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KHRUSHCHEV

The Khrushchev reception in Paris is compared, inevitably - to the tremendous ovation President Eisenhower got last fall. The crowds, today, turning out for the Soviet Premier not as large as the huge throngs that greeted the American President... ^{Which} ~~but that~~ may be because of the security precautions - to protect Khrushchev. A record-breaking array of police deployed ~~4~~ along the route, wherever the distinguished visitor goes ~~about~~ in the French capital.

But the welcome is noisy and enthusiastic...the French Communist Party - rallying its members to hail the big Boss of Communism.

At the airport, this morning, one point of contrast was noted immediately - the small and the large. ~~Khrushchev~~ Khrushchev, short in stature...welcomed by French President Charles DeGaulle who is just about the tallest head-of-government in the world. He towered over his guest. Khrushchev, moreover - looking tired and worn after an attack of influenza ^{that had} ~~which~~ delayed his visit to Paris.

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On the side of world affairs - a statement by Khrushchev, ~~..~~ which sounds like a first revelation - of an important fact. He stated that Soviet Russia has not conducted any subterranean atomic tests... ~~these~~ underground explosions - ~~which can hardly be detected~~... ^{to} nor do the Soviets - plan to have any.

Atomic tests underground are a Number One issue in the disarmament negotiations ~~now~~ now going on ^{at} ~~in~~ Geneva.

Khrushchev made his declaration in an address in Paris, today - in which he hurled a blast of propaganda in favor of the Russian disarmament program ^{recently} presented in Geneva.

SOUTH AFRICA

Today, the South African premier announced - a broad investigation of the riots and shootings...which have taken scores of lives...the police - firing on crowds of native Africans.

Premier Hendrik Verwoers told the South African ^{parliament} ~~premier at~~ ~~Capetown~~ that investigators are being sent to Sharpeville and Lango, the two towns, where the worst of the disturbances occurred.

This government reaction in Capetown would seem to indicate that the South Africans are concerned about ^{the} a worldwide protest against the way the police have been using gunfire - shooting down members of stone throwing mobs of Negroes.

ROCKET

In the South Atlantic, off Ascension Island, an Air Force vessel, today - picked up a small object, out of the ocean... A capsule - from the nose cone of a rocket, ^{that}...~~which~~ was fired from Cape Canaveral, Florida - five thousand miles away.

This completed the success - of the latest launching of a Titan Intercontinental Ballistic missile...the seventh success of the Titan - in eleven shots.

In a war, the nose cone would have carried a hydrogen bomb warhead. In this experiment, a capsule - filled with scientific instruments...to record revealing data - of the five thousand mile flight of the Titan, and the re-entry of the nose cone into the atmosphere.

Along with that rocket success - a failure at Cape Canaveral, today...in the launching of an artificial satellite ^{that} ~~which~~ failed to go into orbit...the purpose to investigate radiation bombs out beyond the atmosphere.

SNAFU

A wonderful case of Snafu - which comes to light in Washington... where a congressional sub-committee discloses the comical case of the foot lockers. Comical - but expensive.

Over at Bitberg, Germany, there's an American base - where four thousand airmen are stationed...not - such a big base...where - some foot lockers were needed...those long box-like trunks - in which servicemen keep their belongings.

So an order was placed - for three hundred...the order - going to the army quartermaster corps in Philadelphia.

But, on the way, there was a slip-up in typing or something - and the order, when it arrived, was for thirty thousand foot lockers.

Well, you'd think somebody might have questioned the huge figure. But, Snafu! - not at all! They simply rounded up thirty thousand foot lockers, and loaded them on a ship, bound for Germany.

Meanwhile, the clerical mistake was discovered...but - much too late...that enormous cargo of foot lockers, already on the high seas... in due time - arriving in Germany.

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You can imagine the astonishment at the Bitberg Air Base...where, however, they did their best to take as many foot lockers as they possibly could...accepting - seven hundred and two...the rest of the thirty thousand - placed in storage in Germany.

Comical.. sure, it's a laugh, a scream. John Q. Taxpayer - screaming. That Snafu costs - one hundred thousand ~~dollars~~ ^{you and me -} ^{bucks,}

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SCHOOL

At Pittsburgh, today, school teacher Bohdan Pashkowsky - gave an explanation...telling - why he paddled forty-seven pupils... thirteen and fourteen year olds - in the eighth grade...giving the entire class, apparently - a wholesale spanking.

The Pittsburgh school superintendent, Dr. Calvin Gross, disapproves - of the mass corporal punishment inflicted by Teacher Pashkowsky... who - may be dismissed from his post.

Pashkowsky, however, insists - that the paddling of the forty-seven was necessary...for scholastic reasons. "I had," he says, "exhausted all possible means - of conducting them to some intellectual outlet."

So he applied the paddle - to conduce an intellectual outlet.

As a teenager, in the 8th Grade I recall getting paddled for the same reason. And in retrospect I think she - my fiery, Amazon teacher was right.

And now - across the continent - to

Dick No-el!

PRINCE

From London - an example of a silencing answer...given - to Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth...when he visited - a London factory.

His Royal Highness was interested in an electronic machine, a computer shuffling punch cards...operated - by Mike Butler, nineteen years old.

Prince Philip asked him about the gadget, and Mike said.."It's a flip-flop."

"Why," asked the Prince, "is it called a flip-flop.."

"Because," Mike responded, "because it flips and flops."

His Royal Highness, not asking any more - walked off...while the machine went on - flipping and flopping.