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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY.

At the Kremlin, Soviet Premier Bulganin held his news conference, today. Meeting with western reporters - as well as Soviet newsmen. A thing - utterly without precedent. The Kremlin has always been a place of grim secrecy - and this was the first news conference ever held by a head of the Soviet government.

Bulganin discussing the Geneva conference, spoke in a tone of high optimism. He stated that the conflict between East and West "cannot be solved by war."

Adding - that Soviet Russia never had any intentions of attacking anybody.

He declared that the Russian delegation will go to Geneva - determined to do all that is possible to end the cold war. "We will not be able to settle all international difficulties," he remarked. Adding - that the objective will be to "point a way" to solutions.

"The Soviet delegation, for its part," stated Bulganin, "will make such an effort."

He used the phrase "a common language." Meaning by that - an understanding between East and West. The Red delegation - to seek a "common language" to end the cold war.

The tone of this news conference in the Kremlin was cordial, to such a degree - that speculation is on in Moscow. Diplomatic observers believing there might be an exchange of state visits between Premier Bulganin and President Eisenhower; of course after - the Geneva conference is over.

Presumably, a visit by Bulganin to Washington. And - an Eisenhower trip to Moscow. Sounds rather - fantastic - but that's the guessing in Moscow.

By the way:- here's a brief dispatch from New York. Stating that a publishing firm, the Vantage

Press, has received an order from Moscow. The Central Library in the Soviet capitol - purchasing a copy of a book. What book? Well, it's a volume called "Good Manners Pay Off." Written by Sarah Burton, an authority on etiquette.

In the past, Russian delegates' manners have not been so good. But now the word in Moscow seems to be "Good Manners Pay Off."

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower tells the following to Congress:- "We are in a period of great flux in international affairs," he says, "There are signs," he goes on, "that the world may be entering a new phase of international relationships," Then the President, to illustrate pointed to the Geneva Congerence, saying - that the Big Four meeting at the summit may "open new vistas".

The President expressed these opinions in a letter, accompanying a report on U.S. participation in the United Nations.

There's optimism - as the President takes off, tonight, on his trans-Atlantic flight, bound - for Geneva.

SOVIET DELEGATION

There's plenty of interest in the makeup of the Soviet delegation to Geneva. Invitations to the four power conference called for - the heads of state. But, as everybody knows, the Kremlin government, how - is a sort of committee affair. Bulganin, nominally at the top - as Premier. But Krushchev, head of the Russian Communist Party, acts - like the real big shot. Or - is the Red Army the actual power behind the scenes?

The Moscow delegation will be a three-man affair - Bulganin, Krushchev, and Marshall Zhukov, who looks like top man in the Soviet Army.

The news about the composition of the Kremlin delegation is accompanied by a story - which is much to the dramatic point. A report - of what happened to Beria, who was head of the notorious Russian secret police. Beria - who looked like a possible successor to Stalin, as Kremlin dictator. But - who lost out in

circumstances so mysterious.

Among the top-flight newsmen in Geneva is Kingsbury Smith, of the International News Service, who has picked up an astonishing account. Referring back to the headlined visit of Bulganin and Krushchev - to the realm of Yugoslav Marshall Tito. Krushchev - reported to have given Tito the inside story of the downfall of Beria.

"Krushchev stated," writes Kingsbury Smith, "that the showdown on Beria came when the latter refused to accept a curtailment of his police powers - following Stalin's death. The other members of the Soviet Presidium became convinced - that Beria was seeking to step into Stalin's place as the absolute ruler of the Soviet Union.

"It was decided," Kingsbury Smith goes on, "to replace him - and a special meeting of the Presidium was

called for that purpose."

Beria, we are told, was then accused by Bulganin, Krushchev and others - of attempting to engage in a struggle for power. He was called upon to give an accounting of his actions.

"At that point," the story goes on, "Beria is said to have started shouting against Bulganin, Krushchev and the others."

Two Soviet marshalls were present - Zhukov and Konev drew their pistols, forced Beria to leave the room with them.

The Kingsbury Smith story concludes in the following words: "According to Krushchev's tale, the two marshalls took Beria into another room - and ordered the guards to shoot him, then and there. The next day, it was announced - that Beria had been imprisoned."

At the time, the Kremlin statement was - that Beria had been tried and executed. But, according to this new version, his end came at the personal command of the two Red marshalls.

ARGENTINA

Headline from Argentina. Peron - announcing a list of important changes.

The strong man himself resigning as head of the Peronista Party. Which has been the dominant faction in the country - Peron's political instrument. But, he retains his political office. Peron saying - he will continue as "President of all the Argentinos." He explains his resignation as party chief, by saying - this will enable him to be President of all the people. Also, he promises to retire. Not run again - in 1958, when his present term expires. Peron also announces - an end to the "state of internal war." Which has been in effect, ever since 1951. Sounds like - all around conciliation. Including - peace with the Church.

