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RUSSIA

A dispatch from Russia says - the secretary of the Communist party at the University of Tiflis has been fired. Following demonstrations by students, protesting against the anti-Stalin line taken by the government at Moscow. Tiflis, the capital of Soviet Georgia, home country of the despot, now degraded. At the same time the University is blamed - for other shortcomings. A Tiflis newspaper ~~declaring that~~ ^{says} the students are not studying. ^{that} In the space of three months, they skipped - more than 94,000 hours of classroom attendance. Especially - cutting classes in Marxism-Leninism. But it's even worse than that - recalling that Georgia, in the Caucasus, is a mountain land of tribal customs. ~~At~~ At the University of Tiflis, a male student kidnaped a co-ed - to marry her. Reverting to the old ways of the tribe - the abduction of the bride.

ALGERIA

French military commanders in Algeria held a top level conference today - in explosive circumstances. Near the place of the meeting - thundering blasts, and a blazing tempest. A great gasoline depot, going up in flame and smoke. Forty thousand gallons of gasoline - in tanks and barrels. Exploding gasoline drums - hurled three hundred and fifty feet, with flames leaping skyward. At first, there was a suspicion of sabotage - by Algerian terrorists. But later, it was found - the fire was touched off by sparks from a welder's torch, an accident.

TUNISIA

Tunisia had an election over the weekend - so soon after becoming a free nation. That agreement with France - providing for "independence with inter-dependence." The result of the balloting - a clean sweep for the moderate party of Habib Bourguiba. Which wins - all of the 96 seats in the new Tunisian Parliament. A crushing defeat for the Communists - who polled only 73 hundred out of seven hundred and fifty thousand votes. An equal defeat - for Nationalist extremists. Whose leader, Salah Ben Youssef, rejected the deal with France ^{for} "independence with inter-dependence." Now in exile, Ben Youssef ordered his followers to boycott the election. But the boycott was a flat failure. More than 83 per cent of all eligible voters - going to the polls. In desert areas, they flocked w'ith caravans, mules and the age-old procession of camels. A remarkable election day turn-out on the verge of the Sahara - with the moderate party winning a 100 percent majority in the new parliament.

CYPRUS

The British on Cyprus report an almost complete success, yesterday. In the curfew - imposed on the people of the island. Yesterday - being Greek Independence Day. Normally celebrated - by the Greek Cypriotes. Disturbances feared - anti-British manifestations expected. Hence the curfew, which kept people in their houses all day long. Result - a peaceful Sunday almost everywhere. Only a few minor disturbances - reported. The ^{cities} ~~cities~~ of Cyprus, like ghost towns. Streets deserted - everybody indoors. Actually, most of the Cypriote Greeks participated in the observance of Greek Independence Day - by listening to broadcasts of church services. Broadcasts - from London. Which has a Greek orthodox church of Santa Sofia. Typically British - a London church providing the religious element in a celebration on Greek Independence Day. For people on Cyprus - kept indoors by the ^{British} curfew.

JERUSALEM

In Jerusalem, Jewish pilgrims have gathered - for the Passover. And the observances, this week, are particularly dramatic. The Passover commemorates the exodus - the escape of the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt. This year's Passover - coming at a time of acute crisis between modern Israel and Egypt. Tonight the Festival meal, Sedar, with a recital of age-old verses from the book of Exodus. One telling how the Egyptians oppressed the Israelites of old. "And they made their lives bitter," says Exodus, "with hard bondage and mortar. And in brick. And in all manner of service in the field." Then tonight another line gives the words of the Lord, who said, "And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders. Which I will do in the midst thereof - and, after that, he will let you go." History does repeat itself. And Egyptian-Israel crisis in the days of Moses. Another Egyptian-Israel crisis today.

