

NATO Ministers' Meeting Tops International News for Week

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The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

Foreign ministers of the 15 North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries agreed this week to continue negotiations with Soviet Russia for a summit conference on world issues.

They agreed also, however, that preparatory negotiations must give hope that settlements on important questions might be reached if the heads of governments meet.

Further, they agreed that summit conferences "are not

the only way, or necessarily the best way, of conducting negotiations or reducing international tensions."

In this connection, the foreign ministers expressed hope that it still may be possible, despite persistent Russian refusals, to start "expert technical discussions" on "detailed measures on control over disarmament."

The meeting, which was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, marked a personal success for Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Since the Russians started clamoring for a summit conference last December, Dulles has insisted there is no holding one unless there is prospect of agreement on important issues.

Some other NATO foreign ministers, who wanted a conference on any terms, have now swung around to Dulles' viewpoint.

From Copenhagen, Dulles went to visit West Berlin. There, in a speech, he said the continued division of Berlin into West and East sectors — because of Russia's refusal to consent to German unification — "is a living exhibit of Soviet violation of international agreements."

"And your plight ought to teach the world that it is reckless to make concessions in reliance on Soviet promises merely because those promises are alluring," said Dulles.

France's cabinet crisis entered its fourth week since the National Assembly overthrew Premier Felix Gaillard by rejecting his conciliatory North African program.

First George Bidault, who favors a tough policy toward the Algerian rebellion, then Rene Pleven, of the middle-of-the-road Resistance Party, tried to form a government.

Pleven appeared to be on the verge of success, after 15 days of negotiating for a coalition of middle-of-the-road and right-wing groups.

Then the moderate Radical Party withdrew because Ple-

ven listed Andre Morice, representing the extreme right wing, as defense minister. Pleven gave up.

Britain's Conservative government faced a showdown with organized labor over its policy of freezing wages as an anti-inflation measure.

Fifty thousand union men, operating Greater London's 8,400 buses, struck Monday to back up demands for pay increases.

Five hundred thousand railroad men — including those who operate the London underground — threatened to strike throughout the country.

Dennis Crosby's Uncle in Doubt

Hollywood — Bing Crosby's brother, Larry, broke the family silence Thursday and expressed doubt his nephew, Dennis, fathered an attractive telephone operator's 6-month-old daughter.

Larry Crosby was the first of the Crosby clan to comment on claims by 25-year-old Marilyn Scott that newlywed Dennis fathered her daughter, Denise Michelle Scott, born last Nov. 24 at Cedars of Lebanon hospital.

"When her attorney made his demands," Larry said, "I checked up on them, and I'm just not convinced it was Dennis."

Dennis, who was wed to showgirl Pat Sheehan, 26, Sunday in Las Vegas, still maintained silence. So did his famous father.

SUSPENSIONS

Lincoln, R.I. — Trainees James P. Foti of Yonkers, N.Y., and Orlando Massarelli of Medford, Mass., and groomsmen Earl Gilpatrick of Derry, N.H., and Francis W. Pendleton of Providence, R.I., were suspended Wednesday by Lincoln Downs officials after tests showed horses they handled had been doped. The horses, Big Patricia and Pilot Model, won races here on May 1.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Foreign affairs note: The state department's new 200 million dollar budget includes money for a villa on the French Riviera, swimming pools and a million dollar WHISKEY FUND.

State department spokesmen assure house of representatives investigators that all the items are necessary.

LET'S put it this way: FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ALL THESE ITEMS ARE NECESSARY.

DIPLOMACY is a curious business. Its traditions track back through the long centuries. They are luxurious traditions. They have their roots in the period when the world was ruled by kings and emperors. These kings and emperors did themselves very well indeed. Their diplomats, who were generally known as foreign ministers, were their right hands in their dealings with their fellow kings and emperors, so they did their diplomats very well indeed.

Nothing was too good for them. They held their meetings in marble palaces, they clothed themselves in silks and satins and they ate and drank of the best.

These traditions have come down to us. They are imbedded in the practices and the thinking of our state department, which is the lineal descendant of the foreign ministries of the older world.

SO, you see, our state department isn't out of character when it puts into its budget villas on the French Riviera, equipped with swimming pools and stocked with the best whiskies.

It is completely sincere when it tells investigating congressmen that all these things are NECESSARY to the proper conduct of our foreign relations. It is simply conducting our diplomatic business in the style to which diplomacy has become accustomed.

Why? If we received an im-

portant foreign diplomat in a modest cottage (with no swimming pool) and served him the wrong whiskey he might go back to his own capital in high dudgeon and tell his country it should GO TO WAR with these crude Americans!

Such is the atmosphere of diplomacy.

LET'S take a look now at GOVERNMENT in general. One of these traditions is that government must be supported in the style to which it has become accustomed. A government official must have his STAFF. The members of his staff must have their perquisites. Included in the perquisites are secretaries. The secretaries must have assistants. The assistants must have sub-assistants. All of them must be housed in offices that are properly impressive. And so on.

In the thinking of professional government people, all these things are NECESSARY to the proper conduct of government.

SO much for diplomatic and governmental viewpoints. Let's take a quick look now at the taxpayer and his viewpoint.

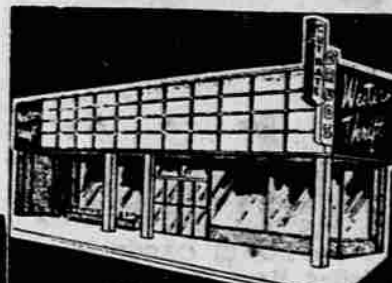
He is the source from which all these things spring. When government needs money to support itself in the style to which government has become accustomed, it is the TAXPAYER'S pocket that is reached into for the money to pay for all these niceties.

There was a time when taxes were relatively light. But that time is gone where the woodbine twineth. Taxes now loom large in every citizen's budget. If it weren't for the size of his tax bill, he could have a new car. He could have a new house. He could even have a swimming pool HIMSELF.

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