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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Bandung Conference began, today. The meeting of Asian-African countries. There was a welcoming speech by President Sukarno of Indonesia. Another - by his Foreign Minister.

But the focus of attention was on Chou En-Lai, Foreign Minister of Red China, who is expected -- to produce Communist fireworks, on any occasion.

There might have been an occasion today, because, the delegation from Viet Nam distributed an appeal to the Asian-African representatives. Asking them, to help aid Communists in northern Viet Nam to get away from the tyranny of the Reds. Chou En-lai was expected to denounce this appeal, but he didn't. Instead of making an inflammatory speech, he kept silent.

It is noticed that the demeanor of the Foreign Minister of Red China is mild and ingratiating. Chau En-Lai

full of smiles, whether this means anything, is hard to tell.

HUNGARY

There is no indication of what the change in Red Hungary may mean. Premier Nagy, ousted. His place taken - by a Communist politician, about whom little has been heard hitherto. His name decidedly unfamiliar -- Andreas Hegedues.

The new Premier of Red Hungary has been a background worker in Communist affairs. He got his training in Soviet Russia, and appeared on the Hungarian scene half a dozen years ago - as a member of the Red Parliament. He has been rising ever since. And now suddenly, the head of the Communist ~~regt~~ regime.

A dispatch from Budapest insists - that the change of Premiers does not indicate any alteration in the policy of the Red government Nagy's illness - the reason. However, Nagy was rated as the big time boss, and now, he is out. The new Premier, stressing the importance of heavy industry. Nagy advocated the production of consumer goods. It sounds much like the change in Moscow, when Malenkov was ousted.

EINSTEIN

The death of Professor Einstein, was completely unexpected. True, he was seventy-six years old, had always been the frail type. But there was no apprehension whatever when the great scientist went to a hospital at Princeton, last Friday. He had an inflammation of the galbladder, which needed treatment. But that seemed nothing particularly dangerous.

Today, however, the end came suddenly -- from a failure connected with the heart. The news was kept secret for seven hours, at the behest of Professor Einstein's family. Just why the word was withheld is not clear.

An obituary of Einstein could go on for thousands of words. The creator of the theory of relativity -- which revolutionized physical science. Einstein -- whose's mathematics foreshadowed the atomic bomb. He took a leading part in persuading the late President Roosevelt to launch the giant atomic project. Later Einstein was offered the presidency of the state of Israel. But he declined.

One fascinating aspect of his amazing career was -- the

that, as a schoolboy he was backward in his studies. Most of the studies, that is. His gift - for mathematics only.

He attended school in Munich. Then later went on a technical institute in Switzerland. But there he failed in his entrance examination. Flunking -- the subject of languages/. He had to be tutored for a year, before he could make the grade. Just a mathematical prodigy -- which he went on to demonstrate without any delay whatever. Einstein's fabulous work, the Theory of Relativity, was accomplished when he was in his twenties.

He left Hitler's Germany, became an American. An odd, familiar figure -- the frail unworldly scientist. With his rumpled clothes - and shock of white hair.

Today the tribute of the world to Albert Einsteinⁿ was lead by President Eisenhower, who said: "No other man contributed so much to the vast expansion of Twentieth Century knowledge."

POLIO

Here's an unexpected blast - the target so unexpected - the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis - criticized for the way it is handling the Salk vaccine program. [The San Francisco health director, Dr. Ellis D. Sox, saying - "Like a soap opera."

The Salk vaccine was to have been administered in San Francisco today. But the National Foundation suddenly ordered a change. All the vaccine for northern California - diverted to southern California. Because the polio season begins earlier there.

That is what irks the San Francisco health director. [He says - it was a logical move to divert the vaccine. But why didn't they plan it that way earlier? Why get San Francisco all set, then make the sudden switch?

"It is," declares Dr. Ellis Sox, "like a soap opera with the idea of 'tune in tomorrow and see what happens.'"

He complains, moreover, that the whole thing has been over-played. Saying - polio is not considered a severe public health problem.

He says home accidents are more of a problem.

Mishaps in the home - taking the lives of thirty-two children in San Francisco last year. While - there were only five fatalities from polio.

"It is about time we calmed down and relaxed, as far as the polio vaccine is concerned," declares the San Francisco health director.

DOOLITTLE

The survivors of the famous Tokyo raid back in April, 1942, are meeting in Los Angeles this spring. General Jimmy Doolittle - presiding. In reminiscing, today, Jimmy said: "We didn't do much military damage in that first bombing of Tokyo. But, we scored an important psychological victory - and forced the Japanese to divert additional planes to defend their homeland."

The curious part about the meeting of the "Tokyo Raiders Association" is the project they are pushing. Safety - the cause of safety among airmen. But don't think this means - safety in flying. The veterans of the Tokyo raid are not worried about that. What concerns them is safety in automobiles.

Back in his old-time days as a dare devil

stunt flyer, Jimmy Doolittle used to say: "Flying is safer than driving." So that's the gospel at the gathering in Los Angeles.

Their project is to promote safety among Air Force flyers - driving automobiles. It seems that when an airman gets a pass, and takes off in a car, he doesn't pay enough attention to safety on the highway.

