

MOSCOW L.P.-R.G. Wed. May 6 '53.

In Moscow - another gesture in the direction of the United States. The Magazine of the Central Committee of the Communist party comes out with a statement that the Soviet is willing to enter what it calls "serious, business-like talks" with the U.S.A. Speaking for the Central Committee, the magazine criticizes General Eisenhower's peace proposal on the ground that it demanded concessions from the Soviets, while offering no concessions in return. But -the Kremlin is ready for "serious, businesslike talks."

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INDO CHINA

Surprising news from Indo China -- good news, which certainly is a surprise from that sector. The French High Command reports that the Red invaders are pulling out - withdrawing to the north. Today, air patrols spotted them in full retreat from the Kingdom of Laos, moving back along the same jungle path by which they came.

This bears out reports of ground patrols, which for two straight days have pushed forward, without finding any sign of the enemy - north of the capital city of Luang Prabang.

There's no late report about the Red column advancing toward the border of Siam. They were pushing on unopposed, when last heard from. They may still be moving on, or they, too, may be in the retreat from Laos. Which the French high command reports.

This sudden good news is explained on the ground that the Reds don't dare to face the worst enemy of all- the monsoon. Those tropical rains are

due to start next week - the monsoon, which can turn  
a jungle country into a wet inferno. The French  
high command believes that the Reds decided that the  
rugged mountains and thickets of Laos are not fit  
for military operations in the ~~monsoon~~ monsoon.

SUB KOREA

A dispatch from Washington tonight states that the truce talks in Korea may be "recessed" unless the Reds display some intention of coming to terms. A break-off is being "seriously" considered.

This follows a report from the truce tents at Pan Mun Jom, telling of the latest Communist rejection of a U N proposal. Our negotiator, General Harrison, said it might be well to turn loose north Korean prisoners in Korea. Let them go where they please. That made the Communists angry, the deadlock continues.

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## SUEZ

There's another truce talk at a deadlock -  
Angl<sup>o</sup>-Egyptian, about the Suez Canal. The Egyptians  
made a demand for an unconditional evacuation of British  
troops from the Suez Canal Area. The British rejected  
that, and today the negotiators adjourned their  
meeting without setting a date for another.

It is not believed that the negotiations  
have been broken off. Diplomatic circles at Cairo  
think the British merely need more time to consult  
London.

Simultaneously, Premier Mohammed Naguib  
declares - for an Egyptian republic. Right now, the  
land of the Nile is under a regency - the nominal  
monarch being the infant son of ousted King Farouk.  
But Naguib, the strong man states: "my personal opinion  
is that monarchy, as a system of government, has  
decayed. It no longer fits the age in which we live."  
Well, a republic of Egypt would sound odd. If any  
nation has known plenty of monarchy, it's Egypt  
beginning with the pharaohs of old. The very word

**"pharaoh" stands for -- absolute King.**

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( Well, all this makes big time political

history in France. DeGaulle's power was founded on prestige as leader of the Free French, opposing the Nazi conqueror in World War Two. After the victory, he was a national hero, and became the head of the first French post-war government. But he soon got into political tangles, and resigned. ~~But the R.P.F.~~ <sup>However</sup> the R.P.F. remained the largest of the many political parties in France.)

Today he claimed that his party checked the Communists. Whereupon, other conservative groups were against him. So now, General Charles DeGaulle and his party retire from the political arena.



CHESS

The State Department in Washington is faced with a problem - a chess problem. (Not, of course, that our diplomats are asked to push knights, rooks and pawns around, on a ~~xxxx~~ checkered board. The problem is a message from Moscow.) Soviet Russia has accepted an invitation to send a team to an international tournament, to be held in this country next month.

The invitation was extended by the U.S. Chess Federation - which now asks the ~~xx~~ State Department to grant temporary ~~xxxx~~ visas for a Russian team of ten. In behalf of the federation, Alexander Bisno, President of the Manhattan Chess Club, presents the case.

Our immigration law ~~xxxx~~ bans the entrance of Communists and citizens ~~of~~ from iron curtain countries. But under the law, the Attorney General could use his own judgment - in the case of temporary ~~xxxx~~ visas.

The message from Moscow is in line with all the other signs of that new Soviet attitude of conciliation - the peace offensive. Hitherto, ever since the end of the Second World War, the Soviets have rejected all proposals to play Americans over here. But now they've changed, and their team would include the world's champion Botvīnik (Bot-vee'-nik) ~~accent on the second syllable~~.

Well, I don't suppose Russian chess players could ~~do~~ do much damage over here, except beat our own American team - maybe. Last summer, in a chess tournament following the Olympic Games at Helsinki, a scrub American team made a powerful showing, holding the Russians - even. So now, some of the more optimistic chess enthusiasts think we might beat them. What they'd ~~like~~ like to see, above ~~all~~ all, would be the game between world champion Botvīnik and Sammy Reshevsky, the top ranking American players.

