

# Western Powers Plan To Test Reds on Austria

LONDON, Feb. 28—(P)—The Big Three Western powers arranged a diplomatic test today to determine whether Russia actually wants Austria to have an independence treaty. Russia's reaction may be a straw in the wind on the prospects for peace or war in Europe.

The United States, Britain, and France said in a joint statement they are "urgently examining new proposals" to break a long deadlock between Russia and the West and honor the pledge made in the Moscow declaration of 1943 to restore to Austria her full freedom and independence.

## Allies, Reds To Discuss Prisoners

MUNSAN, Korea, Friday, Feb. 29—(P)—Senior armistice delegates today take over the long-deadlocked issue of exchanging prisoners. The Allies again asked the Reds to swap complete information on all POW's.

The Panmunjom meeting at 11 a.m. (9 p.m. EST, Thursday), brings together U.S. Rear Adm. R. E. Libby and Korean Red Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Cho, acting as sub-committees of one for the full delegations.

Staff officers stalemated on the truce supervision issue scheduled a session at the same time. They are deadlocked, among other things, on the Reds' insistence that Russia be accepted as a neutral nation to help police a truce.

The prisoner exchange issue was re-referred to the senior delegates after Thursday's fruitless meetings. Staff officers have reached virtual agreement on all points except the issue of voluntary repatriation of prisoners.

The Communists insist that all prisoners be returned regardless of individual wishes. The staff officers spent 22 days debating the issue.

The Reds gave no indication Thursday whether they would comply with the Allies proposal for an exchange of "complete data" on "all prisoners of war ever held by either side."

SEOUL, Korea, Friday, Feb. 29—(P)—Allied fighters and light bombers blasted new holes in the Communist supply lines in North Korea Thursday, but light patrol contact marked the ground action.

There was some artillery and mortar fire.

Sleek U.S. F-86 Sabre Jets hunted for MIGs on the south side of the winding Yalu river boundary of Manchuria but the Reds stayed home.

## Oil Workers Agree To Delay Strike

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(P)—CIO, AFL, and independent oil workers agreed tonight to a one-week postponement of a threatened nationwide strike which has been set for Sunday midnight.

Federal mediation chief Cyrus S. Ching announced the postponement after a full day of negotiations. Ching met first with the oil workers unions, then with top officials of some seven big oil companies.

Involved in the threatened strike, which might cut off most of the nation's oil production, are the CIO oil workers and 22 independent and AFL unions.

## 'Ike' Gets 1st Place On Primary Ballot

HARRISEBURG, Feb. 28—(P)—A lucky number was drawn today to place Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's name first on the ballot in the April 22 Republican Presidential preference primary.

State policeman drew a disc numbered 2557 from a mail pouch to give the general an edge on the ballot over Harold E. Stassen, president-on-leave of the University of Pennsylvania, whose number was 2766.

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### Former Klan Leader



EARLY BROOKS, former leader of the Ku Klux Klan, stands with hands folded while waiting bond in Whiteville, N.C. Brooks was charged with seven others by the State Bureau of Investigation with kidnapping and assault on Esther Lee Floyd. He was arrested recently by the FBI.

## Japan Groups Attack Keeping Defense Forces

TOKYO, Friday, Feb. 29—(P)—Japanese nationalist and leftist elements joined today in criticizing the new administrative agreement which will keep American defense forces in this country indefinitely.

The left-wing faction of the socialist party even is planning a court attack on constitutionality of the agreement, the Kyodo news agency reported.

Signed Thursday, the agreement spells out the working details of the U.S.-Japanese Security Pact signed Sept. 8 at San Francisco. It does not require diet (parliamentary) approval, since the diet ratified the security pact last Nov. 8 and Emperor Hirohito signed it next day. It takes effect whenever the peace treaty of San Francisco goes into force.

Dean Rusk, chief U.S. negotiator of the administrative agreement, praised it as "another step toward peace," but Japanese reaction was decidedly mixed.

Yomiuri, major Tokyo newspaper, said some Japanese welcomed it as "a step toward independence," but that many others uneasily declared, "we apparently were taken in."

### Record Dance Tonight

The Newman Club will hold a record dance at 8 tonight at Phi Kappa. Refreshments will be served.

The monthly business meeting of the club will be held in the basement of the Our Lady of Victory Church at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Diplomatic informants said the Western powers plan to offer Russia a short and simplified treaty draft to replace the 53-article document which has been labored over in 258 meetings of the Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers since World War II.

