

EISENHOWER

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The tremendous welcome for President Eisenhower in Manila - seems to be infectious. The cheers of two million ~~those~~ ^{those} cheers Filipinos _λ echoing in Formosa, Okinawa, South Korea, and Japan. Even Red Peiping must have taken notice. The Chinese Communists - learning of the flat failure of their "hate-Eisenhower" propoganda in Manila.

The other countries ~~which~~ the President is to visit - are now redoubling their efforts to give him the warmest of welcomes. Even Tokyo reports that a "welcome Eisenhower" committee has promised - they'll turn out a million people to cheer the President, on his arrival, next Sunday.

True - anti-Eisenhower demonstrations in Tokyo continue, ~~with~~ four thousand Left Wing students - in a noisy demonstration, today. While the largest Japanese labor union - called a nationwide strike for tomorrow, ~~to~~ protest - against the Eisenhower visit.

Today, the Chairman of the Tokyo Public Safety

Commission stated that he could not guarantee the safety of President Eisenhower, and asked that the visit be postponed. To which the reply was - that it's too late to consider postponement.

The ~~first~~ word is that some ten thousand police reinforcements from all over Japan are converging on Tokyo, to reinforce the fifteen thousand city police - for guard duty on Sunday, when President Eisenhower arrives.

MOSCOW

More evidence, today - that Khrushchev may have won out, ~~In~~ the Kremlin conflict ~~with~~ with old line Stalinists and the Chinese Reds, who have been demanding - a tougher, harsher cold war policy.

Over the weekend, the Soviet newspaper, Pravda, published a long ideological ~~xxxx~~ argument - criticizing what is called - "Left Wing extremism" in the Communist movement, ~~And~~ justifying - Khrushchev's attempts to come to more friendly terms with the West. Disarmament, peaceful co-existence, ~~et cetera~~ etcetra. *P* That was taken to mean - that Khrushchev had been able to overcome Kremlin opposition that flared - after the U-2 and the collapse of the summit. Which would seem to be the case - with another similar article today, in another official Soviet publication. ~~It~~ *It* excoriates Left Wing extremism, and adds: "Such views harm the liquidation of the cold war and the ~~consolidated~~ consolidation of peace." Which certainly sounds -

like a vindication of the Khrushchev line. *Unless - unless this is all a part of their strategy to fool us - make us ease up on national defense.*

POWERS

At Milledgeville, Georgia - the disclosure of part of a letter, which the pilot of the U-2, Francis Powers - wrote to his wife Barbara, from a Russian prison. The letter received - May Thirty-First, Telling her - that he's to be tried for espionage. The penalty for which could be - death, or a prison term, under Soviet law. But the prisoner is hopeful, telling his wife - he still ^{expects}~~hopes~~ to build the house, which they had planned.

He asked his wife to visit him in his Russian prison. Stating - that Soviet authorities have assured him his relatives will be welcome. Which, of course, would include his father - who plans to go to Russia soon.

The part of the letter made public, today, includes a few details of his misadventure, Telling - how he came down in his parachute, And, in landing - incurred a minor skin wound on his face. Taken to Moscow - only a few hours after his capture. The city "beautiful", as he describes it. He says that in prison he has a number of books to read - and a small

courtyard in which to exercise.

But no enlightenment on the Khrushchev statement
- that the U-2 was brought down with a single rocket shot.

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ROCKEFELLER

The New York delegation to the GOP National Convention will be headed by - Governor Nelson Rockefeller. The delegation - electing him as its leader, today. They'll go to the Convention - uncommitted to any candidate. No discussion, today - of placing Governor Rockefeller in nomination.

BOXING

A new Senate investigation began, today - in an atmosphere of melodramatic suspense. The topic - boxing. With an inquiry - into charges of fixed prize-fights. The first witness - threatened by the underworld, Testifying - with a menace of death hanging over him.

Jake LaMotta - the former middleweight champion. A popular favorite in the world of pugilism - back in the 'Forties, who, they say, had a telephone call - that he'd be killed, if he told the truth in testimony before the Senate Committee.

~~Now was this taken up lightly. The Senate hearing was previously scheduled for August. But it advanced a couple of months. Because of the resistance of the underworld, they say, the racketeers of prize fighting took to the Senate investigation. The fear was felt that something might happen to the first witness, the former middleweight champion.~~

So what did Jake LaMotta have to say, today? Well, he told the Senators about his bout with light heavyweight Billy Fox in Nineteen Forty-Seven, which, he said - was fixed. LaMotta -

describing how, in New York's Madison Square Garden, he "went into the tank", as they say in pugilistic circles. In the fourth round - a technical knockout. LaMotta - play-acting, pretending to be helpless. His opponent - punching him at will. Until - the referee stopped ~~the fight~~ ^{the fight.} Today LaMotta said - the blows didn't hurt him. He was merely - faking.

What did he get - for the fix? A shot - at the middleweight title. He said he was offered a hundred thousand dollars - but rejected it. But then agreed - when they promised him a chance to win the middleweight championship. He said he was "too good" - and was having trouble ~~in~~ getting fights. Called - the "uncrowned champion". Later, he did get a chance at the crown - and won it. Becoming - middleweight champ~~ion~~.

Today LaMotta denied - that he knew the identity of the people behind the fix. Although previously, in private - he had named a couple of underworld figures. But he took that back. Saying - he was mistaken. "I'm just remembering better," he testified today.

LaMotta told of "carrying" opponents in various fights. Not trying too hard. Then, he was asked - about underworld threats against him, if he testified. At first, he seemed to deny there were any. Then, Dick, he grew angry, and shouted: "I'm not afraid of none of them rats!"

RAILROADS

Still Another railroad merger - in the news. The Chesapeake and Ohio - and the B. and O. Today, in Washington, the Interstate Commerce Commission was asked to approve ~~of~~ plans to combine those two ^{*great*} lines.

Last night, we heard of a proposed merger of the Nickle Plate and the Norfolk and Western - and today the word is that this combination, in turn, may be merged with the Pennsylvania. ~~Railroad.~~

After which we hear that a merger of the Chesapeake ^{and} Ohio and the B. and O. would be followed by a tie-up with the New York Central.

Visioning - the possibility of a giant railroad war. The Pennsylvania - versus New York Central. Which, indeed, would be - a conflict of titans.