

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Eisenhower was in good spirits - at his news conference today, looking fit - joking, and - making some sober pronouncements.

Asked - about Russian missiles, are they as good as Khrushchev says? He repeated that he doesn't underestimate Soviet achievements in science, but he has no reason to believe everything Khrushchev says. In particular - the claim concerning an intercontinental missile with pin-point accuracy. The President saying that "sounds like propaganda to me."

He repeated once more that our defense system is not out-dated, our weapons, on a par with the best the Russians have, and we would be able to go into action within minutes - should a surprise attack come.

CIVIL RIGHTS FOLLOW EISENHOWER

Turning to civil rights - President Eisenhower described his program as "moderate and decent." Speaking about - "vacant spots" in the law. Saying - he wants to fill in those "vacant spots". Make the defense of civil rights - more effective.

But Mr. Eisenhower is determined not to cause any more bad feeling - if he can ~~possibly~~ ^{He} help it. ~~Deplorable~~ irresponsible talk about - a federal police force ^{and hope} integration in the public schools can go forward as ~~soon~~ in Virginia. Without violence ^{and without} ~~any~~ interference by the federal government.

AIRPORTS

The question of federal aid to airports - came up at the White House news conference. With pointed reference to - the latest tragedy at New York's LaGuardia Field. Shouldn't our government spend more - to make plane traffic safer?

To this the President's replied that we are spending enough money to keep our airports safe. However he says he objects to - federal spending on non-essentials, like waiting rooms.

He thinks Congress should demand an increase in taxes - if it wants to go beyond the figure in his budget. The President saying, such a demand would be, in his words - "straightforward - honest."

Well, last year the President vetoed - an airport bill sent to him from Capitol Hill. Today, the Senate Commerce Committee okayed one just like it - calling for over five hundred million dollars in federal aid to airports. Will President Eisenhower veto this one? Today, he declined to answer.

CRASH FOLLOW AIRPORTS

Tonight we hear - or rather it's repeated - that the plane crash in New York's East River - may have been due to lack of equipment at LaGuardia. Captain DeWitt, headed toward a runway that had no instruments to keep him informed of his altitude. The jet prop airliner - coming in too low.

Survivors say - they had no idea the plane was about to crash. They thought they were coming in for - a routine landing. The Pilot Capt. DeWitt was one of the sixty-five who were killed.

DULLES

Today, in London, Secretary Dulles met with British Prime Minister Macmillan. Mr. Dulles doing most of the listening.

Tonight we are told that Macmillan will visit the Soviet Union and make an on-the-spot check - along the lines of Mikoyan's tour of America. There is further word that there will be a meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers. Macmillan and Dulles, to propose a conference of East and West - before the Russian ultimatum on Berlin runs out.

TRUCKS

The release of the four American trucks in East Germany seems to indicate that again the Russians were trying our nerves. The trucks and the five G.I.'s - held at a Communist check-point since Monday. The Russian guards insisting - they were going to search the convoy. The Americans - refusing.

Today State Department official Findlay Burns conferred with the Russians for two hours. Whereupon the American convoy continued on through to West Germany. The trucks not searched.

FRANCE

The new "French community" will have a population of - eighty million. Including France and her territories - and twelve African states, the ones that chose to stay with France - when DeGaulle offered them independence.

DeGaulle's overall plan was published today. France to retain control of - foreign policy, defense, finance, and justice. Member states to have their own diplomats in French embassies. The overall government for the entire "French community" to include a special parliament that will sit in Paris for two months each year

HAWAII

Statehood for Hawaii has been approved by the House Interior Committee, by a vote of twenty-five to four. Now the bill goes to the Rules Committee - where it may have a rougher time.

The campaign on Capitol Hill to make the island paradise our fiftieth state, passes its first hurdle - the Interior Committee.

HOUSING

The first major legislation of this session of Congress - is a challenge to President Eisenhower. The House, passing a Housing Bill - to provide federal loans to veterans. The amount - three hundred million dollars.

During the debate, Republicans warned that the bill would unbalance the President's budget, and probably will be killed - by a presidential veto. Nevertheless the vote was overwhelming:- three-hundred-and-ten to eighty-nine.

ATLAS

The Air Force has just ended a key phase - of its
rocket program. Firing - its twentieth Atlas. The
intercontinental ~~missile~~ missile blasting off at Cape Canaveral.
Zooming into the sky - disappearing out over the South Atlantic.
Headed for a target - four thousand miles away. This launching,
called - "a complete success.:" One more step - on our road
to the moon.

MEDAL

The National Geographic's highest award - goes to the British conqueror of the Antarctic. Sir Vivian Fuchs, at the White House today - to receive the Hubbard Medal. During the ceremonies, President Eisenhower asked about the trek across the Antarctic continent. Sir Vivian, describing the experience he and his men went through, was typically British and said it really wasn't much of an achievement. President Eisenhower, disagreeing - with this under-statement, and insisted that few men have had a better right to the Hubbard Medal than Sir Vivian Fuchs.

HUDSON

The Dutch government announces - a special celebration, in April; and not in Holland. Dutch officials will come here - to commemorate the days when New York was New Amsterdam.

Three hundred and fifty years ago Henry Hudson sailed up the Hudson. The beginning of Dutch colonization in North America. ^{So many} Names from that period ^{are} still on the map. ~~of the big~~ ~~city~~ Harlem, Spytten Duyvil, the Bronx, the Tappen Sea, Yonkers, and so on.

Remember how the Dutch bought Manhattan from the Indians - for twenty-four dollars? ~~Don't~~ ^{are you one of} ~~these~~ ~~these~~ ~~are~~ ^{the} Americans who would like to give New York back to the Indians?

TALL STORY

Can you name the play that holds the all-time record for the longest run on Broadway? "Life With Father" of course, the Clarence Day story made into a play by Russel Crouse and Howard Lindsey.

I mention this now because these two men, Lindsey, and Crouse, who have given us so many of our best hours in the theatre, have done it again. They have come up with a new one just as American as "Life With Father." The name of it, "Tall Story"; a wild farce about the misadventures of a tall basketball player.

Seldom have I heard as much laughter in the theatre. I believe I even laughed more than those years ago when I had so much fun at "Life With Father."

Don't miss "Tall Story"!