The statement says, specifically - that there will be a restoration of full constitutional guarantees and freedoms. Including - "freedom of the press."

All of which gives an impression - of an end of the dictatorship in Argentina.

CASA BLANCA

Mobs went rioting, today, through the streets of Casa Blanca, Morocco. But not native Moroccans - on the rampage against French rule. They were Europeans, Frenchmen, enraged by the terrorist violence yesterday, when fifteen were killed and a hundred or more injured. Six lives lost - when a bomb was hurled into a Bastille Day celebration.

Today, European and Moroccan mobs were clashing in the streets.

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President Eisenhower plans to reduce the number of Leathernecks to one-hundred-ninety-three thousand. But Congress, in voting military funds, put up an extra forty-six million dollars - to expand the Marine Corps to two-hundred and fifteen thousand.

The catch is - that, while the money is appropriated, there's nothing to compel the President to use it for the specified purpose. And, now, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson says that the forty-six million has been impounded - the money to lie idle. While the Administration goes ahead - reducing the number of Marines.

All of which drew a quick blast from Democrats in Congress. Mike Mansfield of Montana saying:- "Mr.

Wilson hasn't the right to impound the money. He's going against the express wishes of Congress!

Defiant words - but it isn't clear what Congress can do about it.

FRAUD -

Here's a fraud, of a curious kind - as exposed in a San Francisco courtroom, today. Defendant pleading guilty to a charge - of having impersonated a U.S. Air Force major.

In June, he checked in at Stanford University, saying - he had orders to report for Air Force Officers' degree in Engineering. He informed them that he was a Major George Lee, a U.S. jet pilot back from Korea.

The surprising thing is the actual identity of the imposter. His real name is Ngui Chian Pek. A native of Singapore - and a British citizen.

Seems odd that such a native of Southeastern Asia was able to impersonate a U.S. Air Force officer. But that's what he did - and, today, the judge ordered him deported back to his native Singapore.

BASEBALL

During the baseball season, all along, one question has been - Jackie Robinson's knee. The Brooklyn Dodger's star has had a game knee for some time, the question was - how would it affect his playing?

Well, today, Jackie Robinson injured that gimpy joint, all over again. How did it happen - in a desperate slide, or in a collision with some other player? Not at all - in batting practice.

In Brooklyn, before a game with St. Louis, the Dodgers were taking their swings at practice. Jackie Robinson - at the plate. He took a cut at the ball - and his knee buckled. He fell to the ground - injury so severe, he had to be helped off the ball field.

Oh yes, the Dodgers beat the Cards 12 to 3.

YACHT_RACE

Out here on the Pacific Coast they have been having - their annual yacht race. California - to Hawaii. One entry - most unusual. A Catamaran - a type of Pacific Island craft, which has twin hulls. A sort of raft, in a way - capable of scudding, under sail, at high speed.

Today, the Catamaran, called "Waikiki Surf" came in at Honolulu - the sixth entry to cross the finishing line. The crew saying - that it would have won the race easily, except for a bad break of luck. The mariners, bearded and barefoot, looked all worn out, weary, haggard. Which illustrated - that bad break of luck.

They tell howk out on the Pacific, they were scudding along at phenomenal speed. The Catamaran making - thirty-five knots which certainly would win - any yacht race. But then it happened - as related by

Dick Muirhead, young Coast Guardsman.

"Last Sunday night," squall hit us unexpectedly. Plunging us through the sea at a terrific rate of speed - before we had a chance to lower the sail."

The strain was too much, and cracks opened in the mid-section of the Catamaran. It looked like disaster - the craft breaking up out on the Pacific. But they were able to mend the damage, repairing and patching.

All the while, they were in a heavy sea - bucking ten to fifteen feet waves. The crew nursing the Catamaran along - making only two or three knots for the next couple of days.

So they lost the lead, which they had gained - by speedy sailing. But they saved their lives. Which, after all, was the main thing.

Today, crew member David Rochlen of Santa Monica,

California stated: "I never want to sail that fast again." Much too swift - when the Catamaran, with a full spread of sail, was hit by a sudden squall.

SQUIRREL.

There's always drama - when a human being is attacked by a ferocious animal. Take the case of Mrs. Myrtle Livengood of North Sacramento, California. Attacked by a savage beast - and driven into panicky retreat.

So what was the enraged monster? A Squirrel.

Mrs. Livengood went out across her front yard - to pick up the mail. The squirrel made a dash at her - and bit her in the leg. The lady reached down - to drive the creature away. But the squirrel bit her on both hands. The enraged squirrel in hot pursuit, she was just able to get inside - or she might have been devoured by the squirrel. She got in the house, just in time.