

## Acheson to Report To Truman Today on 6 Weeks of Parleys

By Garnett D. Horner  
 Secretary of State Acheson reports to President Truman at the White House today on six weeks of international conferences in Europe.

Mr. Acheson, returning from Paris meetings of the United Nations General Assembly and Rome sessions of the North Atlantic Council, was greeted at National Airport by the President last night with praises of a "great job."

He arranged to report in detail to Mr. Truman today after getting a briefing this morning from his aides at the State Department on current problems in other parts of the world, including the Korean truce negotiations.

**Snyder Also on Trip.**  
 Mr. Acheson flew here from New York after arriving there last night by ship.

With him was Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, who also attended the North Atlantic Council meetings in Rome.

"You've done a great job for us," Mr. Truman told both cabinet members.

In New York, Mr. Acheson told reporters that it "could well be a turning point in world history" if Russia would decide to accept a world disarmament plan proposed by the Western powers at Paris. Russia has rebuffed the plan so far.

**Department Changes Due.**  
 "When the situation becomes stabilized the Russians will recognize it and will be able to talk," Mr. Acheson added.

The Secretary and Mr. Truman will have to give attention soon to several personnel changes in top ranks of the State Department. They must find replacements for Dean Rusk, who recently resigned as Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, and for George C. McGee, who was shifted from Assistant Secretary for Near East, South Asian and African Affairs to be Ambassador to Turkey. They also are expected to consider Undersecretary of State James E. Webb's reported desire to resign sometime next year.

## Builder Admits Giving \$25,000 to Democrats

By the Associated Press  
 Leonard D. Long, Charleston, S. C., contractor, disclosed last night that he and his family had contributed \$25,000 to President Truman's campaign fund in 1948.

Mr. Long, a contractor who has big business connections in Puerto Rico, has been linked with Frederick Carpenter, who has been dismissed as Federal housing administrator in San Juan.

It has been reported that Mr. Carpenter was dismissed because of "outside business activities" and that those activities included "an interest" in firms headed by Mr. Long.

This has been denied by both Mr. Long and Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Long made his disclosure about the campaign donations after Fulton Lewis, Jr., Mutual Broadcasting Co. newscaster, had made a statement regarding the campaign funds in a broadcast at Columbus, Ohio.

"Sure I did," Mr. Long said. "It's all part of the record."

He said that of the \$25,000, \$5,000 came out of his own pocket and \$20,000 more from "my family."

Senator Nixon, Republican, of California has said that he will hold in abeyance his demand for an investigation of the FIA until that agency completes an investigation of itself.

## Army Attorney Asks For Drink, Shoots Self

Edward Scott Tylor, 51, an attorney for the Army Corps of Engineers, shot and killed himself last night in the bathroom of his home, 2705 Russell road, Alexandria.

Dr. Alfred Abramson, assistant city coroner, issued a suicide certificate.

Mr. Tylor's body with a bullet wound in the chest was found by his wife, Marjorie, after she heard a shot as she was dressing for dinner in the bedroom, police said. A .38-caliber revolver lay nearby on the floor.

Police said Mr. Tylor had been in ill health for some time.

They quoted Mrs. Tylor as saying her husband had asked her to prepare a drink for him. Mr. Tylor then entered the bathroom. The shot rang out a few seconds later.

The body was taken to the Wheatley funeral home, Alexandria.

## 3 Airmen Drowned In Jet Bomber Crash

By the Associated Press  
 LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va., Dec. 13.—Three airmen are believed to have drowned yesterday when a B-45 four-engine jet bomber crashed and sank in Chesapeake Bay.

The plane, piloted by Capt. Russell M. Gibbons, San Francisco, left Langley early yesterday on a routine navigational flight to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Shortly after take-off, two of the bombers four jets conked out and the bulky plane began its struggle back to Langley. It was in a field traffic pattern making preparations to land when it suddenly lost altitude and plunged into the bay off shore.

Air Force officials listed the other members of the crew as 1st Lt. Russell E. Leggett, 27, Catawba, Pa., and Capt. Melvin W. Knuty, 30, Decatur, Ill. All three were married and their wives live in Hampton, Va.

Planes and surface craft sent to the scene reported that several articles of clothing and a pilot's handbook were the only objects recovered in the water.

## One Moment With God

By EDWARD L. R. ELSON  
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STRONG AS THE WEAKEST LINK.

The Great Wall of China—25 feet thick and 20 feet high—was broken at intervals by gates, which were guarded at all times. With the simple expedient of bribing the guards, who were weak, the wall was easily penetrated. Without moral strength, what good is a Nation's wall of armaments? No matter how strong a Nation's defenses, the final test is the moral strength of its people.

