

# Disarmament vs. Political Matters Tough Question at Geneva

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## FINED ON TAX CHARGE

Portland—(U.P.)—Ray O. Applegate, 53, Burns, yesterday was fined \$1000 and placed on three years probation in connection with government income tax evasion charges for the years 1948 and 1949. He had pleaded guilty.

## Some Diplomats Feel Arms Race World's Ailment

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Washington—(U.P.)—The Geneva conference at the summit for which President Eisenhower will depart Friday night poses a tough question which might be compared to the classic: "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?"



The Geneva question is whether political matters or disarmament should be undertaken first. Some realistically minded diplomats and some realistically minded newsmen, as well—consider the current arms race between the Communist and non-Communist nations to be only a symptom of what ails the world. The organic maladjustment of world affairs is political or so it is argued. The arms race is a symptom of the organic maladjustment. Therefore: If the maladjustment is corrected, the symptom will disappear.

Against this logical and persuasive argument that the Geneva conferees should bear down on political questions and let the arms race take care of itself, however, is a hard, illogical fact of life. The hard fact is that there is almost no area of political dispute in which the diplomatic crystal gazers see more than a remote possibility of agreement, if that much. In the field of disarmament, however, there seems to be some chance of limited agreement to improve a situation which is a heavy burden to the United States and, perhaps, an impossible burden to the Soviet Union.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told a House subcommittee last month that the Soviet Union economy "is on the point of collapsing." There have been other if less official suggestions that Moscow's more or less new diplomatic look is caused by an urgent necessity to turn some of the Communist world productive facilities away from armaments and toward the higher living standards of a peacetime economy.

If all of that is accurate, Moscow is eager for at least a limited slowdown in arms spending. The taxpayers of the United States unquestionably welcome less expensive national defense and it would delight the Eisenhower administration which is baffled and may finally be embarrassed by the cut in arms spending is something the two great powers really would welcome. On that basis, the administration has put disarmament at the top of its Geneva objectives, instead of making more fundamental political adjustments the top objectives. No arms limitation agreement is expected from Geneva, however. More likely the powers might agree to a new start toward that objective. They might direct the United Nations subcommittee which long has wrangled over the problem to back up and start over in a spirit of more determined intent and better faith.

Some actual limitation might even be agreed on within 12 or 18 months under such conditions but not quickly enough to reduce U.S. taxes soon nor immediately to improve the Russian living standard.

Collapsing or not, the Communist economy lags behind the West in the standard to which its productivity permits its people to live. A respite would enable the Communists to improve their relative position. A settlement on that basis, or an accommodation, as the diplomats call it, could be a start toward bigger things.

But adjustment of basic political questions seems far in the future. The Soviet Union Geneva conferees are expected to propose abolition of the North Atlantic treaty, abandonment of plans to re-arm Germany, neutralization of Germany as a military and political entity, creation of an East-West buffer zone in Europe, abandonment of U. S. air bases and withdrawal of U. S. troops from Europe. Moscow, of course, will plug for disarmament and relaxed trade restrictions.

The U.S. might finally give a little on air bases, troops and trade restrictions. But the rest of Moscow's program gets a curt "no." On the U.S. side it is planned to stress arms limitation, free elections in the satellite states, unification of Germany and to refuse to discuss at all questions relating to the cold war in Asia. Few of these political matters seem now to be headed toward satisfactory discussion or adjustment.

## Architect Offers Free Academy Drawings

Washington—(U.P.)—Architect Frank Lloyd Wright has offered to work without fees in drawing new designs for the Air Force Academy and believes other architects could do the same.

The 83-year-old Wright's offer was contained in July 7 testimony before the House Appropriations Committee which was made public yesterday. Wright urged the committee to discard plans already proposed for the academy and to bring in new architects and start over.

The committee yesterday denied funds for the academy and told the Air Force to do some more thinking about the designs and come back for money later.



ASSISTING AT BIRTH of first King Cobra born in captivity, Dr. James Oliver, curator of reptiles at Bronx Zoo, New York, uses tweezers to remove baby King Cobra from egg. Tweezers are used because baby is born with venom and knows how to use it. Young snake is 18 inches long at birth. (International)

## Bodies of Slide Victims Removed

Banff, Alta.—(U.P.)—The bodies of seven teen-aged Americans killed in a roaring mass of rock and snow as they descended from the top of a 11,636-foot mountain were brought out in baskets by pack horse today.

The tragedy occurred above the 9500-foot mark on the peak, about 30 miles from Banff.

