

# The World Today: Big Four Meet Proves Nothing Except Manners

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WASHINGTON.—The world would like to think, because this may have been the last big chance for peace that the Geneva conference was a success and that God will come to it. And maybe it will.

But the realistic fact is that the Big Four meeting so far has proved nothing except that men who have been in conflict a long time can be polite when they meet together, if they have a mind to.

The test of the worth of the conference is in the future when the big powers have things to do something—by agreement and concession—about what they only talked of in Switzerland.

There were no tangible deals at Geneva. Nothing was settled. Nothing was solved. This was neither disappointment nor a surprise.

The Big Four indicated beforehand they expected no final solutions in Switzerland.

Their proclaimed purpose in meeting was to look for a path to peace through the relationship established at Geneva. Any settlement flowing from that relationship would have to be made later.

All last week the words which poured out of Geneva reflected almost astonishment that President Eisenhower and the Prime Ministers, Eden of Britain, de Gaulle of France and Bulganin of Russia, got along as well as they did.

It would have been more astonishing if they didn't. Even if their purpose in going to Geneva had been instead of good, all four men would have had to wear their best Sunday manners anyway.

Anyone who acted ugly would have appeared to the world as an enemy of mankind. And in the end world opinion, and even opinion in their own countries, may tip the scales between the West and Russia.

Eisenhower publicly acknowledged that the test of the conference was not in Geneva but in the future.

So the Big Four who didn't expect to solve their problems in Geneva, and didn't, dumped them back on the laps of their foreign ministers who have been wrestling them over the same problems for years.

They may go on wrangling for years over the big ones, like the unification of Germany and a security pact for Europe, unless, as a result of Geneva, the big powers have decided to reach agreement.

That almost certainly would require concessions on both sides. More likely any good results from Geneva will be far less sensational and quicker taking the form of agreements on smaller problems.

In time, perhaps a long time, smaller agreements might lead to big ones.

## Mrs. McCleskey Buried Today

MOULTON (Special) — Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie McCleskey, 67, Moulton, R. 2, were held at 3 p. m. today at Antioch Methodist church with Rev. E. B. McCleskey and Rev. John Taylor conducting.

Mrs. McCleskey, who was a lifelong Lawrence Countian, died at 1:40 a. m. Sunday at her home following a three year illness. She was a member of the Antioch Methodist church.

Surviving are her husband, F. L. McCleskey, two daughters, Mrs. Geneva Appleton, and Mrs. Corinne McCleskey, both of Moulton, R. 2; two sisters, Mrs. T. W. Coffey, and Mrs. Emmitt Minor, both of Decatur; one brother, Charlie Crow, Moulton, R. 4; and five grandchildren.

Burial was made in Red Hill Cemetery with Brown of Moulton directing.

Palbearers were J. W. Gooden, Sam Minor, Sullivan Crow, Junior Jacobs, Rudolph Tubb, and Ira Bailey.

## Sheffield Man's Father Dies in England Sunday

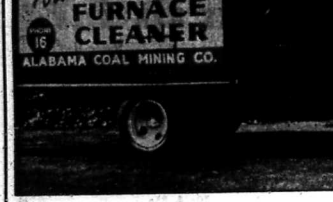
Robert James Diggle, 53, father of Fred J. Diggle of Sheffield, died Sunday at 11:30 a. m. in Manchester, England, Sunday after a lingering illness.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Survivors include his son and three grandsons, George Diggle, Robert Diggle and Fred J. Diggle, Jr., all of Sheffield.

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REMEMBER BEING A SLAVE—Kit Butler (above) Center Star Negro, who says he's "round 104 years old," still has a remarkable memory of what life was like for a slave, the War Between the States and the freeing of his people.

## Kit Can Remember: Killen Negro, "Round 104," Was Once Slave

By MARTHA VAN BIBBER

Kit Butler, Lauderdale County Negro, who lives at Center Star can remember the time when he was a slave.

The aged Negro, who says that he is "round 104 years old," still has a remarkable memory of what life was like for a slave, the War Between the States, and the freeing of his people.

Kit was born in Marengo County, Alabama, a slave and was owned by Martin Butler, a plantation owner, until the Emancipation Proclamation.

"Kit" says he doesn't remember how old he was when his owner took the slaves and left Marengo County and moved to Clarke County, Ala., to a place near Quitman because of the "free government land" there.

"After we'd at Quitman, Mr. Butler took us and went to some place on the Mississippi River. I remember 'de smokers loading' the canners and the smoke coming from them," Kit declares.