(Reading for today: Revelation 22:10-7.)

(Prayer: Lord, make our Nation worthy of Thy blessing.)



**TIME OUT FOR A SHUFFLE**—New York.—Secretary of State Acheson takes a moment out for a little relaxation aboard the liner S. S. Independence on his way home from the United Nations meeting in Paris. Behind Mr. Acheson is Mrs. George W. Perkins, wife of the Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs. —AP Wirephoto.

## Allies Demand Pledge Against 'Death March' In Prisoner Exchange

By the Associated Press  
 MUNSAN, Korea, Dec. 13.—The Allies today demanded the Reds guarantee there would be no "death march" of Allied prisoners in Korea.

"No progress of any sort" was reported by a truce subcommittee on prisoners, but spokesmen for both sides indicated another subcommittee might soon break a 17-day deadlock on how to police an armistice. They didn't get anywhere today.

An official U. N. command spokesman said the Reds may hold many prisoners in camps far to the east of Panmunjom, where the Communists want to trade prisoners.

"We don't want our prisoners to have to walk hundreds of miles," said Lt. Col. Howard S. Levie. "We don't want a (Bataan) death march in reverse."

No "Blind Payment."  
 A tough talking American admiral told the Reds there would be no "blind payment" on prisoner exchange until the Communists assurances of the safety of Allied fighting men they hold.

Col. Levie said statements of Rear Admiral R. E. Libby implied "the Communists have some sinister reason for withholding information."

Col. Levie said the United Nations prisoner lists now because "if we get the names of five, ten or 15,000 we will know that we will get at least that number back. If we get a figure we consider completely out of line with our estimates, there is going to be quite a bit of discussion before we come to agreement."

The two subcommittees will meet in Panmunjom east at 11 a.m. Friday (9 p.m. EST Thursday).

## Chinese General Delivers Tirade

Chinese Maj. Gen. Hsueh Fang opened today's truce supervision session with a 45-minute tirade against the latest U. N. proposal. Then expressed confidence a solution could be found if both sides searched for one.

Maj. Gen. Howard M. Turner said Allied negotiators were ready to discuss any reasonable proposal.

The U. N. negotiators said the deadlock would be broken if the Reds accepted the seven-point U. N. proposal submitted yesterday. The Reds said they didn't like it but they have not turned it down.

In the prisoner session Admiral Libby told the Communists the Allies "will not be duped by your obstinate refusal to give us the real reason why you are afraid to exchange prisoner of war information now."

## Manhunt for Ross Ends; No Trace Found In Maryland Area

The biggest manhunt in Maryland's history wound up near Ellicott City early today without producing a trace of the whereabouts of George Francis Ross, 27, California burglar and dope addict wanted for the murder of a Cleveland policeman.

The search turned to adjoining communities after 100 FBI agents and more than 30 Maryland State policemen spent two days and nights beating through several square miles of hilly undergrowth and woodland into which Ross had fled.

Leaders of the search said they were satisfied the small, dapper, knife-scarred fugitive had left the area.

Throughout yesterday and the day before, Washington and Baltimore police were busy running down reports that suspects had been seen.

Caller Is Identified.  
 The most likely report came for a Baltimore housewife who told police a motorist with an injured hand had stopped in her home Tuesday morning to telephone for a mechanic because his car had broken down.

Ross was believed injured in a hot exchange of shots with two policemen who surprised him asleep in a stolen car on the outskirts of Ellicott City Monday night.

Ross fled under fire and later burglarized a filling station nearby, stealing a maroon jacket and a first-aid kit. The housewife noticed the bandage and the fact that her visitor was wearing a maroon coat.

Both the woman and a garage man who fixed the stranger's car later identified photographs of Ross.

Fingerprints left by the visitor, however, were not those of the former convict, Baltimore police said. A man later was found who admitted he had called at the Baltimore home. He had hurt his hand in an accident.

More than a score of "tips" were run down by Washington police yesterday and last night. Some caused considerable excitement in the neighborhoods as squad cars arrived with search parties, but they turned up no suspects. One man was detained briefly.

Escape on Train Hinted.  
 Police speculated that Ross could have hopped a passing freight train on a track in the area, or caught a ride on one of several highways in the Baltimore suburban area.

When surprised, Ross left behind him an automobile stolen in a Cleveland suburb. He is wanted there for the murder of Patrolman Forney L. Hass on Sunday.

The officer was believed to have gone with Ross to the latter's rooming house to see his driver's permit. Pvt. Hass was killed in the house and his assailant fled.

