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At the moment, the feud between East and West - seems like a mild game of tiddlywinks. Compared with the brawl - inside Nato. The free nations - in a free-for-all.

At the Nato conference in Paris, today, France presented - an angry protest. Complaining about - a leak, which made public - American criticism of the way the French are not contributing their share of the military strength of the Western alliance.

American Secretary of Defense Thomas Gates retorted - that he was sorry about the leak. But - France was not cooperating.

Then the deliberations went on to an even more touchy subject. The American suggestion - that the free nations of Europe should ^{put up more of the} ~~kick in with more~~ money, to pay for Nato. Not leaving - so much of the financial burden on your Uncle Sam. Well, that started an uproar - so vigorous that they decided they'd better call it off. The question of who would foot the bill - adjourned until a later date.

About the only thing that did not raise ructions, today, was a statement by our Secretary of Defense, That the United States retains - an edge over Soviet Russia in the field of atomic weapons and missiles.

It all sounds like a headache building up for Ike, when he meets General DeGaulle in Paris this coming weekend.

EISENHOWER

In the Senate, a recommendation from the Democrats - that President Eisenhower be given a huge welcome, when he returns home - December Twenty-second. Yesterday, Vice-President Nixon suggested - that, after those almost incredible ovations abroad, the American people should provide an Eisenhower celebration of their own. Which, today, was endorsed by the Democratic leader, Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana, who said: "I think he's entitled to it." A big turn-out would show that, in the Senator's words - "his own people have just as much regard for him as those of other countries."

Maybe so, but I doubt that Washington could amass as enormous a crowd as the one that hailed Ike at New Delhi, the capital of India.

Meanwhile, the President is cruising in the Mediterranean - in fine weather. Having a complete rest? Well, hardly. Today, he was working on the "State of the Union" message, which he will give to the new Congress, when it assembles after the first of the year. As the old saying goes - "no rest for the weary."

POISON

A charge of - poison. Made - by Radio Free Europe, in Munich. The statement being - that a deadly poison was put in the salt ^(shakers)~~shakers~~ at the radio station cafeteria.

The instigator is called - "a Communist diplomat stationed in Western Europe." The Communist country involved - not named.

The poison - atropine, A lethal chemical akin to belladonna. Mixed with the salt - in such fashion that a sprinkling of the salt on food would kill a man. The cafeteria - patronized by twelve hundred employees of Radio Free Europe. So you can imagine - what might have happened.

But the anti-Communist officials had secret word - of the poison attempt. A tip - from a secret agent inside the ranks of the Communists, who informed them - of the atropine in the salt shakers, Before - any damage was done.

MISSILE

Another test - of the Army's anti-missile, the Nike-Zeus; intended - for tracking down and destroying enemy atomic missiles, in the event - of nuclear war.

The Nike-Zeus - one of the most advanced projects in the field of rockets. A two-stage rocket - more powerful than our Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile. Two previous tests - not working right. Today? Still not perfected.

At the White Sands proving ground, New Mexico - the Nike-Zeus roared skyward. The anti-missile missile. And then it misbehaved.

RECORD

Here's one that did succeed; -

Another Air Force record - for speed. One thousand, five hundred and twenty-one miles an hour - above the southern California desert. The plane - a jet ^{F106} F One Hundred and Six - Delta Dart. Flown - by Major Joseph Rogers, a veteran Air Force pilot.

He climbed to an altitude of forty thousand feet, and there cut loose for a record-breaking run. Covering the course - twice. The previous record, held by a Russian pilot - broken by thirty-eight miles an hour.

AIR FORCE

Two Senators want an explanation of an order issued - at an Air Force base, Topeka, Kansas, where the commander, General Ariel Neilsen, promulgated what is called - a "big brother" system.

The General - ordering a check of the actions of airmen, both on duty and off. Elaborate surveillance of what they do.

Well, you know how a big brother looks after a little brother - sometimes. That's the General's idea, but the two Senators think - it may be going too far in regulating the lives of airmen.

ELECTION

Republicans, today, were cheering - election returns from the Fourth Congressional District in Iowa. Where the GOP candidate - won a striking victory over his Democratic opponent.

That Iowa election district - regarded as of key importance, ~~As~~ a barometer - showing the trend of the farm vote. *States* carried by the Democrats for the first time in history - in the Congressional elections of Nineteen Fifty-Eight. An illustration - of the Democratic trend.)

The Congressional seat was left vacant by the death of Congressman Stephen Carter - and a special election was held. Republican Candidate John Kyl - staking his campaign on President Eisenhower's "Crusade for ~~Expansion~~ Peace." The Democratic nominee - running on an anti-Benson program. Relying - on the discontent of the farmers. Their complaints - about the Secretary of Agriculture.

~~The Republican said, he didn't approve of the Benson~~
~~either,~~
~~policies, but argued that the real issue was - President~~
~~Eisenhower.~~

The figures show that, of the fourteen counties in the district - John Kyl carried twelve.

Which, the Republicans were saying today - shows the Democratic trend in the corn country has been reversed.

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TELEPHONE

Today, a New York space mystery - solved. ~~Amused~~

A cosmic ~~sort of~~ puzzle - that appeared yesterday. When a lot of New Yorkers, making telephone calls, heard mysterious voices - cutting in on their lines. With an exchange of messages - in an interplanetary dialogue, going like this:

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been heard by the public. But there was, what they call
- an "inductive cross." Which put their interplanetary
messages - on the lines of several telephone exchanges.

"Space Ship Two! Space Ship Two! Come in Dick.

Twenty-two Fair Avenue. There being - no "Rain Avenue" in all
Rockville. Mr. Miles lives at nine hundred and twenty-two
Fair Avenue. - But the mailman figured it out. Delivering the
"Rain" Avenue letter to the "Fair" Avenue address.

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MAIL

In Knoxville, Tennessee - a new slogan for the Post Office Department. A jingle - hailing the mailman. But, first - ~~we have to look~~ at the story behind it.

A letter - addressed to R.H.Miles, nine hundred and twenty-two Rain Avenue. There being - no "Rain Avenue" in all Knoxville. Mr. Miles lives at nine hundred and twenty-two Fair Avenue.- But the mailman figured it out. Delivering the "Rain" Avenue letter to the "Fair" Avenue address.

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