

In the Day's News
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The Big Four foreign ministers conference resumes its sessions in Geneva after a three-week "cooling off" period.

When the session opened, it was reported around the Palace of Nations, where the meetings are held, that Russia's Gromyko had indicated to the Western delegations that he did not wish to speak until after hearing what the West had to say. So America's Secretary of State Herter led off with a flat statement to Gromyko that the West will NOT negotiate under an ultimatum, duress or the continued threat of a new Berlin crisis.

He told Gromyko—If you want a summit meeting, call off your hatched men. And he said in effect it would be better if you put it in writing.

A BIT of advice:

Don't pay too much attention to what is SAID at Geneva. We must remember that what is going on there is a poker game—a poker game with IMMENSE stakes.

You can't tell what a poker player is going to DO by what he SAYS.

OUR people in Geneva are said to hope that Russian First Deputy Premier Kozlov, who has been scouting the United States for whatever information he can pick up, will take home to Mr. K. a clearer picture of the real purpose and tough determination of the U.S. in the Berlin crisis.

What will he tell his boss? Well, he left for home Monday morning.

He wound up his tour of our country with a press conference at which he spoke in complimentary terms of our highly developed technology and added that he has been impressed by "the desire of the American people to preserve peace."

But, he told reporters at the airport as he was leaving: "I AM STILL CONVINCED THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S GRANDCHILDREN WILL LIVE TO SEE A COMMUNIST AMERICA."

WHAT did he mean by that?

Nobody knows what a communist means by what he says. A communist lies as readily as a mynah bird talks.

But let's do a little supposing. Suppose Kozlov WAS impressed by America's might and America's determination. Suppose he reports to Mr. K. that America is too tough to tackle now, but IF GIVEN TIME ENOUGH is certain to be destroyed by communists working from within as a building is destroyed by termites boring from within.

THAT could be a FACE SAVING move. It could provide Mr. K. with an excuse to BACK OFF at Geneva in the belief that if given time enough America will be weakened and eventually destroyed by communist infiltration.

This, of course, is only guesswork, at that. But the ways of diplomacy—especially communist diplomacy—are devious. And there are times when ways to save face become immensely important. We'll see what'll see.

ANYWAY, our course at Geneva is clear. We must stand firm. If we run, we're goners.

Deborah Kerr's Friend Divorced

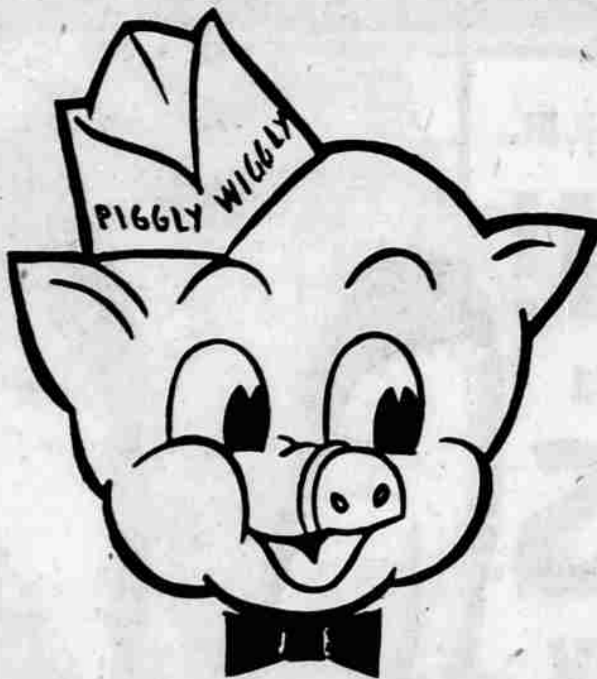
Santa Monica, Calif.—UPI—Writer Peter Viertel, accused last year in a court suit of winning the affections of actress Deborah Kerr, was divorced Wednesday from his wife of 15 years.

Mrs. Virginia Viertel, 43, was awarded an uncontested interlocutory decree on grounds of desertion. She testified that Viertel, 38, told her he "was in love with another girl."

Miss Kerr, who divorced her husband, Anthony Bartley, last week, was not mentioned in the divorce proceedings. Bartley made the allegation of affections charge against Viertel.

Mrs. Viertel said she will receive under a property settlement a minimum of \$12,000 annually in alimony and child support payments for five years. After that she will get \$7,200 a year. The couple has one child, Christine, 7. Viertel, now a resident of Klosters, Switzerland, has written several novels including "Line of Departure" and a number of screen plays.

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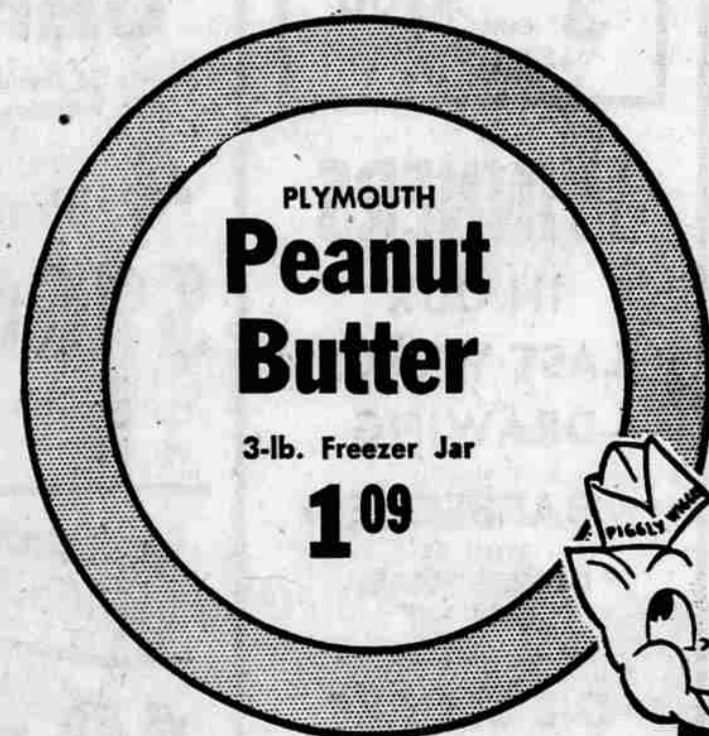


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