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Tonight's rocket launching at Cape Canaveral, a spectacular affair. The missile - the huge combination of an Air Force Thor and a Navy Vanguard. A giant - such as might be used for a trip to the moon.

But tonight's launching was for another purpose -- a test of an intercontinental missile. To go eighty miles high - and travel some six thousand miles. Trying out -- a kind of nose-cone that will not burn up from friction when coming down into the atmosphere again. As it would have to do in war - with a hydrogen bomb.

The giant Thor Vanguard - took off - with a tremendous display ~~explosion~~ of fireworks. The missile - shooting streams of flame. Then, minutes later, there was a ~~big~~ white flash high in the sky. Some spectators thinking the rocket had blown up. But then, the Thor-Vanguard seemed to be speeding on its course - heading over the South Atlantic for a presumed six thousand miles. We'll have to ~~wait~~ wait for the final facts.

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The rebellion on Sumatra may be almost over. At any rate so reports United Press Correspondent Wendell Merick, who crossed through both lines - to file his dispatch from Medan.

Merick says he had no trouble getting through - because hardly any fighting is going on now. Men on both sides - fraternizing. One government commander put it this way - "it's like the red team against the blue team."

Even the rebels admit - they have come to the end of the trail. The U P correspondent, describing them as "bewildered" by the quick success of Sukarno's invasion force.

Why didn't the rebels do better? The answer is - air power. Wendell Merick was in Padang - when government planes bombarded that city. With no rebel planes in the sky, the rebel troops on the ground - fled in terror,

when the bombs began to burst around them.

The anti-Sukarno forces, shaken so badly that reporter Merick doubts they'll even be able to mount a guerilla war in the jungle.

YEMEN

There's more fighting in South Arabia - along the border of Aden and Yemen. In London, Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd told the House of Commons - the Yemenis have been attacking across the border. Patrols, sneaking into Aden - ~~hitting~~ hitting British outposts. Selwyn Lloyd adds - the Yemeni army is throwing artillery and mortar shells across no-man's land between the two countries. The situation, so serious - the British are rushing more troops to Aden by air. And units of the Royal Navy stationed in the Indian ocean - are under orders to stand by.

During the debate, one laborite wanted to know - whether Prime Minister MacMillan is going to ask the United Nations to station observers along the Aden-Yemen frontier. "Certainly not," Selwyn Lloyd replied. Then he went on to explain -- the fighting in Southern Arabia is Britain's own affair - and is not ~~gon~~ going to be internationalized.

JUGOSLOVIA

The Communist bloc split wide open in Yugoslavia today.

The Yugoslav speaker, bitterly criticizing Moscow's interference

in Yugoslav affairs. Foreign Minister Rankovic, blasting

the Cominform - telling Khrushchev to mind his own business.

Rankovic, picking up where Tito left off yesterday.

The Soviet delegate didn't wait for the end of the

speech. He got up and walked out - with other satellite

delegates followed ^{ing} obediently. All - except Poland. The

Polish ambassador stayed ~~at the meeting~~ - and even applauded

Rankovic. ^R So the world behind the Iron Curtain - doesn't

seem to be as unified as the Kremlin would like to believe.

POLAND

The Soviet Union, furnishing the Army of ~~Med~~ Poland - with new tanks, artillery, rifles and other military equipment. So says a dispatch from Vienna - which puts the cost of the new equipment at one hundred and fifty million dollars. We are told the deal between Poland and ~~Russia~~ was signed - at a secret meeting in Warsaw.

The idea being - to modernize the Polish army which is the most poorly equipped of any satellite state. The Russians now delivering their own tanks - to replace German tanks from World War Two. Moscow, hoping Poland will produce a first class army of two hundred thousand men.

Can Moscow depend on any Polish army?

KHRUSHCHEV

President Eisenhower received another letter from Khrushchev today. Contents - made public in Washington and Moscow.

The Soviet Premier promises that Russia will never stage another atomic test explosion - unless compelled to do so by the United States and Great Britain.

