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The President ^{of the U.S.} ~~Mr.~~ ^{the top} Eisenhower answers Khrushchev. The President, referring to the speech the Soviet leader made - in which he accused ^{Pres.} ~~Mr.~~ Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles of "Crude interference", because they pledged our support to captive peoples behind the Iron Curtain. Khrushchev charged that Mr. Eisenhower's Christmas message violated the "Geneva spirit."

Tonight we have the President's reply. A formal statement, issued to newsmen by Press Secretary, James Hagerty.

The statement notes that during the meeting of the heads of government at Geneva - Mr. Eisenhower made it clear that we still wanted liberty and justice for all nations. In his opening statement at the conference ^{Pres.} ~~Mr.~~ Eisenhower explicitly declared that it's a fundamental right for people to choose their own government. And he went on to say at that time - that Americans know that free elections have not been permitted in Communist countries.

In other words, what ^{our President} ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ said at Geneva was exactly what he repeated in his Christmas message and today's

White House declaration ends with these words - "The peaceful liberation of the captive peoples has been - and until success is achieved, will continue to be - a major goal of United States foreign policy."

~~Naturally, Mr. Eisenhower's position is merely what we all feel. And we all agree that~~ *Quite evidently* when Khrushchev talks about "crude interference" what he means is that he doesn't want any talk about liberty or free elections *to penetrate to the U.S.S.R.,* ~~within the Red Empire~~ *and its satellites.*

Indiana Republicans have agreed to give the State's support

to President Eisenhower at the convention next year. Governor Craig

in making the announcement said that

~~Craig made the proposal yesterday saying~~ he intends to

campaign for Mr. Eisenhower's re-election. The Governor, *also said*

he'll circulate a petition - for five hundred signatures need^{ed} to

place the President's name on the ^{Indiana} primary ballot, in May. - *that is*

~~Governor Craig declaring he'll go ahead,~~ unless ^{Pres} Mr. Eisenhower

asks him not to.

Today G. O. P. leaders in Indiana rallied behind the

Governor - they all want ^{an} ~~Mr.~~ Eisenhower ~~for~~ second term, and

~~they all hope he'll run~~

Our State Department supports the three-point peace program of the Pope. ~~The Pontiff said that there were three necessities for preventing a shooting war~~ ^{the} banning ^a nuclear tests, renouncing atomic weapons, and ^{an} armaments control system.

Secretary of State Dulles has not officially endorsed the Pope's three points. ^{But} they are being broadcast by the Voice of America, which ^{does} ~~reflects~~ State Department policy. "The Voice," adding that the plan is being distorted behind the Iron Curtain - the Kremlin, playing up the point about a ban on nuclear tests, but saying nothing about any inspection system.

Support for the Papal program also comes from an Indian diplomat. Krishna Menon, saying that the three points are in complete agreement with this country's position. Noting that India was called a friend of Communism for attacking atomic experiments, Krishna Menon remarked, "I wonder if anyone will say that the Pope is Communist - because of what he said."

The East German Reds have given up their attempt to blockade West Berlin - at least for the moment. They ~~are~~ *have* agreed to honor old permits for barges carrying supplies into the city. Which ends a threat - that the Communists would refuse to continue recognition of the permits after January first.

The point was, that the Reds had demanded direct talks with West Germany - talks about the entire Berlin situation.

Chancellor Adenauer turned that demand down. ~~Hence, the~~ *was threatened, But it seems* ~~fear of a new blockade - a fear dispelled by the Communist~~ *to have blown over.* ~~agreement on barge travel, under present conditions.~~

The Premier of East Germany ^{has returned from a trip} ~~is back home, after his tour~~
^{to} Russia, and ^{to} Communist lands of the Far East. Otto Grotewohl,
 Flying in from Moscow - ~~he~~ told a crowd at the airport ~~what he~~
~~had found in the three weeks that he was away.~~

He declared that East Germany can depend on the friendship
 of Red China, ^{and that he and} ~~in fact, Grotewohl became very enthusiastic about~~
~~his talks with~~ Chou En Lai, ^{were in} ~~saying there was~~ complete agreement. ~~and~~
~~had signed that agreement~~ a mutual cooperation pact ^{which} ~~also~~
^{includes more} ~~a decision to step up~~ trade between the two communist states.

^{Regarding} Comrade Grotewohl visited North Korea - ~~and~~ he says he was
 appalled by what he termed - "The barbaric destruction caused by
 the American aggressive war." However, ~~Grotewohl apparently~~
~~likes aggressive war - as long as the Communists start it.~~ He
 repeated the old Red Chinese line about Formosa - claiming that ^{it's}
^{quite} all right for Mau Tse Tung to conquer that island. And,
 that ~~he~~ will.

they are again saying that they are
 On Formosa, ~~they are~~ expecting a Communist invasion of

Quemoy and Matsu, anytime now. This, as the shelling of those islands continues through the fourth day. Mau Tse Tung, lining up his big guns near the mainland port of Amoy - hurling a ~~terrible~~ barrage across five miles of water. ^{Some} seven hundred ~~from~~ ~~sounds, blasting Quemoy with his big guns.~~

Nationalist batteries returned the fire - and the artillery duel is becoming so tense, that Chiang Kai Shek sent his top military leaders on an inspection tour of Quemoy. ~~And they~~ ~~predict that~~ ~~observers declared afterward~~ invasion is probably ~~not far off.~~ ^{to follow.}

~~At the same time,~~ ^{Alas,} there are reports of Russian Naval units, moving down the Formosa Strait, into South Chinese ^a waters.

