

WILSON

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America offers to share our secret atomic information with the Nato countries. The offer was made today in Paris, by Defense Secretary Wilson.

The Defense Secretary spoke at a secret session of the Council of Ministers of Nato. Afterward, his remarks on atomic information were repeated by Nato Press Officer, Geoffrey Parsons. Said Parsons: "The Secretary talked primarily of information - but indicated Nato would be equipped with latest weapons."

Other American officials say this means the use of atomic artillery battalions. Until now, these have been excluded from Nato, because of our ban on sharing atomic information. The ban is part of the McMahon Atomic Energy Act - which has been in force since the Truman administration. Today, our Defense Secretary indicated that his administration would ask Congress to revise the McMahon Act.

Wilson urged Nato to adopt the new weapons as soon as possible. At the same time, he warns that atomic weapons

are no "magic cure" - they<sup>a</sup>re to be used as one more part of the equipment of the armies of the Nato countries.

Wilson did not mention the recent statement of Secretary of State Dulles - in which Dulles urged the European nations to ratify the plan for a European army. The Dulles statement touched off a lot of criticism in the French Chamber of Deputies. Our Defense Secretary simply said that Nato is a major part of our defense policy. And that we will continue to supply the Nato forces. Finally, that we will make available some of our secret information about atomic energy.

## EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower will go to Augusta, Georgia, at Christmas time. But not for a vacation. White House Press Secretary, Jim Hagerty, announces that Mr. Eisenhower intends to work on three important statements to be sent to Congress - his Report on the State of the Union, his Economic Report, and his Budget Message.

The President has been discussing his legislative program with his Cabinet. And present at these discussions was Vice-President, Nixon, just home from his trip around the world.

On Thursday, Mr. Eisenhower will begin a series of conferences with Republican leaders of Congress. He says he is eager to get all the advice he can get - before he begins work at Augusta. The legislative program he presents might be critical for the Congressional elections next year.

The Press Secretary says that Mr. Eisenhower will take part in the traditional ceremony at which the

Christmas tree is lighted on the grounds of the White House. At that time, he'll be on radio and T.V., to give his Christmas greetings to the nation. Then, off to Georgia. The facilities of the White House will be transferred to Augusta so the President may work just as if he were back in Washington.

When it comes to some tasks, a President can work better away from Washington - where he can escape the endless stream of visitors and telephone calls. Former President Truman used to go aboard the presidential yacht - flight from the hubbub that surrounded him in the White House. President Eisenhower's favorite retreat is the cottage on the golf links at Augusta, Georgia. According to Hagerty, the President is not expected to return to Washington until after New Year's - until he completes his work on those three important messages to Congress.

## ITALY

In Italy - six million workers are out - on a twenty-four hour walkout. Demanding higher wages and more benefits.

Transport tied up: buses, trolleys, trains - everywhere. The Unions in Italy are allowing bread and milk shops to stay open; also permitting water and gas facilities to function. Also some telephone and electrical workers were permitted to stay on duty at central points.

This strike involves both Communist and non-Communist unions. Riot-police in jeeps are reported standing by - but so far there has been no violence.

## CONSERVATIVES

Thirty-six Conservative M.P.'s - are in rebellion against Prime Minister Churchill. The rebels, introducing a motion demanding that Britain break off negotiations with Egypt over the Suez Canal Zone.

The motion accuses Egypt of violating the Sudan agreement, of repeated hostile acts, and of refusing to let cargoes pass through the Canal on the way to Israel.

This motion by a member of his own Party, is the most troublesome revolt Churchill has faced so far. It's described as aimed more at Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, than at the Prime Minister. But it might cause the fall of the government. Churchill's Conservatives have a majority of only eighteen in the House of Commons. Which means that the thirty-six rebels may hold the balance of power, if a showdown comes.

In Paris, both Premier Laniel and Foreign Minister Bidault announce that they will be candidates for the French Presidency. The election, to take place next Thursday. Not an election by the people. The French President being chosen by a Joint Session of the National Assembly and the Senate. They'll meet in the Palace at Versailles - in the famous Hall of Mirrors where the treaty ending World War One was signed.

The curious thing about the candicy of Laniel and Bidault - is that they belong to the same party. And are members of the same government. In other words, they'll have to struggle for the votes of the party to which they belong - as well as for the votes of the other parties.

Well, French politics has produced many queer turns and now we have one of the queerest - the Premier and the Foreign Minister, both running for ~~the~~ President<sup>T</sup>.

INDO-CHINA

In Indo-China, the Premier of Viet Nam repeats once  
more / that he is ready to negotiate with the Reds. Nguyen Van Tam  
isn't accepting the latest offer of Red leader, Ho Chi Minh.  
The Viet Nam Premier declares that there is nothing new in  
that <sup>To</sup> offer. But he adds that he is still ready to discuss a  
reasonable <sup>proposal by</sup> ~~offer from~~ the rebels.

