

ATOMIC

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President Eisenhower calls for the full reevaluation of our civil defense program. This, in the light of yesterday's ~~test~~ atomic experiment on the Nevada desert. One purpose was to ascertain the damage that an A-bomb would do to typical American homes. And the result was such that the President wants the new knowledge to be used in a restudy of American atomic defense.

This we have from Val Peterson, Civil Defense Director, who was on the scene at the test, yesterday. Today, at Las Vegas, he told how immediately afterward, he put in a telephone call to the White House and talked with President Eisenhower -- giving him an estimate of what had happened. In the telephone talk, the President asked him to ~~in~~ return to Washington as quickly as possible to prepare a full report on this -- to be placed before the President and the National Security Council. Object -- a full reevaluation of Civil Defense in the United States.

Meanwhile, the belief is that it will be

several days before another atomic explosion can be touched off. The tests are to go on for days, culminating with the firing of atomic cannon.

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The United States today, presented a direct challenge to Soviet Russia -- to prove the sincerity of Premier Malenkov's peace talk. It happened at the U N, when the American delegate called on the Soviets -- to "negotiate" in good faith on the problem of disarmament. Our spokesman said that this would be a test of Malenkov's talk recently -- holding that there could be an accommodation between the Communist East and the <sup>(liberal</sup> ~~liberal~~ West.



ATTACH

In Moscow today the U.S. Embassy handed the Soviet government a strongly worded note -- protesting against the attack on a U.S. weather plane over Bering Sea. The note, demands the punishment of the Russian pilot who did the shooting, and calls for assurance that such aggression will not be repeated.

The Air Force and the State Department, give an answer to criticism based on the fact that the attack on the weather plane, which occurred →



last Saturday, did not get into the news until yesterday, Tuesday. <sup>(have been going around)</sup> Reports ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ that the State Department tried to have the public announcement withheld all together. Today's denial states that, on the contrary, the State Department was "most anxious" to have the news put out immediately -- even sooner than it was. The Air Force, we are told, did not receive a report of Saturday's incident -- until Monday. Then, time was taken to check the facts. ~~They had to communicate with a remote~~ ~~all through communications with remote~~ ~~air bases~~ in Alaska.

Today at <sup>Field</sup> Eielson ~~the~~ Base members of the crew of the weather plane told their story.

They were ~~flying~~ over the Bering Sea, twenty-five miles off the ~~xxxx~~ coast of Soviet Kamchatka, when two MIGS appeared. <sup>these</sup> They flew around the weather plane, which is a modification of our new big B-50 bomber, propellor driven. Lieutenant Colonel Robert Rich, commander of the weather plane

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*The jet fighters*  
says <sup>^</sup>they<sup>^</sup> flew about twice as fast as the B-50

-- they were going at about six hundred and fifty miles an hour.

*Then,*  
<sup>^</sup>One of the MIGs started shooting at the American plane.

"I couldn't believe my eyes" says Technical Sergeant Jesse Prim of Ozark, Arkansas "when I saw the guns of that MIG spitting fire."

Colonel Rich says he heard voices yelling "he's shooting at us."

So he gave the order: "Fire back".

Sergeant Prim ~~says he~~ fired twenty rounds from each of his six - fifty caliber machine guns -- a powerful fusilade.

"As soon as the Red pilot saw that burst"  
*relates,*  
-- the Sergeant <sup>^</sup>said<sup>^</sup>, "he took off for home."

So that was the end of the incident.

Nobody hurt -- the Russian jet showing no sign of wanting to continue the battle.

~~Colonel Rich says the weather was bright.~~

*Col. Rich*

"It was crystal clear ~~is~~ at the time", he  
relates. )

"I remember looking down and noticing that  
the sea ice was open below us, with spaces of open  
water. Even though -- the temperature outside was  
fifty-eight degrees below zero."

Which certainly sounds like Alaska, the  
Bering Sea -- in winter.



BOHLEN

The Senate Foreign relations committee approves the appointment of Charles E. Bohlen as Ambassador to Moscow.

The vote was unanimous -- in spite of some Republican objection in the Senate. Based on the ground that Bohlen was too prominently identified with the foreign policy of the Roosevelt-Truman administrations. But Secretary of State Dulles appeared before the committee today, and left no doubt that the Eisenhower administration wants the veteran career diplomat as our Ambassador in Moscow.

Today's committee approval is expected to be followed by a prompt okay -- on the floor of the Senate.

## TITO

In Britain today, they continued the big welcome to Marshall Tito of Jugoslavia -- but the proceedings were marred by a tragic mishap.

Honoring the head of the only anti-Soviet government in the world, the Royal Air Force put on a spectacular display -- which brought about the crash of two jet planes.

At a Cambridge Air Field, the weather was almost impossible, and you'd think they'd have never tried any spectacular flying. Heavy fog -- with a ceiling of only a thousand feet. Tito, himself, asked them to stop the flights -- as the jet planes came racing, swift and low, in front of the grandstand where he was watching. He knew that British airmen were risking their lives in the show put on for his benefit.

