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Tonight President Eisenhower is off on - his epoch making trip to Europe, ~~an~~ Asia, and Africa. The President, heading for Rome - on the first leg of his journey. He'll cover twenty-two thousand miles - before he returns home. Time - nineteen days. The most dramatic event - of the Eisenhower administration, **And** one of the most dramatic - in American history.

Today Mr. Eisenhower conferred - with his top advisors, ~~making~~ last minute preparations - with Secretary of State Herter, and the National Security Council. Secretary Herter, to join the President later, in Paris - for top level talks with Macmillan, Adenauer and DeGaulle.

Tonight, President Eisenhower - reporting to the American people over radio and television, **explaining** briefly - the meaning of this trip. Which is:- that he wants to convince the free world - of our peaceful intentions, **and**, maintain personal contacts - with our allies.

The President, then driving to the airport. Taking off for the Eternal City - ~~where they're~~ ^{where they're} preparing a mammoth reception for the President of the United States, - in Rome.

POPULATION

Today's announcement by the State Department - has a bearing on ~~that~~^a dispute over birth control. The question of whether we should provide contraceptive information - to other countries, ^{to help} prevent ~~ing~~ over-population -- with too little food to go around.

The State Department minimizes - this danger. Saying - in Nineteen Seventy-Five the world will produce more than enough food to take care of everybody. The Department, basing its opinion - on figures for the period from Nineteen Forty-Eight to Nineteen Fifty-Two. The figures, showing - the population of the world rose by ten per cent during those four years, ^{while} ~~but~~ the food supply increased - by seventeen per cent. Food, running ahead of population - by seven per cent.

The experts expect the trend - to continue. More human beings - also more food for them.

BRAZIL

The situation in Brazil is confused - following ~~that~~
recent events
~~attempted revolt~~. A group of air force officers - trying to
start an insurrection against President Kubitschek. The
officers - stealing several planes, hijacking an airliner -
with thirty-eight passengers aboard, ordering the pilot to
fly to a military base - north of the Amazon. Landing - to find
the army waiting for them. The Brazilian army - loyal ~~to~~
President Kubitschek.

But some of the insurgents - ^{still} ~~are~~/at large, and
insist ~~that~~ they intend to keep the anti-Kubitschek movement
alive. They accuse him of being -- pro-Communist.

IRAQ

In Iraq, a celebration that sounds like something from the days of medieval Islam. The Iraqis - sacrificing sheep. An old tribal custom - of the Arabs. A ceremonial celebration.

The reason for today's celebration - the return of Iraq's strong man. Premier Kassem, out of the hospital - with nothing worse than a stiff arm. ~~But~~ Kassem, lucky to survive - the ~~the~~ assassination attempt, when he was hit ~~with~~ ^{by} three bullets.

The Premier of Iraq, riding through Baghdad - with the crowd cheering, ~~and~~ ^{some} sacrificing sheep.

BULGARIA

Bulgaria, renewing diplomatic relations with the United States - after nine years. Dr. Peter Voutov, presenting his credentials - to Secretary of State Herter. Dr. Voutov, pledging - better relations between his country and ours.

Quite a switch - from Nineteen Fifty, when Stalin forced Bulgaria - to break off relations with Washington.

COHEN

A west coast hoodlum - booked on suspicion of murder.

Mickey Cohen - accused of making contradictory statements about the murder of Jack Whelan.

Whelan, an underworld figure ^{said} - ~~says~~ to have a lot of enemies, walking into Rondelli's restaurant - in the San Fernando valley, getting into a fight - and shot a few feet from Cohen's table.

Mickey Cohen claims - he doesn't know a thing about the shooting. Says - he heard a scuffle. Then, in the mobster's words - "there were three or four shots - and I ducked."

FLOOD

The town of Frejus, on the French Riviera - a shambles tonight, following - yesterday's flood. A dam, bursting - sending a wall of water eight feet high - crashing down on Frejus. Survivors say it sounded like - an army of tanks, ~~hit~~ ^{or} their town, ~~hit~~ ^{hit by} a hundred blockbusters.

Houses - swept away. Trucks and cars - sent spinning end over end. Trees and telephone poles - snapped like match-sticks.

Half of the town - nothing but wreckage in a sea of mud and water. The toll - three hundred dead, five hundred ~~more~~ missing.

Frejus - described by the travel books as "a paradise of the Riviera."

WILKINS

Now exploration - and art. And Suzanne, Lady Wilkins. Lady Wilkins has opened a one-man show, in New York. Or a one-woman show?

Anyway, her paintings feature portraits of explorers. And of course her late husband was - Sir Hubert Wilkins, a giant - of Twentieth Century exploration. Famed for his pioneering work - in the Arctic and the Antarctic. Along the equator, too. Sir Hubert Wilkins you will recall, was the first to take a submarine, under Arctic ice.

His portrait - the high spot of Lady Wilkins' show. The picture, flanked by other men of action - like Colonel Eddie Eagan, Commander Calvert of the atomic submarine "Skate", and Albert Morasso of the Circumnavigators Club. And one of me - although some visitors thought I was Admiral Peary.

What do most people want when they sit for a portrait. Lady Wilkins says they want to be flattered.

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Lady Wilkins tells how she straightened the nose of one woman and when her subject saw the portrait - she hurried to a plastic surgeon - for a profile just like Suzanne had painted for her.

How did she happen to meet Sir Hubert? She was an Australian - playing on Broadway. Sir Hubert just in from the frozen north. The striking, exotic Suzanne says: - "I read up on Sir Hubert, met him - and we were married! Bingo! Dick.

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ACCIDENT

Maybe - this is both: - a Wisconsin hunter, cured of deafness - by being shot in the head. Robert Maurer of Monroe, Wisconsin - suffering from a damaged right ear - after getting too close to a grenade during World War Two. Hard of hearing - ever since.

Last week - Maurer out hunting, was popped in the head - by a stray bullet. Rushed to the hospital in an emergency operation, a surgeon removed - splinters of bone along with the bullet.

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STEEL

In his address to the nation ~~long~~ tonight - President Eisenhower mentioned the steel strike again. Mr. Eisenhower, calling on labor and management - to end this walkout. Terming the present negotiations - "critically important to the entire nation." Adding, he ^{has} ~~is~~ instructed Federal Mediator, Joseph Finnegan - to keep negotiating around the clock.

President Eisenhower ended with the hope - that he might get word during his trip, word - about the strike being over. There ^{is a little optimism} ~~is some hope~~ tonight - in the Union announcement of a new bid - to come up with an agreement that both sides can accept.