

America on Trial as Afro-Asian Nations Confer in Indonesia

EDITOR'S: Why should an American be concerned about a distant and obscure conference in Indonesia? The United States will not even be represented. But it will be on trial there, with Red China trying to get American foreign policy condemned.

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BANDUNG, Indonesia (UP)—In this freshly painted city on the west end of Java ringed by soldiers to keep the hill bandits out, a meeting unique in the world's history begins next week.
It will bring together representatives of more than half the peoples of the globe.
Almost all of them are Orientals, Negroes or from the Arab races with a common detestation of the colonialism.
It is called the Afro-Asian Conference.

Three Survive Airliner Crash In China Sea

SINGAPORE (UP)—An Indian airliner carrying a Chinese Communist delegation to Indonesia crashed in flames in the South China Sea, killing 15 of the 18 persons reported aboard, the British Royal Air Force said Tuesday.
The RAF said there were three known survivors, all members of the crew of the Air India Constellation Kashmir Princess which was chartered by the Peiping government to fly eight government officials from Hong Kong to Djakarta.

A government spokesman in Hong Kong said he believed there were additional survivors.
But more than a dozen planes from Singapore, Borneo and Indonesia searched the sea off North Borneo and found only charred bits of wreckage, yellow-orange lifejackets and scorched pieces of baggage drifting on the sea.

Sabotage Rumors
The RAF said the survivors were taken aboard the British naval frigate H. M. S. Dampier, one of many rescue craft that sped to the scene 250 miles northeast of Singapore when the American-built luxury plane sent a series of frantic distress messages yesterday.

Rumors swept Hong Kong that anti-Communists had sabotaged the big plane during its 24-hour layover Sunday, but airline officials scoffed at the reports.
There also were rumors that some of the eight Chinese aboard were high officials traveling under assumed names.

Fishermen See Crash
The delegation included eight Chinese Communists, vanguard of Peiping representatives to the Afro-Asian conference at Bandung two European journalists and a member of the Communist Viet Minh government of North Indochina.

The flaming crash was witnessed by fishermen on small uncharted islands in the Natuna group midway between Singapore and Borneo. The 250-ton boat Taype reached the scene first and picked up the first officer, the navigator and the ground engineer.

The crew of the plane, all Indians, was headed by the airway's ace pilot, D. K. Jatha. The crew included a hostess, Miss Gloria Berry.

Airline officials listed the passengers as including:

Dr. Frederick Jensen and Starec Jeremi, believed to be Austrian and Polish journalists.
In Vienna, Jensen was identified as an Austrian citizen and foreign correspondent for Vienna's Communist newspaper Volksstimme. He has been in Indonesia for the past two years, and in World War II was a correspondent in China. Later he covered the war in Korea.

Mrs. Roosevelt Praises Success Of Polio Vaccine

HYDE PARK, N. Y. (UP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt attended memorial services here Tuesday on the 10th anniversary of the former President's death. She said that the announcement of a successful polio vaccine "should be a tremendous comfort to parents everywhere."
Mrs. Roosevelt heard the news that Dr. Jonas Salk's vaccine had been proven 90 to 99 per cent effective shortly after she and Gov. Averell Harriman placed wreaths on her husband's grave in brief family services.

"I am very glad to hear the vaccine is so successful," Mrs. Roosevelt said. "I hope it will be even more so as the research progresses. It should be a tremendous comfort to parents everywhere to know this is working out successfully."

The former first lady was accompanied by her sons, John and Franklin Jr., on her overnight visit to their home here.

Artie Shaw Faces Divorce Again

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Artie Shaw's seventh wife, Doris, plans to divorce the musician on grounds of incompatibility, a relative of the couple reported.

Mrs. Ivan Tors, sister of Mrs. Shaw, said the couple had separated and that her sister would file for divorce in Los Angeles or Las Vegas. Mrs. Shaw is living here with her son, Jonathan, 1, while Shaw was reported at his home near New York.

ference. It begins Monday, April 18. Delegates from 29 nations on the two continents will attend. Included were:

Turks, Burmese, Egyptians, Filipinos, Arabs, Japanese, Ethiopians. Delegates from the Negro Republic of Liberia, from remote Afghanistan, from the former British rules Sudan. Moslems, Buddhists, Christians, Communists, Neutralists, anti-Communists.

**Churchill's
Plane Breaks
Speed Record**
SYRACUSE, Sicily (UP)—Sir Winston Churchill smashed one more record Tuesday by making the fastest airliner flight ever recorded from Britain to Sicily for the start of his sunshine vacation.
British European Airways officials said his special Viscount turboprop plane, which touched down at Catania, landed 34 minutes ahead of schedule, making the trip in 3 hours and 52 minutes.
A spokesman said this was an unofficial record.

