

CONFERENCE [T. K. T. nes, Aug. 4 - '53, (Pawling, N. Y.)

Russia is willing to join a Big Four conference.

So stated in an official Soviet note. This, a report to proposals by America, Britain and France.

The Soviet note agrees to a meeting of the four foreign ministers. However, it adds that Red China must be invited to send a representative -- a demand that the West has already rejected.

SUB PRISONERS

In Korea, operation "Big Switch" gets under way. The transfer of prisoners from both sides. Allied soldiers being transferred south -- and Communist soldiers north.

Right now Americans are pouring through the exchange points. The first to be identified was Major John Daujat, of Richmond, California. The Major carried on a conversation with reporters from a truck. A dispatch from Pan Mun Jom describes him as fit and healthy. Also sporting a crew cut, which appeared to have been executed with the help of a Korean rice bowl. He was captured on January Second, Nineteen Fifty one while serving as an advisory officers with the South Koreans. Major Daujat revealed that some American officers were sentenced to prison by the Reds only a few hours before the exchange. The charge against them was what the Reds called "instigating against peace."

After Major Daujat, many other Americans were identified - and an official U N list of prisoners has been released. How did they find North Korea?

Well, Private Gerald Cavagnaro of West Newbury, Massachusetts said: "I'll be glad to see a doctor instead of a hack." Then he went on, "I don't mind my picture being taken now. But there we had lots of pictures when they gave you something."

Among the U N soldiers of the first batch are men from Great Britain, Turkey, the Philippines, France, Columbia, Australia, Canada, Belgium, South Africa, and Greece. And, of course, many South Koreans.

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles arrives in South Korea -- for discussions with Syngman Rhee. The Secretary came in by ~~the~~ plane, twelve hours late because of bad weather. With him were Henry Cabot Lodge, our Ambassador to the U N, Robert Stevens, Secretary of the Army, and Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson.

South Korean officials were at the airport. And Secretary Dulles reviewed forces from the R O K Army, Navy and Air Force.

Then he delivered a statement to the press. He noted that he is the first American Secretary of State to visit the Far East. He declared that he hopes to agree with Syngman Rhee on a means of unifying all of Korea. The discussions, according to the Secretary of State, are intended to turn the armistice into a real peace.

Assistant Secretary Walter Robertson has already had many discussions with Syngman Rhee. So he'll sit in on the new talks - as an advisor to the

Secretary of State.

After meeting with the South Korean leader,
Mr. Dulles ~~will~~ will take part in the political
conference with the Reds -- which will convene before
the end of October, under the armistice terms.

GERMAN FOOD

The East German Reds are trying to prevent American food from reaching their people. Today, some five thousand Communist agitators crossed over into West Berlin. They sneaked into groups outside the food offices. Then they began to demonstrate - shouting Communist slogans, and trying to prevent people from the Soviet Zone from accepting gm food ~~packages~~ packages. ^{TR} The West German police were called in. They used night sticks and hoses on the agitators. And ran them back across the border. The police arrested seventy-five Reds, including seven women. The East German radio denies any responsibility for what happened. According to the radio, the agitators were just "West Berlin unemployed". That's the official Communist description of the thugs who were sent in to West Berlin to ~~try~~ try to break up the delivery of American food.

The Reds are also trying to prevent East Germans from crossing the border. So only a few turned up today for the food packages. They report more

violence in the Soviet zone - hunger riots and strikes. At one place, the Reds had to use bayonets on a crowd at a railway station - violence breaking out because tickets to West Berlin were refused.

Meanwhile, America is offering more food. Our High Commissioner, ^{Dr.} James Conant, officially stated this to the Soviet High Commissioner. Conant said that we would discuss with the Russians the question of using over a million Dollars of East German funds, the funds now blocked in the West. Conant's offer would make the money available for buying more food for the East Germans.

High Commissioner Conant stated that we are anxious to help the hungry behind the Iron Curtain. Which is a shrewd piece of propaganda - because the Reds must either accept, or else face more violence in the Soviet zone.

EISENHOWER

Today President Eisenhower spoke to the Governors of America. The state leaders, meeting at their annual conference - this year, in Seattle. ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ The President ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ spoke informally. He mentioned states rights, and said these ~~states~~ should be strengthened. Without states rights - ~~as~~ in the words of the President - "we are not going to have America as we have known it." At the same time, ~~he~~ he ~~noted~~ noted that it is often ~~is~~ difficult to distinguish between National and State responsibilities. But he argued that the ~~most~~ important thing is to make the two complement one another.

That was the most important part of the President's speech --naturally enough, since he was talking to the heads of the states. However, he did touch upon national issues. He noted that we must do something to stop the spread of Communism in the Far East. He mentioned India and Indonesia, and ~~the~~ remarked that both are threatened by the Red invasions of Indo-China and Burma. And he said that American money is being used in the Far East, not as,

what he termed "a give-away program", but as one way
of safeguarding our own security.

