

MOSCOW

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The news from Russia - pictures the Army marching in. Everywhere in the land of the Soviets - increasing denunciation of Molotov, Malenkov and Kaganovich. Every element joining - in heaping odium on the ousted three. But, most significantly of all - the Army. Headed - by Marshal Zhukov.

Addressing the garrison at Moscow, Zhukov accused the Molotov trio of, what he called, "conspiratorial action". Ominous, indeed - conspiracy, plotting.

In the shake-up, Marshal Zhukov was elevated - becoming a member of the Presidium, the ruling group of the party central committee. That alone would indicate that he played a part in Khrushchev's victory over the old-line Stalinists. Which impression is only strengthened by Zhukov's action today - taking the lead in pledging Army backing for Khrushchev against the ousted "anti-party" big shots.

Other prominent military commanders echo Marshal Zhukov - as does the official Army newspaper, "Red Star". Which declares that the Molotov trio "both intrigued and conspired to

overthrow the elected leaders, and fill the posts with their own followers." Such are the words of the "Red Star". Virtually charging that the deposed officials plotted against the regime.

The belief has been, all along, that the shake-up meant, not only a victory for Khrushchev - but also an assumption of greater power by the military men. Especially - Marshal ~~Zhukov~~ Zhukov. Which today's news would certainly seem to confirm. Giving an impression - of the Army marching in. Khrushchev - in partnership with the military leaders.

We even find the children's newspaper - joining in the excoriation of Molotov, Malenkov and Kaganovich. A publication called "Pioneer Pravda" - "Pioneer" signifying something like Communist Boy Scout. The newspaper for the little ones - signalling out Molotov, especially, for abuse. Which is a telling example - of the general tone throughout Russia. Elements of all sorts - backing Khrushchev against the fallen bigwigs.

Today, a town in the Urals sent a petition to the

Supreme Soviet. Wanting - to change its name. The town of - Molotov. When you're up, many places are named after you - and, when you fall, places change their names. The town of Molotov wanting to go back to its old name of - Perm.

All this renews the supposition - that the luckless trio - may be put on trial. Or that, at least - they'll be deprived of membership in the Communist Party. Today's drum-beating against them sounds like the old-time practice of Stalin - who aroused a public outcry against his enemies, before exterminating them.

Reports have been circulating - that Molotov, Malenkov and Kaganovich have been arrested. But that's denied, in Moscow.

Meanwhile, the shake-up continues in the Kremlin. Two more DeputyPremiers - fired from their Cabinet posts. Both - prominent in Soviet industry.

## DISARMAMENT

At the London Disarmament Conference, the word is - that the Western Powers are considering a proposal to test the genuineness of the shake-up in Moscow. Does it really mean - that Soviet policy will be more conciliatory? Now - that the last of the Stalinist elements have been driven out?

The proposal - to open all East-West<sup>t</sup> territory, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Siberian frontier, to aerial photography and inspection.

## ATOMIC

At the atomic explosion on the Nevada Desert, today, two thousand Marines were in trenches - almost under the fireball. The Leathernecks <sup>are</sup> were three and a half miles away from the center of the blast. Sounds remarkable - considering the magnitude of the detonation.

The largest atomic device ever fired within the boundaries of the United States. Four times the power - of the Hiroshima bomb. Creating a flash of light visible throughout an area of one million square miles - from the Mexican to the Canadian borders. A pilot flying over the Pacific eight hundred miles west of California, says - he saw the big flare.

In Los Angeles, night was turned briefly - into day. Windows rattling - from the shock. The gust of heat felt by observers thirteen miles away. They say - it was as if the door of a giant blast ~~four~~ furnace had been opened in their faces.

The Marines, headed by Brigadier General Harvey Tschirgi, were there- to ~~test~~ test the protection of trenches.

The explosion occurring on the platform of a ~~rapidly~~ captive balloon - at an altitude of fifteen hundred feet. Radio newsman, Jarlson, who was with the Marines, says: "The fireball looked as if it were right over our heads, way up in the sky." General Tschirgi reports - that some of the trenches caved in, slightly, under the impact of the explosion. The Marines feeling the shock - like a slap in the face.

The net result - described by the General as follows:

"It ~~we~~ showed the troops that, if they were dug in at a reasonable distance, they will be safe." Demonstrating- ways of military maneuver under atomic attack.

The scientists report - almost no ~~ff~~ fall out.

Only minute traces of radioactive material - from the explosion of the bomb. Which has an immediate bearing on President Eisenhower's declarations on the subject of "clean atomic ~~we~~ weapons." With the elimination - of the dangerous fall-out.

## ROCKET

Success and failure - at Fort Churchill, Manitoba.

Where the United States has a rocket launching base - in

connection with <sup>this</sup> Geophysical Year.

Yesterday, a rocket was launched - soaring one hundred and sixty miles into the outer atmosphere. The speed - forty-two miles <sup>a minute.</sup> ~~an hour.~~ Falling back to earth - ten minutes after it was fired. Complicated scientific instruments recording electrical conditions - up there where the atmosphere begins.

That was the success, and the idea was - to repeat it, again, today. So a second huge rocket was launched. But, within twenty-five seconds, something went wrong with the mechanism. The rocket - plunging and crashing only seven hundred yards away from the launching site. Hitting the ground - with a tremendous explosion.

Nobody injured - but the technicians went racing away from the acid fumes released in the crash.

## DUKE

From behind the Iron Curtain, a call - for a British television film. Soviet Russia and Red Czechoslovakia -- wanting to put it on their T V. A film - featuring Britain's new television star. Some eminent proletarian worker, you'd think! - since the world of Communism wants him!

