

Ohio Republican, Sparkman Give Views on Results Achieved at Geneva Meeting

Editor's Note: Rep. Clarence J. Brown (R-O.) is an influential GOP member of Congress, a long-time supporter of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-O.), and a representative of his party's more conservative wing. In an exclusive statement for the United Press, Brown calls President Eisenhower's proposal for free exchange of military information a "diplomatic trump card." He feels the President put the Soviet Union on the defensive at the Geneva conference. But he cautions that only history can appraise the true value of the Big Four meeting.

By REP. CLARENCE J. BROWN
Written for United Press
Washington—(U.P.)—I am convinced the peoples of the world are tired of war, and the rumors and threats of war. They are weary of the heavy burdens of military service, and of the high taxes, which world tensions of recent years have brought. They sincerely want and desire peace.

The announcement that an "at the summit" meeting would be held at Geneva brought renewed hope to untold millions. The dramatic address by President Eisenhower to the nation and to the listening world on the eve of his departure for Geneva stirred their emotions and created within them a religious fervor for action now on the solving of world problems.

Challenge Strikes Fire
At Geneva, Eisenhower's sur-

prise challenge to Russia for full revelation of military installations in our country and theirs struck fire, and "took the play" away from the Soviet spokesmen. In demanding that the Communist world take down the Iron Curtain and join with us and other freedom-loving nations in a free interchange of information, trade and travel, the President played a diplomatic trump card. By his words and actions he has put Russia on the defensive. It is now up to the Communist leaders to demonstrate their good faith and sincerity, or the lack thereof, in regard to their oft-professed desire to bring an easing of international tensions.

While it now appears Geneva was a triumph for Western diplomacy, only the passage of time can give an accurate answer to the real wisdom and the true value of the conference which has just ended.

No informed person expected the conference to bring an immediate ending of international difficulties, but only to clear the way and set the stage for future meetings of the representatives of the four great powers. This goal was attained when

it was agreed, on the closing day of the conference, that such a meeting will be held in October to discuss the reunification of Germany, and kindred matters, from which may eventually come to understandings and the peace all decent human beings so avidly seek.

Keep on Guard
In the meantime, until that day comes, it behooves the United States and the other free nations to keep on guard. President Eisenhower was in a commanding position at Geneva because he led from strength, and not from weakness. We must maintain that strength if we are to remain secure while the present diplomatic tug of war continues; and if we are to win it in the end.

In the many months and conferences which are ahead, will undoubtedly come periods of optimistic hope and other periods of pessimistic despair. Yet out of it all, if we keep our heads, stand by our principles, and maintain our strength, will, I am confident, eventually come a better day for all mankind. To believe otherwise would be to deny that a beneficent God still guides the footsteps of his children.

Editor's Note: In the following exclusive article for the United Press, Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.) gives his personal appraisal of the Big Four conference at Geneva. Sparkman, a high-ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was the 1952 Democratic vice-presidential nominee and has served as a U. S. delegate to the United Nations General Assembly.

By SEN. JOHN J. SPARKMAN
Written for the United Press
Washington—(U.P.)—The Geneva conference was neither a howling success nor a disappointing failure.

It accomplished about all one could rightfully expect. I am glad it was held. I believe it will initiate a series of conferences that may at long last lead us toward the long-sought goal of world peace.

Several weeks ago Sen. Walter F. George, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, proposed a meeting of the heads of state of Great Britain, France, Russia, and the United States. I heartily endorsed the proposal as a wise one.

Sen. George's proposal was a forward step in bringing into being the strong urging repeatedly made by Gov. Adlai Stevenson that our government always keep the door open for discussion of disputes with other countries, that we demonstrate a sincere willingness to negotiate for an honorable settlement of any disagreement with any nation.

Expresses Early Disappointment
I was disappointed that the State Department immediately turned thumbs down on such a

proposal. What harm this attitude, coupled with the unwise statement that our "positions of strength" was forcing the Russians to modify their views and that if the conference were held they would negotiate from weakness, may have done cannot be determined. Certainly, though, these mistakes were not helpful to our cause.

I was delighted when President Eisenhower, sensing the public acclaim of Senator George's proposal, reversed the State Department and decided to support the meeting and to participate actively in it.

It was my thought from the very beginning that it would be a mistake to expect settlement in this conference of the great differences that exist between Russia and the Western powers; that such grave problems as unification of Germany, disagreements in the Far East, reduction of armament, and freeing of the satellites, could not be disposed of in a single conference.

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Events Prove Correctness
Events have proved the correctness of those who took this position. Not a single crucial dispute has been settled, and this may naturally be disappointing to those who expected greater results.

On the other hand the most important purpose of the conference, as I see it, was accomplished. That purpose was to delineate more specifically, if possible, the areas of agreement and disagreement, and to lay the groundwork for later meetings and discussions to narrow areas of disagreement.

The very first speeches showed

among the four powers, that of desiring peace. The primary problem of course, is how best to attain that objective.

Some headway toward this objective, it seems to me, was made. Tensions were relaxed; both sides spoke freely and to the point about their disagreements; plans were laid for future conferences to try to work out solutions to unsolved disputes, and perhaps as important as anything else, the heads of governments of the four participating powers had an opportunity to meet together and to know one another better.

