

Ike Shows Off American Atomic Furnace at Geneva

Geneva — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today proudly showed off an American atomic furnace, set up on the grounds where the Big Four summit meetings are being held.

His audience included two Russian correspondents of the official Soviet news agency, Tass.

The Russians watched as Mr. Eisenhower manipulated controls which put the reactor into full operation. They also heard him describe the furnace as evidence that atomic science could be "used for the welfare and not the destruction of mankind."

Assembled by Experts
The reactor was assembled here by American experts from the Oak Ridge, Tenn., Atomic Energy plant.

The massive device, known as a "swimming pool" type of reactor because the atomic pile is immersed in a large pool of water, was brought here for the international conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy which opens in Geneva Aug. 8.

After looking over the reactor, powered by enriched uranium 235, Mr. Eisenhower drove a few hundred yards to the Big Four conference meeting place.

One of the two Tass correspondents, Boris Nokoviv, arrived late for the inspection of the atomic furnace and found the doors locked. But the keeper solicitously unlocked the door and ushered the Russian into the control room.

Eisenhower Pleased
Mr. Eisenhower told a group of officials in charge of the display that he was "very pleased" the United States had been able to establish the reactor in Geneva for the improvement of world scientific knowledge.

The delegates to the summit conference are safe from atomic radiation because the American reactor is carefully shielded. Right now, an official said, it is operating on low power for testing.

Just 10 years and a day before the Big Four convened, the first atomic bomb exploded in New Mexico. Since then, the bomb has figured prominently in world affairs and previous summit talks.

Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin announced a Russian turnabout on the atom Monday. He said Russia now has decided to contribute "an appropriate amount" of fissionable material to an international energy agency.

Previous Refusal
Previously the Soviets refused to participate in any international atomic activities until nuclear weapons were banned.

Bulganin said Russia's allocation would come "as soon as an

agreement on setting up an agency has been reached." He did not say how much uranium Russia would furnish.

Soviet delegation circles, quoted on the subject today, said

it would be safe to assume the Soviet Union would "certainly match the Americans."

The United States has pledged 440 pounds already. Britain has put up 44 pounds.

Perle Mesta Escapes Angry Mob of Singapore Rioters With Mad Dash To Airport

Singapore — (U.P.) — Mrs. Perle Mesta arrived here today shaken by the "worst experience in my life" and with her dress still bearing the stains of tear gas sprayed on her in a narrow escape from Saigon rioters.

The former ambassador to

Luxembourg was sprayed with tear gas this morning as she raced from her hotel to the plane which carried her to Singapore.

Big Hotels Smashed
Thousands of rioters looted and smashed two big hotels today in Saigon on South Viet Nam's "day of national shame" but Mrs. Mesta, who inspired the musical comedy "Call Me Madame," talked them out of hurting her party.

She said that the angry student demonstrators started to break into her suite in the Majestic Hotel. She threw open the door and called:

"No! We are your friends, we are Americans."

"It was an ordeal I never want to experience again," Mrs. Mesta said.

"It began about 9:15 a.m. and there was shooting and everything," the famed Washington hostess said.

"I talked to the students to prevent them from attacking us. It was not over until 11 a.m."

Races Through Mob

Mrs. Mesta, who is on a world tour, raced through the mob after an English speaking student held back the crowd in the hotel.

First secretary of the American Embassy in Saigon, Francis Malloy, led Mrs. Mesta to safety at the airport. She salvaged most of her luggage which Malloy, Mrs. Mesta's secretaries and Marine guard grabbed up and ran with through the rioters.

Grand Jury Indicts Transient at Hood River

The Dalles — (U.P.) — A grand jury indictment of manslaughter against Boss Matchen, a transient, was returned here late yesterday after two days of deliberation.

Matchen signed a statement in the Hood River sheriff's office last Wednesday saying that he had kicked 48-year-old Robert Easley in the side in a fight that took place in a boxcar at Hood River the night of July 9.

