

Geneva Conference Length Is Week's Biggest Question

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The big question this week was how much longer would the Big Four foreign ministers exchange words at Geneva.

Early this week the West let it be known that the Allies were prepared to break off the talks if the Soviet Union refused to make any concessions.

Later British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan made a plea for more discussions. He told the House of Commons Thursday that it would be unwise to set any time limit for the foreign ministers' conference.

At Geneva the British viewpoint was that it would be possible to take an unsigned agreement with some unsettled details to the summit.

Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd said the conference has already achieved the "outline" of an interim Berlin agreement and expressed belief that "final acceptance should be possible here or at some other meeting."

RUSSIAN VIEW

The Russians also made some slight concessions Thursday to ease the conversation deadlock. Andrei A. Gromyko, the Soviet foreign minister, agreed to discuss the problem of a temporary settlement for Berlin. Gromyko has been insisting that the Allies first discuss the establishment of an all-German committee to study Germany's future. Wednesday, Gromyko said that both issues could be discussed "simultaneously."

MOSCOW CLASH

The East-West talks continued on a more personal level in Moscow. There Vice-President Richard Nixon of the United States and Premier Nikita Khrushchev of Russia slugged it out verbally in a rough and tumble public debate.

Nixon arrived in Moscow to open officially the American national exhibition there. His tour, followed the American visit of Frol R. Kozlov, a Soviet first deputy premier who opened a Soviet exhibition in New York last month.

Thursday as Khrushchev and Nixon toured the fair grounds they tangled, occasionally bitterly, in a debate that lasted for two hours. Soviet workers, tourists and 200 reporters listened with amazement as the two men squabbled on the merits of foreign policies, color television sets and washing machines.

Khrushchev was miffed even before he met the barnstorming Nixon because President Eisenhower had proclaimed this week as one of prayer for captive nations—"Captive Nations Week."

PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS

Nixon joins a list of presidential hopefuls who are visiting Russia this year. Eisenhower's term ends in 18 months. Nixon is also the first high-ranking American to visit the Soviet Union since the advent of the cold war.

ROYAL JOURNEY

In Canada, a different type of tour was coming to an end. Queen Elizabeth, finishing her Western visit, will fly to Fredericton next Tuesday and will leave for home by air from Halifax Aug. 1.

The Queen looked rested and happy as she continued her appearances after recovering from a stomach upset.

Esmond Butler, the Queen's press secretary, quickly squelched rumors in the foreign press that the Queen was pregnant.

TRAIN WRECK

In Hamilton: a CNR passenger express bound from Chicago to Toronto jumped the tracks Tuesday, uprooting a length of rail which pierced a coach and killed two Ontario women. About 30 of the passengers on the train were injured.

Labour Secretary James P.

Mitchell entered the U.S.-wide steel strike this week as fact-finder for President Eisenhower. It is expected that Eisenhower will use the information he provides as a basis for deciding whether to invoke the national emergency provisions of the Taft-Hartley Labor Act.

Mitchell's role in the strike that began a week ago is without precedent. But his information is expected to help Eisenhower who is reluctant to intervene in the process of collective bargaining.

The United Steelworkers Union seeks a 15-cent-hourly annual package increase, saying that the industry can afford it without raising the price of steel. The industry has refused. Pre-strike steel wages averaged \$3.10 an hour.

KIDNAP INQUIRY

A Toronto-born blonde from Short Hills, N.J., turned up safely in Chicago Friday morning and said she had been kidnapped by two men and driven to Chicago.

Jacqueline Gay Hart, daughter of Colgate-Palmolive executive Ralph Albert Hart, said she was kidnapped by the men moments after she kissed her fiancé goodbye at Newark, N.J., airport Tuesday night. She was found hysterical and incoherent Friday wandering on Chicago's lake front.

There were bruises on her arms and her lips were swollen. She said she was unmolested. The 21-year-old girl, a May Festival queen at Sweet Briar College, Virginia, this year was to be married next month. She told police she lost her two-carat diamond engagement ring.

THE MARITIMES WEEK

Battles in Newfoundland highlighted the week's news in the Maritimes.

Atlantic area.

The first, a battle against five raging forest fires in Labrador, broke out 10 days ago. More than 13,000 acres of valuable timber mostly black spruce, went up in smoke.

The other battle pitted Newfoundland Premier Joey Smallwood against the entire Progressive Conservative organization.

Introducing a bill in the Newfoundland legislature which con-

demanded the national government's termination of special aid to Newfoundland, Mr. Smallwood hinted that unless the house passes his resolution unanimously, he will call an election to wipe out the Tories.

Monday two of Newfoundland's four Progressive Conservative representatives in the legislature resigned from the P.C. organization to form the Newfoundland Party. A. M. Duxy and James D. Higgins joined the vitriolic premier in terming the federal action a "betrayal" to Newfoundland.

Malcolm Hollett, the Opposition house leader, and Rex Renouf, the other Progressive Conservative member remained firmly opposed to the resolution. The motion itself was still being debated Friday.

BOBCAT BOOM

Another curious happening in the pelt market is that the current European demand for bobcat pelts has sent prices for these skins past the \$10 mark, according to fur buyers in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The skins, which until recently had little value on the market, are used for lining ski boots and jackets. Lou Tennenbaum, Rock Spring, Wyoming, fur buyer, said he purchased 1,005 bobcat pelts last April at a Casper, Wyoming auction and sold them on the Italian market at an average price in excess of \$10.

