

MACMILLAN

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Word ^{from} ~~in~~ London ~~is~~ - that Prime Minister Macmillan may go to Washington for urgent conferences with President Eisenhower. Topic - the summit meeting of chiefs-of-state, which Soviet Russia is demanding.

~~(The Prime Minister has postponed sending a reply to a letter that he received - from Soviet Premier Bulganin. Macmillan - waiting until President Eisenhower has made a study of the Bulganin communication that he received on Sunday. Which indicates British concern - for an understanding with the United States. Eisenhower and Macmillan - ^{singing} ~~singing~~ exactly the same tune.)~~

One interesting aspect - the travels of Prime Minister Macmillan. Who, right now - is in Australia. ^{on} ~~making~~ a tour - of Commonwealth possessions in the Pacific and in Asia. So, returning home - might he not make a stop at Washington? In London, today, British officials declared - that this was not part of the plan. But conceded - there might be a last ^{possibly make} minute switch. The Prime Minister ~~making~~ a detour - to Washington.

INDONESIA

Here's a dispatch stating - that a group of young Indonesian army colonels has handed an ultimatum to Indonesian President Sukarno, Demanding - that he get the Communists out of his government at Jakarta, Java. If he doesn't get rid of the Reds, they'll set up a revolutionary anti-Communist regime - on the island of Sumatra.

This dispatch comes from Tokyo, where Sukarno is now on a vacation. The story being that, in Tokyo, he was visited by an Indonesian army colonel, spokesman for the anti-Communist officers. Today, Sukarno said - yes, the colonel had called on him. But explained - it was a mere matter of "courtesy". Denying - that an ultimatum had been presented. However, there's insistent word that Sukarno was told - he'd have to scrap his totalitarian kind of government, with all the Communists he put in. Or the army would set up - a new regime.

SPACE - WHITE HOUSE

President Eisenhower is planning - a National Space Authority. A centralized agency - to handle missile and satellite programs.

This developed at a White House meeting today. The President - confabulating with G.O.P. leaders in Congress, who were briefed by Dr. James Killian, White House advisor on scientific matters. President Eisenhower - to present Congress with plans to reorganize the Defense Department - in a way to meet the demands of the Space-Missile era. The President adding - that he hasn't made up his mind whether to recommend civilian or military control of the new Space Authority.

VANGUARD

High in the sky above Cape Canaveral, thirty to forty thousand feet above the Florida coast - ~~there are~~ winds of hurricane velocity. What is called the "jet stream" - blowing at a couple of hundred miles an hour.

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Result - ^{more} ~~the~~ delay ~~continues~~, in ~~the~~ launching ~~of~~ the Navy's artificial satellite. The Vanguard missile to ^{take up a} ~~launch~~ ~~the~~ man-made Moon - still standing there in readiness. While the Army's Explorer - goes on circling ~~around~~ the world.

Last week, the launching of the Explorer was delayed, from one day to another - because of ~~the~~ tempest ~~up~~ in the stratosphere. The successful attempt - made only because there was a break in the jet stream Friday night. Enabling the Army rocket, the Jupiter, to take off. But the break was - brief. The stormy wind at high altitude - soon blowing again.

All the more dangerous - for the Vanguard. Which is highly complex - an intricate, fragile sort of rocket. Compared with the Jupiter, which is called "a workhorse", ~~rocket~~.

Well, Jupiter, the ancient god of Olympus - was a rugged sort of character. Like the rocket - now named after him.

But here's later news - Weather conditions -- improving at Cape Canaveral. The violent winds at high altitude -- diminishing. Increasing the prospect of an early launching of the Vanguard.

ANTARCTIC

The British Antarctic expedition, led by Dr. Vivian Fuchs - has halted at a point one-hundred-and-seven miles from its next immediate goal. Overhauling equipment, fixing up the snow tractors - which have had mighty heavy going. In preparation for the crossing of one of the most dangerous areas on the South Polar continent. A stretch of ice and snow - criss-crossed with ~~large~~ treacherous crevasses. In ^{to} which - men and equipment might plunge.

It seems, now, that the Fuchs expedition will accomplish its adventurous purpose - of making a complete ~~over-~~ ^{land} crossing of Antarctica, via the South Pole. They reached ~~our~~ American South Polar Village on January Twenty-Fourth - and kept going. Averaging - one hundred and thirty-five miles a day, ever since. Heading - for a supply base, created by Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand, conqueror of Mt. Everest. Hillary - to meet them at the base, about five hundred miles from the Pole. After which - the Fuchs expedition will have seven hundred miles more to go, before they reach the Antarctic shore, at Scott base.

Today's halt will delay them a little, but they'll probably complete their monumental journey by March Second or Third. Arriving at Scott Base - in time to catch the last ship out, before the Antarctic winter closes in.

All the way across the South Polar continent - from one coast ~~into~~ the opposite coast. One ~~is~~ of the greatest ~~exp~~ exploits - in the history of exploration.

EDUCATION

At Yale, a conference on education ended its proceedings today - with an appeal to the public and the government. Wake up to the dismal state of science in this country - says President Eisenhower's Committee of Scientists and Engineers.

Speakers - highly critical of our educational system. Dr. Lee Dubridge, President of the California Institute of Technology - calling for an elimination of silly courses in schools and colleges. Cut out the courses - in basket weaving and automobile driving.

Well, we do drive automobiles - but why the basket weaving?

