

BIG FOUR

C.T. - P+S. Thursday, June 16, 1949.

In Paris tonight - eleven P M European time -- the Big Four Ministers sat down in the Pink Palace for what was expected to be an all-night session. A final meeting - with everyone hopeful of some sort of a settlement on Berlin -- and, the Austrian peace treaty. But at twelve-thirty, after an hour-and-a-half - of argument -- a halt was called - agreement impossible.

Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky immediately hurried off to the Soviet Embassy to talk to Moscow. But the western Foreign Ministers stayed awhile in the Rose Garden to talk things over.

Apparently things were getting warm inside - the arguments, not the weather. So Secretary of State Dean Acheson suggested a recess - a cooling off period to give Vishinsky further time to think things over.

The next meeting of the Big Four will be Sunday afternoon: and it will be secret. The final meeting perhaps, with not much hope of agreement.

Vishinsky willing to compromise - apparently, but Moscow standing firm - refusing to modify whatever demands it is making.

BLOCKADE TO REPLACE PREVIOUS STORY

Early today, it looked as if the Soviets again were going to clamp down on Berlin. For four hours all trucks going in or out were stopped. The Russians demanding special passes. Jut more red tape!

Our people in Berlin phoned Secretary of State Acheson in Paris - told him what was happening. German trucks allowed to go through. Allied trucks held up. In other words, the same old Berlin Blockade.

A little later the Soviet Chief of Staff in Berlin announced that it was all a mistake. Very sorry.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Prague, arrested by the Reds. Archbishop, Josef Beran. Locked in a room in his palace with Communist police combing the premises, and taking all church records, and correspondence.

The arrest of the Archbishop is ~~that~~ ^{the} latest climax in the feud between the Church of Rome and the Communists. Two days ago the Prague Red Government sent officials to the Bishop, demanding the church records. The Archbishop's secretary refused. The Archbishop was summoned, and he also refused. Whereupon the Communists took over.

Another dispatch tells of the Archbishop issuing a pastoral letter, warning all Catholics who assist the Reds.

Archbishop Beran, by the way, was imprisoned in Dachau by the Germans in Nineteen Forty-two. He is said to be extremely popular.

DEWEY

Governor Thomas Dewey home from Europe, told reporters today that his trip to seven countries had convinced him that we must continue Marshall Plan aid to Europe! Absolutely essential if we are to have a stable Europe, and a United Europe.

Governor Dewey spoke of the active Communist Fifth Column - a Red underground in every European Capital. He added that the Communists seem to have plenty of money, and do a first rate propaganda job. We spend billions feeding Europe, helping them get on their feet; while the Communists spend millions on propaganda.

He went on to say that the closer he came to the Iron Curtain, the more anti-Communist the people seemed to be.

ESPIONAGE

In New York today, Henry Julian Wadleigh - a former State Department economist - admitted that he did turn over some of our secret government documents, to the Russians.

Wadleigh, now unemployed, appeared as a government witness in the perjury trial of Alger Hiss. He admitted handing over secret documents from the Trade Agreements Division of the State Department, as far back as Nineteen Thirty-six, and as late as ~~Nin~~ Nineteen Thirty-Nine. At first, he gave them to a David Carpenter - then to Whittaker Chambers.

He told how he would select any document of interest that passed ~~xxxxxx~~ across his desk. He would meet David Carpenter on a Washington street corner and hand him a brief case full of documents. Then, he would get the empty brief-case back, next morning, on another street corner.

Later today the U.S. Assistant Attorney handed him a sheaf of documents - the famous Pumpkin Papers, and asked if he had given any of them to anyone.

He examined them carefully and said he had no recollection of ever having seen them. But that he might have handed them to Chambers.

Two of the documents were cables from China, dealing with military operations. Of these he said, they were not the type he handled. After scanning one carefully he added: "I have no recollection of ever having seen this!" "But", he went on, "I would have regarded it as an unusually rich find!"

So it was that today a New York courtroom heard the first public ~~xxx~~ admission by any of the men named by ex-Communist Whittaker Chambers - admission that he had been guilty of espionage against his country! However, this former State Department economist, so we hear, ~~xxxxxxx~~ cannot be

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prosecuted. He no longer is liable because of the
time element - the Statute of Limitations.

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COPLON

Judith Coplon told her story in Washington Federal Court today. She denied that she was ever or had been a Communist. According to her story, Gubitchev, the Russian spy, had picked her up at an exhibition of Cubist Art in New York, Labor Day, Nineteen Forty-Eight. Then she went on to relate how she thought she was in love with the handsome Russian.

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TRUMAN

President Truman at his news conference today, said that he fully expects F B I Chief J. Edgar Hoover to stay on the job. He says he thinks our top G-Man has done great work.

Mr. Truman added that the dispute between Dr. Condon of the Bureau of standards and J. Edgar Hoover, had not been brought to him, and he saw no reason why it should be.

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As for all the excitement over Red spies and espionage, the President remarked that this has occurred after every crisis in our history. Just normal post-war hysteria.

ATOMIC

Senator Hickenlooper still isn't satisfied that there was no espionage involved in the disappearance of that small amount of uranium -- from the laboratory near Chicago, although the Joint Congressional Committee has been given details of how all but four grams have been recovered.

The Senator from Iowa told reporters today that he thinks a spy could have taken a minute amount of the atomic material -- and then put the bottle back in its place.