But the planes kept coming, and a formation of twenty-four Meteor jets flashed into view. They were flying close together. And, at sonic speed, two of the jets merely touched wings. But that was

enough. Both plunged into the ground and exploded, the pilots killed.

Tito looked grim, and turned to the Marshall of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder, and again requested -- "please do not have any more."

This time, the advice was heeded and the jet air show in the fog came to an end.



## PICASSO

Here's a bit of sad news in the Communist world -- the Spanish painter Picasso in the doghouse of the Reds. That world famous artist <sup>who lives in France</sup> was renounced for years as a faithful follower of the Stalinist line. But now he is denounced by the French Communist party because of a portrait he drew -- of Stalin. Picasso/pictured the late Soviet premier with a walrus mustache, double chin, a vacant stare in his eyes, and perhaps worst of all -- a hair-do resembling the halo ~~in~~ typical of old works of religious art. Perhaps Picasso wanted to indicate ~~in~~ that Stalin was a sort of saint of aesthetic Communism. Anyway, the number one Communist news <sup>paper</sup> in France, printed a front page story -- expressing disapproval of Picasso's painting of Stalin.

## TAXES

President Eisenhower states that taxes cannot be cut until we are sure of a balanced budget. Also -- until the trend toward inflation is halted.

The President made the statement in an address to a council of the Department of Commerce, today.

Here are his words:

"We claim that, unless we balance the budget there will never be any lowering of taxes."

## REORGANIZATION

The House today voted an okay for the White House plan to convert the Federal Security Agency into a department of health, education and welfare. Make this -- a regular Department of the Government, with a post in the cabinet. The National Security Administrator, Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby to become a cabinet member.

The resolution now goes to the Senate which is expected to act next week. The decision -- sure to be favorable.



## TIDELANDS

A congressional sub-committee gave its okay, today, to legislation in the matter of tidelands oil. The bill as now framed, will go to the floor of Congress -- with provisions for the States to have the mineral rights off their shores within the traditional limit.

The Federal Government -- to have the ownership of the oil under waters beyond the traditional limits. That is, on the continental shelf -- which in some places, extends as far out as one hundred and fifty miles.

PLANE

Tonight's dispatch about the plane crash ~~off~~ at Newfoundland says : " There were no reports of survivors." A B-36, with a score of persons aboard, plunged into the rocky coast -- when two engines failed. The giant bomber was on a routine ~~in~~ training mission, flying from the Azores to New foundland when the mishap ~~in~~ occurred.

## BASEBALL

In baseball, the National League, today, took a vote - and it was favorable. Yes, the Boston Braves will move to Milwaukee.

This was much in contrast to the American League refusal on Monday to permit the St. Louis Browns to move to Baltimore. Meeting at St. Petersburg, ~~xxx~~ Florida, the club owners of the National League voted a unanimous okay without much discussion.

There was only one condition - that Lou Perini, owner of the Braves, would have to square matters with the American Association, the minor league to which Milwaukee has hitherto belonged. The American Association promptly announced, it was willing. That is, if fifty thousand dollars in damages were paid -- damages caused by the shifting of the Milwaukee minor leaguers. They move to Toledo. Club owner Lou Perini promptly agreed



to pay *the fifty thousand.*

The question that comes to mind is this:

Why did the National League say -- "yes". When ~~the~~ the American League so decisively said -- "no"?

*P* Well, for one thing, the Boston Braves owned the Milwaukee Club in the American ~~League~~ Association. So, Lou Perini is shifting two teams, both of which belong to him. In the case of the St. Louis Browns owner Bill Veeck did not own the Baltimore Orioles, which would have ~~to be transferred~~ *had to move* to some other city.

Furthermore, there was a matter of personalities. Veeck said, angrily, that the American league decision against him ~~was~~ was involved in "personal" reasons. Veeck -- none too popular with his fellow magnates. While, at St. Petersburg, today, high regard was expressed for Lou Perini. One baseball big wig said: "Perini's prestige and the affection we have for him, were an influencing factor in what we did."

So Now, Milwaukee enters the National League,

<sup>And</sup>  
^ the team, we suppose, will be called -- the Milwaukee

Braves. ~~It~~ Sounds odd. The fans cheering the

Milwaukee Braves.

## NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame gives us an answer to a question often asked -- how Irish are the Irish? The Notre Dame football team usually shows up -- bristling with names that sound more like Poland than the Emerald Isle. But what about the student body?

As a part of the St. Patrick's Day celebration, Notre Dame counted its Irish undergraduates and here are the figures: Out of a total of fifty-one hundred students, about twenty-percent are of Irish ancestry. There are: thirty-three Murphys; twenty-three Kellys; twenty Sullivans; seventeen Ryans; seventeen Burkes; and twelve Gallaghers. In addition to Zabriski, Wahgeeho, Zeeack, Dombrowski and Paderewski. Paderewski? That suggests music, Ah, the Ivory Girl.