

EISENHOWER

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Tonight President Eisenhower is back in Gettysburg.

The President drove from Washington, in spite of icy rains and slippery roads. Part of the trip was over a winding, mountainous back road - but even so, he made ~~the~~ ^{it} ~~eighty-five~~ ^{it} ~~miles~~ ⁱⁿ in just under two hours, about his usual time.

There at the farm to greet him - Mrs. Eisenhower and her mother. The First Lady has been there for the past two days.

During his stay at ~~his~~ ^{the} farm, ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ ^{the President} will work on his Foreign Aid message - which goes to Congress next week.

The President also brought to the farm an Irish silver bowl, almost two hundred years old, full of shamrocks from County Waterford. The bowl and the shamrock, presented to ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ ^{him} by the Irish Prime Minister, ~~John~~ Costello, who will preside over New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The President, ~~is~~ ^{already} an honorary member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick - ~~and he~~ beamed ~~that~~ ~~delight~~ as he received the bowl from the Irish Premier. ~~Then Mr. Eisenhower declared,~~ ^{In response he said:-}

"I'm going to take these up to Mrs. Eisenhower - she'll be ^{will be} ~~very~~ pleased." ^{And} ~~The~~ First Lady ^{tonight has} ~~was~~ ^{she's given} the Irish silver bowl a place of honor ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{their} ~~Eisenhower~~ home at Gettysburg.

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles flew into Formosa from Manila today. At the Taipei airport, he issued a prepared statement - pledging American support for Chiang Kai-shek. ~~our Secretary~~ Describing Chiang's regime as "the only lawful government in China," ^{he} ~~Mr. Dulles~~ added that time has proven the wisdom of our mutual defense treaty with Chiang Kai-shek.

From the airport, ^{Sec.} ~~Mr.~~ Dulles drove to the American Embassy - for a briefing by Ambassador Karl Rankin and Under-Secretary of State for Far East Affairs, Walter Robertson.

~~Then~~ After lunch, ~~our Secretary of State was driven~~ to the presidential mansion - ^{for a session with Chiang.} ~~where he plunged into top level talks with the leader of Nationalist China.~~

WEST GERMANY

The Upper House of the West German Parliament - approves a new army of half a million men - to join the Western defense alliance. The bill had already ~~been~~ passed by the Lower House - so now the government has authority to go ahead. Plans call for almost a hundred thousand men to be under arms by the end of this year - the core of what eventually will amount to twelve divisions.

A significant thing about today's vote:- the Chamber was sitting in West Berlin. In other words, the West German legislators were more than a hundred miles inside the Iron Curtain - when they took their dramatic decision to raise an army for the defense of the West.

CYPRUS

The situation on Cyprus ^{seems no better.} ~~is becoming rapidly worse.~~

Today the British authorities evicted the ~~raid~~ residents of ten homes, in what is called, "terror town" - the section of Nicosia where twenty-one murders or attempted-murders have been committed in the past few months.

The eviction order came soon after new curfew rules were imposed on Nicosia and ^{the} ~~two~~ ^{largest} other ^{By} ~~that~~ cities. ^{three} that curfew, the inhabitants of ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{three} cities are under virtual house arrest - only one woman from each family allowed to leave each day - to shop.

The evictions in "terror town" are intended to force information about the terrorist underground. The houses will be closed up and sealed - as soon as the residents have moved out their belongings. The eviction, to last for three months. At the same time, British troops forced their way into shops in "terror town", where they found shotgun ammunition, home-made bombs, and newly printed propaganda leaflets - urging the ~~si~~ Cypriotes to intensify their fight against the British.

ALGERIA

Tonight's story about North Africa tells of more reinforcements for Algeria. ^{This time} ~~But this is something special~~ the French government acting on ^{those new} ~~special~~ emergency powers voted by the Senate - the widest authority given in any Paris government since World War Two.