After brief welcoming ceremonies, and a break for tea, Churchill and his party loaded into cars and drove over a seaside road 43 miles to Syracuse.

Thus, for the first time in 15 years, the famous statesman, author, orator and soldier embarked on a quiet vacation as a private citizen.

He shed all his official cares and, with the Queen's own wish for godspeed, set about relaxing in the sun.

The British European Airways set aside its no cigar smoking rule for the occasion and laid in a supply of brandy for the trip.
The former Prime Minister received a personal message from Queen Elizabeth II just before he departed for Catania, Sicily.

He waved his hat to well wishers, smiled merrily and then boarded the special flight. With him went Lady Churchill, her left arm supported in a sling due to a recurrence of neuritis, and a party of 10 others.

Diem Accused Of Wanting Civil Warfare

SAIGON, Indochina (UP)—The anti-government front declared Tuesday that Premier Ngo Dinh Diem of South Viet Nam wants civil war "and he will have it."
Leaders of the front called on the two million residents of Saigon to flee to the countryside immediately because "the government plans to launch a general offensive Tuesday night."

The front announced it has established a "directing committee of the People's Revolutionary Army" for Saigon and its Chinese suburb of Cholon. This group, it said, will recruit volunteers for the expected clash with government troops.

The new threat of violence came as a seven-day truce expired. The armistice had been arranged by French Commissioner Gen. Paul Ely and U.S. Ambassador J. Lawton Collins.

'Phantom' Car Driver on Way To Grandma's

NEW YORK (UP)—The phantom driver of Sheephead Bay was safely in custody Monday after scaring the wits out of a dozen motorists and a policeman. He turned out to be an 8-year-old boy.
The youngster, Frank Biondo of Brooklyn, decided it was a fine day to visit his grandmother, who also lives in the Sheephead Bay area of Brooklyn.

No one was awake, so he started up his dad's brand new auto and off he went toward Ocean Avenue. Startled motorists saw the car roll by, apparently with no driver at the wheel.

Other drivers started a hue and cry after the phantom, honking horns and pointing. A cop, Albert Leone, looked up and his jaw dropped.

Quickly Leone commandeered a truck and gave chase.
The phantom led them on at speeds up to 60 miles an hour, weaving in and out of traffic.

The phantom clipped a cab at one corner but went on. Finally he brought the car to a smooth stop.

"Why, it was simple," he told Leone. "There was nothing to it." Leone nevertheless took him into children's court on a juvenile delinquency charge.

Young Biondo later was released in the custody of his mother for a hearing May 17.

CLAM BREAK
MYSTIC, Conn. (UP)—A large clam, dropped by a seagull, broke a second-story office window and hit Mrs. Dorothy Bailey on the head.

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Blocking him and defending the United States will be nations like the Philippines. Sitting in the middle will be the so-called "neutralist" bloc led by India.
India's Jawaharlal Nehru will be the best known of the world's statesmen here.

It was India and the host nation, Indonesia, who were primarily responsible for the conference. The attending nations have one thing in common: A hatred of colonialism. The initial idea was to discuss colonialism, economic development of the Afro-Asian area, how it could contribute to world peace.
Some American diplomats are concerned about the racial aspects of the conference. They think it pertinent that Australia and New Zealand, while geographically a part of the area, were not invited.

Red China may bring up here her demands for Formosa. She may also seek support for her admission to the United Nations. Both subjects are certain to produce bitter fights from nations friendly to the United States.
Refurbished City
Bandung, a city of 500,000, perched on a volcanic plateau, has had a complete facelifting. Every downtown building has been painted.

New street lights and traffic signs have gone up.
Special Indonesian dance troupes are rehearsing. European or Indonesian food will be available. Despite the Moslem influence, liquor will be served. So will American soft drinks.
Thousands of soldiers will cord the city off from fanatical Moslem terrorists who control the mountains south of Bandung. Inside the city, hundreds of state police will guard the delegates.

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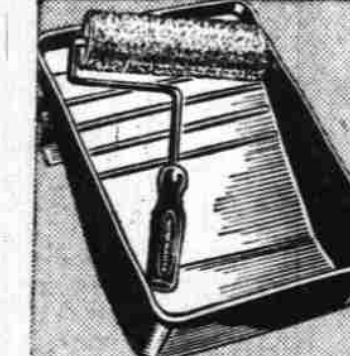


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