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The President opened his news conference, today, with an announcement that must have been - clear, transparent and perfectly obvious. to - the assembled reporters. He said:

"Just before I walked across the street, in the beautiful sunlight, and saw this revolution in Washington weather, someone called my attention to a passage in the Bible. It's in the Song of Solomon, Second Chapter. Read the Verses Eleven and Twelve. That- is my announcement."

No doubt, the newsmen - understood exactly what he meant. Although I must confess - that I had to look it up. The passage in the Song of Songs - reading as follows:
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"For, lo, the winter is past. The rain is over - and gone.

The flowers appear on earth. The time of the singing of birds has come - and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

I hope that applies to the weather you ~~folks~~ are ~~all~~ having! - ~~all over the country~~

Anyway, that was the presidential announcement at the

White House news conference, today, and it sounds a lot better - than ominous talk about intercontinental rockets, hydrogen bombs, and the recession. Which subjects, however, were not lacking - in the proceedings that followed.

EISENHOWER - RECESSION

President Eisenhower gave a warning - against an orgy of government spending to check the recession. Saying - that a reckless pouring out of billions may mean trouble in years to come.

He said he was all for quick action on bills that would be "really effective," in curbing the slump in business. But added - that you can't bring about a recovery in a private economy "just by spending federal money."

Before holding the news conference, President Eisenhower had a talk with Elder Statesman Bernard Baruch, who repeated what he has been saying - advice against a tax cut. Instead, Baruch told the President - taxes should be increased. If this is necessary to keep the government from going into the red, with deficit spending on anti-recession projects.

EISENHOWER - SPACE

President Eisenhower sent a special message to Congress, today, and one can describe it as - spacious. Asking the legislators - to establish a space agency, for the conquest of interplanetary regions.

This would be - a new government agency, under civilian direction. Though the military aspects - would remain under the control of the Defense Department.

The nucleus would be the present Advisory Committee on Aeronautics - which would be absorbed by the new and larger group. Which, they say, would become - one of the largest of government agencies.

Spacious - is the word.

EISENHOWER - DEFENSE

Congress asked for a billion, four hundred million.

To finance - ultra-modern weapons. ~~On~~ Intercontinental missiles, hydrogen bombers, atomic submarines, capable of launching missiles - all that ~~and~~ ^{and} space program, ^{to} be stepped up.

The President asking Congress for this new giant sum - in addition to the other billions, already appropriated for space-era developments.

SOVIET - ROCKET

British rocket scientists have word - that something big is going on in Soviet Russia. High pressure activity - at the Russian rocket ranges near Stalingrad. The British Interplanetary Society learning, through scientific sources - that Russian rocket experts have been leaving their usual posts, where research work is done. Converging - on the Stalingrad launching sites.

So what's up? One surmise is - that they^are ready to send another dog into outer space. ^{and} This time - bring it back alive. Using a huge satellite ~~missile~~, which would go into orbit. Then - returning from outer space to the surface of the earth - with the dog undamaged.

(L.J.Carter, an official of the British Society, says - "It would deeply impress Western scientists, ~~but~~ That's ~~an~~ very attractive idea to the Soviet researchers." If the dog came back alive from an orbit," ~~he~~ adds, "this would capture the imagination of the world."

Yes, it sure would.)

LEBANON

News - from Tyre and Sidon, which certainly sounds like ancient history. The two great seaports of the Phoenicians - several thousand years ago.

The trouble, today - a strike. With Lebanese police - firing into a crowd of demonstrators. Two killed - ten wounded. At first, the police tried to break ~~the~~ up the mob with a club-swinging charge. But were met with a hail of stones - and bullets. Police guns - then going into action.

Five days ago, the Lebanese government gave three young men a prison term - for disrepect of the Lebanese flag. The popular reaction - a violent protest. Coming to a climax, today - in Tyre and Sidon.

INDONESIA

The Indonesian rebels report - a plot against their Sumatran regime. Stating - that the government at Jakarta sent Communist agents to form a conspiracy. Just what happened is not clear, but the rebels declare - that some of their high officers were subverted. And now - have fled into the jungle. Including - the commander of the garrison in the rebel capital. Nevertheless, the insurgent leaders insist - they have the situation well under control.

CUBA

The city of Santiago, second largest in Cuba - was like a place under siege, today. Almost isolated - from the rest of the island.

Normally, a fleet of seventy buses a day - runs from Santiago to other cities. ~~But~~ At last reports - only two in one day. The same story - for train service. With one train - leaving Santiago. Normally, it would have carried sixty-two hundred passengers. Today, two passengers.

Food - running short. Usually, truckloads pour in. But yesterday - not one. Prices - climbing ^{drizzily.} ~~drizzily.~~ A general strike threatened - throughout the city. The government forces - taking elaborate precautions. At Santiago, today, the rooftops of all the main buildings - were occupied by ^{Army machinegunners.} ~~ARMY MACHINEGUNNERS~~ Heavy police patrols - guarding the streets.

The same situation reported at - Manzanillo, an important harbor on the southwestern coast of Cuba.

All of which reflects the general fact - that the rebels, under Fidel Castro, have established a stranglehold on the Province of Oriente. The guerrilla bands - in a number of clashes with troops of Strong Man President Batista.

Castro promised - an all-out rebel drive, which seems to be under way.

Today, a spokesman for the Batista regime stated: "The country has never been so threatened with a state of disintegration - as at the present minute."

Later news - that Dictator Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, is sending plane loads of weapons to help Batista. One strongman helping another.

CARRIER

A U.S. aircraft carrier - in trouble, four hundred and fifty miles northeast of the Azores. The Corregidor ~~is~~ reporting - a crack in its hull. With sea water pouring ~~in~~ into the forward engine room.