Which, of course - is a repetition of Soviet promises all along. The White House declaring - the Khrushchev letter contains nothing new.

It rejects President Eisenhower's proposal for open skies aerial inspection as a safeguard.

At the Eisenhower news conference today - the main question was about a possible Big Two meeting between the President and Khrushchev. One newsman pointing out - there's a rumor that the Soviets are angling for a "Big Two" summit conference - excluding Britain and France. So, how does President Eisenhower feel about the idea?

His answer - a flat rejection. The President saying, of course he would meet Khrushchev to discuss any problems that concern only Russia and America. But that we will not try to speak for the entire western world. Mr. Eisenhower's opinion - Khrushchev is probably trying to split the west - turn our allies against us.

What about the integration of the armed forces? One newsman wanted to know -whether the administration plan might not produce a dictator some day? Mr. Eisenhower retorted: "Have you read the law?" The newsman answered: "Yes, Sir. To which Mr. Eisenhower retorted: "No you

haven't - I don't think you have." Then he went on to say - that he has no plan that would permit one-man control of the military. The armed services, to retain their identity - army, navy and air force. But he wants to cut out rivalry between the services - and make them more efficient in the atomic age. That's why he intends the Secretary of Defense to have more authority.

Naturally, the recession came up today. President Eisenhower saying - he won't pretend that everything is fine with our economy. But he feels sure a rise is coming - and he doesn't see any need for an immediate tax cut. The President hinting, he intends to veto the Democratic-sponsored bill for emergency unemployment benefits, that would give the President more than he asked for - more than he thinks necessary.

PRICES

Consumer prices, setting another record - according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The price index, jumping seven-tenths of one percent. This, mainly due to the rising cost of ■■ getting dairy products, fruit, and ■■ vegetables - to market. As a result, over a million workers will receive pay riases - because their contracts are linked to the government index by an escalator clause. ~~The irony is this - jump in prices comes in the midst of a recession, with unemployment reaching the highest in level in over a decade.~~

CRIME

J. Edgar Hoover, reports - a record number of major crimes committed last year. Close to three million - one every twelve seconds. The crime rate, in this country, increasing four times as fast as the population - over the past seven years. Juvenile delinquents accounting for a lot of it. A much higher percentage of arrests - among those under age eighteen.

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PARATROOPERS

That tragedy at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, was caused by winds close to the ground. Thirteen hundred men of the hundred and first airborne - jumping in "operation eagle wing." The wind was about fifteen miles an hour - when they jumped. But they came down ^{to} ~~among~~, what are called, "extreme gusts". The wind, catching the parachutes, dragging the men ~~along~~ ~~behind~~. A lot of spectators ran to help - jumping on the shoots, getting the paratroopers ~~nk~~ out of their harnesses. The toll - five killed, more than forty injured.

SHIP

The destroyer "Yarnall" limped into San Diego today - after a freak accident in the Pacific. The destroyer, participating in naval maneuvers. Part of the exercise - subs attacking with dummy torpedoes. These, supposed to pass under the surface ships - without touching them.

One dummy torpedo, coming up too high. Crashing into the "Yarnall". The destroyer, rocked from stem to stern. But she didn't sink. With half a dozen leaks she was ordered back to San Diego for repairs.

ISRAEL

Israel assures Jordan that all armed forces mobilized for tomorrow's parade - will be returned to their bases immediately afterward. ^{This has to do with} ~~The reference - to~~ preparations for celebrating the Tenth anniversary of the State of Israel. Foot soldiers and armored units ^{to} ~~will~~ parade in the stadium, ~~next~~ ^{at} ~~to~~ the Hebrew University. ~~and~~ Jordan, protesting - calling this a breach of the armistice agreement. So Prime Minister Ben Gurion, ~~moves~~ to prevent ~~any more~~ tension - by promising ^{ing} that his men will not stay in Jerusalem. - ^{only make an appearance at the Israeli celebration.}

TIBET

The New York Times reports ~~the~~ Tibet demanding more freedom from Red China. The Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama - presiding over ceremonies in Lhasa. The two religious leaders of the hermit theocracy, drawing up a joint declaration - sending it to Mao Tse-Tung in Peking.