Nationalist pilots tell us a big concentration of landing craft along the coast. Which points up what Chiang Kai Shek said in his Christmas message, ^{that} the struggle between the two Chinas is entering the showdown stage, beginning with Quemoy and Matsu.

But our Secretary of the Army ~~doesn't~~ ^{not} believe ~~that~~ invasion is near. Secretary Brucker ^{back from} ~~made~~ a tour of the Far East, ~~recently.~~

The land of the elephant wants help against the Chinese dragon. ~~That's the inference of a story from Cambodia the ancient land that has an ex-king for~~ ^{The - now} premier, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, ~~announcing that~~ ^{says} his party is unanimously in favor of accepting American aid before Cambodia finds herself disarmed ^{and} ~~in the midst of powerful neighbors an obvious reference to the Indo-Chinese Communists, who are backed by Red China.~~

^{who} Prince Sihanouk, has less than forty thousand men to guard a rugged frontier, ~~he~~ said today that the number would have to be cut - unless aid came from somewhere. There are only two places that would give such aid - Russia and America, ^{And he says} Cambodia prefers to get it from America.

says "There wasn't anything I saw - to indicate a final
showdown attack in the foreseeable future" So who is right

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In Malaya, it's all-out war against the Communist rebels. That's what Minister Abdul Rahman told the people of the *single* peninsula in a radio broadcast today. The minister, speaking of the breakdown of talks with the guerillas.

Yesterday we heard how
~~Last night we had that story~~ the Red leader demand^{ed}

the recognition of the Communist Party; which was immediately rejected by the government.

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Today Minister Rahman said there is no hope now for a peaceful settlement. ~~He said there would be no further peaceful settlement.~~ *And that* He said there would be no further negotiations with the Reds. He warned, *that* this meant more guerilla attacks - sneak assassinations and the burning of rubber plantations. And therefore, the government of Malaya will return to the policy of hunting out the Communists in a full-scale campaign.

That French cameraman denies he bribed a gendarme to shoot down a suspected Algerian rebel - just for the sake of a newsreel film. Georges Chassagne (~~shaa~~^{sa}-an-ya) saying that Paris officials got the thing all wrong. He claims he never even heard of the accusation - until he read it in an Algiers newspaper.

Chassagne ^{gave} ~~gave~~ his version of what heppened at a news conference today, ~~he~~ said he was one of a group of newsmen who were invited to visit an Arab village on November twenty-first. Moslem fanatics had massacred twenty Europeans only the day before - and the situation was ~~very~~ tense, with gendarmes mopping up the area. According to Chassagne, he was ~~simply~~ shooting pictures when he heard one French policeman order a suspected rebel to go away. As the man left, the gendarme shot him - and that was the picture ~~that~~ cameraman Chassagne recorded.

The cameraman told his news conference that he never talked to the gendarme - who didn't know that a picture was

being made. Said Chessagne, "The gendarmes were far too busy and excited ~~even~~ to take any notice of us."

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POPULATION EXPLOSION

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Last spring, in Florida, I got into a discussion with an eminent clergyman, Dr. Robert E. Gribben, now at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We were talking about the population of the world, how rapidly it is increasing. I was wondering how many men and women were on this planet, say at the time of Christ, two thousand years ago. Evidently this has been on Dr. Gribben's mind ever since.

Now, through David Dietz, Science Editor for Scripps-Howard, he has come up with the word, that around six thousand years ago, there were only one million people on this earth. Less than a tenth as many as there are in New York City today. Less than there are in the area around San Francisco Bay.

Four thousand years later at the Birth of Christ, it had jumped from one million to two hundred and seventy-five million.

After that the population of the world seems to have stood still for about seven hundred years. Then started to grow slowly, until the year sixteen fifty, one hundred and forty years after the discovery of America, when there were four hundred and seventy-five million people on earth.

Then came what is referred to as the population explosion.

And today the earth has a population of two and a half billion!

We are told there will be four billion by the Year Two

Thousand, and that a hundred years from now, six to eight billion.

Unless the H-bomb wipes out most of us!

A dispatch from the Antarctic mentions a name famous in the history of South Polar exploration - Sir Ernest Shackleton.

In nineteen fourteen, ^{Shackleton} ~~Sir Ernest~~ led an expedition into the Weddell Sea ^{and there} ~~but~~ his ship, the "Endurance", was crushed in the ice.

Fortunately, ^{made an epic journey and} Shackleton and his crew managed to escape overland - ^{after} ~~but~~ the ship went down.

Today's dispatch, ~~to~~ from the Weddell Sea, ~~it~~ tells of the present British Antarctic expedition - the ship "Theron" caught

in the ice, just as the "Endurance" was. ^{will it be crushed?} ~~We hear that there is~~

No immediate danger ^{we hear} ~~this time~~ but the British expedition is being held up.

And there's another celebrated name in the dispatch - a man who became famous more recently than ~~Sir Ernest~~ Shackleton. Sir Edmund Hillary - of ^{mt.} Everest Fame. He's aboard the "Theron," as an observer.

Tonight the conqueror of Everest is waiting with the rest of the crew - waiting for an ice breaker to come in and clear a path for them through the Weddell Sea, ~~down there~~ at the bottom of the world.