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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY.

The American pilots involved in that air battle with Communist Chinese Migs - are now in Tokyo. Rushed there from Korea - for a high level interrogation about just what happened. And what is the story they tell? That they were flying about fifty miles off the North Korean coast, over the Yellow Sea. A routine patrol. When suddenly they were attacked by a force of some fifteen Migs. The Chinese Reds began to fire - and our planes returned the fire - as they had been ~~urged~~ ordered to do. In a moment, the battle was on - and before it was over, two Communist planes had been shot down and a third was seen in a steep dive, trailing smoke.

The Air Force states that all of our planes returned safely. And the State Department adds that we are considering a formal protest to Red China - because

## BATTLE 2

the incident occurred over international waters, and, the Reds began the air battle.

A Peiking broadcast gave their version of the air battle. This some hours after we had issued our announcement. The Chinese Communist spokesman insisting that the American planes violated the air over Chinese territory. Also that one of our Sabre jets was shot down and two others damaged - without any Communist losses. That's what they say.

## EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower said today that he is willing to go anywhere - to hold top level talks with the Russians.. He said this - that is, repeated it - in a speech to the Women's Division of the G.O.P.

National Committee. President Eisenhower did lay down the one condition - that there must be some real chance of furthering world peace. He said he would not let an international congerence be stopped - by what he termed "minor points of protocol". He only wants to thresh out major issues; and he wants to make sure the Kremlin does not use such a conference as a mere sounding board for more Red propoganda.

From the White House comes word that Secretary Dulles now in Paris, has full authority to arrange such a Big Four meeting - if he thinks the time is ripe. The three western powers have delivered identical notes to the Kremlin - calling for a conference of the chiefs of state. No mention of time or place but probably



← late this Summer - in Sweeden, Switzerland,  
or Austria.

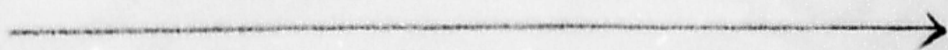


## CONGRESS FOLLOW EISENHOWER

Congressional leaders of both parties are supporting President Eisenhower on the proposed Big Four conference notion. But they express only "cautious optimism".

Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, George of Georgia, wants a definite agenda worked out in advance so there'll be no long and fruitless discussions about that. Also that the conference concern itself primarily with European problems.

Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, thinks the conference should be held either in the United States - or in a neutral nation like Sweden or Switzerland. He wants a definite assurance from the Kremlin - that the conference will not be a waste of time.

The Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee put the Congressional attitude in a nutshell. Congressman 

~~James~~ Richards of South Carolina, saying that we must be <sup>doubly</sup> ~~very~~ careful that the Russians <sup>do not use it just</sup> ~~are not trying to use us~~ for propaganda purposes. ~~Richards adding: "However, how can anybody take the position that we shouldn't talk?"~~

The consensus ~~of opinion~~ in Congress being - confer with the Russians if they seem to be in good faith - but be ~~very~~ careful! <sup>Old ideas, Old words.</sup> ~~at the same time. Which is just about what Mr. Eisenhower says he intends to do. Repeated over and over.~~

## AUSTRIA

The Western envoys are deadlocked with the Russians over one lone article ~~xx~~ of the Austrian Treaty. That's the latest from Vienna. What is it about? Money!

The payment of Austrian debts to Russia. The West claims this shouldn't come up at all - because the Austrian ~~XXXXXX~~ Chancellor, Julius Raab, reached an agreement with the Kremlin on this end, when he visited Moscow. The Russian envoys insist it must be covered in the treaty.

The fear is that Russia may try to keep an economic hold on Austria, even after all Soviet troops are withdrawn.

More than three hours today were spent in futile discussions after which our Ambassador Thompson phoned Secretary of State Dulles in Paris for instructions - and two of the Soviet Representatives flew to Warsaw



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- to confer with Molotov.

Nevertheless there is still hope that a treaty draft will be ready for the Big Four Foreign Ministers to sign on Sunday.

The Soviet Premier, ~~arrives in Warsaw~~, Marshal <sup>has arrived</sup> Bulganin, in the Polish capital - to help bring ~~together~~ the satellite armed forces under a unified command.

This military alliance <sup>to</sup> ~~will~~ be Communism's answer to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Kremlin has repeatedly said that the satellite states would form a solid defense line - if West Germany were rearmed as a member of Nato. That <sup>is now</sup> ~~has~~ happened <sup>try -</sup> - and so the Reds are drawing their ranks closer together in the East.

The nations participating in the Warsaw conference that opens tomorrow <sup>will be, -</sup> - Russia, Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia, and Albania. Red China ~~will~~ ~~also be on hand~~, represented by ~~a corps of what are called~~ "observers".

At <sup>Warsaw</sup> Warsaw Airport, Marshal Bulganin told Communist newsmen that the conference is intended to strengthen the peace and security of the Iron Curtain nations. In his words, "united efforts of our states are required."

With Bulganin were Foreign Minister Molotov,  
Marshal Zhukov, and Marshal ~~Ivan~~ Konev - who is a candidate for  
the job of Supreme Commander in the East. If Konev gets that  
appointment, he'll become opposite number to General Gruenther.



