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POKER AT PARIS

GYBINGS — and by that we mean the prospect of peace through a settlement of the economic and political problems of Germany—are not going so well with the Foreign Ministers in Paris. But they were not expected to.

That green bake table in a chamber on the second floor of the Palls Rose has turned into an international poker table at which Mr. Vishinsky is playing stud, and the Messra. Acheson, Bevin and Schuman are playing draw.

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are playing draw.

They just can't get together.

The West — the United States, Britain and France—wants these things:

(1) Russian sone alliance with the West German state under the Bonn constitution, which guarantees free elections and other items with a democratic tinge.

(2) A four-power rule of Germany, with Germans operating their own government under the authority of a velo-less council of Russia, Britain, France and the U. S.

(3) End of military government of Germans.

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(f) End of military government of Ger-many-in both Bast and west-with all power rested in the four-power rule.

The West won't get Russian, agreement of this program, but it doesn't sixtually ex-pect to. The Western Ministers say the Russians called the meeting to hear what the West had to offer. This says the West, is what it has to offer-and, in effect, the Boriets can take it or leave it.

Russia, on the other hand, also has a lew things it would like to see come to pass in Germany:

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(1) A four-power rule of Germany, with
unanimous decision necessary on any
natter before the high commission may
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take action.

(2) An all-German "central body" to exercise economic and administrative functions for all zones of Germany: It would be controlled by the four-power group.

(3) Russian participation in control of

the Ruhr, most potent German industrial

area.

(4) Continuance of a reparations policy, under which Russia gets \$10 billion in the form of current industrial production.

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The West said "No" to the Soviet proposals.

Particularly repugnant to the West was the Rustian plan Sourpower culture that a velo portion. The West indicated, that it did not not source the result point that the U. 8.] Britain and France are diplomatically early and France are diplomatically early end to the velo. S. Iunda, and that the U. 8.] Britain and France are diplomatically early end of the velo. S. Iunda, and that its one view-point would be granted three votes while Russia had but one. Russia could, and would, be outvoted on every disputed issue.

The velo, of course, is the crux of the German problem. If the Russians were to agree to its exclusion from four-power control, it is probable that a solution would be reached.

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It is possible—not likely, but possible—that Russia will agree to a veto-less four-power control of a unified Germany. That will depend on flow eager the Soviets are to get their irons out of the European fire so as to but their major effort into Asia, where Communism is as much in the ascendancy as Western sympathy is in Europe.

Europe.

The sympathy is the support of the sympathy is in fact, boroniar should undershall be a solution in Germany is. In fact, boroniar should undershall plane the Allantic Park has contributed to this and so has the Marshall Plan Discord within the Soviet orbit has been partially responsible. Regardless of the causes, Russia is now participating—for the first time—in a Foreign Ministers meeting with its back to the wall; for the first time it is not a question of whether Russian expansion in Europe can be stopped (if has been) but whether the Soviets will be able to hang on to what they have:

Finally, however, the union and the company agreed to submit the question to a three-man arbitration board, and the com-pany agreed to rescind its disciplinary action against 35 employees.

Reuther admitted the agreement "does not resolve all the problems discussed in the negotiations, but it does mean impor-tant gains in ground rules." And Thomas Thompson, president of Local 600 of the United Automobile Workers, said. "I wish I could say a great victory is ours, but un-fortunately I can't."

The tragic thing is that the tremendous Ine tragic thing is that the fremendous losses in wages and production were all so unnecessary, and could have been eliminated had the union leaders and the company officials reached their agreement before the workers were called off their jobs.

ALL LOSS AND NO GAIN

IT is virtually impossible to measure the total cost of a major industrial work stoppage. Lost wages and lost production can be tailled, but there is no way to trace the dislocation which branches out into our configer national economy estimates the cost of the 24-day Ford Motor Company strike at \$77 million follars, based on Ford's daily pay roll and its daily production. But 8 preserves at \$77 million follars, based on Ford's daily pay roll and its daily production. But 8 preserves have been on attempt to figure the additional millions lost through layoffs in supplier plants, losses to producers of raw materials, to dealers, etc.

Was it worth 17 it doesn't appear so.

TWO-EDGED WEAPON

SINATORS from the cotton states who fought so realously to preserve the fill-basic as a first source as foliage out that their cherished weapon is a two-edged affair.

Southern Senators are virtually unanimous in their support of legislation to remove discriminatory taxes and restrictions from oleomargarine. A measure to accomplish just that sailed through the House over two months ago with a 287-89 vote and came to real out the jampacked Senate calendar.

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The Southerners would like to get the measure on the floor, but Administration leaders, working against time in an effort to clear away some of the legislative log-jam, are cool to the idea. They have been

warned by Senators from the dairy interest states that any effort to pass the oleo leg-sislation at this time will bring on long-tedious debate and tortuous parliamentary maneuvers which would cause the Senate to bog down hopelessly.