Complications in the kingdom of Cambodia - which has been having a series of curious political events. We now hear that Prince Norodom Sihanouk has resigned as Premier. Because of a dispute in his own political party. However, it's not known whether his father, King Norodom Saramarit - has accepted the resignation. The father is the King - the son the Premier. But the son, Norodom Sihanouk - was formerly the King. Abdicating, two years ago - to make his way in politics, western democratic style...renouncing his throne, to campaign in an election, and won out. Then, as Premier, he put his father on the throne - as King. The ways of royal succession can be complicated in Cambodia. Now the Premier, who once was King, has resigned - more complications in Cambodia.

In Rome the Vatican announces that Jeronimo R^omerina^o - has repented. The former Arg Argentine foreign minister - who held high office in the regime of Peron. Supporting Peron - in the fight against the Catholic Church, and excommunicated along with the Argentine dictator. So now the one-time foreign minister, R^omerina, has applied to be readmitted in the church. The first of the excommunicated Argentine leaders to do so. In Vatican circles, they say - it is not impossible that Peron himself may ask that the excommunication be lifted. Rumors are that Peron plans a trip to Italy. Which might mean an approach to church authorities there.

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Tonight we find Soviet Premier Bulganin in a place you'd never expect. On the list - of the world's "Ten Best Dressed Men..." That most exclusive list - put out, each year, by the London tailors. These arbiters of men's fashions select the Moscow Premier, because of one - special qualification. He is, in the words of the London tailors - "delicately valeted." The chief of the proletarian workers - has such a perfect valet. "What ho, Jeeves.." we seem to hear his Lordship summoning that ideal valet, the gentleman's gentleman, created by F. G. Wedghouse. Jeeves would surely give his approval to Soviet Premier Bulganin - so "delicately valeted." I wonder how you'd say - gentleman's gentleman in Russian. Maybe - "The Comrade's Comrade." Just to make matters perfect, still another big-shot Communist "is on the list of the "Ten Best Dressed Men." The London tailors also selecting - Red Marshal Tito. Calling him - the "Ritziest of the Dictators." Tito - with his fancy proletarian uniforms. Still another surprise - the one who is not among the fashionable few. British Prime Minister Anthony Eden - long famous as a very model of the best London tailoring. But something has gone wrong with Sir Anthony. Maybe his heavy duties as Prime Minister, in these parlous times, has made him neglect - the cut of his coat, the crease of his trousers. Anyway, he's off the exclusive list this year. Eden off - Bulganin on - times sure do change.

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- here in Washington -

The Supreme Court upholds the law - enabling the authorities to grant immunity from prosecution, [^] to witnesses, who could otherwise plead - the Fifth Amendment. Which, of course, applies particularly to those who refuse to answer - on the subject of Communism. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution states the following. "No person shall be compelled, in any criminal case - to be a witness against himself." So, therefore, a witness answering questions about Communism might leave himself open to prosecution - on grounds involving Communism. He might be - a witness against himself. ^{TP} To meet this Fifth Amendment argument, Congress passed an act - whereby the government might grant a witness immunity from prosecution, so, that he would not be "A witness against himself." And could be prosecuted for contempt of court - if he refused to answer. The first case to come under this new law was that of Ludwig Ullman, a former official of the Treasury Department - whose name has been connected with Red espionage. Ullman was promised immunity from prosecution - and called upon to testify about Communism. He refused, and was charged with contempt of court, and sent to jail for six months. He appealed - on the ground that the promise of immunity was unconstitutional. So that is what the Supreme Court now rejects. Upholding the measure - to prevent witnesses from invoking the Fifth Amendment.

COMMUNIST

Communist Leader Gilbert Green gets three years in prison - for jumping bail five years ago, and hiding in the Communist underground. Which new sentence - is in addition to the five year term which he evaded in the first place. Green, a member of the Red "Politburo," surrendered after years in hiding. So did another "Politburo" fugitive, Henry Winston - who now faces a similar added penalty.

TAXES

The Senate okayed a bill today - cancelling a reduction in taxes on corporations and various consumer items, like cigarettes, beer, and new motor cars. The cut had been scheduled, but the White House asked Congress - to put it off for a year. So as to retain - three billion, two hundred million dollars in revenue. Help to balance - the Federal budget. The House had already passed the measure to delay. The Senate - making it final.