We hear that five thousand recruits may get their training in Algeria. ~~And~~ The government is considering recalling half a million reservists - for action in that vast North African territory. And France is withdrawing another of her divisions from Nato - for use in Algeria. ^{This one} - a veteran mechanized division.

These figures show how seriously Premier Mollet is taking the Algerian situation. Tomorrow the Minister for Algeria, Robert LaCoste, will fly to ~~Algiers~~ Algiers - where he will declare publicly ^{if necessary} that the whole weight of the French army will be thrown into crushing the nationalist rebellion, ~~if necessary~~.

ISRAEL

There was more shooting along the Gaza Strip today - Israeli and Egyptian troops, exchanging fire, ~~as usual~~ ^{with} each side blaming ^{ing} the other. According to an Israeli spokesman, the Egyptians ~~created four incidents - when they~~ opened up with rifle and automatic ~~weapons~~ fire at ~~different~~ ^{four} places along the frontier.

Egypt retorts that an Israeli patrol fired on an Egyptian position for two hours. Both ~~nations~~ are asking the U.N. Armistice Commission to investigate.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli chief-of-staff repeats that his country must have more weapons - to maintain the balance of power. ~~He repeated~~ ^{that} without them - Israel cannot prevent the bombing of her cities. ~~But he added~~ ^{He said however} that his troops are ready for action, and ^{that} Israel cannot be defeated by the armies ^{her enemies.} ~~of the Arab states.~~

The Canadian government approves three Israeli applications for arms. So announced by Prime Minister St. Laurent in ~~the~~ ^{at} Ottawa. ~~Comments.~~ The Premier said that the decision was taken in view of the tension ~~now existing~~ in the Middle East. -

But that

^ Canada feels ~~that~~ the situation is not quite as critical as

it was during the ~~few~~ days after the dismissal of Glubb Pasha, ~~Commander~~ ^{Commander} ~~from control~~ of the Arab Legion.

At any rate
~~that is why~~

the Israeli request was accepted. ~~Included~~

~~in the~~ arms to be shipped at once - ammunition, spare parts for Sherman tanks, and electronics equipment.

JORDAN

A trainload of British travelers arrived in London today - from Jordan. And they say that ~~the~~ country ^{ruled by} of young King Hussein - ~~faces the~~ ^{is in} danger of civil war.

The reason, rival factions in the Arab Legion - struggling for power, following the dismissal of Glubb Pasha, now Sir John Glubb. The British declare that the rank and file of the Arab Legion - still regards Glubb as ^{their} hero. They are said to be angry with ^{those who} ~~their superior officers who~~ forced the ouster of Sir John.

We also hear that King Hussein's popularity is waning. His people may have approved of his appointing a Jordanian to control the Arab Legion - but they don't like his determination to stay clear of the "Cairo Axis" - that alignment of Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia. ~~Agit~~ Agitators are already fomenting trouble for King Hussein.

In Jordan - threat of civil war.
~~That's why these British observers say Jordan may~~

~~have a civil war soon.~~

TIMES

Today's New York Times carries a sensational story - about the new anti-Stalin line in Russia. The story - written by Harrison Salisbury, who used to be the Moscow Correspondent of the Times.

Salisbury states that word has reached the West - of a secret talk delivered by Khrushchev before last month's meeting of the Communist Party Congress. Khrushchev, explaining to the comrades - why the new collective leadership in the Kremlin has discarded the old myth about Stalin.

The new Red boss told ~~that~~^e closed session, that the truth about the old Dictator's regime - became known only after his death. Khrushchev didn't say this - but the truth as he gave it, adds up to pretty much what we thought at the time. Khrushchev describes Stalin as a suspicious tyrant - always watching for plots against him. And sending to the firing squad - anyone who roused his suspicions. The terror grew so great - that no one around Stalin knew whether he might be next on the list.

Khrushchev said that even members of the Politburo were kept in ignorance about what went on in the Kremlin. For example, one member of the State Planning Commission ~~simply~~ disappeared in Nineteen Forty-Nine; ^{and} No one on the Politburo knew what had become of him - until documents were found after Stalin's death - showing that the man had been executed secretly.