## BASEBALL

Baseball asks Congress - to keep television from destroying the game. Today, the top brass, headed by baseball Commissioner Ford Frick, appeared at a sub-committee hearing, and presented the plight of the national game - because of television.

They said that "television is wrecking the minor leagues. When major league games are on the video screen in minor league territories, the fans just don't go to the local ball parks. In the last four years, minor league attendance has dropped as much as seventeen million. Many bush leagues have disbanded. Of two hundred and seventy-three minor league clubs, only nineteen showed a profit last year.

The majors depend on the minors for developing ball players. They can't get along without the minors. "We are," said the attorney for the national league, "compelled - to eat our own young." That catch phrase was used frequently in the hearing today - the majors devouring the minors, "eating their own young."

The remedy, according to the chiefs of baseball, is to keep major league telecasts out of minor league areas. They tried to do that several years ago - agreeing among themselves to restrict the televising of games. But - abandoned the attempt, when the Department of Justice objected. The objection - based on the supposition that the agreement might violate the anti-trust laws.

So today they asked Congress for legislation that would enable them to protect the minor leagues from T.V. The sub-committee listened sympathetically. It's chairman is Senator Edwin Johnson of Colorado - and he's a baseball man. He's President of the Western League.

## WEATHER

Across the country - wild weather. The neighborhood of Washington, D.C. (hit by thunderstorms and floods.) Near Alexandria, swollen streams washing out bridges, flooding thousands of homes.

In Texas - the Sabine River raging in a wild flood. Tonight, hundreds of workers are in a battle of sand-bags -- trying to save towns.

In Southern California - a heat wave, which caused a wild riot of students at Los Angeles. One yelled: "We're crazy with the heat". "Crazy" sounds like the word, because they raged over the campus lighting huge bonfires. Which certainly sounds like no way to get relief from the heat.

Male students without shirts and barefoot co-eds raced up and down the streets - and tried to keep the firemen from putting out the bonfires. At one place they tried to turn over a police car. At another, there was a panty raid - invading the dormitory of the co-eds.



"Crazy with the heat" - and what would you suggest to cool them off? No don't say - the cooler.

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## SHIP

England had a narrow escape from a disaster at sea - or rather, out in the English Channel. A cross-channel ferry boat was rammed by an American military transport - and cut in two.

Every traveler between England and France knows those typical boats - ponderous and crowded. The one, today, had four hundred and thirty-nine passengers aboard. The collision twenty miles off Harwich. The American transport sheared off the bow, from the bridge forward - and the bow sank. But there was an immediate life-saving job, at high speed, the American vessel took off the ferry passengers. Three were missing. All the others saved in what they call a miraculous rescue.

SUB EXPLOSION

The New York police declare the explosion in the New York Grand Central Terminal this evening was the doing of a maniac publicity-seeker. The bomb was a crude home-made affair, planted in a ~~ix~~ locker, just as the rush hour commuters were hurrying home. ~~Many~~ Nobody hurt, but a lot of excitement.

The Police don't know who the publicity seeker actually is, but he planted similar foolish bombs which failed to go off. Once he phoned a newspaper - demanded <sup>ing</sup>~~ed~~ publicity.

## DUEL

Raido history was made in Uruguay today - when, for the first time, there was a broadcast of a duel. Two antagonists on the field of honor, exchanging pistol shots - and it was put on the air by the Uruguayan radio. With a blow by blow account - or, rather, shot for shot.

There was a political dispute between a politician and a newspaperman - Assembly President Dr. Alfeo Brum and Journalist Dr. Ulises Pereyra. Last week they meet on an airfield, and got into a fist fight. Which ended, we hear, with the politician chasing the newspaperman down an airfield runway, and kicking him in the seat of the pants. Not so dignified - the field of honor is more stately.

The journalist denied this humiliating account of - kicks in the pants. And - sent a challenge to a duel. Which was sanctioned by a Court of Honor. Today, one of the spectators was the President of the Government Federal Council, President Martinez Trueba.

So here's how the radio broadcast went. An

announcer at the microphone described how the two antagonists were taking their places, pistol in hand. He said - "They're aiming, ready to fire."

Then the radio audience heard two shots. There was a pause of suspense - and the announcer's voice was heard saying: "Neither man was injured. There will be another exchange of fire. They are reloading now."

Then, for a second time, the radio audience heard two shots. And the announcer said: "Again, both men are uninjured."

After which he gave the conclusion: "The duel has ended. The judges rule that neither man is the winner."

Well, we've had some interesting radio broadcasts in our time, but leave it to Latin-America to produce the champ - <sup>Nelson</sup> the first broadcast of a duel.

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