As one of these informants put it, the Western deputies will tell their Soviet colleague in effect: "Here is the old draft, on which we have already secured substantial four-power agreement on 48 major points, and with it we are offering this new document. We thought you might prefer the new draft, prepared in 1952, rather than the old one, which has been kicking around since 1945."

American officials told reporters any new proposals advanced by the West would certainly call for simultaneous withdrawal of all foreign troops from the little nation Hitler drew into Germany's orbit in 1938. Western sources estimate there are 44,000 Russian troops in the Soviet occupation zone of Austria. United States, British, and French contingents are smaller. Communications are controlled and censored.

## Russell Joins President Race

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(P)—Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia got into the race for the Democratic presidential nomination today but left unanswered the question whether he will bolt if the prize goes to President Truman.

The 54-year old balding senator automatically became a major candidate of the Southern anti-Truman Democratic faction which has fought the President's civil rights program and has pledged itself to block his re-election.

But Russell himself gave no direct answer to the chief issue implied in his entry into the race: Will he lead a third party of some kind if Truman gets the nomination that seems his for the asking?

Observing that he didn't bolt in 1948 when the states right ticket took 39 electoral votes from Truman, Russell told a crowded, televised news conference: "I refer anyone to my record for regularity but I do not put party above country."

### Fellowship to Hold Leap Year Party

Roger Williams Fellowship will hold a leap year party at 7:30 tonight at the University Baptist Church.

The party will include square dancing and refreshments, and is open to the public.

## YOUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

HOLY COMMUNION and BREAKFAST Every WEDNESDAY at 7 A.M.

Friday evening meetings will consist of these speakers at 8:00 P.M. followed by the regular social program:

- Feb. 29—Dr. John Mourant....."Thomas Aquinas"
- March 7—Dr. John Harkins....."Martin Luther"
- March 14—The Rev. Andrew Newcomer....."Calvin"
- March 21—The Rev. Frank W. Montgomery....."Wesley"
- March 28—Dr. Ernest Freund....."Fox"
- April 4—The Rev. R. H. Eads....."Roger Williams"
- March 2—Dr. A. H. Reed....."Faith"
- March 16—Dr. Harvey Hoover....."Love"
- March 23—Ruth Sugihara....."Buddhism"
- March 30—Prof. R. E. Dengler....."Sacrifice"

April 6—PALM SUNDAY  
 7:30—Holy Communion  
 8:30—Breakfast  
 9:30—Student Class  
 10:45—The Service  
 6:30—Religious Drama  
 7:30—Vespers

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## Truman Praises Gov. Stevenson At Conference

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(P)—President Truman gave a laudatory pat on the back to Gov. Adlai Stevenson today while putting off for at least a month any announcement of his own political intentions.

In response to a question at a news conference, the President said Stevenson is one of the best governors in Illinois history and that's one of the best recommendations for the presidency.

Some Democrats would like to see Stevenson get the party's nomination if the President decides to retire.

The news conference exchange occurred several hours before Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia threw his hat into the ring as the second avowed candidate for top place on the 1952 Democratic national ticket. Senator Kefauver of Tennessee was the first to announce and he has been campaigning for weeks.

Questions about Truman's political intentions and his opinion of Gov. Stevenson came at separate points in today's presidential interview, which also covered such subjects as telecasting of Congressional committee hearings, Alaskan statehood, and new appointments.

## 18 Airmen Leap From Derelict Plane; All Safe

SYDNEY, Nova Scotia, Feb. 28—(P)—Eighteen U.S. Air Force men, shepherded by the only one who had ever jumped before, parachuted safely from a twin-engine transport iced up in a blizzard as the last of its gas gave out early today.

They rode the silk for 3000 feet through darkness and a 50-mile-an-hour gale. The derelict plane roared over homes in this industrial city of 30,000 and crashed in a woods.

Three of the plane's 14 passengers and four crewman received minor injuries; the others landed unscathed.

The jump master was the flight engineer, Staff Sgt. R. A. Redinger of Chambersburg, Pa.

As the only veteran of a parachute leap in the group, he helped the passengers into their 'chutes and ordered them out with military precision while the pilot and co-pilot, Capt. T. E. Koblenki and Capt. W. L. Riley, wrestled with the controls to see the plane crashed where it wouldn't harm anything on the ground. Then the crewman followed. The whole group landed in a two-mile-long line.

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