

FLASHES

In the garden of Number Ten the Prime Minister was host to Signor De Gasperi, newly re-elected Premier of Italy, *here on a 2-day visit.* Both statesmen have only slender majorities, but it was not to compare notes on parliamentary tactics that they met, but to discuss the forthcoming conference at Bermuda.

Korea: Up in flames went a United Nations fuel dump at Inchon. Bombing in this war has been almost a one-sided affair, but this time the Reds hit back with their biggest raid so far. There was no argument about it; it was an enemy hit right on the target. What a tragedy that with a truce almost in the bag Sygman Rhee's release of North Korean prisoners makes the fighting go on. How many miles-per-gallon went west here goodness only knows.

Bound for Korea a Globemaster crashed soon after taking off from Tachikawa, near Tokio. 129 men killed. Seven were the crew, the others soldiers returning to the front from leave. An engine failed just before the plane fell, ⁱⁿ ~~it was~~ the biggest disaster ~~of~~ aircraft history. All Globemasters in the Far East are now grounded pending investigation. ~~70 bodies were recovered, the rest were unrecognisably charred.~~

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GRIM CAMERA RECORD..... 129 LOST IN WORST AIR CRASH

A C-124 Globemaster with G.I.'s aboard, returning to Korea from leaves in Japan; an engine failure shortly after taking off from Tachikawa Airbase... and here's the awful result. Not until dawn can the wreckage be searched... and the dead removed... 129 dead, everyone aboard, the highest toll in aviation history. The transport was trying to get back to the airport when it crashed and exploded in a rice paddy.

According to reports, there have been other instances of engine trouble on the giant planes. Now the Far East Air Forces is grounding all C-124s pending extensive investigation.