

What Europe Wants  
An exiled Czech tells what the subjected Eastern Europeans want and what the U.S. government is doing about it. Pearson's guest columnist on today's editorial page. Turn to page 12A.

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# RUSSIA MAY QUIT PACT MEET

Gromyko Didn't Appreciate Congressman's Map Of Russia



Rep. O. K. Armstrong of Missouri leans over Soviet Delegate S. A. Golunsky to hand Andrei Gromyko a map of Russia. He called it "a document map of forced labor camps in Soviet Russia". The Soviet deputy foreign minister quickly handed it to Golun-



sky who threw it to the floor at the feet of a military policeman. The by-play happened yesterday afternoon at the Japanese Peace Conference in the San Francisco Opera House. (Acme Telephotos)

## Soviets First To Arrive For Session

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Andrei Gromyko and his Russian delegation, center of speculation concerning a possible walkout, were the first to arrive for today's sixth working session of the Japanese peace conference, which opened at 10:12 A. M. (12:12 P. M. EST).

A strong police escort with screaming sirens accompanied the Russian limousines. This lent some color to a report that local White (anti-Communist) Russians had plotted to assassinate Gromyko through a fake motor accident on his way in from suburban Hillsborough this morning.

Gromyko appeared calm and cool in a gray business suit.

Less than one-fourth of the 52 national delegations were in the San Francisco Opera House at 10:12 A. M. (12:12 P. M. EST) opening time.

Second to arrive was Ethiopia's two-man team, followed by the Japanese, minus Premier Shigeru Yoshida.

The opening was the tardiest since working sessions began Wednesday, Percy C. Spencer of Australia was presiding.

The heavily increased police escort, spreading to 70 miles an hour, led the Russians' cars into the path of oncoming traffic, which was cleared by sirens, and made it possible for them to pass.

The truck had overturned some time before the Russians reached the place.

The accident occurred within hours after the FBI had heard a report that an attempt would be made to assassinate the Russian deputy foreign minister as he drove to the conference on the eve of the session of the Japanese peace treaty.

The truck would smash into Gromyko's car in an apparent accident.

As a result of the FBI report,

the opening was delayed at the last moment.

Of the delegations that took a stand through yesterday, only two—Russia and Czechoslovakia—denounced the treaty.

At least 22 more were scheduled to take their own positions today. Only Red Poland was due to join the dissenters. India, whose position had been in doubt, decided at the last moment.

Czechoslovakia picked up the Soviet refutation yesterday. But the Czech deputy foreign minister, Dr. Dr. Vojtech Svarc, was unable to match the vituperation lashed off the day before by Russia's Andrei Gromyko.

FRANCE RAPS REDS

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman told the Communists in position. "We want peace," he said, but "whatever we undertake, our intentions are systematically misinterpreted by the press."

The possibility of a Russian walkout hung over the conference.

Predictions of a Russian walkout came both from Ambassador John Foster Dulles, U. S. State Dept. delegate, and Sen. Bridges (D-NH), an observer.

Dulles said in a radio interview last night he doubted that the Russians would sign the treaty "and they won't want to be spectators to the signing."

Bridges said he picked up his information from a foreign delegation, which he accepted as reliable. He expressed hope the report was not true because the Communists "have played the game of peace and friendship with the peace of the world long enough."

SIGN TOMORROW

The treaty is scheduled to be signed tomorrow. Late this afternoon Poland's Stefan Wierzbowski is listed to speak.

There is no reason to believe he would depart from the line taken by Gromyko Wednesday and by Dr. Gertude Skelenina of Czechoslovakia yesterday. Both indicated they would be willing to take part in the peace making and that the American-British sponsored treaty "is publicly endorsed by many, if not all, delegations."

Representatives of 21 countries are listed definitely to present today's sessions.

Wierzbowski was certain to present.

Indonesia is the eleventh hour decider to sign the treaty, removing the last delegation from the doubtful category. A dispatch from Jakarta said Indonesia's Foreign Minister said the Government decided by a narrow margin to sign.

With Indonesia joining the majority, there is a solid line-up of 45 of 51 nations committed to the treaty with Japan as against Russia's three-nation minority.

This likely will be the last ordinary-filled day of the meeting. Sec-

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## Rescued UN Unit Hits Back At Reds

Allied Troops Fight Out Of Enemy Circle

Communists May Launch Big Drive

By JOHN RANDOLPH

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea.—(P)—Allied troops drove Chinese Communists off two hills in Korea, the second in the war, on the western front where Reds earlier encircled two United Nations outposts.

The surrounded units fought it out. One immediately counter-attacked.

A front line dispatch reported two companies of Reds had been driven off with the loss of 100 men, and the Allies blasted them with tank and artillery. The recaptured knoll is northwest of Yonchon, which is seven miles north of the 38th Parallel.

Farther north U. N. infantrymen won a second hill after three hours of close fighting.

Reds fought and attacked all along the western ridge of the front in actions that had the earmarks of a prelude to a new offensive.

In the mountainous east, stiffening resistance checked two attacks by U. S. Second Division infantry.

Second Division troops were engaged in a pitched battle with Red after Red ridge of Yonchon. A Second Division assault on another hill was stalled by fiercely resisting Reds.

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### OUR WEATHER

Fair and warm today. Fair and little temperature change tonight. High 86 degrees.

Highest yesterday 86 degrees.

Lowest this morning 71 degrees.

Sunrise, 6 A. M.; sunset, 6:42 P. M.

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Communist units (white arrows) supported by tanks opened up surprise attacks in the Imjin valley (shaded area), threatening to encircle UN troops before UN planes helped free them. Allied troops, with tanks and artillery, recaptured the hill, driving off the Communists. UN units escape from Red trap.

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### Red Notes Reject UN Denials

TOKYO (P)—New Communist notes swirled today in the brimming cauldron of wasted words: peace in Korea as Red as a rose.

Red China's Peiping radio broadcast two new messages from North Korean Lt. Gen. Na Il senior Red delegate, to Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, top U. N. negotiator.

Both notes rejected Joy's three Red answers to Gen. Matthew B. denials Tuesday of Red charges.

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