, today in Gromyko's trip to the conference. Driving from their <sup>at plush</sup> mansion in suburban Hillsborough, the Red delegation was escorted by a heavy guard of police cars, with a screaming of sirens. ~~And the thought lurking in every mind was beer trucks.~~

The <sup>extra-</sup>vigilant precautions followed a headline story: - plot to kill Gromyko! The police received information that White Russians, anti-Communist<sup>s</sup>, had a plan to do away with Stalin's delegate by driving a beer truck at high speed into his car. Do that - in such a way as to make it look like a traffic accident.

The procession of automobiles rolled shrieking along the Bay Shore Highway - then stopped. What did they see? Beer trucks! - not ~~one~~ one, but three; There had been a traffic accident - and lo <sup>a whole procession of</sup> ~~and behold, all these~~ beer trucks. They ~~must be~~ ~~thirsty~~ around San Francisco.

There was a hurried investigation, and this was the explanation:- A truck full of meat had run into a ~~xx~~ mishap, and turned over. Which had blocked the highway and snarled a lot of motor vehicles -- including <sup>the line of</sup> ~~these~~ beer trucks. The cops at first were inclined to think it might be part of the plot. But no - it was just one of those things that happen on the best of regulated highways. Tonight Captain E. F. Cassell, in charge of the State Patrol in San Mateo County says: "There is nothing to indicate it was anything but an ordinary accident."

So Gromyko and the Moscow delegation, police cars and all, made their way through the traffic-snarl, and arrived at the conference hall safe and sound. Gromyko not <sup>run down and</sup> murdered by a beer truck!

The latest on the alleged conspiracy by White Russians leaves <sup>it all</sup> ~~the whole thing~~ fairly nebulous. Local police says an F.B.I. man gave them the tip, but the F.B. I is silent about the whole thing.

## KOREA

In Korea, the Red radio indicates the Communists will reject General Ridgway's latest proposal. A broadcast today assailed the idea of moving the truce talks from Kaesong to some other place, after all those charges and counter-charges of neutrality violations. A formal note is expected to make the rejection formal.

On the ~~battle~~front, the Reds have been beaten back north of Seoul. They surrounded patrol parties - which, however, were able to extricate themselves. The Reds never did reach the main defense positions.

On the eastern front, they are in ~~in~~ full retreat, after the U.N. capture of "bloody ridge." Scout parties today found little sign of the enemy, the Reds having pulled back.

Meanwhile, the air war is in full blast, American planes slashing with bombs and napalms at enemy truck convoys - as the Communists attempt to push masses of supplies to the warfront.

## KOREA BATTLE

The flare-up of war brings accounts of -- "nightmare" scenes of battle. Take a description we have from Captain Richard Bederski of East Orange, New Jersey. The Captain is Company Commander of an outfit that fought its way out of a Red encirclement.

"It started after midnight, with Red artillery coming down all around us," he relates. "When the artillery let up, we heard their bugles tooting and they started jabbering amongst themselves. Sometimes the bugles played taps. It was a nightmare from the beginning." He tells how the Reds came surging forward in Banzai attacks - "blowing bugles wildly before each assault."

Private James Hightown, of Winters, California, was one of three G I's who had to sneak their way through enemy lines. "We heard the Chinese all around us, talking back and forth and making queer noises on their bugles," he says. "I hadn't gone far, when flares started dropping. They lighted the whole place, made everything look bright and green."

Then he came upon what he describes as - the strangest sight he ever saw. "Two women," he relates, "were sitting in a clump of bushes holding wounded men in their arms. The women were crying, and appeared to be brushing the men's faces with their hands. If they hadn't been crying, and looking so hard at the wounded - they couldn't have missed me. I was so close I could have touched them." The G I thinks the women were nurses, but he isn't sure - he got away while the getting was good.

Just before he neared <sup>the</sup> American lines, he was knocked unconscious by a shell explosion. He came to, uninjured - after all that nightmare.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Today, the government radio of Red Czechoslovakia made a ~~first~~ formal announcement of a sweeping shake-up in the Communist regime. This comes as a surprise, and is attracting ~~world-wide~~ world-wide attention. Because the appearance is -- a defeat for pro-Soviet elements and a victory for the nationally minded Communists, all suggesting Titoism.

Top Reds are ousted from number one positions -- and they are Moscow men. Chief among them is the Deputy Secretary General of the party, named Geminder -- looked upon as Stalin's mouthpiece in Prague. He gets the bounce. The same for a whole string of other henchmen of the Soviets.

A new Czechoslovak ~~new~~ politboro is named, and shows that it now includes only one Stalinist. There's a new Secretariat of the party, and it also includes only one Kremlin stooge.

All this is taken to mean a victory for Red President Gottwald and his group - who, we are told, were little more than figureheads. Real authority --

exercised by the Stalinists. Gottwald and his group are regarded as tending <sup>now</sup> toward Communist Nationalism.

The picture looks like some kind of Czechoslovak revolt against Moscow domination, and one surmise is - a drift toward Titoism. But informed observers are cautious about that. They think the shake-up may be due to bad economic conditions, industrial production sliding downhill -- with Moscow realizing perhaps, that a change was needed. Less rigid Communist control, with leaders more nationally minded - to gain more confidence among the people.