Back in days of old, sailors used to say - Jack Tar was in greater danger on land than on sea. Our old friend Count Felix Luckner used to swear to that. So now the Jimmy Doolittle version is - a flyer is safer in the air than on the ground.

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, today, was commemorating the earthquake and fire back in 1906. The forty-ninth anniversary - observed with due ceremony. The newspapers - carrying spreads of pictures showing the devastation when San Francisco was nearly wiped out. A luncheon held - sponsored jointly by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Club, and the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific. This last organization - most appropriate, since most of the damage back in 1906 was done, not by the earthquake - but by the fire.

At another luncheon meeting plans were discussed for a great commemoration next year, the fiftieth anniversary.

In San Francisco they date the time by the earthquake - before and after. Something like BC and AD.

WEATHER

Donner Pass, in the high Sierra, produced scenes, today - which might have been a reminder of bitter tragedy a century ago. The pass, leading over the mountains into the Sacramento Valley, was named after that ill-fated party, the Donner party, which was caught in a frightful blizzard. Most of them - perishing. By the way, novelist Homer Croy has recently written the Donner story in an exciting book called Wheels West.

At this time of the year, you don't expect blizzards in the Sierras - not in the latter half of April. But a violent snow storm broke over the week end - piling huge drifts in the Donner Pass area. Result - hundreds of motorists trapped. Most of them - week end skiers. Many spending last night in snow-bound automobiles. Three people - overcome by

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carbon monoxide when jammed the exhaust of their car. But they are okay.

Today the snow plows were clearing away - so the jam of automobiles on highway forty, could get out of their prison of snow.

Blizzard in the mountains - and rainfall in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. Which certainly was welcome. They had been having a severe drought in northern California with heavy damage to crops in the rich farm land. It rained Saturday night and Sunday - steadily. But, even so vegetable growers were saying - too little and too late. Some even said - the rain did harm by injuring the lettuce crop.

However, here's a report from the California Department of Agriculture, stating - that the rain

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did a lot of good. Moisture for the fields parched by the drought. Moreover, the heavy snows in the mountains will add, later on, to the water supplies for irrigation.

On previous trips to the West I have had occasion to note how the news out here is likely to be about water, or the lack of it. Same story - this year. As for Donner Pass, I've been snowed in there, also.

MATT--HUNGRY HORSE

Although I am in Seattle tonight, I spent the week end in Western Montana, visiting an old friend, one of the all-time ski greats, Toni Matt, who now is connected with a winter sports project at Hell Roaring Mountain, on the edge of Glacier National Park. Big Mountain some call it. The nearest town is Whitefish, Montana, on Whitefish Lake, only a few miles from Hungry Horse Dam, which was a topic of much controversy a few years ago. Opponents of the whole idea of another vast federal power project, and at Hungry Horse Canyon in particular, said one thing wrong with the scheme was that there wouldn't be enough water, and why put up a dam at all?

So, one of the first things I did, after spending the night at Hell Roaring Mountain, was go

with Toni Matt and his lovely wife Stella, to have a look at Hungry Horse. As the third highest dam in the world it's an impressive sight - one that will draw the tourists. And, I found water in it! A lake some thirty-five miles long, backed up by that massive wall of concrete across the gorge at Hungry Horse. Nor have the snows from the high mountains of Glacier Park really started to melt yet. So, it does^{not}/look as though the name Hungry Horse will^{ever}/be changed to Thirsty Horse.

Some dismal looking towns spring up around federal projects like this. But, I suppose in time they'll either disappear - become ghosts - or flourish and become substantial like nearby Whitefish, Columbia Falls, and Kalispel. If only the architecture of these towns would follow the pattern set by

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an enterprising young newspaper man in Columbia Falls. Mel Ruder is the publisher and editor of The Hungry Horse News, and both his office building and his paper are a model of what can be done.

His paper is ^{as} well printed, and as capably edited, as you will find almost anywhere. Although Columbia Falls, where it is published, has a population of around 2,000, Mel Ruder's Hungry Horse News has a circulation of over 3,000. And in a single issue you will find more pictures than in your New York or Chicago paper. Mel, by the way, takes his own pictures too. Quite an unusual editor - who won't use either "boiler plate" - canned stuff sent in from some city - or, comics.

Anaconda Copper has built a big aluminum plant nearby, which is stepping up the population.

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Anaconda taking advantage of the new source of electrical power, from Hungry Horse Dam. So there's a boom in the making in this Hungry Horse country, all the way from Flathead Lake to Hell Roaring Mountain.

Toni Matt also took us to Lake McDonald, in Glacier Park. And what spectacular country that is, in winter and spring! The Great Northern Railroad from the south, and the Canadian Pacific from the north, should try and lure the American ski world here, for high alpine spring skiing; over these dazzling northern Rockies, across the glaciers, and past these indescribable lakes. All it would take would be a series of well-stocked cabins - which Glacier Park already has - and

rangers trained to handle this sort of thing.

We have many veterans of the famous Tenth Mountain Division, men like Toni Matt, who could handle it easily. Why let this wonderland go unenjoyed during the best months of the year - April to July? Here's another untapped source of revenue for the railroads, the airlines, and the people of north-western Montana. I'd like to come and lay the whole thing out myself, say next May!