

President Eisenhower today received another letter from Bulganin. It's the sixth in their correspondence - which has been going on since shortly after their meeting at Geneva last summer. We don't know the contents of today's letter - but in Washington it's believed to be a reply to ~~the~~ *the* Eisenhower's proposals about disarmament. The President has said repeatedly *that he will* ~~he'll~~ keep writing to the Soviet Premier about disarmament - as long as there's any chance ~~of~~ at all of something coming out of it. Apparently, Bulganin takes up that subject in his new letter. But we'll have to wait for the text ~~of~~ to be released - before we know just ~~the~~ what Bulganin has to say.

GEORGIA

The United Press tells us that -
/Word has reached Vienna, from diplomatic sources
in Moscow - that the Kremlin is having more trouble with the
Republic of Georgia - Josef Stalin's home ~~FROM~~ province. The
reason, of course is that campaign to down-grade the local ~~KEY~~
boy who made good. Nowhere has Khrushchev handled the anti-
Stalin campaign more gingerly - than in Georgia. He sent a
whole wave of Communist propagandists into that province last
march - to spread the new line. But it was more than the city
of Tiflis, where Stalin was born - was willing to accept.
A mob gathered, and marched on the post office. Troops had
to be rushed in to handle the mob - and about one hundred
persons were killed, before the riot came to an end.

Since then, the city and the Republic have been
generally quiet. But now we hear ~~that~~ that more opposition
broke out on ^{May}~~March~~ Twenty-Sixth - the Thirty-Seventh
Anniversary of the proclamation of Georgia's independence in
Nineteen Nineteen. On the morning of that anniversary, public

buildings ~~were~~ were placarded with posters reading "Long live the ~~indepe~~ independent Georgian republic." Secret police rushed into Tiflis - and more than a hundred persons ~~were~~ were arrested in one day. Police raids have been going on ~~■~~ ever since. Apparently, there haven't been any deaths yet in this outbreak of opposition. - ~~But~~ anyway, we know that Georgia still isn't happy ~~■~~ about what Khrushchev is doing to the reputation of Stalin.

FOREIGN AID

President Eisenhower suffered a major setback in the House today - when his last minute appeal was turned down. The President asked that six hundred million dollars be restored to his foreign aid program. But the House voted overwhelmingly against that. Now Mr. Eisenhower hopes that the Senate will do something more favorable to the administration.

SOIL BANK

Here's a question that the farmers of America would like to see answered - does President Eisenhower's soil bank plan include crops that are hit by either drought or flood? The question comes up because of a difference of opinion - between Secretary of Agriculture Benson, and Congressman Poage of Texas.

Secretary Benson says that the soil bank program is not intended to cover drought or flood. In his view, it's strictly a means of holding down surplus production - it's not, as he puts it, "a crop insurance program."

But ^{the Texas} Congressman ~~Poage~~ replies that any farmer may put any part of his land into the ~~soil~~ soil bank - regardless of the condition of his crop. In other words, a farmer who suffers from drought or flood - may put his land into the soil bank, and draw payments from Uncle Sam.

TARIFF

Washington announces big changes in our tariff policy.

The changes involve about a billion dollars a year. We've agreed to cut our duties on a whole series of things, from scotch whiskey to foreign cars. At the ~~same~~ same time, we^are getting concessions from other nations - on evrything from beer to petroleum.

President Eisenhower sent Congress a special message about the tariff. Mr. Eisenhower points out that higher tariffs would make our tax structure top heavy and complicated. Also, the whole transaction is to our advantage - since we^are getting concessions, as well as ~~giving~~ giving them.

POWER

The development of power - has divided the house government operations committee into two parts - along strictly partisan lines. The Democratic majority in the committee issued a report today - accusing the Eisenhower administration of trying to destroy public power. The Democrats charge that there is a move toward private monopoly in this country - and they ~~think~~ think Congress ought to look into the matter.

The G O P minority has a different opinion. The Republicans, accusing the Democrats of attacking private industry - and misusing congressional power for political purposes.

A partisan disagreement in a Congressional committee. - not unexpected, during an election year.

PRIMARIES

The Republican National Chairman gave his opinion of the Nineteen Fifty Six primaries - at a national Press Club luncheon in Washington, It's not surprising that Leonard Hall interprets the primaries - as proving that President Eisenhower has strong support ~~was~~ throughout the country. Hall told his audience that the Democrats have been unable to find a real issue - and that the President obviously is going to win in November. He said he expects his party to get strong support from the farm vote, the labor vote, and the negro vote. At the same time, the G O P Chairman believes that the people have shown an indifference to the chief Democratic candidate.

But there's a very different opinion from Adlai Stevenson's camp. His ~~of~~ followers say his tremendous victory in California - shows that the slogan "Stevenson can't win" is just a myth. They^{are} sure that he can win - and will, come November.

WEST GERMANY

West Germany agrees to pay for the upkeep of American troops stationed there. The official statement ~~is~~ in Bonn gives the figure at more than one hundred and fifty million dollars a year. And adds, that similar agreements will be negotiated with Britain and France.

This marks a radical change from the ~~pre~~ previous stand taken by the Adenauer government - which at first flatly refused to pay anything toward the upkeep of foreign troops.

HYDROGEN

Prime Minister Eden announces that Britain's first hydrogen bomb - will be exploded near Christmas Island, in the Pacific, early next year. Christmas Island is about midway between Hawaii and Tahiti. It's twenty-five hundred miles closer to North America than our Bikini testing ground. Ownership of Christmas Island has never been decided - and on the map it's labeled U S-British territory.