EISENHOWER

The North American "Summit" conference - is on at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, tonight. President Eisenhower - entertaining President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines of Mexico, and Prime Minister St. Laurent of Canada. They're having a dinner party, tonight. Serious business - tomorrow. But not so serious - nor these American affairs presenting no crisis, no dangerous tensions, no disputes. The "Summit" conference, held by the chiefs of state of Mexico, Canada and our country, being merely - a "get acquainted" meeting. The Mexican president and Canadian Premier arrived at White Sulphur Springs - this afternoon. President Eisenhower got there - early in the morning. Greeted by a crowd of several hundred - in spite of a chill, rainy day. Which left him with some hours of leisure - so what did he do? In the welcoming crowd he spotted slamming Sammy Snead, the famous golf pro. So, as fast as possible, they were out on the golf course. A foursome - the President and Sammy Snead playing White House Secretaries Jim Hagerty and Bernard Shanley. The two secretaries demanded a handicap, and there was an argument about that. Which the President settled with one statement. "If you can't beat a coronary case," said he, "you're in a heck of a fix." That Eisenhower way - of joking about the heart attack. After which the President shot a 93, and ended in a blaze of glory - with a par three on the 18th. AX

politics

In Los Angeles, today, Senator Kefauver said - "Healthy primary fights - strengthen the party." This was in response to news that Adlai Stevenson is flying to California on a "Stop Kefauver" mission. The Senator from Tennessee is making a whirlwind campaign in southern California. In a typical Kefauver style - the hand-shaking ~~and~~ techniques, which won such a signal success in Minnesota, California - providing another Kefauver-Stevenson battleground. Primary election on June 5th. So Stevenson feels the need of doing a bit of campaigning himself. Because, if he should lose to Kefauver in California, the way he did in Minnesota, his chance of capturing the Democratic nomination for President - would sink to zero, or virtually that. Today, Kefauver was busy from morning till night - making a TV appearance, campaigning among the workers at an airplane factory, attending receptions and mass meetings.

In yesterday's New York Herald Tribune, military and aviation editor Ansel

Talbert, made the following flat statement, that: "No woman has set foot as yet on the Antarctic continent." I suggest Editor Talbert telephone Jackie Romme,

attractive wife of Explorer Captain Pismo Romme, and ask her where she was on the night of March 26, 1947, and again ~~on the night of March 26, 1948.~~ ^{on the night of March 26, 1948,} ^{in Van. Field.} Mrs. Romme, as

I recall it, lived for a year and a quarter on that South Polar ice-bound continent, ^{according to a famous mountaineer,} In fact, ~~from the reports~~ ^{from the reports} I had from Bill Latsky, and others, she was one of the

most important members of the expedition. That is, she did what sometimes it seems that a woman can do better than a man - or most men. She made life more bearable ^{for the expedition members} during that ~~year~~ ^{year} in South Polar night. ^{In fact, Editor Talbert, two women have spent}

more than a year on the Antarctic continent. With Capt. Romme and his wife Jackie was Mrs. Harry Darlington, wife of one of Pismo Romme's pilots. ^{From their base—} camp in Palmer Land, they brought a stamp for our History of Civilization fireplace on Quaker Hill, in Dutchess County, New York. ~~add the~~ ^{The} story of that stamp is a thrilling one.

INSURANCE

In Philadelphia, Brando Walsh is mailing a check to the insurance company - giving back the \$25,000 they paid him, As indemnity - for a robbery. In January, the home of Brando Walsh - was burglarized. So the victim listed articles taken by the robbers, including jewelry - to the value of \$44,000. The jewelry missing and insured. Today, Brando Walsh dug into a bureau drawer - to get a shirt. Under a pile of shirts he found - a box, and in the box - the missing jewelry. Which he had hidden under the shirts - and forgotten all about it. Some old moral - it is well to remember when you hide something. Henry, I'm one who should take that to heart. I'm always hiding something and then forgetting where I hid it.