

CONFERENCE

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Another disagreement -- concerning the forthcoming top level conference of the Big Four. But, this time - not between the Soviets and the West. The difference of ~~opinion~~ opinion is between President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Anthony Eden.

The President has declared himself - in favor of a brief conference. Thinking -- "two or three days" would be enough. This, has been ridiculed by Soviet propoganda, which says - it would be "impossible" ~~for~~ to accomplish anything in so short a time. And now - the British Prime Minister agrees with Moscow.

Today, he told an election rally that he favors more time than the ~~British~~ ^{President} proposes. Eden says there should be ample time for the discussions.

BRITISH ELECTION

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There's no betting in Britain -- on the election. That is, no betting with bookmakers -- after today. The ~~xxxxx~~ reason, the Conservatives are considered such a sure thing -- the bookmakers won't take any more wagers on them. When they shut down, the odds were ten to one, that Prime Minister Eden's Conservativ[✓]_^ise government would win.

Election prospects seem confused a bit -- by a strike situation. ~~■~~ Eighteen thousand dock workers, in a big walkout have tied up five major British ports. One hundred and seventy four ships -- unable to load or unload cargo. Moreover, the country faces a nationwide railroad strike.

Some think these labor troubles may hurt the conservatives, if the government doesn't handle them skillfully. -- ~~○~~ Others believe the Labor Party will suffer -- the public ~~xxxxx~~ irritated by the strikes.

ITALY

The United States is making a Fifty Million Dollar loan, to Italy. The agreement - signed in Rome, today, by Italian Premier Scelba and U.S. Ambassador Clare Booth Luce.

The loan, repayable in forty years, is on exceedingly easy terms. The money, to be used for improvements in Southern Italy -- where, economic conditions are bad -- Communism a threat.

Premier Scelba faces a critical vote in the Italian parliament. The American loan - expected to help him, and his pro-American policy.

Indian Envoy Krishna Menon arrived in Hongkong today, -- on his way home from ^{his} visit to Red China. Menon is called -- a "trouble shooting" ambassador for Indian Prime Minister Nehru. So now, he'll give Nehru a report of talks he had with Mao Tse Tung and Chou En Lai.

In Peiping he discussed the Formosa question. Also -- the possibility of obtaining the release of the U.S. airmen. So what has ~~is~~ he to say now?

In Hongkong, Ambassador Menon seemed -- exceedingly optimistic. At a news conference, he said: There will be further negotiations, and he expects favorable developments. He was asked -- how soon results could be expected, from negotiations that India is carrying on -- concerning Formosa, and the imprisoned airmen. He replied: "It should not be very long."

INDIA

India, as we know, ^{is having difficulty} trying to turn modern, ^{attempting to} ~~with difficulty~~ ^{to} abolishing ^{century old} strange customs. ~~Some~~ ^{thousands of years old.} ~~the past~~ The Government, for example, is now rescuing

slave girls in the feudal state of Bhopal. ^R They are called "Mankas", -- slave girls, purchased in early childhood, ^{Then} taken to the households of the feudal chieftains, where they are trained to serve the daughters of the Lords, as hand maidens. They are like chattels -- used for dowrys. When the chieftain's daughter gets married, part of her dowry will consist of so many "mankas", the slave girls.

The present campaign was incited by the story told by a young woman named Gitabai. Who says: that when ~~she~~ she was four years old, she was part of a dowry, taken along when her mistress got married. Recently, she tried to escape, but was recaptured and severely punished. News of this got out, and the government sent a party of police to the fortress of the feudal chief, where they had to fight a battle

with armed guards at the stronghold before they were
able to rescue the slave girl of *Bhopal*.

WEST GERMANY

West Germany says -- the western allies have pledged themselves to oppose any move to neutralize a United Germany. The Soviets have indicated - they hope to make Germany part of a buffer zone between East and West. But Chancellor Adenauer is reported ready to give a special warning, ^{that} Any sort of neutralization ~~is~~ "would be unacceptable" to West Germany.

STAR

At Hamburg, Germany, an astronomer reports the same thing that a Chinese astronomer reported nine hundred years ago. Of course, that star gazer of ancient Cathay didn't call it -- a "Super-Nova". He said it in Chinese - describing a star that suddenly flares in the sky. The new star -- appearing abruptly.

The Hamburg astronomer Professor Hans Haffner, peering through a powerful telescope, has discovered a giant star in the Milky Way -- a star which had not been there previously. The "Super-Nova" -- being a dark, invisible, star, which flames in some enormous explosion. This one - estimated several million times as bright as our own sun. But -- three million light years ~~away~~ away. Miles -- in the trillions.

Professor Haffner says that in the past, *in The Milky Way,* only two other super Novas, are on record. One - described by that Chinese astronomer in the year

One thousand-and-fifty-four A.D. The other, observed by European astronomers in Seventeen Fifty-Two. Big doings out in space -- the incredible flame of a new star.

