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President Eisenhower's reply to Soviet Premier Bulganin - has one pervasive point. Which ha ~~nk~~ makes in the very first words - striking a sort of keynote.

"I am" writes the President, "in receipt of your communication of February First. I note that it is a slightly abbreviated, and moderated, edition Of the lengthy and rather bitter speech, which Mr. Khrushchev made at Minsk on January twenty-second."

After which, time and again the President makes reference to the Khrushchev diatribe. Arguing - what's the sense of an exchange of ~~nk~~ letters ~~while~~ while Soviet leaders - continue their blasts of malice and misrepresentation toward the United States?

What's the use, also, of the summit ~~reference~~ conference of the heads of State? What would it accomplish in behalf of international friendship - while the Soviets continue their propaganda of abuse and slander? These attacks do not promote the likelihood of a summit conference - declares the President.

In his message, he deals with a number of questions - ■ repeating that Eisenhower call for an agreement on the control of outer space. But he places all emphasis on that number one point. Speaking of what he describes as - "the ^Vast ~~X~~ Gulf of misunderstanding and misrepresentation that is again revealed by both speeches and written communications of Soviet leaders."

The letter does not exclude the possibility of a summit conference. But - makes it conditional on a better tone in Moscow, toward the United States.

POLAND

Red Poland makes a suggestion. Striking - because it comes from a Communist government. A Polish note conceding - ground and air inspection. Those conditions for safeguarding against a surprise attack - which the West has been insisting on, ever since the end of the Second World War.

This concerns the Polish plan - for establishing a zone from which missiles and atomic and hydrogen bombs would be banned. A "de-nuclearized" zone - consisting of Germany and the Red satellites. The West has been cool to this. Partly on grounds that such a zone, some hundreds of miles wide, would mean little in the face of intercontinental missiles, with nuclear warheads.

So now the Polish government has a new gimmick. Proposing - ground and air inspection in the "de-nuclearized" area. Suggesting, moreover, that such controls might be just a beginning - might be expanded so as to become, eventually, the world-wide precautions against a surprise attack, which the West - has been demanding for disarmament.

KOREA

In Lorea, the U N command has called a meeting with the North Korean Reds - to demand the return of a South Korean airliner. Which landed in the Communist area - with thirty-two persons aboard. Two - Americans. The pilot, Willis Hobbs of Vallejo, California - and Lieutenant Colonel Howard McClellan of Buchanan, Michigan.

Suppositions are - that Communists aboard the plane held up the pilot. Forcing him to change course to North Korea, and land at a Communist airport.

INDONESIA

The new rebel government on Sumatra - is asking for diplomatic recognition. Urging foreign governments - to set up missions in its capital, the city of Padang. The rebels, however, seem not so much interested in establishing a new government - as in overthrowing the cabinet of Jakarta, - Java, with its pro-Communist ministers. The Sumatran Premier issuing a denunciation today - of what he called the "actions and immoralities" of President Sukarno.


The rebel Premier gives us a new name in the news - and what a name. Sjafruddin Prawiranegara.

TUNISIA

In Paris, today, the American and British Ambassadors called on Foreign Minister Pineau - presenting him with a proposal. An Anglo-American ~~offer~~ offer to mediate in the dispute between France and Tunisia. Growing out of the French bombing of a Tunisian village. So what's the French answer? Acceptance.

Which makes it unanimous - because, yesterday, the Tunisian government announced its own acceptance of the mediation offer.

All of which eases the North African crisis - in a prompt, effective way. The Tunisian government ordering - a relaxation of the blockade of French ~~as~~ garrisons in Tunisia.



ADD TUNISIA

But The Tunisians make a quick demand - that the French troops must be withdrawn, ~~Before~~ they'll go into ~~some~~ direct negotiations - which the British and Americans are trying to arrange.

ITALY

A great search - along the mountainous coast of southern Italy. By air, land and sea. Looking for an American air Force transport plane. Missing with sixteen persons aboard. The plane, flying from Germany, made a stop at Naples - then went on ~~km~~ toward its destination, Athens. Vanishing from radio contact - while over the South Italian Mountains.

Despite bad weather today, a fleet of planes was in the search. Italian Federal Police - trudging through the mountains - ships of the American Sixth fleet - scouting along the coast.

INVESTIGATION

The name of a brother-in-law of Mrs. Eisenhower - appeared in a Congressional investigation, today. The uproar - over the award of a television channel at Miami. Colonel Gordon Moore, husband of a ~~sister~~ sister of the First Lady - said to have used influence ~~in~~ in getting the T V channel for ~~the~~ National Airlines.

All of which appeared in testimony given by Dr. Bernard Schwartz who was ousted as committee counsel - a week ago. Dr. Schwartz testifying - that Colonel Moore had business and social relations with National Airlines officials. With "widespread allegations" - that Mrs. Eisenhower's brother-in-law had a hand in the television affair. But Schwartz added, "I do not know whether they ^(the allegations) are true or false."

The committee placed on record ~~is~~ an affidavit signed a year ago, by French Katzentine, former mayor of Miami - who tried to get a T V channel, but was disappointed. In the affidavit, Kalzentine said he was informed by friends - that Colonel Moore used his influence in behalf of the airline.

SPACE

There's one congressional committee that will have - a different kind of witness. Somebody - not concerned with racketeering in the labor unions, ~~or~~ or charges of corruption in government. The space man - the moon flier.

