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Western Allies Nearing Agreement On India's Prisoner of War Plans

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The Western Allies moved closer to agreement today on changes they hoped would bring full support—including that of the U. S.—behind India's compromise plan for ending the Korean War prisoner desecration.

An eighteen-nation group headed by the U. S., Britain and France planned to meet behind closed doors in the U. N. this morning to work over amendments to a plan submitted Wednesday by India's V. K. Krishna Menon. Other nations in the group are Canada, Australia, Turkey, Denmark and Colombia.

They have as a working basis changes suggested yesterday by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who said the Indian plan brings the U. N. nearer to agreement on the one outstanding issue holding up an armistice in Korea—the prisoner of war problem.

Strong American objections to the original Indian resolution—that it was ambiguous and would not work—had threatened a serious split among the 21 Allies backing a U. S.-drafted Korean resolution which the Soviet bloc in the U. N. already has rejected.

The Americans reportedly insist that Menon's resolution be clarified before they can accept it. The resolution calls for a four-nation commission, with an umpire to settle deadlocks, to handle the repatriation of all war prisoners and take care of those who don't want to return to Red-ruled homes until a political conference decides their fate.

The U. S. reservations apparently have been ironed out to some degree in private talks among the Allies.

Eden's endorsement in the General Assembly's Political Committee yesterday of the plan's general outline, and his suggestions for alterations to clarify its main points, brought the American comment that "we are moving closer and closer to a settlement."

Although the Indians have said they would not have introduced their resolution without reasonable assurance that both Communist and Western nations would accept it, there still was no reaction from the Russians.

But the incoming American leaders of foreign policy—President-elect Eisenhower and his choice for secretary of state, John Foster Dulles—were reported by the New York Times as being very skeptical that any of the proposals now before the U. N. assembly could produce a Korean armistice.

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In his speech yesterday, delivered after he had a luncheon conference with Eisenhower, Eden asked Menon to revise two main points of his resolution.

He suggested the commission's umpire should be a full member of the group, which Menon had proposed be made up of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Switzerland.

And the Briton suggested that more definite provision be made for caring for those prisoners who still have not been repatriated 90 days after the armistice.

The Indian resolution says only that their destination will be decided after that time by a political conference. The Americans claim this would make the POWs pawns in the overall political haggling on the whole problem of a Korean

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peace and unification. Eden suggested the U. N. could create a special resettlement commission to look after these prisoners—possibly to send them to neutral countries as has been suggested in resolutions introduced by Mexico and Peru.

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Doctor Backs Early Marriage

LONDON (AP)—Girls should be permitted to marry at 15 if they are biologically ready, Dr. Marie Stopes, famous writer on marital problems, has suggested to a royal commission on marriage and divorce.

However, she said yesterday, she would not encourage such early marriages, she just thinks they would be legally possible.

"The present age limit of 16 is too high and ignores the biological tendency to marriage," Dr. Stopes said in a memorandum.

The expert, who is 72, said one-third or one quarter of Britain's girls are ready for marriage at 15.

"I've discovered that, biologically, British women are three main types—those who are fully mature and ready for childbearing at 15 or 16; the larger number—the average type—ready for marriage at 18 to 21; and those who can be married but who are not sexually mature until the age 27 to 30."

"Many of our grandmothers were happy brides at the age of 16 and even 15. When women are biologically capable of bearing a child, they should be legally capable of marrying."

Reports of the object came from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Colorado.

Meteor Flashes In Southwest

A meteor flashed across the southwestern sky last night and suddenly disintegrated in a blaze of white light turning night into day at some places. It was seen in at least four states.

The Oklahoma City Weather Bureau said from the varied reports it had received there was no doubt the fireball was a meteor.

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