VACCINE

The news wire has been telling of demands -- that the government should clarify the polio vaccine situation. In Washington, tonight, there was a big meeting of medical experts, something definite expected tomorrow -- an official clarifying statement.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court has reversed the convictions of three witnesses, who took the Fifth Amendment. Julius Emspak, and Thomas Quinn of the Left Wing Electrical Workers union, and Philip Bart, former General Manager of the Communist Daily Worker -- upheld in refusing to answer.

For one thing, the Supreme Court holds -- that ~~the~~ Congressional committees must warn a witness that if he refuses to answer, he may be subject to prosecution. The committee must give him -- a chance to change his mind, which was not ^(done) ~~done~~ in the case of the three convictions -- which are now reversed.

ANASTASIA

Well, the law has finally caught up with Albert Anastasia -- whose name figured so prominently in the affairs of "Murder Inc." The fifty-one year old racketeer seemed immune from justice. Having beaten - four murder charges. Once -- narrowly escaping the electric chair. Not counting -- a number of lesser brushes with the law.

Today, however, Albert Anastasia stopped fighting. In the court room, at Camden, New Jersey, he pleaded -- guilty.

They had him up for income tax evasion, and Judge Thomas Madden asked "Are you guilty?"

"Yes, I am" replied the racketeer, who had beaten so many previous ~~by~~ raps.

The income tax evasions ^{at} ~~could~~ ^{can} get him --
as much as ten years in prison.

EISENHOWER-AIR FORCE

I am in Washington, tonight, and here's one bit of local news. Or would you call it local? ~~When~~ When the President signs a bill for an atomic airplane? The measure puts up more than thirteen million dollars for aeronautical research -- including work on an airplane to be driven by an atomic engine.

Secretary of the Air Force Talbott says -- the atomic plane is on its way. The only question being -- how long it will take.

BILLY GRAHAM

In England, an ultimate seal of success -- for Billy Graham, the American Evangelist. Summoned -- to preach before The Queen and the Royal Family. After which -- Billy and Mrs. Graham had lunch with Her Majesty. Quite a climax for the British tour the preacher from Dixieland has been making.

It began this year, in Scotland -- attracting enormous crowds. Then, down to England where, however, Billy Graham ~~is~~ ran into newspaper criticism. Sophisticates of London ~~is~~ journalism -- lifting eyebrows at his vigorous, vehement way of preaching the gospel. They thought it a bit crude, if not blatant -- those hell-fire sermons. Calling the American revivalist -- an "evangelistic Johnny Ray."

All of which made no difference whatever - to the public in England.

Saturday night, in London, Billy Graham preached to ninety thousand, from all over England ^{and Wales.}

~~and notes~~

Royal approval began when the Duchess of Kent, an Aunt of the Queen went to hear Billy at Wembley Stadium. Then, yesterday, the evangelist from ~~Georgia~~ below the Mason and Dixon line conducted the morning service in the Queen's private Chapel, at Windsor. Billy kept it short -- a twenty-five minute sermon. The congregation -- consisting of the Queen, and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother, and Princess Margaret. And -- other members of the Royal household.

There's a point of theological interest in this. Her Majesty The Queen ^{of course} is head of the Church of England. Billy Graham is a Baptist preacher. Quite a difference -- between Anglican and Baptist. But, Billy's evangelism is entirely non-sectarian. The Church of England -- giving him implied support. An Anglican Bishop -- heading the committee arranging the Billy Graham revival campaign in England.

Billy - going so well they might make
him Archbishop of Canterbury? Not quite! Not
even Bishop of Durham. But the
British have indeed taken Billy
Graham to their hearts.

NOVA SCOTIA

Flaming news -- from Nova Scotia, Canada's easternmost province having the worst forest fires in twenty-five ~~xxx~~ years. Thousands of acres of timberland swept by the ~~blaze~~ ^{blaze}, as a gale blows. Homes destroyed -- two towns threatened with destruction. Liverpool, on the south shore - partly burned out already. Thirty homes ^{going up in smoke,} ~~destroyed~~, Twenty other buildings -- and eighteen fishing boats.

The town of Bridgewater - encircled by a series of woodland fires - reported out of control.

WEATHER

Washington, D.C. is not in Canada. But the report is the same. Toronto was blazing hot, yesterday, and the heat wave goes on today. Canada -- having temperatures away up in the eighties. Unusual - for this time of year.

This morning, I left New York, where it was medium cool -- in the sixties. Arriving in Washington, the weather was -- sweltering. But then - Washington is famous for summer heat -- and is now getting ~~XXXX~~ summer temperatures, before spring is over.

ENDING

Ina Dellafield of Boston sends me a line, Hugh,
that might give someone a chuckle. It's from the Boston
Traveler, Hugh, and it reads as follows:

"Dr. Urey, the nuclear wizard, thinks life is
possible on other planets." The BostonTraveler says yes:-
"Given a little peace and quiet, life would be possible on this
planet."