

# Memories Of Versailles Treaty Is Invoked In Geneva Warning

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The memory of the Versailles Treaty was invoked at Geneva in warnings that a divided Germany will lead to a new world war.

It was a week of marathon speech-making at the Big Four foreign ministers' conference, with hundreds of reporters from around the world chronicling the diplomatic — and propaganda — battle. The issue of a subsequent summit meeting, demanded by

Russia, was still in doubt. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko urged that the United States, Britain and France drop their drive to reunite Germany and accept a Soviet blueprint for a peace treaty with each of the Germany states, East and West. State Secretary Christian Herter of the United States accused Russia of seeking a permanent division of Germany and British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd

said Russia wants the "enforced neutrality" of the divided country.

Lloyd, with French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville speaking in similar terms, declared: "What the Soviet government is doing in effect is to show that they wish to impose terms on Germany as was done at Versailles."

The treaty, ending the First World War, imposed harsh terms on Germany and has often been blamed for the rise of Hitler, who repudiated the treaty in his march to a new world conflict.

**GENERAL POSITIONS**

The Geneva debate made no significant change in the East-West deadlock, whose central point was that the Soviet Union wants to sign an immediate peace treaty with East and West Germany while the Western powers insist Germany must first be unified.

The West's package plan called for a four-phase program aimed at unifying first Berlin and then Germany by free elections and creating conditions for European security.

Country-wide elections would be held within 2½ years and until

then the Big Four powers would retain the right of stationing troops in Germany. A peace would follow.

The Russian spokesman objected to the entire concept of linking Berlin, reunification and European security.

The Western spokesmen, on the other hand, fear that the Soviet plan is designed to perpetuate the division of Germany, subject West Berlin to endless pressure and endanger Western security by undermining Western Germany.

**MENZIES VISIT**

Prime Minister Menzies of Australia and his wife, Dame Pettie Menzies, arrived in Ottawa Wednesday night in the course of a leisurely round-the-world tour.

The 64-year-old Australian government chief held private talks with Prime Minister Diefenbaker on Southeast Asia problems and East-West relations. Later, in meeting reporters, he said his country's relations with Japan are "astonishingly good" despite the Second World War.

"I don't suppose any country ever hated another as we did Japan," he said. "That's over now. It's very important that Japan should be strong economically and not pass into the Soviet orbit."

The Menzies went on to Washington Friday.

**OAKES CASE**

The House of Assembly of the Bahamas passed a resolution asking that Scotland Yard reopen the investigation of the brutal slaying of Canadian mining millionaire Sir Harry Oakes in 1943.

Cyril Stevenson, editor of the Nassau Herald and a member of the assembly, moved for another look into the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of Sir Harry, who was bludgeoned to death in his home in the Crown colony.

Raymond Schindler, a new York detective who figured in the original investigation, was reported to have new information that might turn up the killer. In New York Schindler said he has no new evidence but he thinks it would be a good idea to reopen the case.

Count Alfred de Marigny, husband of Sir Harry's daughter,

Manny, was tried on a murder charge after the killing and was acquitted.

**ARGENTINE RIOT**

Violence flared anew in Argentina, which has been repeatedly astir since the overthrow of dictator Juan Peron in 1955.

Some 300 strikers were arrested after thousands of rioters and police turned downtown Buenos Aires into a battlefield. Violence erupted when bank clerks striking for higher wages demonstrated.

President Sukarno of Indonesia, visiting Buenos Aires, was caught pressed around the open car carrying anti-government slogans in the melee, when strikers shouting him to an interview with President Arturo Frondizi. He was unharmed.

A different kind of riot broke out in Brazil, when Rio de Janeiro commuters stranded by sudden ferryboat strike burned a ferry terminal and battled police. The government said one person was killed and many wounded when marines, called in to help police quell the disturbance, fired into the mob.

**FLOOD TOLL**

Torrential rains brought disaster to South Africa's coastal region of Natal and Cape Province. It was predicted that the death toll, past 60, would reach 75.

Planes flew supplies to marooned townships and helicopters assisted in rescue work. Mass inoculations as a precaution against typhoid fever were started.

Engineers worked desperately to restore flood-damaged pipelines at Port Shepstone, where the water supply was cut off, leaving the town dependent on a few local reservoirs holding only a few thousand gallons.

**RACIAL TIDBITS**

Racial troubles were pointed up in a couple of off-beat items.

In Nkola, Northern Rhodesia, a group of Negroes made the rounds of hotels, restaurants and other public establishments to test the trend toward "racial partnership," which whites claim will be the basic principle of an independent central African federation.