KNOWLAND

Senator Knowland of California is the new Republican floor leader in the Senate. He was elected today, to replace Senator Taft. At the same time, Senator Ferguson of Michigan was chosen to succeed Knowland as chairman of the Senate Policy Committee.

Senator Knowland has been acting Republican leader since Senator Taft first became ill last spring. There was some opposition to his permanent appointment - Senator Bridges of New Hampshire was protesting against such an early election. Senator Bridges argued that the members of the caucus should have more time to think about a replacement for Senator Taft. But, the G O P policy committee decided by a unanimous vote of those present to hold the conference today. And the voting went unanimously for Senator Knowland.

So the Senator from California will take over the office - which up till now has borne the legend "Mr. Taft of Ohio."

OHIO

as we all know,
The death of Senator Taft leaves Ohio with only
one Senator. The Governor of the State ^{to} ~~will~~ appoint
someone to fill in. But one report states that the
Ohio ~~the~~ legislature will try to have a special election
to choose a successor to Senator Taft. This, because
Governor Lausche is a Democrat, ~~and he would not~~ ^{who could hardly}
~~avoid appointing~~ ^{avoid appointing} a member of his own party. But the legislature
is controlled by the G O P and it wants a Republican
to take the place of the man who was known as "Mr.
Republican."

This would mean a change in the election laws.
Until now, the Governor has always had the authority
to fill a vacancy like this one. The question is,
whether the legislature has a legal right to change the
law. It will probably consider the problem when it
meets on Friday.

The point is, of course, that a Democratic
appointee would erase the slim Republican majority
in the Senate. ~~It would also mean that the~~
~~Senate would be controlled by the Democrats.~~ That's why those Republican

legislators ~~it~~ in Ohio are so anxious to make sure that
a Republican gets the place of Senator Taft.

TAFT

Today, Cincinnati paid its last respects to Senator Taft. He was buried in a village church, about a mile from his home - after a quiet funeral service, attended by his family and close friends. Mrs. Taft was there, as the pastor of the church read the Episcopalian burial service. It was she who decided where her late husband should be buried. The Senator's father, President William Howard Taft, is buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington. But the Senator's widow decided that her husband should lie in the cemetery behind the church he attended.

There were only a few flowers at the funeral service, because the Taft family requested that all offerings be given to cancer foundations. It was cancer that killed the Senator - a rapidly spreading tumor. And his family feels that his admirers should help to fight the disease, if they want to pay a final tribute to him.

Mrs. Taft showed great courage throughout the funeral ~~service~~ service. A nurse and doctor were with

her. But she stood the strain, and heard the pastor of the church deliver a eulogy on the man who represented Ohio in the Senate for so many years. At the end, she was wheeled out of the church, to enter the procession, and more than two hundred neighbors watched ~~xxx~~ from across the street, as the hearse moved away toward the cemetery. This, the last that Cincinnati will see of one of its most famous citizens -- Robert Alphonso Taft., a great public servant.

MCCARTHY

Senator McCarthy criticizes Allen Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; one of the ablest and most self-effacing this country has had in our time. The Wisconsin Senator charging that Dulles is trying to hide facts about William Bundy, a member of our top Intelligence agency. Bundy once belonged to the United Public Workers of America - a group often accused of Communist sympathy. All of which made Bundy fair game for the McCarthy style investigation.

McCarthy and Dulles met in the middle of July. The Senator agreed then to postpone questioning Bundy - until Dulles could investigate the matter. Now - the Senator from Wisconsin makes public a series of letters between him and Allen Dulles. And he says that his investigating sub-committee will take up the Bundy case.

But Allen Dulles points out that Bundy belonged to the United Public Workers of America for only two

months; in Nineteen Forty, and the charges of Red influence in the Union were not made until six years³ later.

The Senate forbids the McCarthy Committee to issue any independent reports during the congressional recess. The proposal, made by Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine. The other members accepted her proposal and voted that any recess reports must be approved by the Senate government operations committee, which controls the McCarthy sub-committee.

QUEEN MOTHER

Last night we had the first dispatch from the new U P correspondent at Buckingham Palace - Margaret Svaile. Tonight we have another - this one concerning the birthday of Queen Mother Elizabeth. The Queen Mother is just fifty-three, and so the Royal family held a celebration. Margaret Saville tells us that Prince Charles and Princess Anne both presented bouquets to their grandmother. And the Queen and Princess Margaret toasted her with champagne. This, the Queen Mother's first birthday since the coronation of her daughter as Elizabeth the Second.

The Queen Mother will fly to Scotland to receive the freedom of the city in Iverness. Meanwhile, the Queen and her children will travel by train to Balkoral castle, Scottish home of the royal family.

From a reference to Scotland it seems appropriate to turn to a gentleman named Fitzmorris.