(The damage) - the result of a storm. Which must have been violent indeed - when ~~it~~ ^{to} cracked the hull of an aircraft carrier. ~~The~~ ^P Corregidor - not in any danger of sinking, apparently. But ships of the Navy are on their way - ~~to~~ ~~stand by~~ in case of emergency.

PANGBORN

At the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington,
today - a funeral. Evoking memories - in old-time aviation.
Clyde Pangborn - making ^{his} ~~the~~ last landing.

Ask among the old-timers of the heroic days, when
flying was new - and you'll hear many a reminiscence of Pang,
^{Who} ~~he~~ began in the old barnstorming days of dare-devil stunt
flying. ~~An aviator in the flying circus.~~ Then rose to fame -
in that Pangborn-Herndon flight around the world in the
'Thirties. ~~When~~ Pang - made the first non-stop flight across
the Pacific, ~~Taking~~ off from Japan - dropping the landing
gear of his old-fashioned plane, so as to cut down resistance.
Then, not only reaching the American Pacific coast - but
overshooting his mark - and landing deep inside the state of
Washington.

During the Second World War, Pang was one of the
grizzled veterans. So did he join the Air Force? He did not. -
^{But he} ~~was~~ went in for something ^{that involved plenty of hazard} ~~more dangerous~~, Ferrying bombers -

across the Atlantic. Mighty risky going - in those days.

(Flying back and forth - ~~taking over~~ one bomber after another.)

One of
~~Just about~~ the toughest ^{of} wartime jobs ~~at all~~ - for an old-timer

like Pang.

LONDON

In London - the "King of the Shilling Shares,"

Arrested - for fraud. Arthur John Whitehead - who made a
million, selling gold and oil stock, at a shilling a share.

His career - one of dazzling finance. Whitehead
beginning - as an apprentice tool-maker. Later on - President
of a union local. Finally - ^{selling cheap stock} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ in South African gold mines and Canadian
oilfields.

All, a fraud - according to Scotland Yard. The
"King of Shilling Shares" - facing the judge today, and held
on bail.

REUNION

Here's a story of three young men - who meet again.

You might call it - Reunion in Illinois.

Three years ago, Donald McDaniel, Robert Brenner, and Robert Ebel - were brought up on a charge of burglary.

Before - Judge Bernard Decker of Waukegan. His Honor deciding - that something might be done to reform the youthful defendants.

So he had them taken for a visit - to the Joliet State Prison. Let them see - the wages of sin. (The punishment of crime.

They were shown through the prison.) Where, to top it off - they got some good advice from the convicts. Who told them: ("Don't be a chump.) "Play it straight. Stay out of here."

After which ^{the} Judge Decker let them off on probation.

They separated, each going his own way. But now, the reunion. Where? ~~Young men met in~~ ^{oh,} the Joliet State Prison.

All three - caught committing robberies. ~~at one place~~ ^{at one place} ~~on another.~~ The last one - arriving at the prison, today.

MUSIC

The Dartmouth College Musical Festival announces - the first American performance of a composition by Haydn. Seems a bit late - Haydn having lived back in the Eighteenth Century. However, the story of what happened - will make matters clear.

When the Soviet Red Army occupied Austria, at the end of World War Two - Russian soldiers looted an old monastery. Carting plunder away - in trucks. Then, as they drove off, the soldiers in one truck tossed away things they didn't want. Including - an old chunk of music manuscript.

This was picked up - by an Austrian farmer. Later - coming to the notice of an American musicologist in Vienna, H. Robbins-Landon. Who recognized it - as a hitherto unknown composition by Haydn. A mass - written in Seventeen Fifty.

Well, I bet I can guess - what that mass by Haydn is like. Basing the guess - on an anecdote.

Papa Haydn, as they called him, was once criticized - for the church music he wrote. So lively, so full of gaiety -

nothing solemn about it at all.

To which Papa Haydn replied - that the thought of God made him irresistibly cheerful. And he hoped - the Heavenly Father would forgive him for worshipping Him in his own cheerful way.

So the mass performed at the Dartmouth Music Festival is likely to be - ~~as~~ merry and sprightly, ^{- happy as} ~~as~~ ~~life~~

Haydn, ~~himself~~.

SWEDEN

There's a feminine uproar - in Sweden. Because of caustic remarks made by a Swedish woman author. Mrs. Elsie Marie Dreierstroem - who called for Swedish women to go on a "love strike". Declaring - they should insist on wedding bells, and get the ring on the finger.

Mrs. Dreierstroem - pointing to American women, who, said she - know how to handle men. Getting them - to the jewelry store for the ring. Then - to the altar, for the ceremony.

Today she added: "I have no hope for support, or even a word of thanks, from my sister women. Since it is well known - that women are unable to trust, or even be friendly with, each other. This," she declares, "is the tragedy - and one of the reasons why men have their way."

Well, she's quite right about getting no thanks. Instead - a lot of sharp remarks from Swedish girls. For example, nineteen year old Stina Anderson, who retorts: "I think most girls of my generation are well prepared to handle

men. But, in this modern country, a girl can get along just as well, or even better - without a husband."

So, ^{Don}~~non~~ let's have some ^{schnapps and} smorgasbord.

HANDY

Condolences from the White House - arrived at

today.

New York's Abyssinian Baptist Church, President Eisenhower,

joined by Vice-President Nixon and Governor Harriman of New

York - paying their tribute to the "Father of the Blues."

W.C. Handy, who did so much to launch a new era in American

popular music; ~~and~~ ^{the man who} wrote - the "St. Louis Blues."

The funeral - presided over by the Reverend Adam

Clayton Powell, who proclaimed in fitting eulogy: "Gabriel

now has an under-study -- and when the last trumpet shall

sound, Handy will blow the last blues."