Then there were the lieutenants of another Politburo member who died in Nineteen Forty-Eight. ~~Those lieutenants~~ ^{They} also disappeared all of a sudden - and Khrushchev says it's now known that Stalin had them executed too.

Khrushchev also went back to the earlier period of Stalin's rule - the period of the notorious purge trials. One of Stalin's most famous victims at that time - was Marshal Tukhachevsky, ^{they} ~~The Marshal was the~~ top ranking figure in the army; - yet Stalin had him suddenly arrested and shot. ~~It was~~ a typical Stalin performance - ~~with~~ his victim executed ~~immediately~~ after a trumped-up trial.

The official Communist line was that the Marshal was a traitor - found guilty of conspiring with Germany and Japan to overthrow Stalin's government. Now Khrushchev says that there was no basis for the charge. He's quoted as calling the Tukhachevsky execution "a terrible mistake" - partly responsible for the German victories in Nineteen Forty-One -- which the dead Marshal might have handled better than those whom Stalin placed in command.

The picture ~~that~~ we get ^{from} ~~the~~ Khrushchev talk - is of a tyrant surrounding himself with yes-men - making the Kremlin a symbol of terror, by killing ~~off~~ anyone he disliked.

And that
~~Yes, it~~ sounds ~~pretty much~~ like what the West was saying ~~a long time~~ ^{years} ago - in the days when Khrushchev was one of the loudest in praising ^{of} the tyrant. Now even ~~Khrushchev~~ ^{he} admits that the man who terrorized Russia for so many years, should be remembered in history as another Ivan the Terrible.

~~In fact, Western historians have already reached that conclusion calling the late tyrant, "Stalin the Terrible."~~

MALENKOV

An English girl describes a former Soviet Premier as "a most attractive man". Sonia Hamburg, born in England, of Russian parents, speaks Russian fluently. She was in charge of an electrical exhibition when Malenkov arrived for a tour. After a long talk with him - in Russian - she said that while Malenkov is not at all good looking, he is charming. That's her verdict on one Bolshevik leader who lost his job, without losing his head.

To the British he appears as a jovial, amiable visitor, genially shaking hands with everybody.

We hear he went on an unscheduled sightseeing tour. Driving to a meeting with Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, suddenly his car pulled out of the line - and raced into Trafalgar Square. There it drove round and 'round, while Malenkov took a good look at the Nelson Monument - the victor of Trafalgar atop that famous column in Trafalgar Square.

FIRE

A New York family is alive today, all because the baby remembered the ^{em} one ^{and only} word in his vocabulary. Two year old David

Ilchuk likes to play with fire engines - ^{- and the one word he} ~~and so he~~ knows ~~the~~

^{is the} word "fire". Early this morning he began to shout, " fire!" - until he woke up his parents. They found the apartment full of smoke, the building on fire.

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They ~~na~~ all managed to climb out of a window - just in time. A two year old, giving the alarm by shouting the one word he knows - "fire."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

New York tonight may be having its roughest blizzard of the season, but down in sunny Tampa, Florida, they are preparing to celebrate Ireland's patron Saint in a big way.

Tampa has a lot of citizens named Gomez, Fernandez and Martini. The story is, that they are going to give their names an Irish touch: - O'Gomez and O'Fernandez and O'Martini, like Bernard O'Higgins hero of South America.

The idea started with a real Irishman - Phil O'Hara. He got the idea that the Latins of Tampa ought to celebrate St. Patrick's Day - help him. So they started it, without any thought of making it an annual event. Today said O'Hara: "I just told my Latin friends that the first kings of Ireland were from Gaul, which included Spain." And he added that his Latin friends practically all have Irish blood in their veins, since they drink Irish whiskey.

Anyhow, Henry, tomorrow in Tampa will be "San Patrikio Day."