Only four of the 11 boys roped together for an attempt on the peak survived. Two were in the hospital today with serious head injuries.

The two uninjured youths were identified by Royal Canadian Mounted Police as Tony Woodfield, 16, Rye, N.Y., and Peter Smith, 13, Paoli, Pa. Injured and in "fair condition" were Fred J. Ballard 13, and Theodore Clattenburg, 14, both of Philadelphia.

The dead were identified as: John Townsend Balis, 13, Philadelphia; his twin brother, Richard; David Shapin, 15, Stamford, Conn.; Miles Mardle, 12, Collegeville, Pa.; Luther Seddon, 13, St. Louis; William Watts, 16, Whitmarsh, Penn., and William Wise, 15, Souder-ton, Pa.

## Youth Admits Beating Child

Fremont, Neb.—(U.P.)—"It was just something that came over me."

Thus a slightly built 13-year-old boy today explained his savage beating of a 4-year-old girl who resisted his sexual advances.

The girl, Susan Cline, was left screaming in pain in a clump of bushes yesterday.

She was hospitalized with a broken leg, bruises and cuts.

The boy, whose name was withheld because of his age, appeared unemotional but dazed at times as he told how he spotted Susan while riding along the street on his bicycle.

He told police he got off his bike and began talking to her, then carried her toward a park near her home.

Susan offered no resistance, he said, until he began making sexual advances, stripping off the girl's panties.

When Susan began to scream and kick, he fought with her, the boy said. Then he became afraid and rode off on his bicycle, taking the panties with him. They were found in the street about five blocks from the park.

Susan had not been assaulted, officials said.

Rio de Janeiro—This Brazilian city is best known in the United States, but San Paulo has as many people and is growing so rapidly it may soon become the largest city in all of Brazil.

## Advice Sought for Capitol Mall Plan

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Board of Control and the Capitol Planning commission yesterday decided to seek professional advice from architects on procedure in developing a master plan for the capitol mall.

The 1955 Legislature approved \$50,000 for landscaping and development planning of the mall.

The Board of Control's offer of \$332,768 for the First Presbyterian church property located in the mall was accepted. The figure was a compromise.

The planning commission re-elected Robert W. Sawyer of Bend as chairman and Dean George W. Gleason, Oregon State college, as vice-chairman.

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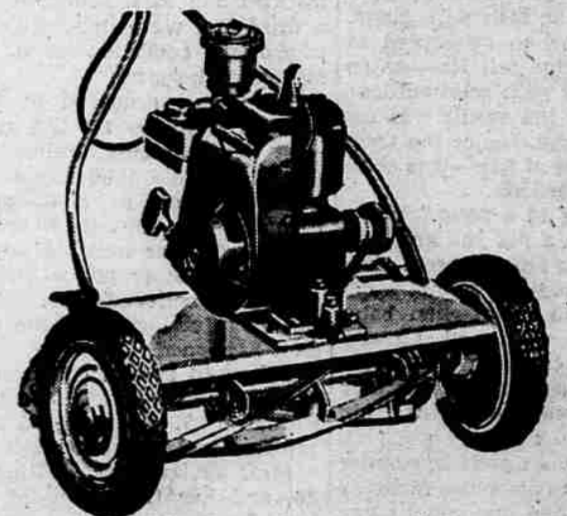
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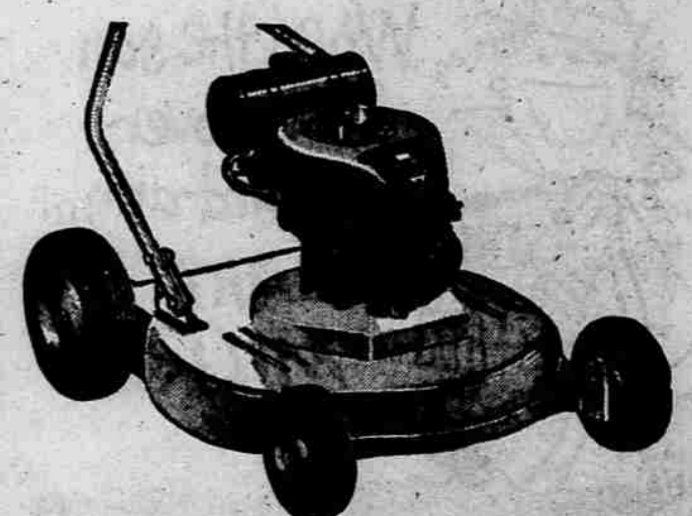
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