## KASHMIR

From London comes word that Britain and America are trying to work out a solution to the problem of the Northwest Frontier in India. That legendary land of the Khyber Pass - now in dispute ~~between~~ between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The British position is that Pakistan inherited the Northwest Frontier from Britain. As we all know, especially from reading Kipling, the ~~XX~~ British held the Northwest Frontier during the great days of the Imperial Raj. Then it was passed on to Pakistan - and London is supporting Karachi on that.

Afghanistan wants a plebiscite in the area. And American officials realize how active Russia may be in this - the man who still walks like a bear in Central Asia.

## INDO-CHINA

The Premier of South Viet Nam has formed a new government; keeping four members of his old Cabiner and adding nine new faces. And holding the Defence Ministry for himself. To keep control of the army. Also he has created a new Ministry of Land Reform - to counter Communist charges that he is in league with the big land-owners.

Premier Diem says his new government will organize elections for the Assembly - free elections throughout the country.

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In doing this he acted without consulting Emperor Bao Dai, who appears to be content with his role as absent monarch, on the French Riveria. When a Paris reporter went to the Riveria, and told Bao Dai that South Viet Nam may soon be a republic, The Emperor replied that he would be happy to become a plain citizen like the rest. And then stay on the Reveria? Continue to watch the political crisis in his country from a

distance? He didn't say.

Meanwhile - the last rebel stronghold in Saigon has fallen. And Premier Diem announces that the property of the rebellious religious sects will be sold at auction - including a big department store, about a hundred buildings in Saigon, twenty villas, a hundred cars, trucks, speed boats and river barges - and other property. The announcement of the auction shows that the leaders of the rebel sects were living well, with their villas.



## SONGGRAM

A Third World War is inevitable. Who says so - this time? Why it is our guest, the Prime Minister of Thailand.

Pibul Songgram, who is in this country on a three weeks' tour. Presented with a scroll at the City Hall of New York - commending him for leading his nation from ancient absolutism to modern democracy, - the Prime Minister spoke to newsmen, and he said that another war is inevitable - because the Communists are not willing to stay within their own borders. Pibul Songgram pointed out that fighting already is going on in Burma, Malaya and Formosa.

But, the Thailand Prime Minister thinks that there is one real chance for peace : the free world becoming strong enough. He is all for the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation, which, he says, will throw its its collective strength against any Red nation that threatens any member.

## FUJIYAMA

American artillery again held target practice today - near Mt. Fujiyama. And today they were not interfered with by the Japanese.

Last night we heard how many ~~mf~~ Shintoists were complaining about that artillery practice. Said it would damaga national monuments in the area - and drive away the tourist trade. They threatened to bring six thousand demonstrators today - to put a stop to it. But only about a hundred demonstrators actually showed up. And Japanese police kept them a thousand yards from the booming guns.

So artillery practice went off on schedule. The head of our Army in Japan, General Garrison ~~Xx2sxrx~~ Coverdale, says that there is no danger to monuments, trees ~~mf~~ or inhabited areas. No reason why the artillery practice shouldn't continue near Fujiyama. And that we are not desecrating that lovely symmetrical holy mountain.

## NAUTILUS

Further news from New London, Connecticut, about our only atomic submarine - which is now at sea. The Nautilus, on her shake down cruise will include a **xi** visit to San Juan, Puerto Rico. That's the only port of call so far announced. The Navy Department adds that the Nautilus will not engage in fleet maneuvers, and will be back in New London before the end of next month.

There are technical observers aboard. Also Admiral Carney, Chief of Naval Operations, who will not stay aboard for the cruise. He'll return to Washington via helicopter or boat, depending on the weather.



## BUSINESS

Twenty-nine companies - in this country - each did a billion dollars' worth of business last year. The United Press tells us the list is headed by General Motors - with sales totaling almost ten billion. Standard Oil, second - but not even close - with six billion.

The point of the United Press survey being that all of this occurred in spite of quite a lot of talk about a recession.

ALASKA - HAWAII

The vote, sharply split in both parties, was two hundred eighteen to one hundred seventy.

## GENERALS

The House Armed Services Committee today okayed the appointments of two Generals to the Immigration Service.

Generals Frank Partridge and Edwin Howard, to become Assistant Commissioners. They were voted in after ~~the~~ Immigration Commissioner, J.M. Swing, told the Committee that <sup>Generals</sup> Partridge and Howard were vital to his agency.

Some of the Democrats protested. Congressman Robert Mollohan saying, that the Eisenhower Administration has appointed too many military men. But Chairman ~~Carl~~ Vinson, of Georgia, <sup>a Democrat of course</sup> urged the Committee to approve the appointments. <sup>Which</sup> ~~and~~ the Committee did.

## ARABIA

A camel caravan is plodding across the Arabian desert, from the Red Sea port of Jidda - bound for the palace of King Saud Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, son of the great and now deceased Ibn Saud.

What's the story? Well, that camel caravan is carrying a cargo not usually seen in the tractless wastes of Arabia. Six delux elevators. The elevators ordered by the Arabian potentate, from a Vienna company. Sent by sea to Jidda, seaport to Mecca. There taken apart and loaded on camels for the journey on to the walled city of Riadh, to be installed in one of the many royal palaces.

Elevators may seem out of place in central Arabia. But King Saud Ibn Abdul Aziz is now regarded as one of the richest men in the world. So why shouldn't he have elevators wherever he wants them - Hugh?