One restaurant charged \$14 for a cup of tea. Other establish-

ments turned the black customers away.

And in Montgomery, Ala., a children's book about a white rabbit marrying a black rabbit was withdrawn from general public library circulation after complaints that it showed pro-integration views.

**HERE AND THERE**

Albert Victor, 40-year-old Negro field hand, shot and killed a white woman at Lafayette, La., and then killed two policemen before he was shot to death.

Mrs Harry S. Truman, 74, wife of the former U.S. president, was operated on successfully for a breast tumor on the same day that her second grandchild was born.

President Eisenhower conferred the Medal of Freedom, highest U.S. award to civilians, on former state secretary John Foster Dulles, fading from cancer.

An explosion killed five men who were cleaning a seaplane at Baltimore. In New York, a man killed himself by pulling a transparent plastic bag over his head.

## Actors Picked For Stratford

TORONTO (CP)—Three young Dominion Drama Festival finalists, Claude Brabant and Paul Davis of Montreal, and Dan MacDonald of Halifax will be home just long enough to pack their bags for a summer at the Stratford, Ont., Shakespearean festival.

They were chosen by adjudicator Michel S. Denis from 120 participants at the DD Finals last week in Toronto. Sunday they signed contracts to appear as apprentices at Stratford.

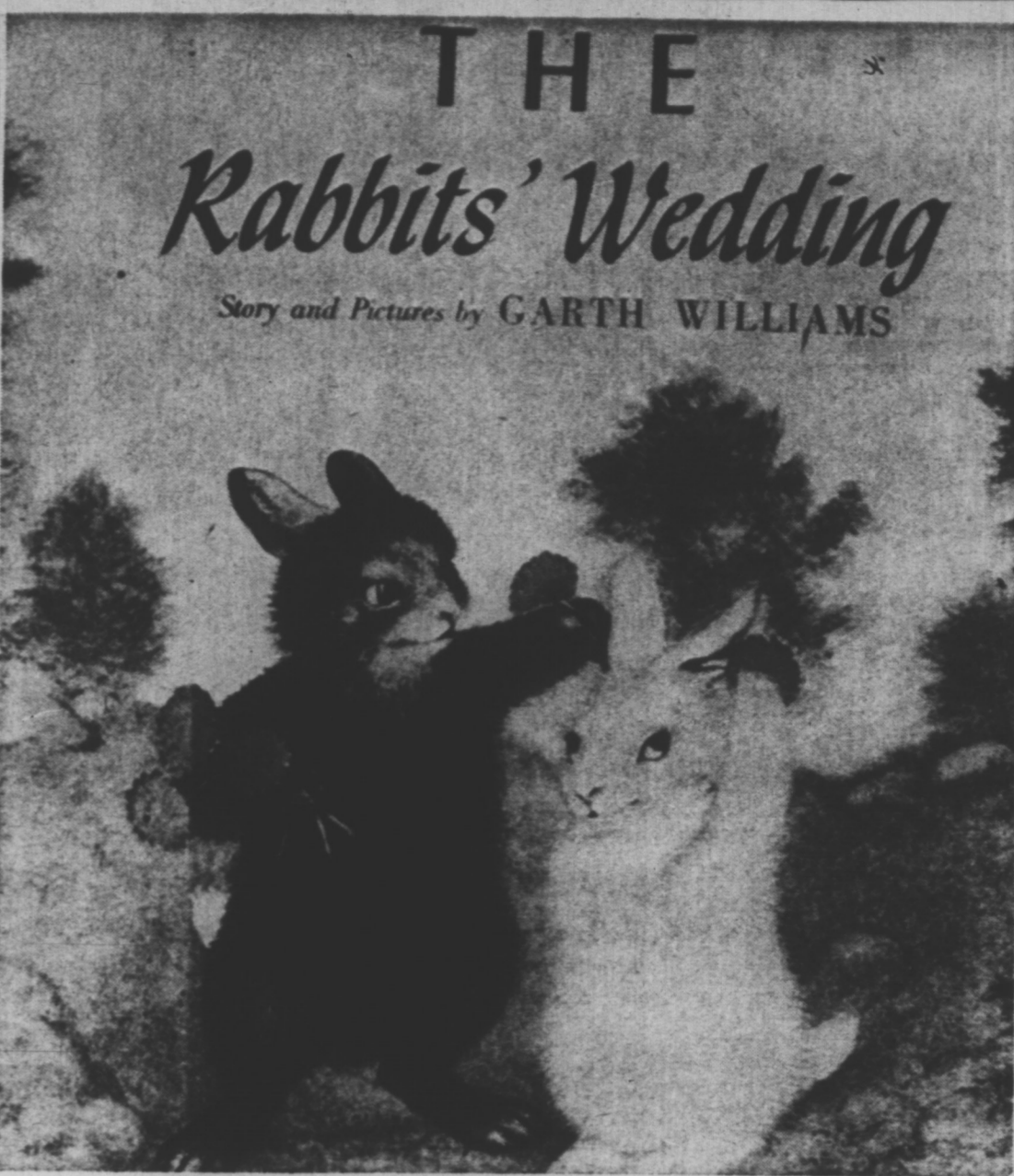
Twenty-two-year-old Miss Brabant was the DDF winner of the best actress award. She appeared with L'Atelier du Proscenium in its presentation of *Citimes du Devoir*. For the last year she has been doing television work and teaching french diction at a girls' school in Montreal.

