

WEATHER *L.T. - Deleo. Thurs. Jan. 2 1958*

The New Year begins - with a cold wave.

All the way - from the Rocky Mountains to the

Atlantic. Deep freeze - in the Middle West. The

frosty temperatures - moving East. With heavy

snows - in upper New York State, *— parts of upper N.Y. state,* The cold wave -

extending south to the Gulf Coast. Violent storms

in the Gulf of Mexico.

In the mountains of the West - blizzards

in the Sierra. ~~Blue Canyon, West of Reno, today,~~

~~had nineteen inches of snow on the ground.~~

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower came back to Washington, today - after spending the New Year at his Gettysburg farm. The moment he reached the White House, he went into conference with Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy and Deputy Secretary Donald Quarles. Subject - the figures for defense in the budget, which the President will place before Congress. The huge amounts of money - for the missile program, Just where the cash will be spent along the line of rockets.

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We hear the total figure for the budget is pretty well set - about seventy-four billion dollars. The White House - expecting enough revenue to cover this, and leave ^a ~~the~~ slight surplus. No tax increase, probably, - but no tax reduction, either.

POST OFFICE

The Post Office announces it will ask for a billion dollars, To modernize post offices in fifty large cities of this country. A ten year plan - to be placed before Congress.

The Post Office points out that the volume of mail is increasing four to five percent a ~~an~~ year. The amount - expected to double in the next twenty years. The post offices in the large cities - becoming obsolete. Unable to deal with the mountains of mail.

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The fifty major cities handle forty-seven percent of the nation's total. New York's main post office - eleven percent. ~~of~~ which comes to six percent of the mail traffic of the entire world.

We Americans - a letter-mailing people.
So the national mailman says - he needs a billion.

POLIO

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis - commemorated its twentieth anniversary, today. Founded - in Nineteen Thirty-Eight, under the auspices of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Foremost in the observances, his widow - Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

The Foundation has established a new Hall of fame, dedicated today - honoring seventeen leaders in the battle against polio. Among them, Franklin D. Roosevelt - and Dr. Jonas Salk, who developed the Salk anti-polio vaccine.

VENEZUELA

The revolt in Venezuela - quickly suppressed. So says the government at Caracas - and all other evidence confirms the statement.

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Tonight, the Venezuelan Strong Man, President Perez Jimenez, went on the radio, Telling the Venezuelan people - that the rebellion, which flared at the Maracay flying field, had been suppressed in less than twenty-four hours. Troops of the garrison at Caracas, with other army units - moving quickly, and recapturing the air base with little fighting. Few lives were lost, according to the Venezuelan President - some rebels fleeing, others made prisoners.

First reports were that the revolt was limited to the Air Force at Maracay. But now it's divulged that ~~the~~ Venezuelan army rebels rose in the Province of Miranda. Seizing the provincial capital - and getting control of the radio station there. However, that lasted only for a mere ~~in~~ few hours. The government forces - getting control.

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From Colombia, next door to Venezuela, comes a dispatch stating - that leaders of the rebellion arrived by plane this morning. Fleeing - from the air base at Maracay. In the group - eight Venezuelan army majors, six other officers, two air force pilots, and a couple of civilians.

In Mexico City, Venezuelan exiles virtually admit the failure of the revolt. Predicting that the struggle against President Perez Jimenez will continue.

BERLIN

Yesterday evening, New Year's Day, something was noted in East Berlin - which hadn't been seen for sometime. Russian soldiers - appearing on patrol. Troops of the Soviets - in a display of military activity.

At least ten Russian armored cars were seen passing through Alexander Platz - the main square of East Berlin. Along the border with the Western Zone, parties of Russian soldiers, commanded by officers - reinforcing Communist East German police guards.

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It was the first time that Soviet armed forces have patrolled East Berlin - since the revolt of the workers in June of Nineteen Fifty Three.

The belief is - that there's a hunt on for Russian army deserters. Reports tell of two Russian soldiers crossing the border, ~~and~~ seeking sanctuary with the British. A high Red Army officer, possibly a general - said to have deserted -

now - trying to slip through to the West.

Reports are that Russian Army men took advantage of the New Year Holiday - trying to get through the Iron Curtain.

Hence the hunt for deserters - in East Berlin.

FRANCE - SUBMARINE

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In Paris, there's authoritative word that France will start negotiating with the United States - to procure American plans for atomic submarines, and supplies of suitable nuclear fuel. Which follows a story in the New York Times - that the government in Washington is willing to help in equipping North Atlantic Treaty countries with atomic submarines.

Both Britain and France are already building nuclear undersea craft of their own. But the situation is illustrated by word about the first French atomic submarine, now being constructed at a shipyard near Cherbourg. They say the craft as designed, will mount engines powered by natural uranium. Which means- heavy, cumbersome engines. While American submarines are far more streamlined - because their engines use enriched uranium.