"One time 'Ise choppin' corn in 'May by 'de road and a bunch of Yankee soldiers come by and run to 'de bottom and hid. My mama had 'em 'dat they'd 'take 'em and we didn't open 'em and they'd kick 'em down and take off what they wanted. But they never did harm none of us."

Kit said that the plantation that he lived on during the War was the farm on which he and his family were taken to in 1862 when the Yankees would come up to the house and we didn't open 'em and they'd kick 'em down and take off what they wanted. But they never did harm none of us."

He also said that Mr. Butler never did fight for nobody.

"The Rebel soldiers would come to concert 'dat'll him but he'd hide out in 'de swamp. No, he never did catch him—'he's too sharp," Kit said laughingly.

Kit says that the reason he doesn't know exactly how old he is because he doesn't keep his own birthday. The white folks was the only ones who had learnin' and they'd give 'em time. The 'po white folks wasn't much better off 'dat our niggers."

Kit says that he came to Lauderdale County in 1866. "When we came, Tusculum was 'bout a little town, Sheffield was 'sage patch, and Florence wasn't much better."

When he said his family crossed the Tennessee River, Kit says they 'to use a fern 'cause the South had burned the bridge to keep the Yankees from crossin' it. But that didn't do no good—'t crossed it anyway."

In regard to his childhood Kit says, "Folks back in them days didn't let a chap get grown before they put him to work. Sometimes a little 'nigger boy handle would be too long, but that was all right, 'he'd grow anyway."

He also said that he "never went to school much. Back in the old days they only had school from July to September and I only went 'bout 'two terms."

Kit said that his grandmother, whose name was Sabar Ann, came from Antica.

Kit moved to Center Star in 1872 where he has been since. For the last 25 years or so he has worked as a field hand and a handman.

Despite the years and hard work, Kit is still quick-minded and has remarkable sense of humor. His long-hand hands and lined face echo his words, "I been in this world a long time."

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## Dixie Demos Save the Day For Ike, GOP

By CONGRESSMAN THOMAS G. ABERNETHY

As this Congress gears up for adjournment, one is reminded that in a political speech last fall the President charged that election of the Democratic Congress would precipitate a cold war between the Executive and Legislative branches. He argued that a government divide between the Executive and Legislative branches would be a national disaster and that nothing would be accomplished.

Many Democrats were incensed and rightly so. Some still hold it against him even though he had admitted his statement was too strong and as much as an apology for it. It must be remembered that the statement was made at the Roosevelt, Okla., one brother, Ira Tempers were hot. Charges were flying. Partisans were all worked up. Although the President is widely credited as not being worked up by partisanship, actually he is truly as true as his speech proved.

As a loyal, devoted Republican, I am sure his politics are sound and behind a winning smile, much as he is another people's President. Of course, he wanted his party to win and went about with every possible political maneuver, including his long-borne desire to see the President.

True it is that all of the President's program has not been remembered.

He would that we have expected as much even from a Republican.

It is not, many highly regarded Republicans, that the country, since it is not. Many highly regarded Republicans, that the country, since it is not. Many highly regarded Republicans, that the country, since it is not.

## O. Hamilton Dies Sunday

John O. Hamilton, 68, of 1410 25th St., Sheffield, died at his residence Sunday afternoon at 4:45 after an illness of eight years.

Mr. Hamilton was a barber, a member of the First Baptist Church of Sheffield, and a native of Adamsville, Tenn. Mr. Hamilton had been a resident of Sheffield for 47 years.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10:30 at the Brown Service Chapel in Tusculum with Rev. N. R. Hays officiating.

Burial will follow in Adamsville, Tenn., with grave side services.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mary Hays Hamilton; two daughters, Miss Orpha Hamilton, Jackson, Tenn., and Mrs. S. S. Rhodes, Hason Rouge, La.; one son, J. C. Hamilton, Selma, Tenn.; three sons-in-law, Mrs. Anne Foster, Adamsville, Tenn.; Mrs. Bessie Carroll, Portersville, Calif.; and Mrs. Minnie Hopkins, Hamilton, Greerwood, Okla.

Step-daughters are Mrs. Eva Hayes Deaton, Decatur; and eight grandchildren.

Palbearers will be Joe M. Stuts, Bob Hancock, Charles Armer, Walter Peeden, H. D. Kenner, and J. H. Hardy.