Sir Anthony told the House of Commons that the explosions will be in the Megaton Range - a pretty big blast, because a Megaton equals one million tons of T N T.

OIL COMPANY

An American company wants to buy the biggest independent British oil firm - but there's some doubt that the Eden government will permit the sale. The Texas Company would like to take over the Trinidad oil Company - for one hundred and seventy six million dollars. Word of the possible deal ~~has~~ sent Trinidad's stock ~~up~~ way up today. And it could be a big boost to Britain's economy - because the government would collect American dollars, and pay the stockholders in British currency.

The stumbling block appears to be - British national pride. Trinidad operates about half the service stations in Britain - and the British don't like the idea of a foreign ~~company~~ company handling them from now on. The Eden government has the power to prevent the sale - and indications are, that it will.

IRAN

Iranian troops have occupied a Soviet installation in the northeastern part of that country - near the Soviet border. Russians have been prospecting at the Khuryan Oil Field since Nineteen Twenty Six. But Teheran charges that the installation has been more of an espionage center than anything else. There have been rumors that the Russians transmit top secret reports from Khuryan to Moscow.

So today, Iranian troops moved in. They seized the installation without violence - and tonight the Russians are under guard in Teheran.

The Soviet Embassy in the Iranian capital has already filed a formal ~~complaint~~ complaint. But the Kremlin probably will not make an issue of the affair - not with the Shah and his Queen about to visit Moscow.

MALENKOV

The former Soviet Premier will visit Paris. No date has been set for Malenkov's tour of the French capital - but he's expected to arrive soon. ^{As} ~~He'll be~~ an advance ^{man} ~~guard~~ - for Bulganin and Khrushchev - just as he was in Britain. The firm of B & K ~~we~~ were invited to France by Premier Mollet - during his trip to Moscow last month. And, ~~we~~ as we know - B & K never turn down invitations. So France will get a view, first of the ex-Premier and then of the two travelling salesmen of Soviet Communism. Malenkov - to be followed by Bulganin and Khrushchev.

SOVIET POPULATION

A statistical handbook issued in Moscow, gives the population of ~~the~~ the Soviet Union ^{at} ~~λ~~ just over two hundred million. Western observers are surprised at the figure - they thought it ~~was~~ would be much larger- perhaps as high as two hundred and fifty million. The explanation probably is - that Soviet losses during the ~~the~~ war - were much greater than anyone thought possible at the time.

This Soviet handbook mentions a class of farmers - that no longer exist^s. The Kulaks, who ~~were~~ were massacred by Stalin during the collectivization of Russian land. The old tyrant obviously tells us that there are no longer any Kulaks - they've all disappeared. Only, now Stalin isn't mentioned. He got rid of the Kulaks all right - but the Kremlin isn't giving him credit for anything these days.

SINGAPORE

In Singapore, the Chief Minister has resigned.

David Marshall, stepping out - in protest against Britain's refusal to grant Singapore self government. Marshall now becomes head of the Labor Party in Singapore. He says he'll mobilize public opinion - and campaign more strenuously for independence.

SCAPA FLOW

A dispatch from London states that the British Navy is losing one of its historic bases. Scapa Flow, in the Orkneys, to be closed as an economy measure. Scapa Flow - where the Germans scuttled their grand fleet in Nineteen Ninteen. Scape Flow - where a German U-boat sneaked in and torpedoed the battleship Royal Oak in Nineteen Thirty Nine one of the daring ~~aring~~ exploits of the Second World War. Yes, the world is really changing - when the Royal Navy no longer bases its battle wagons at Scapa Flow.

MAE WEST

Tonight's story about Mae West sounds like a sequence from one of her pictures. The script includes a couple of handsome strong men - also another fabulous blonde beauty, ~~xxxx~~ actress Jayne Mansfield.

It all started when Mickey Hargitay, of the Mae West chorus line - was photographed with Jayne Mansfield. Mae West promptly decided to disentangle herself from that situation. And during the discussion - another of her chorus line, Chuck Krauser, punched Mickey so hard - the doctor had to take two stitches in his chin. And that could be disastrous, because Mickey is Mr. Universe of Nineteen Fifty-Six.

After it was all over, newsmen asked Mae West - if she was jealous of Jayne Mansfield. To which she responded - with an indignant "No". Asked if it was the first time she had ever caused a fight between two men - she replied: "No but never in public like this before." ["]Ad then Mae West

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westⁿ on quickly: "I prefer doing things - behind closed doors."

Which of the men was responsible for the fight-
Hargitay or Krauser? That important question - remains to
be decided.

SEA MONSTER

A Liberian ship reports - a "sea monster" off the coast of Newfoundland. The freighter "Rhapsody" radios a description of the beast - and says it's forty five feet long, with fins fifteen feet wide. We are told that it's something like a gigantic turtle - with a sort, spongy shell. And when last seen, it was moving slowly along an uncertain course.

The message from the freighter was picked up by the Coast Guard - and relayed to the Navy Hydrographic office in Boston.

How does the Navy diagnose the story? It says the "sea monster" could have been ~~xy~~ anything from a dead whale to a floating housetop. In other words, the Navy definitely doesn't believe it's really a "sea monster", as the Captain of the freighter insists. But the Navy agrees with the skipper - that whatever it is - it's dangerous to navigation - and ships in Newfoundland waters had better keep a close watch, Henry.