All of which illuminates the point of the story - that the U S government may give its allies the proper plans and the proper fuel.

ALBANIA

The ^{Foreign} ~~State~~ Minister of Albania reports *that the*
members of ~~the~~ ^{that British} crew of a freight plane forced down by
Albanian fighter pilots - are being held as
prisoners in Valona. A seaport - ringed by Soviet
air bases. The five men and a stewardess -
reported to be okayed.

Today, in London, the British airline
owning the plane, tried to get through by telephone
to Tirana, the Albanian capital. The call -
refused by telephone operators in Tirana.

The London government - drafting a
diplomatic note, protesting the way the air
transport was intercepted by Red fighter planes,
and forced to land.

SPUTNIK

And now - who created Sputnik? Well, we now know who didn't. Major General Blagonravov - although he's named, often, as the designer of the Soviet satellites.

At the time Sputnik number one broke into the headlines, General Blagonravov was at a cocktail party in Washington. - Hearing the news, he asked at once - if he could listen to an American pick up of the radio signals from the satellite. Then, when he heard the strange "beep-beep", he exclaimed: "That's the voice. I recognize it."

Today's development is the result of a New Year's stunt in a Danish newspaper. The readers of which voted, selecting "the man of the year". Winner - General Blagonravov. Hailed - as the creator of Sputnik.

Which draws a quick reply from the General. Who, today, sent a cablegram to the newspaper, saying: "Your readers are wrong about my personal role in the launching of the Sputniks." Adding -

that the Danish newspaper congratulation should go to a whole group of Russian scientists and engineers. Whom the general calls "the actual creators".

Meanwhile, the prediction is that Sputnik number one will come to a fiery end - within forty-eight hours. The satellite - burning up, as it plunges into the friction of ^{our} dense atmosphere.

SOVIET FASHIONS

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A fashion broadcast - from a place you'd hardly expect to hear it. The Moscow radio - on the subject of what the well dressed Soviet woman will wear.

A fashion broadcast - given by a Latvian woman artist, Irna Rubene. Who, talking to ladies of Communism, set forth a principle of such good sense - that we can only admire.

"The primary objective of clothing," says she, "is to regulate the temperature of the body".
Hear! Hear!

But then she goes on to say that there can be some slight regard for looks.

Low neck line dresses are all right, and so are bobby-sox. But, she gives a warning - that bobby-sox must not be worn with highheeled shoes, or at parties, or at the theater. And, as for tight split skirts - they're out.

Having nothing to do with the regulation of body temperature - we suppose.

RAT CATCHER

In London - the royal rat catcher. So announced - by official proclamation, today.

Every New Year, a list is issued of tradesmen who have the privilege of using the royal endorsement - "By appointment to Her Majesty the Queen!" To win this prize accolade the firm or individual must have served the Queen continuously for three years or more. This year's list has five-hundred-and-thirty-nine names. All entitled to advertise - "By appointment to Her Majesty The Queen."

One, for example - a Glasgow bagpipe-maker; who, by royal warrant, provides the Scottish musical instruments - when Her Majesty is in residence at Balmoral Castle.

But, now - and surely this will sound strangest of all:- there's the royal rat catcher. But where does he catch rats - "by appointment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second?" At Sandringham Palace - near

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London - where Edward VIII used to live. A royal residence built years ago - and you know how rodents have a way of infesting ancient places.

So, hail to the royal rat chatcher by appointment to Her Majesty the Queen.

ENGLAND * LANGUAGE

We Americans often criticize things said
- *the way they are said*
in Washington, [^] in official government papers -
and the like. We call it -- gobbledygook. ^{But surely it} ~~But it~~
must be different - over in England, home of the
Queen's English. But, I say, don't be too sure
about that.

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In London today John Archbold, President
of the National Union of Teachers, cited a document
issued by the British government. One paragraph
reading as follows: "Separate departments on the
same premises are treated as separate premises for
this purpose where separate branches of work which
are commonly carried on as separate businesses in
separate premises are carried on in separate
departments on the same premises."

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And that Don, is gobbledygook that I
doubt any American congressman ~~xxx~~ could equal.

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Announcer: And now Lowell - we have a few moments left.

L.T. That's all ~~more~~ I need to pay a tribute to mother and her cooking. As every husband knows, his wife is the world's best cook.

Over in England, in Birmingham, Mrs. Muriel Bennett cooked up an old-fashioned English beef stew - using plenty of onions. The Bennetts like onions.

But, when the family ate the stew - they all collapsed. Including the family dog, which had some of it.

The reason? Instead of onions, the little woman had cooked her husband's daffodil bulbs in the stew. Daffodils, as we all know, are beautiful. But daffodil bulbs are said to be lethal if taken internally.

Proving once again, there is nothing like a home-cooked meal.