H.R. Cohen, Cheyenne fur buyer, said that the 20,000 trappers in Wyoming anticipate continued activity in both bobcat and lynx because of the current demand. He said that the bobcat craze has put new life into the long-

bedded fur market, including silver and gray fox.

Department store fur sales in six cities in the United States dropped slightly in May from the comparable month of 1952. On the other hand, some cities showed increased demand for furs. Boston had a 47 per cent jump; San Francisco jumped 35 per cent; and Atlanta was up 17 per cent.

Doc Collins, editor of "The National Fur News", continues his criticism of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission for not giving relief from increased imports of mink pelts for the Scandinavian countries and Canada. We quote Collins:

"For some years now there has been recognition of a need for restriction of unlimited imports of mink pelts into the United States. Two international conferences of mink breeders were held, and both failed. Attempts to secure relief through legislative action at the national level were blocked by the administration's policy of encouraging trade with friendly nations.

"The wisdom of that policy is not questioned. If we, as a nation, sell our surplus goods to friendly

countries all over the world, we must also buy from them. Trade is a two-way street, but we must also protect our home industries from ruinous competition, even by our friends.

"In 1952, imports totalled 2,954,000 pelts—considerably more than half the American pelt crop marketed that year. While Canadian production has become stabilized, to a great degree, Scandinavian production has increased at an alarming rate. It is reasonable to assume that the great majority of mink pelts produced in Scandinavian countries will continue to be aimed at the American market.

LOW COST

"The cost to produce and sell an American mink pelt averages \$19.40; in Canada, the average cost for 1952 was \$19.15; for the four Scandinavian countries, the average cost of production for this year was \$14.09."

The claim of the American fur breeder, that his cost of production is larger than for other countries, is quite correct. But it is a fact that with the great chance they have for securing good breeding material, and the methods of selection used by their top breeders, is so excellent that

they have a big start on Scandinavian countries, whose original stock was purchased from Canada and the United States, but who have not had the advantage of receiving information from top laboratories, which is available to the American and Canadian breeders.

GEORGETOWN

L.A.C. Lloyd Hemphill and Mrs. Hemphill and family of Barrie, Ontario, where Mr. Hemphill is stationed with the R.C.A.F., are vacationing in Georgetown as the guest of Mr. Hemphill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hemphill.

Mr. George MacDonald of Toronto, Ontario, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aeneas MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Livingston and family of Saint John, N.B., are the guests of Mrs. Livingston's parents, Captain and Mrs. John Dicks.

On Wednesday, July 22nd, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richards and Simmonds and two children motored to Georgetown where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hansen. Mrs. Simmonds and children remained in Georgetown.

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town to the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson.

Mr. Patrick Murphy, assistant Kings County jailer is on his annual holidays and his duties are being taken over by Mr. Fred Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyvare of Toronto, Ont., who are vacationing in the Province were recent visitors to Georgetown where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen DeLory.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex B. Way and Miss Beale Whitey, left on Friday on return to Boston, Mass., following a holiday spent at the Georgetown summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Way.

Mrs. Lemuel Robertson of Lower Montague was a recent visitor to Georgetown where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Fitzgerald.

Sgt. Joseph Gotell and Mrs. Gotell and family, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gotell, left on Thursday to holiday in Cape Breton, N.S. prior to returning to Turbay, Newfoundland, where Sgt. Gotell is stationed with the R.C.A.F.

Mrs. Herbert Stewart and family of Summerside are vacationing in Georgetown as the guests of Mrs. Stewart's parents, Captain and Mrs. John Dicks, A.C.

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR FARMING

DOUBLE SHIPMENTS

A despatch from Tokyo, Japan, stated that exports of undressed skins to the United States in May were almost twice those for the same month a 1952. Shipments in May included 50,000 undressed mink, 500 other undressed furs, 1,000 dressed mink, and 19,483 other fur products.

A despatch from Durban, South

ATTENTION

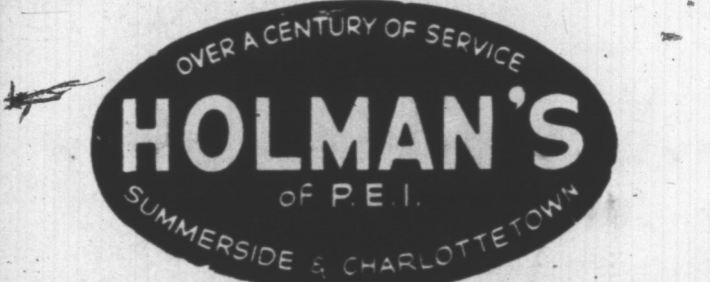
Potato Growers and Shippers

Arrangements have been made with the Weights and Measures Department to have scales used for weighing produce, inspected during the month of July. The following Potato Dealers have offered their warehouses as points of assembly on the dates shown.

Date	Warehouse	Location
July 27	Matthew & MacLean Ltd.	Souris
July 28	Elmira Co-op Ass'n Ltd.	Elmira
July 29	E. D. Reid Produce Ltd.	Montague
July 31	Vernon River Co-op. Ass'n. Ltd.	Vernon River
Aug. 6	C. Irving	Murray River

We ask the cooperation of all concerned in order to assure correct weights for both producer and consumer. Regular inspection fees will be charged by Weights and Measures Department.

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