

# Geneva Talks Open Today; Powers Split on Red China

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GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — The Far Eastern conference opens here Monday faced by a wider open split between Russia and the Western powers over the role of Red China.

The United States was reported by authoritative sources to be extremely pessimistic over the outcome. The Big Three Western foreign ministers were understood to be prepared to pull out within a week or 10 days, leaving behind their deputies to carry on.

The conference opens as French Union forces in Indochina are gravely pressed at Dien Bien Phu. France was reported to have asked for military aid, which the United States considered might go beyond the help that can be given without involving the United States in war. This has been refused.

**New Russian Note**  
A new Russian note insisted, informed sources said, that Red China must have the status of a Big Five power when the conference discusses Korea and Indochina.

One informant said U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles would "walk out of the conference" if the Russians continue to maintain this stand. Sunday's Soviet note responded to a Western declaration that Red China was not one of the inviting powers for the conference and thus did not have equal status with Britain, France, Russia, and the United States.

The United States is reported as firmly opposed to any sort of recognition of Red China that it is willing to break up the conference rather than give the Peiping regime equal status.

Informed sources, who did not wish to be identified, would not confirm or deny a published report that France requested and was refused direct intervention in Indochina by U.S. planes manned by Americans.

One highly placed source said, however, that one or more requests had been made that were in the twilight zone as far as the President's authority under the constitution were concerned. These requests were turned down. This source said the United States had given just about all aid possible, short of actual intervention in the war.

The United States views on some of the major issues were reported to be something like this:

1. The United States will follow France's lead on Indochina problems, at least in the procedural stages. These include whether the Indochinese question should be given priority over the Korean issue and whether representatives of the Communist-backed Vietminh should be invited. On the latter issue it was understood France was still undecided but that Bao Dai, Viet Nam's chief of state, was understood to be strongly opposed to inviting the Vietminh.

2. The United States is generally pessimistic about the chances of the conference achieving any positive results. The feeling in high U.S. circles is that Russia already has vio-

lated the Big Four Berlin agreement by trying to get Red China into the Far Eastern talks on an equal basis and that any new agreement, in view of this, would be worth little.

The military situation at Dien Bien Phu is extremely grave. The U.S. has taken no position on the question of partitioning Indochina, but feels at present that the situation does not lend itself to partition readily because there are no firm, fixed lines as there were in Korea.

## Welcome to Geneva



GENEVA — Chou En-Lai (right) wearing hat, Red Chinese premier and foreign minister, shakes hands with Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov, after latter arrives at Geneva airport in Switzerland for the Far East conference. Behind Molotov, in center, is Andrei Gromyko, Soviet deputy foreign minister and ambassador to London. (AP WIREPHOTO via radio from London)

## Death Claims Humorist, 84

WARRENTON, Va. (AP) — Strickland Gillilan, humorist, best known for his "Off again, on again, gone again, Finnigan," died in a hospital here Sunday at the age of 84.

Gillilan, a onetime newspaperman, had remained active until five years ago as a writer and after-dinner speaker.

He liked to tell of Finnigan as a character he created when, as a reporter for the Richmond, Ind., Daily Palladium at the turn of the century, he could find no news to write. He wrote the poem to take the place of the news he couldn't find.

It was the story of a railroader who had been criticized for the long reports he made of train wrecks. So after a derailment, when Finnigan's train had been put back on the tracks and sent on its way, the railroader man sent his superiors the famed line as the briefest possible of reports.

## Youngsters Can't Wait for Marriage Day

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A girl found in front of a broken shop window with a case of wedding rings in her hands Sunday insisted her brother was the thief.

So the officers took her to her home near by. They found the brother, but he wouldn't talk—much. All he'd say was "yes," "no," "daddy" or "mama." Brother was 3, sister was 5.

The officers delegated mama to take appropriate action.

## Daughter of Early Valley Family Dies

Mrs. Nancy Siewert Schlappkohl, 71, daughter of an early pioneer family in Oregon, died in a Salem hospital Sunday night following an illness of about two years. Death was caused by a heart attack.

She was born in the Oak Grove community in Polk County May 6, 1883, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Heise. Mrs. Schlappkohl was graduated from the public school at Oak Grove and later attended Willamette University.

She was married to Albert Siewert, prominent building contractor in Salem, about 1900. He preceded her in death in 1948. In 1952 she was married to Ferd Schlappkohl, who survives. She was a member of the First Methodist Church and was prominent in many civic and social activities.

Mrs. Schlappkohl is survived by her widower, one son, Alan Siewert, Salem; one daughter, Mrs. Lyle T. Johnson, West Chester, Pa.; sister, Mrs. Roy Hewitt, Salem; and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be announced later by the W. T. Rigdon Co.

## Illness Claims D. W. Peck, 78

Statesman News Service  
INDEPENDENCE — David William Peck, 78, former dairy operator and resident of this community for over 30 years, died at his home in Independence Saturday evening after a lingering illness.

He was born Oct. 17, 1875 at Santa Barbara, Calif., and after moving to Oregon operated a dairy farm until moving to Independence eight years ago.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Ollie Peck, Independence; brothers, John A. Peck, Fruitland, Idaho, and Lee Peck of The Dallas; sisters, Mrs. Vena Merchant, McMinnville, Mrs. Hattie Cyrus of Sisters, and Mrs. Uretta Horney, Culver.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Mortuary, Independence, with interment at Forest Memorial Park in Salem. The Rev. Lynnton H. Elwell of Monmouth, will officiate.

## Fluid Ignites, Burns Woman

Mrs. Esther Hunt, 2480 N. Front St., sustained second and third degree burns on the right leg and arm Sunday when a Commercial cleaning fluid she was using ignited and spilled on her clothing.

She was treated by city first aidmen and taken to Salem General Hospital where her condition Sunday night was listed as "pretty good."

## Fall Hospitalizes Claude Talmadge

Claude H. Talmadge, retired job shop foreman for the Oregon Statesman, was in Salem General Hospital Sunday following a fall at his home.

Talmadge who resides at 3290 Duncan Ave., incurred a broken left hip and left arm in the fall on the backsteps Saturday evening. It is expected he will be in the hospital about two weeks.

The early bird does catch the worm, because worms withdraw below the surface of the ground at midday.

## Death Claims Noted Novelist

SEA ISLE CITY, N. J. (AP) — Author Joseph Hergesheimer died in Mercy Hospital Sunday after a short illness. He was 74.

The noted novelist was admitted to the hospital last Monday. "Gold and Iron" in 1918 was a best-seller, and "Java Head" in 1919 led to worldwide acclaim. He wrote 20 books in all during the 20-year period between 1914 and 1934, and was a frequent contributor to national magazines and occasionally to newspapers.

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