Paul Davis, 24, is also a singer and has made a recording of a French Canadian song. He has appeared on CBC television from Montreal.

Dan MacDonald, 25, has done theatre work on both the east and west coasts of Canada. He toured British Columbia with the Holiday Theatre several years ago and is currently assistant dramatic advisor for the Nova Scotia department of education.

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**THE Rabbits' Wedding**  
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These are rabbits in controversy. This is the cover illustration of a book for children called "The Rabbits' Wedding" — about a white rabbit marrying a black rabbit — that has drawn protests in Alabama. The book is a story with pictures, by Garth Williams, published by Harper Brothers. The black and white rabbits here are pictured to illustrate a point in the story where it says "They picked dandelions and put them in their ears." (AP Wirephoto)

## 'Productive Negotiations' Is British Conference Aim

GENEVA (CP)—Britain last week pointed to areas of East-west agreement in an effort to steer foreign ministers meeting away from criticism of each other and on to productive negotiations.

But shortly after Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd spoke at the ninth session of the meeting, U.S. State Secretary Christian Herter and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko clashed again.

Gromyko, as he has in several recent sessions, accused NATO of preparing for aggression and said that West Germany is rearming for purposes of revenge.

Herter, in a brief reply, said all steps taken by the Western powers in the last 10 years were dictated by "ordinary prudence to protect themselves defensively . . . from tensions created—and created in many cases deliberately—by the Soviet government."

**COULD HAMPER EFFORTS**

He added that such baseless accusations could seriously hamper the ministers' efforts to reach agreements on world problems.

The clash came shortly before Herter served as host to Gromyko, Lloyd and France's Maurice Couve de Murville at dinner talks in his lakeside villa.

It was the first private get-together for the four foreign ministers since their talks on Berlin and Germany began May 11. There were hopes it might lead to a turning point in the deadlocked conference.

Lloyd was chairman of Thursday's session and he delivered a mildly-toned speech outlining some similar positions in both the East and West plans for the future of Germany and Berlin. He said:

"We agree on the need for German unity.

"We agree that, in some form there must be discussions between the two parts of Germany with regard to their electoral law.

**MUST BE TREATY**

"We agree that a peace treaty must at some stage be concluded with Germany; that is the professed purpose of both the Soviet plan and ours."

Russia, in its German settlement plan presented at an earlier session, called for an immediate peace treaty signed by the two German governments. The treaty would neutralize Germany and convert West Berlin into a demilitarized "free city."

The Western package places a peace treaty with a reunified Germany as the last of four stages. The first stage would be reunifying Berlin through free elections.

Lloyd listed three "positive requirements" in Gromyko's position:

1. Russia wants Germany reunified.
2. Russia is not opposed to free elections or plebiscites as such.
3. Article 22 of the Soviet-proposed peace treaty for Germany recognizes the need for the four powers to be associated with German reunification.

The main trouble, Lloyd said, is that Russia refuses to face the "reality" the West will not recognize East Germany's Communist regime.

**GROMYKO'S REPLY**

Gromyko, in reply to Lloyd, said he wondered how it was possible for the two sides to draw closer together. For its part, he said, the Soviet government had clearly set out its proposals.

As for elections to reunify Germany, he said these could be conducted better by the Germans than the four powers.

The French delegation obviously was pleased at the firm line Herter took with Gromyko Thursday.

Throughout the conference thus far the French, supported by the West Germans, have exhibited some concern lest the Americans and British take too soft and flexible an approach to the Russians.

Wilhelm Grewe of West Germany rejected Communist proposals for a confederation between East and West Germany. He said: "One cannot confederate a system of freedom with a system of bondage."

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