The declaration is causing more tension in  
Viet Nam politics. Because Emperor Bao Dai is still opposed  
to negotiation with Ho Chi Minh. It's expected that the  
Emperor's Premier will be forced to resign - unless the  
Emperor changes his mind.



## SOUTH KOREANS

Two prisoners who escaped charge that the reds are holding more than five thousand South Korean prisoners as slave laborers. ROK soldiers escaped from a labor camp at Pyongyang, say the Reds are using their slave laborers to build fortresses and repair railroads. The report also that these hapless prisoners have rioted several times - demanding to be repatriated. But the Reds still hold them captive, five thousand of them.

TAYLOR

The Eighth Army in Korea is working on plans for handling the twenty-two thousand anti-Communist prisoners. General Maxwell Taylor states that next month, the prisoners will leave the custody of the Indian command at Pan Mun Jom, to become civilians; - in accordance with the armistice agreement. Today, General Taylor says he presumes the Koreans will be turned over to the government of Syngman Rhee - the Chinese sent to Formosa.

Removing the prisoners from the neutral zone is the problem before the Eighth Army.

G.I.

Another G.I. at Pan Mun Jom has a chance to talk to a relative. We all know how Mrs. Howe flew to Tokyo, hoping to see her son - and how he refused. Now, Mrs. R. W. Rogers of Urania, Louisiana, is all set to leave for Japan - to plead with her brother, face to face - she hopes. A cable has been sent in her name to Corporal Aaton Wilson - the cable going first to Mrs. Howe, who forwarded it to Pan Mun Jom.

A friend of Corporal Wilson is already in South Korea. Airman William Randall has received permission to go to Pan Mun Jom. He and the Corporal were boyhood friends. Randall, now a technician stationed near Tokyo, decided to try to see his old buddy.

But so far, no word, for either the friend or the brother.

LINER

The Norwegian liner, Stavanger-fjord, still at sea - moving under her own power. The loss of that rudder is not preventing Captain Olaf Bjornstead from holding his course for Oslo.

The Stavanger-fjord tonight is off the north coast of Scotland. Still escorted by the tug, Turmoil. This seems to embarrass Captain Bjornstead who says he may run away from the tug; or even take it in tow.

McLAUGHLIN

Today, a factory worker in Columbus, Ohio, was routed with tear gas - after he threatened to kill his young son. The man, Charles McLaughlin - who was facing arrest on a charge of beating his wife. When constables tried to arrest him, he locked himself in a trailer - holding his two small sons as hostages. Other policemen came to help.

And then a siege of the trailer began, and went on for sixteen hours. Toward the end, McLaughlin released one of his sons; but kept the second back, and tried to keep off the police by shouting: "I have a gun at the kid's head."

A brother made three appeals for him to surrender. All in vain. Finally, the sheriff called: "Come on out - or we're going to bring you out." Nothing happened - so the police hurled two tear gas shells through the trailer window. They also fired machine gun bullets into the top of the trailer.

The tear gas did the work. The mad man and his son stumbled out, the youngster still unharmed.

The father is said to have been driven crazy

by drink.

## COACH

For football fans, the story today is the naming of the "Coach of the Year," just announced by the New York World Telegram-and-Sun, and all the Scripps-Howard newspapers. Almost six hundred coaches agree that the top man this season was Jim Tatum of Maryland. Under Tatum's direction, the Maryland Terrapins went through the season undefeated and untied; number one team in the country. But, they still have to play powerful Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl, on New Year's Day.

The American Football Coaches Association thinks that Tatum did a great job. So, he's "Coach of the Year!"

## COCKTAIL PARTIES

(Prosper's story)

I've just been reading a little book, and find it interesting - for this all-important reason. The thing the author hates the most - is exactly what I hate the most. So, we're kindred spirits. The book, by Don Herold, is called - "Drunks Are Driving Me to Drink."

"Of all forms of group alcoholism," he writes, "the cocktail party is the most painful to any participant - even partly sober."

He speaks of those - "horrible big or little ~~cocktail~~ cocktail parties. With all that standing around on aching arches, and all that forced pumping of inane conversation. If a hostess invites fifty people," he goes on, "there are at least thirty of them she detests, but she regards her cocktail party as an economic wholesale way of cleaning up her whole season's obligations. <sup>↑</sup>The only thing that would make cocktail parties worse," the author concludes, "would be for the hostesses to provide guests with megaphones - so ~~that~~ they might more successfully out-shout each other."



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Well, that expresses my sentiments exactly -  
sentiments so eloquently expressed by the famous  
American Ambassador.

But I've got to say to Don Herold: If drunks  
are driving him to drink, why then - then he, as a drunk,  
will be driving other people to drink! And what kind  
of an endless chain, or vicious circle would that  
be Harry?