From The Winston-Salem Sentinel

TEEN-AGE DRIVERS

THE Winston-Salem police, especially I those officers whose responsibility is traffic safety, think you should read the highlights contained in an article in the current issue of Collier's magazine, titled "Kid Killers At the Wheel."
Winston-Salem people have been made dramatically and tragically aware of the danger on our streets because of teen-age drivers. That is the reason Sergeant Milton Byrd of the local traffic department called attention to the magazine's warning. Winston-Salem youth contributed substantially to the death toil last year. There were severs deaths from automobile accidents cocurring within the city limits; six of those seven people were under 25 years old. Of 245 people injured in traffic accidents, 111 were under 25. A total of 1.385 drivers were involved in automobile

seents, 111 were under 25. A total of 1,365
drivers were involved in automobile accidents in the Twin City, and 420 of that
number were also under 25.
As Ralph Wallace, author of the Collier's
article states, the problem of irresponsible
youthful mofbrists must be attacked on
there general fronts:

1. Sound driving educational programs in

e schools.

2. Stricter police enforcement and strict-

2. Stricter police enforcement and structure license requirements.

3. Parents should set good examples and also teach their sons and daughters to frive correctly.

This school-police-home program is practiced in Winston-Salem. Driving safety

is being taught in the high schools, and police officers actually train students to

police officers actually train students to drive automobiles carefully. The program here call for 45 hours of instruction, fli-teen hours actually at the driving wheel and 30 additional hours in an automobile, observing ether drivers. For the safety of all of us, as well as for the safety of the youth of the community, the driving and traffic safety courses should be continued in the schools. Parents and others must set examples in careful driving for the impressionable and imma-ture.

The Westerner's feat of keeping two wives for years in households a few blocks apart utterly astionds the average man who can't remember what he told one wife the last time he stayed out too late. —

Jackson (Mts.) Daily Ness.

The week-end just past was a quiet af-fair. We asked-Sheriff Jim Bassett if any-thing of interest had transpired, Monday morning. "Yes." replied Jim. "The tele-phone at the jail rang once. It was some-body that had the wrong number."—Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

Nothing To Lose



People's Platform

Sales Tax Removal Urged

ASHEVILLE and unministable tentingers may be given. There is no other presching; no other message, worth the time and effort.

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Story Draws Praise

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CHAS. H. STONE.

Supports Bond Issues

Convention Coverage

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Wilst, to express our appreciation on behalf of the North Carolina State Council, Knights of Columbus and our local council, Charlotte Council No. 776. For Convention held at the Selvan Hotel on Man Convention held of the Man Convention held

Days Of Apostasy CHARLOTTE

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-A. J. THORNHILL, American Cancer Society

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Editors. The News:

I HAVE a letter giving the constituency of the recent
Recoeveil election in New York City. I thought you
might be giverested in reading its so I am copyring
the constituence which Mr. Recoeveil will reprecent in Congress is composed of several groups.
Only a relatively small segment of the district is in
The constituence which Mr. Recoeveil groups.
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the low income groups. Organized labor is
quite a forceful factor.

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James Marlow

Head-On Collision

THE FIGHT between David E.
Lulienthal, chairman of the
Atomic Energy Commission, and

This is no peanut fight. It has now become one of the most bit-ter, wide-open quarrels in recent washington history. It revolves around the whole atomic energy program and the way it's being handled.

Hickenlooper started it by at-tacking Lilienthal making charges, urging he be fired. Now Lilienthal wants to fight it to a finish, has attacked Hickenlooper, and de-mands he put up or shut up.

Lilienthal-

It ian't very often that a placed public official takes o gloves as completely as Lili has now done and publicly to take the skin off a United Senator.

DeWitt MacKenzie

Britain Levels Off

TERRIFIC TAXES

BETTER ENGLISH

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Congressman Would Like To Be Admiral

1. Congressman Jimmy Van Zandt, Pennsylvania Republican, who charges politics in B-36 contracts is a Naval Reserve captain with a great yen to become an admiral. He serve captain with a great yen to become an admiral. He serve captain with a great year to be served to be a served and the part of the process of the proce

against Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson and the, Air Porce.
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DUBLIC memory is short. It was only fifteen years ago

that Burdette Wright, vice-president of Gurtis-Wright

Avaising Co., conducted such as satule and successful obby

Avaising the Army to accept airplanes with a shorter

crusting radius.

Vitamin Pills For Congress

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He is Dudley J. Le Blanc, who not only is president pro tem of the State Senate but also happens to head the Le Blanc Corp, which produces Hadaco vitamins.

Along with a complimentary bottle of vitamins for each member of Courgress, Le Blanc enclosed a note of