Well, he's a worker all right - constantly busy with tasks of Royalty. The Duke of Edinburgh - husband of Queen Elizabeth the Second.

Recently, the Duke voiced the narration on a film -- telling the story of the International Geophysical Year. Which, promptly - made a hit in Britain. Not so surprising. But, now, Communist Russia and Czechoslovakia want to present -- His Royal Highness, the Duke.



## ROYAL WEDDING

In France, the champion Royal wedding. That is - of Royalty in Exile. The Heir Apparent to the non-existent throne of France, marrying - a Princess of Wurtemberg. She, too - a member of a Royal family without a throne.

Prince Henry - son of the Count of Paris. Who would be - the Bourbon King of France, if France had a King. <sup>His bride,</sup> Princess Marie-Therese - daughter of Duke Philip of Wurtemberg and Archduchess Rosa of Hapsburg. Between bridegroom and bride, you could hardly find more illustrious lineage - combining the ancient houses of Bourbon and Hapsburg.

The ceremony - solemnized with gala festivities at the French town of Dreux. The list of wedding guests - like a <sup>- the Almanac de Gotha.</sup> catalogue of Royalty, Although the British and Belgian Royal families - were not represented.

The guests including - the King and Queen of Greece, and a couple of Princesses of the Netherlands; <sup>Two exiled Kings</sup> - Umberto of Italy and Simeon of Bulgaria. Also - the Pretender to the Crown of Spain, Don Juan. *Well, well, Don Juan!*

~~was~~ <sup>T</sup>he wedded couple may not have had Crowns on their heads, but the bride was draped - in quite a dress. Made - of sixty yards of satin. Weighing - fifty-five pounds. The bridal train - eight yards, twenty-four feet long, and six yards wide. <sup>A train</sup> Almost as long - as a railroad train.

That much publicized wedding - was held in Japan, today. Private William Girard - marrying his Japanese girl friend, Haru (Candy) Sueyama.

At Camp Whittington, a Methodist ceremony - with a few oddities. The bridegroom - in military uniform. The bride - wearing a bright kimona, mostly red.

Beside the groom - a military policeman, Sergeant Gilbert Saylor of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Sergeant - also Girard's best man. Then, afterward, Sergeant Saylor held a wedding reception for the couple - at his home on the Post.

The Sarge - in a triple play. Military Policeman guarding the prisoner, best man at the ceremony - and host at the party.

The day ended with Girard escorting his bride to the entrance of the Camp - and sending her home. While he remains at Camp Whittington - waiting for the legal decision. Whether or not he'll be tried by the Japanese, or by an American court - martial, on that manslaughter charge.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Girard's lawyers were presenting an argument before the Supreme Court. Asking the High Tribunal - to nullify the "status of forces" agreements. Under which - the Army decided to let the Japanese put the soldier on trial.

## WRECK

A spectacular railroad wreck - in North Carolina. A Seventy-seven car freight train, crossing a fifty year old wooden bridge - one of the longest in the nation. When the bridge - broke. Cracking apart - between two diesel engines pulling the box cars. The first engine - sliding backward into the water. The second - plunging forward. Two box cars moving on - and crashing on top of the diesels. Two trainmen - killed. Three - surviving.

This happened near Edenton, North Carolina - where the bridge spanned a tidal sound.

## FIREWORKS

Today Cherokee, Oklahoma, was assessing the damage done by Fourth of July fireworks. When an automobile, with a cargo of firecrackers - blew up.

Two boys were driving the car - Marvin Loudermilk and Leon Mahan. Apparently, they were having fun as they drove along. Lighting firecrackers - and tossing them out. One firecracker - exploding inside the automobile, and touching off the rest.

The result - an example of the violence of one hundred and forty-four packages of firecrackers, blowing up at the same time. Luckily, the two boys escaped with their lives - though one was burned severely.

The blast hurled one door of the automobile - into the window of a nearby church. The hood of the car - found a block away. A part of the automobile trunk - <sup>on</sup> ~~hit the~~ top of a three-story apartment building.

Fourth of July fireworks - with a real bang!

## INTELLECTUALS

The dateline of this next item is - Pugwash. A Nova Scotia town with a name that sounds - not at all poetic, Pugwash! next week, however, Pugwash will be the scene of a toplofty affair - ~~the "life of the~~ <sup>highly</sup> intellectual!"

Today's word is that Bertrand Russell, the British philosopher and Nobel Prize winner - will be there. So will five other winners of the Nobel Prize. Together with scientists and thinkers from various countries - including five Russian scientists. Attending an International Conference of Intellectuals - at Pugwash.

An annual event - sponsored by the Cleveland industrialist, Cyrus Eaton, Chairman of the Board of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

But why did the Cleveland industrialist pick - Pugwash?

The answer is that Cyrus Eaton comes from the little town on the shore of Northumberland Strait, which separates Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. <sup>JOE</sup> ~~And~~ he wants to make it -  
"Pugwash, Home for Thinkers."

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.:

On this program, we've had many a story of disturbances in the French National Assembly. But I can't recall anything - like the fracas today.

A noisy debate - on the subject of West European Cooperation. Communists, and Right Wingers - exchanging insults. After which the legislators adjourned - to the bar. Where, having drinks - they renewed the debate and the insults. Result - a barroom brawl. With fists - and bottles. One Deputy - hit by a flying bottle.

I recall many a fracas in French legislative halls. Bad enough - without having a debate in the bar.

And so long until Monday.