Also, Senator Hickenlooper wants to know why the missing uranium was first described as being in a brown laboratory bottle when in fact it finally turned up in a mason jar?

HONG KONG

In Hong Kong, the British island off the coast of what is now Communist China, the newspapers are carrying several columns of advertisements, offering bullet-proof vests, tin hats, and gas masks. The Island population being advised to be ready for an invasion by the Chinese Reds.

meat purchase

Washington announces tonight that the Army is purchasing four million three hundred and eighty thousand dollars worth of beef and lamb from Latin-America -- for U.S. troops overseas. This saving three million eight hundred thousand dollars, the difference between the cost of Latin-American meat and the domestic product. ^{But} ~~and~~ adds, an Army spokesman, all the money paid to South America will eventually find its way back to this country. Also, that the State Department has no objection to the purchase.

Donald MacMillan is off for the Arctic again -- Ellesmere Land and Baffin Land -- charting more unknown coasts, and taking scientists who will work in a number of fields.

There is one amazing thing about these later day MacMillan expeditions to the North. His wife goes along, and her presence doesn't seem to complicate matters. Alone woman on an expedition has been known to bring disaster. But, Mrs. MacMillan went North on her first one simply because she had travelled up the coast for a few days on the exploration ship THE BOWDOIN. She had intended to get off at Newfoundland, wave goodbye to the explorers as they sailed on toward the Polar Regions. But, the gentlemen in that ship's company, those years ago, insisted that she go right on and on -- make the entire voyage with them. ^{This} So I believe, ~~this~~ will be her fourth to the Arctic, three of which she has

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~~described in her book GREEN SEAS AND WHITE ICE~~

~~which is having a good sale.~~

The MacMillans have just received a letter from Scotland -- from Kirkwall in the Orkneys, from a man named Jock Tullock, who says he has found a message that the MacMillans dropped in Davis Strait near the Arctic top of North America. They dropped it in a sealed bottle in July, Nineteen Forty-eight, and it was picked up on the other side of the Atlantic just a few days ago, May Twenty-eight. MacMillan says the bottle probably travelled about three thousand miles, north across Melville Bay, then to Ellesmere Land, down the Baffin Land coast, and across the Atlantic to Scotland.

BROKEN DISHES

In Frankfurt, Germany, former G. I. Clyde Harris of Ameritto, Texas, will marry the German princess -- Cecilie of Hohenzollern, early next week. ~~And with~~ ^{ie} The princess, a descendant of England's Queen Victoria, ^{also} ~~and~~ a great granddaughter of Kaiser Wilhelm. ^{TP} The Texas G. I. will become ^{lord} ~~master~~ of a Seven Hundred year old castle- with a romantic history. The same castle from where, in the Middle Ages, the Hohenzollern family started the series of campaigns which made them masters of all the Germany.

But Princess Cecilie, soon to become plain Mrs. Clyde Harris, is worried about a shortage of dishes. ~~Well, that's a problem for any housewife. But~~ the Princess wants her dishes to break! ~~Now~~ why would a bride want to smash the crockery before getting married? That usually happens afterwards.

^{Oh} ~~But~~, in the Hohenzollern family, tradition says that the bride and Bridegroom must break dishes together, ~~on~~ the night before their ^{this} wedding, to ward off evil spirits - otherwise the marriage will be unlucky; so

says the Princess. ~~So~~ ^{What} ~~she~~ ^{does she intend to do} ~~doing~~ about it?

Instead of breaking dishes, she is going to drop a few phonograph records! "Dishes," says the Princess, "are far too expensive. ^{she adds, the ones} ~~These~~ I have will have to last a lifetime."

VESUVIUS

In Italy a volcanologist announces that he has solved the riddle of old Vesuvius. That is, an Italian scientist says he has hit bottom in the crater of the world's most infamous fire mountain, the rumbling, smoking peak that looks down on the curving Bay of Naples, the Volcano that destroyed those three cities way back in B.C. 79.

Vesuvius remained quiet for fifteen hundred years, then began to send up a firey salute at regular intervals, finally bursting forth and destroying eighteen thousand people in the winter of Nineteen Thirty-One.

Since then the old mountain has been pretty quiet. Allowing an Italian scientist to accomplish the task of plumbing the depths of the crater. Lowered far down into the crater, by ropes - nine hundred feet below the rim, the scientist conducted

his eerie explorations. Every now and then a hissing noise made him jump, and wish he wasn't there. But, says the scientist, what he saw at the bottom of the crater of Vesuvius convinces him that it will be a long long time before the mountain explodes again.

Maybe many centuries. *Are you interested, Nelson?*

La Motta -

A new middle weight boxing champ - tonite -- Take Lamotta of the Bronx. He won over Marcel Cerdan of Algiers in Det. a tech-KO. in the 10th. Cerdan unable to cont. be

AFRICA

From darkest Africa, a strange story -- man losing a battle against the jungle. All because English women like to wear leopard skins. The tiny colony of Gambia on Africa's West Coast, overrun with dog faced baboons. Last year the animals destroyed more than a quarter of the colony's crops. This year they threaten to eat everything. The baboons - savage dangerous animals, roaming the countryside in gangs of Two Hundred or more.

In the past, the baboon population was kept down by the leopards. But hunters shot the leopards to provide skins for the London market -- for the ladies. So now the baboons have multiplied. The big monkeys terrorizing the colony of Gambia. All because the ladies want to wear leopard skins, Nelson.