In Washington today, Democratic leader, Senator ^L Lyndon Johnson of Texas, declared - that Donald Farrell will be called ~~upon~~ upon to testify before the new Senate Space Committee.

Senator Johnson was on hand in San Antonio yesterday ~~when~~ -- when the interplanetary guinea pig emerged from his "space capsule". In which, for a week - he lived under conditions duplicating those of some future traveller to the moon going through the ordeal - okay.

Senator Johnson says the moon flier ^{is to} be called as soon as the space committee can get organized in Washington. Which, in turn, depends - on the weather, the snow. When they ^a are able to dig out of the heavy snow that's impeding everything.

Maybe they can fly to the moon - but ^{so far} they can't get out of the snow.

SAINT

Television has now - a patron saint. Named in Rome today - by Pope Pius the Twelfth. Saint Clare - collaborator with Francis of Assissi and founder of the Franciscan order of nuns, ~~called~~ - the Poor Clares.

Her connection with television? Well, that's a matter of one of those charming medieval legends.

The story being - that, one Christmas eve, Saint Clare lay ill in her convent at Assissi. Unable - to attend the midnight service in the church of St. Francis. So she prayed - that she might be able to attend. Whereupon she had a vision of the midnight mass - attending it from her sick bed.

Miraculous television - in the days of long ago.

SWAN

There's an old legend - that a swan pines away and dies, when his mate dies. As evidence of this - a dispatch from Atlanta, Georgia.

Last summer, the city park acquired a pair of swans from Switzerland. Then, after their arrival, the female died. Whereupon the park authorities were afraid - the male swan would soon ~~be~~ follow her, out of heartbreak.

Today, that expectation came true. The male swan, after pining away - followed his mate. Sentimental swan.

WEATHER

Here's a report on the nation's weather, and Let's ~~just~~ ^{through and} glance ~~down it~~. Picking out - a few entries.

Michigan City, Indiana, forty-two inches of snow fell.

Hundreds of people abandoning their automobiles in the streets - ~~as~~ taking refuge in public ~~public~~ buildings. The streets - only five-percent passable.

Homesdale, Pennsylvania ^{also had} a forty-two inch snowfall, breaking all records. Drifts - up to twenty-eight feet!

Boston - buried under nineteen inches ~~of snow~~, and the ^{heaviest} ~~worst~~ in thirty-seven years.

Three hundred people marooned for the night in three trains; - snowbound in the Berkshire Hills.

At Pittsfield, Massachusetts, dog sled races at a winter carnival - called off because of snow. Which is rather like saying - swimming race ~~as~~ called off because of water.

Washington, D.C. - fourteen inches, deeper snow than at any time in twenty two years. Congressional hearings - cancelled, because of snow.

To the south - almost unbelievable figures. Twenty—
three degrees below zero at Mount Mitchell, North Carolina.
An all-time record. Two below ~~zero~~^{at} ~~in~~ Huntsville, Alabama,
Where there's a state of emergency - because of low gas
pressure. Homes - heated by gas.

Today, the blizzard moved up into Canada - lashing
Montreal with twelve inches of wind blown snow.

Just a few items from today's weather report. Talk about
cold facts! - That's no figure of speech tonight. In the
eastern two-thirds of the United States.

BLIZZARD

Here's a question - was it a blizzard, yesterday? People in the East, who had to ~~go wading~~ ^{battle} through the snowstorm, would answer with an ~~im~~ unhesitating - yes. But was it a blizzard - in a technical sense? To which the echo might respond - ~~ask~~ ask the Weather Bureau. But - don't.

Three weather bureaus - in ~~a~~ dispute. Disagreeing - about what constitutes a blizzard.

In Boston, the verdict is, that, when there's a heavy fall of snow, with winds of thirty-five ~~in~~ miles an hour or more - that's a blizzard. Yesterday, plenty of snow - with ~~winds reaching~~ ^{up to} sixty miles an hour. Yes, it was a blizzard.

The New Haven weather bureau - giving another definition. Adding - that there must be near zero temperatures ^{with} visibility less than five hundred feet. ^{and} That's the way the snowstorm was yesterday - making it a blizzard.

But the weather bureau at Windsor Locks, Connecticut - disagrees with both, in the following words: "Under blizzard conditions, the visibility is so poor and the wind so bitterly

cold - that one would become lost and desperate within a matter of minutes." Not so yesterday - hence it wasn't a blizzard.

So there are three opinions. You pay your money, and you take your choice.

But, if you want to get away from all that snow - go to Alaska. At Anchorage, the report is - ~~that~~ they haven't had a flake ~~of snow~~ since the day after Christmas. ^{Don't} It's a funny world.

CHINESE

At Vancouver, British Columbia - an indignation meeting in the local Chinatown. Hundreds of Chinese denouncing - the ways of a woman. The ways, to be precise -- of Yu Tsui.

She's nineteen years old - a Chinese mail-order bride. Courted by letter - by May Sue Ning, A young Chinese - living in Vancouver. He proposed by mail to Yu Tsui, at Hong Kong. And she - said ~~yes~~ "yes" by mail.

So Ning paid her airline fare - from Hong King to Vancouver. Meeting her at the airport - last week. But ~~yu~~ Yu Tsui now changed her mind - changing "yes" to "No". Today, paying her fare once again.

There's a proverb - that a woman has a right to change her mind. But - not according to the Chinese indignation meeting in Vancouver. ^{Up there they are} ~~By They're~~ shouting - fickle woman!