Another Step Toward Peace
What may be still another step toward lasting peace is the impact of President Eisenhower's proposal that we exchange with Russia military blueprints, and on another's military installations.

It will be interesting to have the Kremlin's official reaction to the proposal, and also that of the isolationist wing of the

President's own party.

In summary, the Geneva conference is neither a howling success nor a disappointing failure but I am glad it was held. It accomplished about all one could rightfully expect and should start a series of conferences that may at long last lead us toward world peace.



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Fees Charged by Surgeons Result In Medical Profession Argument

New York —(U.P.)—The big argument in the medical profession today is not over the treatment of patients or the problems of research.

The nation's doctors are concerned about the fees charged by surgeons to their patients.

Apparently this question long has been in dispute within the ranks of the American Medical Association. It came out into the open in a report published in the family doctor's monthly journal, "G-P."

Fees Said Too High
The general practitioners said in the report that surgeons' fees are too high and out of proportion to fees for medical care. According to the article, the family doctor—or non-specialist—is at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to his relations with the surgeon.

First of all, it says, the family doctor frequently is denied surgical privileges and must surrender his patient to a member of a hospital's surgical staff. Despite this, however, the article says, the family doctor must make the diagnosis, arrange for hospital admission and perhaps an ambulance. Then he must turn his patient over to a surgeon who charges \$150 for the 15 or 20 minutes work required to remove an appendix.

But this apparently is not the only complaint registered against the surgeon by the family doctor. The article puts the rest of it this way:

"Often, the patient is unduly impressed by the dramatic aura which surrounds surgery. The surgeon enjoys a greater prestige and can consequently charge more for his services." And it continues, "people tend to forget that the family doctor is the only physician qualified to assume responsibility for overall medical care."

Competition Not Free
In a further charge, the article said that competition for

surgery is not now free and open. It says that instead competition is at least partially regulated by the enforced restrictions of specialty boards and

hospital rules which discriminate against the family doctor.

One answer to the charges set forth by the family doctors is given by Dr. Paul Hawley of Chicago, the head of the American College of Surgeons.

He says surgeons' incomes are not much more than those of general practitioners. Dr. Hawley says that surveys indicate that the average income of the surgeon is only \$2,000 a year greater than that of the general practitioner.

Additional Training
And for that additional \$2,000, Dr. Hawley says, a surgeon spends an additional four years and sometimes longer in specialized training.

This dispute came up at the AMA convention last month. But according to the general practitioners, the issue was so hot that the board of trustees refused to make public a report compiled by a family doctor on the subject.

However, the family doctors overruled the board and insisted that copies of the report be mailed to every delegate.

Additional Space For Grain Storage Sought in Bids
Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department is asking bids from warehousemen to supply the government with about 47,000,000 bushels of additional grain storage space.

The department said the new bins will be needed to store price-supported grain, chiefly corn, which will come into the government's hands in August and September when 1954-crop price support loans mature.

The announcement said the bins will be needed in 11 Midwestern states where adequate commercial space is not available.

Need Not Lessened
The department emphasized that the increase in federal bin capacity—presently totaling about 884,000,000 bushels—does not lessen the need for farmers to make sure they have adequate storage for this year's crops at harvest time. A farmer must guarantee adequate storage before getting a price support loan.

The announcement said that as of June 15 more than 250,000,000 bushels of 1954-crop corn were under price support with a "considerable quantity" expected to be turned over to the department's Commodity Credit Corporation this fall.

The department said plans are to use the new bins in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota.

Peeping Tom Slain By Irate Husband

Newport Beach, Calif.—(U.P.)—A 21-year-old Claremont Men's college senior died from a beating inflicted by the husband of a woman whom he watched undress, according to police.

Officers said Irving R. Perrett, Los Angeles, peeped in an apartment window and watched the wives of Robert H. Leverne, 33, San Gabriel, Calif., and William D. Smith, 29, Costa Mesa, Calif., change into bathing suits.

The two men told police they saw Perrett outside the window. Leverne said he grabbed a stick and chased the youth.

"I didn't mean to kill him," Leverne said. "I just wanted to give him a good cllobbering."

Perrett died Saturday in Hoag Memorial hospital at Costa Mesa and the two men were booked on suspicion of manslaughter.

Spinach is believed a native of western Asia.

Logs Push Greyhound Bus From Highway

Gold Beach, Ore.—(U.P.)—Eighteen persons aboard a northbound Greyhound bus escaped serious injury early yesterday when the bus was shoved off the highway by a load of logs spilling from a truck.

The accident occurred on highway 101 just north of the Pistol river.

Bus driver Newton Hal Scudder of Empire, Ore., said he saw the logging truck lose its load and was able to stop the bus before colliding with the truck. But the rolling logs forced the bus into a ditch.

Several passengers suffered shock and bruises and one woman was taken to the hospital briefly for observation.

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MM Workers Return At Five Plants
Portland, Ore.—(U.P.)—Workers at five M and M Plywood plants in Oregon and northern California returned to work today after agreeing to federal mediation of a dispute involving renewal of their contract.

The plants, located at Albany, Lyons, Idanha and Portland, Ore., and at Eureka, Calif., were struck on July 1.

Union and management will meet later this week to try to negotiate a settlement of the dispute. The union has demanded renewal of the old contract without change. Management has insisted on several changes, not involving wages.

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