Honorary palbearers will be Sam Birdsong, Billy Doss, Horace Sartin, J. O. Lambert and the members of the Barber's Union.

Brown Service of Tusculum is in charge of arrangements.

## Ex-POW Acquired Of Bragg

FT BRAGG, N. C. (P-A) Ft Bragg sergeant charged with aiding the enemy while a prisoner of war in Korea was acquitted here Saturday on the two remaining counts against him.

When the general court-martial opened last week, Sgt. John L. Tyler, 34, of Mountainville, N. C., was charged on nine counts of collaboration.

The major charge of collaboration against Tyler, a POW from June 1951 to August 1953, was dismissed when the trial opened. Two other charges were dismissed because of lack of evidence. The trial officer, Maj. C. E. Newell directed a verdict of innocent Saturday for the remaining charges against Tyler, writing pro-communist articles, attempting to convert fellow prisoners to communism, circulating false reports, and informing on fellow prisoners who were planning an escape.

## Pair Arrested At Franklin Still

RUSSELLVILLE (Special)—Two still operators, a 600-gallon metal mill and copper driers and 10 gallons of the finished product were captured there this morning by Franklin County sheriff and his deputies.

Sheriff J. Strat Barr and Deputy Sheriff H. D. Kenner, who surprised Wiley Keaton, 40 and Orion McCaughy, 46 at a still located one mile off Pleasant Hill and the Pogo Road at an early hour Saturday.

The still was dismantled and Keaton and McCaughy were placed in the Franklin County Jail.

At a pretime they had been unable to post bond.

## Television Actors Vote To Strike

HOLLYWOOD.—A strike against the nation's television film producers was authorized last night by a unanimous vote of about 2,000 Hollywood actors and actresses.

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## Canadian Air Cools East

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Northern and eastern United States welcomed its cheapest import from Canada — cool air.

The vast mass which lowered temperatures as much as 15 degrees rolled southward early today after bringing respite from some 10 days of 80-degree weather to New England, the Middle Atlantic Coast, the Great Lakes and northern Ohio-Valley region.

Received southerly winds, however, brought a new warming trend to the upper Mississippi Valley and Northern Plains, but farther to the west, the Great Basin area had cooler and showery weather.

The breakup of the heat wave, which began late Saturday, was accompanied in many places by violent storms. Two tornadoes were reported in Missouri Saturday night, and severe thunderstorms struck Chicago and St. Louis. There was little damage and no reported casualties.

Temperatures early today generally were in the 60s along the West Coast, in the Great Basin, and from the Great Lakes eastward to the Atlantic Coast. Elsewhere readings were in the 70s.

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## Cordell Hull's Passing Top Weekend Death

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DALLAS, Tex. — Miss Margo E. Rowland, 28, secretary of state for more than 11 years under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, 24 years a member of Congress, former legislator and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize winner, Born in what is now Pickens County, Tenn. Died Saturday.

CORONADO, Calif. — Vice Admiral Alva D. Bernardus, U.S.N., retired, 69, World War II air commander in the Pacific, died yesterday.

PRINCETON, N. J. — Dr. Charles F. W. McClure, 61, zoology professor and founder of the Peabody Museum of Comparative Anatomy, member of the relief expedition in 1926 which brought back the first news of North Pole explorer Robert F. Pennington from Cambridge, Mass. Died Saturday.

TEHRAN, Iran.—Ahmed Qavam, 58, Iranian premier, died Saturday.

SUMMERVILLE, S. C. — Glenn H. Allan, 35, author and former newspaperman. Born in Charleston, S. C. Died Saturday.

LOS ANGELES — Vernon Steele, 72, retired British state and movie actor, founder and leader of Greece Communist party. Died Saturday.

LYNCHBURG, Va. — Miss Elvira Henry Miller, 104, great-granddaughter of Patrick Henry. Born at Red Hill, Va. Died yesterday.

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Guy A. Humphreys, 61, chairman of Southeastern Greyhound Lines and one of the firm's organizers. Died Saturday.

To Urgent Soviet Attache in Embassy

AMES, Iowa (AP)—Vladimir Matkevich, Soviet acting minister of agriculture, said here he's going to press the Soviet government to insist on regular agricultural contacts to the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

The task of this representative, if he is sent, will be to keep Russian farm authorities informed on American farm progress.

"Our dignitary," declared Matkevich last night with a touch of humor, "are too much occupied with talk. We consider it our duty to help pull them down closer to the earth."

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