

CONFERENCE

L.T.-Odds. Mon. May 16-'60.

At Khrushchev headquarters in Paris, tonight - a news conference was held. A Soviet spokesman giving the reporters - a briefing. He was asked - has the summit conference collapsed? To which he replied:

"That depends on how they (the western powers) take it."

Tonight, French President DeGaulle and British Prime Minister MacMillan ^{had a} were meeting in a last minute endeavor, ^{Then Macmillan called on Khrushchev, and they had a long talk. The western leaders are} trying to save - the top level palaver. ^{discussion} ~~They~~ are to have a ^{talk} with President Eisenhower in the morning.

The Soviet Premier virtually blew the conference right off the summit - at the first ~~news~~ session. ^{Withdrawing} the invitation to President Eisenhower - to visit Russia. Demanding that the President - apologize for that surveillance ~~fig~~ flight of the U-2; ^{Punish those - responsible for it;} And promise - that there shall be no further aerial espionage. A diplomatic note from Moscow, today, repeats the demand - no more reconnaissance flights over Russia.

Khrushchev said further - that if the conference now collapsed, it might be resumed, In six or eight months. Which is being taken as a slap - at ~~Russia~~ President Eisenhower. Suggesting that the meetings be postponed - until another American President has been elected.

To the diatribe - President Eisenhower replied bluntly, angrily. Telling Khrushchev it looks as if he had come from Moscow ~~back~~ to Paris for the purpose of sabotaging the summit meeting, on which the world set so much hope.

After the stormy session, today, was over - President ~~was~~ Eisenhower, in a formal ~~is~~ statement, revealed that the espionage flights have been called off. They were cancelled last Thursday. The President adding - that there would be none in the future.

He said that much of the Khrushchev tirade was based on a false assumption. A misinterpretation -of declarations made by the President and the Secretary of State. ~~They~~ They did

not mean to say - that the espionage flights would be continued. Although, of course - that was the general belief nearly everywhere. The aerial surveillance - defended as the right thing.

So, actually, when Khrushchev today demanded that the ~~espionage~~ espionage flights be stopped - they had already been stopped. ~~Noisy~~ Khrushchev - under a misapprehension. The continuance of the aerial surveillance - not an issue, according to President Eisenhower.

He says he came to Paris to seek an agreement with Soviet Russia to eliminate the necessity of all forms of espionage - and he's planning to submit a proposal to the United Nations, ~~For~~ for the U N to conduct aerial surveillance - to detect preparations for a ~~wh~~ possible surprise attack. Which is, really, an expansion of the original Eisenhower program - for open skies inspection.

Anyway, the summit conference begins - in the worst

way possible. With President Eisenhower stating - that
he'll remain in Paris, working in ~~in~~ the cause of peace.

PLANE

Another airplane - violating the skies behind the iron curtain. The Soviet military commander in East Berlin declaring - that this offending aircraft flew sixty miles into the territory of Communist East Germany. Ignoring - signals from Russian fighter planes. ~~ORDER~~ Ordering the violator - to land.

The protest - a sign of the grim state of international affairs. The fact - that the Russians appear to take this aerial intrusion seriously.

It was a French single-seater ~~an~~ sports plane ^{that} ~~which~~ got lost - trying to fly from France to Sweden, and wandered across the border into the Red area.

French officials declare - they promptly made an apology to the Communists - for the ~~is~~ unintentional "violation". Nevertheless, the Soviets put in a solemn protest, as if the rambling sports plane was another case of aerial surveillance.

SPY

The Supreme Court - handed down decisions, today,
One of which - had some reference to the doings at the summit
in Paris. The high ~~re~~ tribunal - refusing to reconsider the
conviction of Rudolf Ivanovich Abel, who was - an ace-high
Soviet spy in the United States. Abel - now serving a
thirty year prison sentence.

This case of Soviet espionage has, of course, been
cited - in answer to the Khrushchev hullabaloo, denouncing
aerial espionage. Furthermore, there ^{has} been comment that the
Soviets might exchange Reconnaissance pilot Francis Powers -
for a Russian spy that we've caught. Which draws attention
to Rudolf Ivanovich Abel - in the federal ^l prison at Atlanta.

ROCKET

Speculation remains insistent that the new Soviet satellite - may ~~not~~ contain a living astronaut. A human space voyager - whom they will try to bring down in safety.

Expressing that opinion ^{is} Professor Robert Brown, head of the Connecticut Moon watch team, ~~Tracking~~ - satellites.

He doubts the Moscow statement that there is a "dummy" space man aboard the big rocket. A mere lifeless figure - simulating a human being.

"If" he reasons, "if there is a live ~~man~~ man on board, and the experiment fails - no one would know. But, if it succeeds - the Russians will burst a scientific exploit upon the world."

Which would mean, of course, a Russian space man taking one awful chance. If there's anything - to the surmise.

ALERT

This morning's nationwide air alert - a little too enthusiastic, maybe. Not so well timed, either - considering that this was the beginning of the summit conference in Paris. That's what some people at the Pentagon are saying. Information officers at the Defense Department were not informed in advance that there was an alert. So they were mystified - when alarmed inquiries poured in.

The thing seems to have been more or less routine - a "communications readiness alert." Air bases - testing their system for calling in fighter pilots.

The test - supposedly secret. But Lowry ~~in~~ Air Force base in Colorado - had a Denver television station put the alert order on the air, Summoning - fighter pilots to ~~see~~ scramble at once to their base.

Any number of people heard the order, and there was a deluge of frightened phone calls, Asking - what ~~it~~ was it all about. One Denver family we hear - hid in the basement.

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The alert - meant for Air Force pilots, not for
the public. ^{- Dick -} But some people thought - the war was on.

BASEBALL

As if the international trouble were not enough, we also ~~we~~ have a declaration of war, In - baseball. Billy Martin of the Cincinnati Reds - vowing ~~vengeance~~ vengeance. Against Gene Conley - of the Philadelphia Phillies.

"I'll fight Conley, any time," Martin proclaimed, breathing fire, today.

Which would make it a bit like - David and Goliath. Infielder Billy Martin - one of the smaller ballplayers. Gene Conley - a pitcher six-foot-and eight-inches tall.

The case of the feud? Well, Gene Conley reached down - and punched Billy Martin a hefty swat in the eye. Sending Billy - to a hospital.

That haymaker was one of dozens - hurled in yesterday's free for all --in Cincinnati, When the ball game was interrupted - by a prolonged melee between the rival teams.

And what was the cause of that? Well, Cincinnati pitcher Raul Sanchez - hit three Philadelphia players with

pitched balls in the same inning.

The game of baseball - imitating international relations, it would seem. ~~On~~ On a Sunday ~~+~~ that also witnessed a no-hit game, Tossed by Don Cardwell - pitching his first game for the Chicago Cubs. He joined the team on Friday, and beat the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday - with a no-hitter.