Easley died later in a hospital at The Dalles. Circuit Judge Malcolm Wilkinson set Matchen's pleading date for Friday. He was being held on \$10,000 bail.



BURTON W. ABBOTT Leads Being Checked

Leads Checked Out In Disappearance Of Berkeley Girl

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — Police said today they will have to check out "pertinent leads" turned up in the lie detector test of Burton W. Abbott before they can decide whether he was involved in the disappearance of Stephanie Bryan.

The two-day test came to an end yesterday, but acting Police Chief A. H. Fording declined immediately to exonerate the 27-year-old accounting student. He issued a statement saying:

Pertinent Leads

"In connection with the polygraph examinations which have been conducted during the past two days, Inspector A. E. Riedel reports that from an investigative standpoint, the polygraph examinations have yielded a number of pertinent leads, which will require further development."

"Until these leads have been explored, a definite conclusion cannot be reached."

No Major Misstatement

However, it appeared likely that the lie detector had not caught Abbott in any major misstatement about his activities on April 28, the day the 14-year-old Stephanie disappeared while returning home from school. Otherwise he probably would have been jailed immediately.

Fording said Riedel had no immediate plans to question Abbott further.

Abbott, a frail Army veteran who has arrested tuberculosis, has been under almost constant questioning since Friday night.

Mormons settled in Utah and chose that city as their capital in 1847.

Planets are said to shine because they reflect the light of the sun.

President Carrying Out Pledge To Inform Congress on Meeting

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower, with a lot of in-between help, is carrying out his pledge to keep Congress posted on events at the Geneva conference.

However, the involved, long-range liaison between Switzerland and Capitol Hill so far has not produced any surprising or earthshaking information.

Lawmakers and administration officials said the content of

the reports to Congress are about the same as those available to any avid American newspaper reader.

Congressional leaders said there have been two main encouraging points in reports they have received so far on the Geneva meeting. One is the high degree of U.S.-British-French unity and the other is the apparent continuing friendliness of the Soviets.

Difficult Problems Ahead

Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, said Tuesday he feels "the whole conference has moved steadily in the direction of reasonableness."

He described German reunification as "one of the difficult problems to be met" and said reunification will be difficult to achieve "without some serious concessions on our part."

Before going to Geneva, the President called in congressional leaders and promised them full information on progress of the Big Four meeting.

Mechanically speaking, the State department is receiving communications at all hours from U. S. delegation headquarters in Geneva. They make up a good part of the volume of dispatches flowing into the diplomatic code room here around the clock.

Work Starts Early

Some State department officials roll out of bed at an extra early hour to start work on the daily summary of incoming cables, including the heavy load from Geneva. This process continues throughout the day.

Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr., sits down at his State department desk about 8 a.m. to scan overnight reports from the President, Dulles and their Geneva helpers. So far this week, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon has been stopping off at Hoover's office about 8:15 a.m. for a briefing before going on to Capitol Hill.

Nixon throughout the day has been passing on some information informally to important congressional officials. Chief

responsibility for briefing Congress, however, has been dele-

gated by the State department to Assistant Secretary of State Thurston Morton, former representative from Kentucky. During the day, Morton contacts Republican and Democratic leaders as well as various committee members to give them reports on Geneva.

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Mrs. Iva Harper and Mrs. Roy Casey served refreshments.

HEC will meet for a 12:30 p.m. covered dish luncheon on Thursday, July 21, at the D. P. Kelley home on Thomas rd.

The Pomona meeting Saturday night July 23 is to be held in the Griffin Creek school gymnasium at 8 p.m.

Machinists Vote Strike Against Portland Firm

Portland — (U.P.) — A strike was voted last night by local 63 of the AFL machinists union against the Screw Machine Products company here.

The union said the company plant would be picketed today. Negotiations for a new contract have been underway since June 30 when the old contract expired. Higher wages, seniority and retroactive pay were issues involved in the dispute, union spokesmen said.

