

DISARMAMENT

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I imagine there are few people in this country, tonight, who have not been thinking a bit - about Khrushchev's disarmament proposal, this afternoon. Wondering - about that bombshell he dropped at the General Assembly of the United Nations. Trying to figure - what is Nikita up to, calling - for absolute, utter disarmament throughout the world?

It was like proposing - Utopia, an ideal condition of mankind, the Golden Age.

Abolish all armies, all navies, all air forces - everywhere. Destroy all atomic weapons - and warlike missiles. Make away with general staffs - and military academies. Every nation - left without the means of waging war. Retaining - only ^q national ^z police forces^A, to maintain internal order. All this - under international controls, to safeguard against violation.

These wonders - to be achieved in four short years.

Hail Utopia! Welcome - to the Golden Age!

It was like propounding - a dream. ^{Then - then} Khrushchev,

himself, conceded - it might be much too good to be true. So, if total disarmament is not accepted, why, then, he had something less ambitious to suggest. He had a number two proposal - and what is that?

ok well, it isn't very different from what Moscow diplomacy and propaganda has been promoting all along. It includes, among other things, an atom-free zone - in central Europe. The removal - of all troops from foreign soil - ; and, here's the catch: A liquidation of military bases - on foreign territories. Meaning, of course - that we should give up those bases abroad, from which we might launch atomic attacks on Soviet Russia. Those bases, in Europe and Asia - one of our greatest advantages in the event of atomic war.

(Khrushchev's plan number two also calls for a non-aggression pact - between East and West, the Communist countries and the Western powers; likewise - to continue a ban on atomic testing. Which would seem to be - the most ~~practicable~~ practical part of it all.)

But, of course, the big headline is - the notion of total disarmament for all the world. Which, tonight, is being discussed - around the globe. And - ought to be a theme of interesting talk, when Premier Khrushchev and President Eisenhower get together for their discussions, next week.

Secretary of State Herter says the Khrushchev plan should be studied by the new ten-nation disarmament committee which meets in a few months at Geneva.

KHRUSHCHEV-ROOSEVELT

The Khrushchev day began - with a trip to Hyde Park. Where the Soviet Premier stood in the rain, his head bare, at the grave of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The American President - who gave U.S. recognition to the Soviet government more than a quarter of a century ago. And - who did so much for Soviet Russia in World War Two.

To Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt he said: "I felt it an obligation to visit his grave."

PETRULLI

In Moscow, the man-without-a-country - has got his own country back. Nicholas Petrulli, of Long Island, who decided to stay in Soviet Russia - and he signed away his American citizenship. Then - changed his mind. Anxious to go home,

Today, the State Department in Washington ruled - that Petrulli was legally "incompetent" when he signed that unlucky document. Petrulli, in Moscow, explaining - that he had a medical discharge from the U.S. Air Force, because of a "nervous condition." The "nervous condition" turning out to be his salvation.

"I guess I'm the luckiest guy in the world," said Petrulli in Moscow, today.

VANGUARD

Tonight, Vanguard Number three is in orbit - going around this earth in an extreme elliptical path. Swinging out - as far as two thousand, three hundred and twenty-nine miles. Coming in - as close as three hundred and nineteen miles. Our latest man-made moon - ~~is~~ sending back a stream of radio signals. Giving information - about the earth's magnetic field, X-rays from the sun, and other technical data.

Launched at Cape Canaveral, Florida, early this morning, ~~The~~ satellite gave prompt evidence - that it was in orbit. A success - all the more welcome, because it occurs during the visit of Premier Khrushchev. Nikita - boasting of the Soviet rocket that hit the moon. P We've had other successes, too. The demonstration of the X-15 rocket plane - meant for the exploration of the verge of outer space. And - another triumphant launching of our American Atlas intercontinental missile, now ready for military use. A couple of satellite failures, too - in the last several days. Made up, now, by the Vanguard success.

In the sky tonight, there are eight American man-made moons - whirling around and around. One Soviet satellite still survives in orbit - Sputnik Number Three.

DOUGLAS JET

Today is another big day in the history of commercial aviation -- the first flight of the new Douglas Jet, on a regular coast-to-coast run. Arthur Godfrey, who is on hand again, looking younger than ever, and President Patterson of United ^{Airlines,} Christened the new Douglas Eight Jet liner at Idlewild.

Today's flights of the new Douglas of United, from coast-to-coast in both directions, are of special interest to me. Thirty-five years ago, Man's first flight around the world, was approaching its dramatic finale. ^{Also} ~~And that~~ was a Douglas plane. A two-seater, open cockpit bi-plane. Don Douglas called it his "world cruiser." It cruised at about eighty miles an hour. And the ^{single} Liberty Motors ^{in the Douglas World} had to be replaced every few thousand miles. ^{cruiser}

Now, thirty-five years later, to the month, United puts into service the new Douglas Jet, carrying one hundred and thirteen passengers, plus crew, at six hundred miles per hour, at altitudes up to forty thousand feet. ^{"Pat"} Patterson of United

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tells me they have already flown on test flights for a half a million miles. Each plane costs five million dollars.

So Here's a salute to Don Douglas, and all his people who have performed this miracle!

EXPLOSION

A mine disaster - in Scotland. A shattering explosion - trapping forty-five miners, a mile underground. Dare-devil rescuers brought up five survivors. But, as for the others, an official states: "There is no hope."

Flame, smoke and deadly carbon monoxide - filling the shafts of the black pit.

EMPLOYEE

From the old city of Cork, in Ireland - the story of the most faithful employee you ever heard of. Dennis Delea, who worked for the same company for sixty-seven years. Always careful - never to waste the company's time. Dennis - meticulous and scrupulous. Making sure to keep busy on the job - everyone of his working hours, ^{his} working minutes.

But, even so, that was not enough. Dennis, leaving a will - bequeathing eighty-four dollars to his long time employers. His will explaining - in these words: "To compensate for any time I have wasted in their employment."

Don, X faithful Irishman - was Dennis.

GENERAL MOTORS

General Motors announces - no increases in the list prices of its Nineteen Sixty cars. The new models of Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Buick and Cadillac - to cost no more. In some cases - less. Prices - reduced.

All, part of an effort - to check ~~the~~ creeping inflation. *And s-l-u-Munday.*