Ross' capture may be hastened by the fact that he is a habitual user of narcotics, police were told, and can be expected to go to almost any lengths to obtain drugs.

Ross left behind him a blood-stained blanket and a flashlight. He was identified by the FBI through fingerprints on the flashlight.

## Steel Allotments Due to Cut Bicycle Production 50%

By the Associated Press  
 Bicycle production may be cut 50 per cent next year because of reduced steel allotments.

Bicycle manufacturers told National Production Authority officials yesterday that their steel quotas for the first quarter of 1952 will require them to slash their output in half.

This could mean laying off 40,000 workers, industry spokesmen said.

They said they had not been able to get defense contracts to offset the prospective cuts in their regular work.

## South Africa Protests U. N. Trusteeship Plan To Study Signatures By Boycotting Session In Football Inquiry

By the Associated Press  
 PARIS, Dec. 13.—South Africa boycotted a plenary session of the United Nations General Assembly today in protest against a U. N. decision to bring Southwest Africa under its trusteeship system.

South African delegates also announced they planned to continue their boycott of the Trusteeship Committee, but would attend other committee meetings.

South Africa contends Southwest Africa, awarded her a League of Nations mandate in 1920, is a domestic affair and no concern of the U. N.

B. G. Fourie, counselor of the South African delegation and its representative in the Budgetary Committee, said Interior Minister Theo Doenges, head of the delegation, will leave "in several days" to confer with Premier Daniel F. Malan on the question.

The South African government announced last night it is protesting the Trusteeship Committee action on Southwest Africa.

By the Associated Press  
 PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—A handwriting expert today has the job of comparing the signature of a National Professional Football League player contract with one on a check turned up as evidence by a grand jury in its investigation of police graft.

The two items were handed to an expert for a professional opinion yesterday after Bert Bell, president of the league, and jurors agreed the two documents, bearing the same name, were not signed by the same person.

The name in question was not revealed.

Mr. Bell met with Assistant District Attorney William J. Woolston, and Judge Edwin O. Lewis after Mr. Woolston announced he believed the check was part of a link between Philadelphia and a national gambling syndicate.

The check, dated 1949, was issued by a Philadelphia bank on the request of the Real Estate Trust Co. of Philadelphia. It was for a four-figure sum and was one of "20 or 30" made out by the same person over a three-year period, jury agents found.

Mr. Bell told Mr. Woolston the player whose name is the same as the person who indorsed the check was not under contract to a National Football League team when the check was drawn.

Mr. Woolston said it would be unfair to say the name (on the check) is that of a football player. "It's just the same name," he added.

## Boy Doomed to Total Blindness D. C. Businessman Cheered by Early Christmas Operation on Girl, 20

By the Associated Press  
 WOODWARD, Okla., Dec. 13.—Little Vernie Smith, whose plight touched the heart of America, today is doomed to a life of blindness.

The chubby 2-year-old lad will lose his one good eye. It is cancerous, and must be removed to save his life. The disease cost him his other eye last February.

Doctors told his parents yesterday his sight could not be saved.

Anticipating such a verdict, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith last Sunday staged an early Christmas party—the last he would ever see. December 25, they feared, would be too late to display for him the colorful decorations, toys and goodies, which next year would be only a memory.

What he wanted to see most of all was "a jeep that really runs." Stories of his simple wish struck a sympathetic chord all over the country. Not only did he receive a jeep that runs—and scores of toy ones—but also a tide of other gifts poured into the modest Smith household.

The Smiths were overwhelmed, especially by the visit of 500 townsfolk during the day-long party—and by the special prayer services by all Woodward churches.

A Calvert County jury, after deliberating one hour and 15 minutes, held that Auchincloss, 40, committed the act September 15 in a house at North Beach, the Chesapeake Bay resort a few miles from here.

Defense Attorney A. Gwynn Bowie moved for a new trial and asked that the defendant be released under bond pending argument on the motion. Chief Judge John B. Gray, Jr., agreed and set sheerness nylon stocking in the bail at \$4,000.

The girl testified that Auchincloss performed the operation for denier stocking, weighing 5 grams and made of a nylon thread 100 miles long, will cost about \$4.25 by police. She identified the pair. They have not yet gone on the market commercially.

Auchincloss denied the charge.

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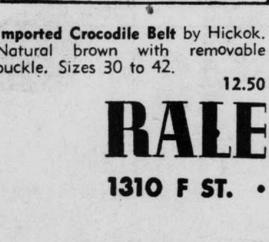
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