About 300 persons are employed at the plant which manufactures license plates, grenades and parts.

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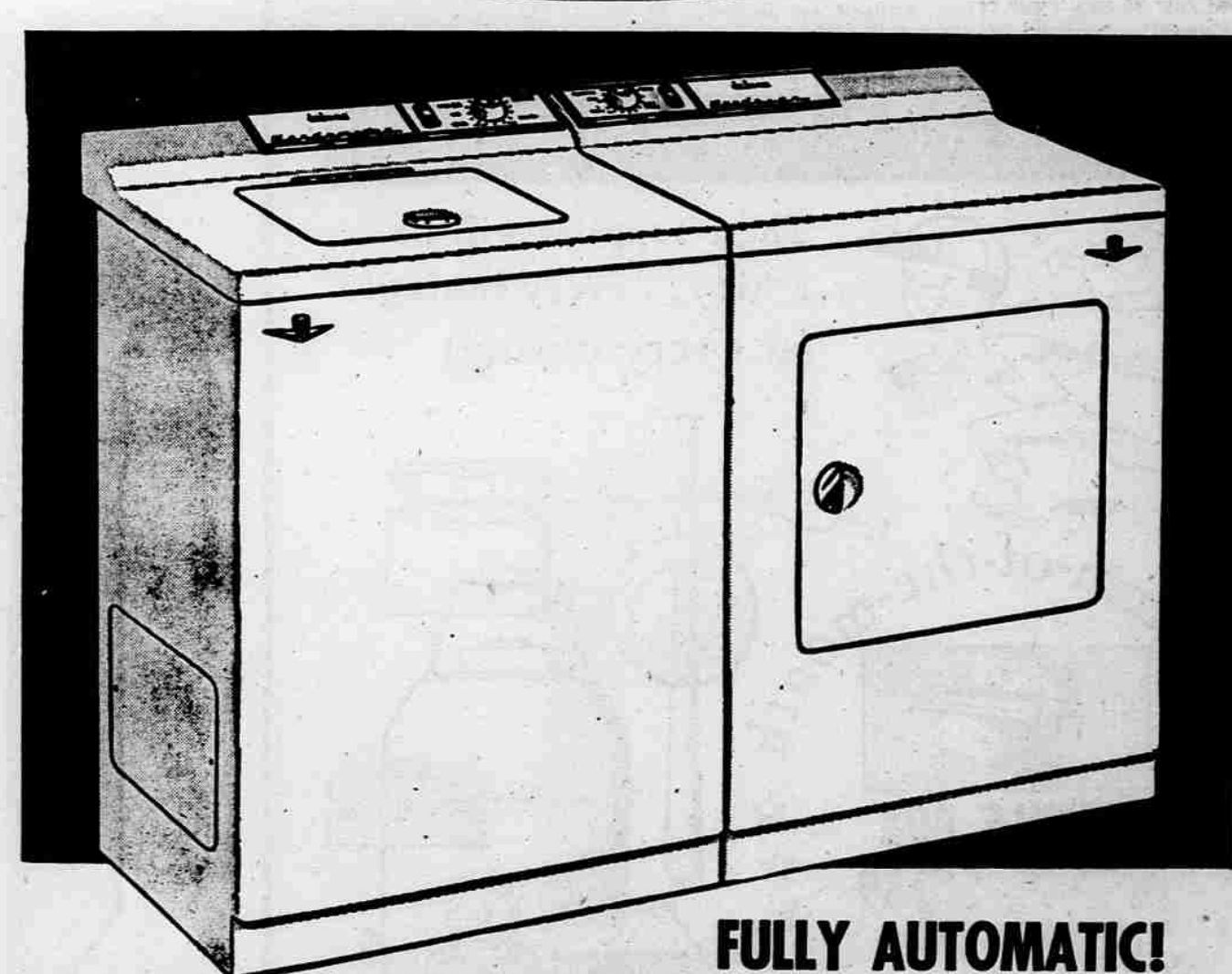


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