## INDIANS

Some sort of Indian war has broken out in southeastern Utah. On a desolate mesa in San Juan county, Redskins are staging a tribal dance - and today they turned in revolt against the paleface authorities. They seized state troopers, and rescued -- a bootlegger. Sounds like the "battle of fire water" and it was actually something like that.

The Indians of those parts are Utes and Navajos, and they joined forces for a tribal observance -- a "squaw dance." Which has been going on for three days -- with several hundred Indians *in their* ~~going through~~ wild gyrations of traditional frenzy.

A party of state policemen kept watch, in case anything went haywire. It seems that the Utes and Navajos have a grievance against the local whites -- a long time dispute over grazing lands, which are not rich or plentiful in that arid region. State police officer Merlin Brown says that the Indians were shouting *shouting:-* in the Navajo language: "this land is ours, it is time for us to take it back by force, if necessary." Sixteen

white families in the nearby town of Bluff were -  
"frightened to death," <sup>says the dispatch.</sup> The squaw dance becoming -  
that wild.

The state police saw the Utes and Navajos were getting drunk - full of fire water. It's against the law to sell liquor to Indians and they spotted a white ~~is~~ bootlegger doing business.

"We grabbed the man" says Brown, "took a jug of wine for evidence, and started off with him. Suddenly" he adds, "we were surrounded by ~~a bunch of~~ Indians who took the wine away from us, liberated our prisoner, and hustled us out of the camp."

~~So there was the~~ Redskin insurrection - rescuing the bootlegger. Which ~~has~~ brought a ~~is~~ Paleface call for reinforcements. Every available state trooper called to the scene - to keep ~~these~~ <sup>the</sup> dancing Utes and Navajos from really going on the warpath.

## KILLING

There's a dispute about what happened in the Mexico City killing of Mrs. William S. Burroughs -- wife of the grandson of the inventor of the adding machine.

The story, earlier in the day, was that Burroughs, during ~~in~~ a gay party, tried to shoot a champagne ~~glass~~ glass off the head of his wife - a William Tell stunt that went wrong. But this he denies. He says it was an accident - when he dropped a pistol, and the revolver discharged. "When my wife fell I thought it was a joke," he says.

The grandson of the creator of the Burroughs adding machine was studying languages at the University of Mexico.

# HURRICANE

Tonight brings good news for Florida - toward which balmy peninsula one of the mightiest of hurricanes had been heading. (~~The sixth tropical tempest of a rambunctious hurricane season; - winds blowing yesterday at one hundred and forty miles an hour. Increasing during the night to <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ hundred and sixty miles an hour, Heading straight for Florida - last reported nine hundred miles east of Miami. But~~) Today's *bulletin says -* ~~report was~~ the tremendous howler <sup>is</sup> changing its direction, shifting to the north, *which*

~~What~~ <sup>^</sup> would cause it to miss Florida. <sup>^</sup> ~~But~~

what about the coast farther north? Well, the tempest may swing around enough to the north to miss the mainland altogether; ~~and~~ spend its fury lashing the open sea. Let's hope so.

## ACTRESS

From Paris, an explanation of the death of Movie actress Maria Montez, the sultry beauty famous in Hollywood scenes of South Sea Isles and oriental harems. She fell victim of a hot bath, too hot.

They say that Maria Montez suffered from a heart condition, palpitations - and today a police surgeon stated that the water in her bath was so hot it might have caused a heart attack, even if a person were completely healthy. So, in that over-heated water, she succumbed - either to heart stroke, or drowning while unconscious.

## TRUMAN-SUIT

Now is the time, I think, to give a vote of confidence to President Truman. Some of us may disagree with him in Politics, or statesmanship.

But all of us, I believe, will have complete faith in him - in the face of a new crisis that arises <sup>It's a</sup> sartorial crisis.

A dispatch from Paris today states that a Parisian tailor disapproves of the style of the presidential clothes, and is making a new suit for him -- which will be sent to the White House. Ted Tapidus has an exclusive shop just off the Champs D'Elysees, and today he stated the opinion that what America needs is a president togged out in the latest Parisian style.

Describing the suit he is making according to the Truman measurements, he says: "It will have an international flavor." British cloth and Parisian <sup>tailoring.</sup> ~~style~~ The lapels will be wider and the waist will be higher than in American suits. The color - Parisian blue. "The color of the material" says this tailor of the Boulevards, "changes with the light." Iredescent,

opalescent, a sort of rainbow effect.

But the real point is found in the following statement: "the suit will incorporate the little tricks, the nuances of style, that the experiences <sup>d</sup>~~Parisian~~ Boulevardier employs to attract the attention of the Parisian Mademoiselle. If these work here on the Champs d'Elyees" says the tailor, "they should work just as well on Pennsylvania Avenue, in Washington."

So you see the danger - the temptation, will President Truman go strolling down ~~Rennix~~ Pennsylvania Avenue in that Parisian suit, intent on catching the eyes of the girls? No, a thousand times no, as they say in Paris. I think we can trust our President not to turn into a Parisian Boulevardier, with a Mademoiselle on each arm. Nelson, what do you think of the idea - an iridescent, opalescent suit - the rainbow effect?