UNITED FRUIT

The United Fruit Company - to do an interesting, if not ^a paradoxical, thing. ^{The} giant of the banana industry - to create a competitor. Set up a rival company - to compete with United Fruit in the business of bananas. Sounds odd - like a fellow creating an enemy, who will give him a battle. But it is ~~by agreement~~ by agreement - between the United Fruit Company and the U.S. Government.

Four years ago, the Department of Justice filed an anti-trust suit - against the firm ^{dominating} ~~that controls~~ the banana trade between Latin-America and the United States. The Company - charged with running a monopoly, controlling nearly all the banana growing land in Central America. Which enabled ~~the~~ United Fruit - to fix prices.

The legal proceedings - going on ever since. Ending, finally - in a "consent" decree. Whereby the giant concern agrees to take a series of anti-monopoly measures. First and foremost - the setting up of a competitor.

United Fruit - to provide assets # for an independent

company. Entirely separate - from ~~the~~ United Fruit. Capable of importing nine million stems of bananas a year into the United States. ~~The~~ United Fruit - to turn over banana producing lands in the tropics. Also - ships for transportation. Everything - that a competitor will need.

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So the rival company will not have to sing: "Yes, we have no bananas."

INVESTIGATION

At a Congressional hearing, today, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission gave an explanation of the payment of one hundred and sixty-five dollars, which he got - from a television station in Oklahoma City in Nineteen Fifty-Four. Money - that he gave back to Station K W T V, after the present investigation began.

Chairman Doerfer declaring - he found the payment had been a mistake. Intended - to reimburse him for the price of airline tickets. Which had actually been paid for by Station K W T V.

This transpired in the course of an investigation, charging FCC officials - with "misconduct."

SWAPS

And now the question - did the great thoroughbred "Swaps" ever go on relief? Eating ^{free} oats - provided by the U.S. Government? The race horse - that won the Kentucky Derby in Nineteen Fifty-Five. "Swaps" - a champion money-maker, earning eight hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars during his racing career. It hardly seems proper ^{for} ~~that~~ a great money horse to have been on relief.

The charge ^{was} ~~is~~ made by Senator John Williams of Delaware. The Department of Agriculture, today, replying. Telling what happened, and expressing doubt - that "Swaps" ever munched government oats.

The great thoroughbred was owned by two brothers, Rex and Gene Ellsworth - who have an Arizona ranch, near Seligman. Country - hit by the drought. The Department of Agriculture - handing out free grain and hay, as drought relief. The Ellsworth ranch - given twenty-eight thousand dollars' worth.

The Department argues, however - that "Swaps"

probably didn't get any of the hand-out. A spokesman declaring:
"That ranch is in dry cattle country, and I can't imagine a
race horse being stabled there."

No, if you've seen that part of Arizona, it's hard
to visualize ^a ~~the~~ Kentucky Derby winner - browsing on the sparse
vegetation. Kentucky blue grass - ~~being~~ more like it.

But there's one other point. The Department of
Agriculture - trying to collect from the ranch owners for the
drought relief. Investigation indicating - that they were
ineligible to receive it. The owners of "Swaps" - much too well
off. With a horse - that won eight hundred and forty-eight
~~thousand dollars~~ thousand dollars. ~~Not counting - the price~~
~~they got for "Swaps" when they sold him~~ So the government wants
a refund for the free grain - twenty-eight thousand dollars'
worth.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower has a cold - with a "slight sore throat". So stated by Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty, who adds - "no fever." The cold - not interfering with the Eisenhower work-schedule.

Hagerty adding - that he was telling the news reporters about the "slight sore throat", In case - the President sounds a bit hoarse, when he holds his news conference tomorrow.

AUTO

An automobile - sold in England at the town of Blackpool, today. A car - with a background of wicked history, American history. Scarface Al Capone's -- bullet-proof limousine.

Back in the prohibition era, that automobile - figured prominently in accounts of the Chicago gang wars. Scarface Al - riding in a Nineteen Twenty-Eight model, with ~~armor~~ armor plated sides and a bullet-proof gas tank. Also - a rear window that could be removed, to permit the firing of tommyguns.

Somehow or other, that Al Capone auto was taken to England - where, for years, it was put on exhibition, as a sort of side-show feature. ^PThen - sold at auction, last month. Fetching - four hundred and twenty dollars. Now purchased - for twice that much, by a Canadian. Called - a "mystery man."

Nobody having the slightest idea - what he'll do with Scarface Al's bullet-proof limousine.

FASHION

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The ladies, these days, are all talking about - the "sack look." That latest fashion from Paris - so new, so different, such a novelty. Or is it?

Today, the London Times published a note showing - the "sack look" in women's fashions is at least two hundred and ninety years old.

How can they tell? Well, the newspaper ^{printed} ~~published~~ an entry from the diary of Samuel Pepys. Dated - March Second, Sixteen Sixty-Eight. When Pepys wrote the following in his famous diary:

"My wife this day put on her first French gown - called a sac. Which - becomes her very well."

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~~Day~~ Paris turned out the "sack look" back in the Seventeenth Century. One husband, at least - giving his approval.

ENGLAND

Over in England, in the town of Stevenage, the Minister of Housing of the London government visited a building site. Three workmen - on the job. Housing Minister Henry Brooke, offering to shake hands with them. But they refused. Angry - because the Housing Minister had announced a plan to reduce construction activities.

The refusal to shake hands - embarrassing. So the Housing Minister uttered a dignified remonstrance. Which, you'd think - would have made those workmen ashamed of themselves.

"I'm sorry," said he, "that you won't shake hands. I thought - we were all Englishmen."

The trouble was - he thought wrong. Two of the workmen were Patrick Sullivan and John Marney - both Irish.

And so long until tomorrow.