The declaration notes that Mao is not insisting on the communization of Tibet - during China's current five year plan. The Tibetans, feeling there's no reason why they should be held down by Mao's occupation forces. The two ^{high} ~~great~~ lamas, asking the ^{head} ~~boss~~ of Red China - to declare their country an an autonomous region. They want more self government - and fewer Chinese soldiers ^{in Tibet,} ~~on their territory.~~

The Lhasa declaration does not hint at rebellion.

No suggestion that the Chinese army be pulled out ~~of Tibet~~ altogether. But the Dalai and Panchen Lamas think Mao might be willing to allow a bit more liberty to the nation that once was free and independent. They're asking for a taste of the

liberty - that is so precious in Tibet - far up on the
roof of the world.

GYPSIES

A dispatch from Lendinara, Italy - sounds like the libretto of a Verdi opera. The Queen of the Hungarian Gypsies - dying in the town square of Lendinara - ~~while all around~~ ^{surrounded by} her followers ~~keep up their~~ ^{singing} mournful dirges.

Queen Mimi ~~was~~ taken to the hospital ^{was} told, she had only a few days to live. She asked to be allowed to die in her own tent - and the town fathers ^{of Lendinara} ~~brought in their royal~~ all right with them. So the Gypsies brought in their royal tent - ~~made~~ of colored canvas - decorated with trinkets that sparkle like jewels and gold. Queen Mimi was carried from the hospital and tonight, she's in her tent sinking rapidly.

Italian police, ^{are} patrolling the town square - maintaining order as Gypsies pour in. Open fires everywhere. Many gypsies bargaining with news photographers - ~~si~~ selling newsmen the right to photograph their dying Queen. The price of admission to the royal tent - forty-eight dollars for Italians, eighty dollars for Americans. ~~If you want to photograph other~~

Every good opera should have a treasure - somewhere in the libretto, and there's one in the story of Queen Mimi. She is said to have a hoard of hidden jewels and gold; treasure estimated at over a hundred thousand dollars. According to Gypsy tradition, the Queen is supposed to tell her followers where they can find the treasure - when she knows she's going to die. So far, the members of the Gypsy Council haven't revealed - what they have learned from Queen Mimi. They are busy deciding on a successor. And all the while, Mimi, Queen of the Gypsies lies in her royal tent - awaiting her final hour - in the town square of Lendinara.

Verdi used stories less dramatic than that.

PRISON

A gang of thieves, climbing over the wall of Britain's Liverpool prison. That doesn't sound like much of a story - jails almost everywhere, are accustomed to having prisoners climb out. But the point of this story is that last night, in Liverpool - they climbed in!

First they got over a ten foot wall from the street - and dropped into the grounds around the home of the director of the prison. They walked past a room where he was asleep - climbed a twenty foot wall - and jumped down inside the prison itself. Then they broke into an office - and started working on one of the safes. The safe - holding the payroll for two hundred prison guards.

The thieves struggled with that safe - while the guards patrolled the walls of the prison. But they couldn't crack the safe. Giving up, they got out of the prison, the way they had entered. Over two walls and disappeared.

There's something never heard of before! ~~XXXXXXX~~

Thieves breaking into a prison.

And now Don!

CHURCHILL

The London House of Commons today had a visit from its most illustrious member. Yes Winston Churchill who entered today - as Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd was speaking. The Foreign Secretary pausing - to announce Churchill's arrival. Which brought an outburst of cheering and applause.

The aged statesman walked to a front bench - and sat through the rest of the session. After the question period, he chatted for a few minutes with the Speaker. Then left - amid more cheering.

All who saw him say Sir Winston looked fine!