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There's quite a bit of background - in the story of the Eisenhower-Khrushchev exchange of diplomatic visits. The Soviet Premier - to come to the United States. President Eisenhower later - to go to Russia. It's no spur of the moment arrangement - but something worked out for quite a while, kept secret until today.

It was President Eisenhower who started the ball rolling - weeks ago; When he made a suggestion to the State Department - that personal contacts between him and Khrushchev might help to ease the tension in the cold war. Possibly - an exchange of visits, such as has now been arranged.

The State Department studied the matter, and negotiations for the visit began early in July. The President, himself, initiating the correspondence with Soviet Russia. Khrushchev - giving the proposal an eager welcome.

This was followed by consultations with our western allies - the British, French and the West Germans informed of

what was going on. And agreeing - that it would be a good idea.

But ~~now~~ came - the Nixon visit to Soviet Russia. Which was on schedule - and the ~~Vice~~ Vice President knew nothing about those Eisenhower-Khrushchev arrangements. He could hardly be left in the dark - when he was going for talks with the Soviet leaders.

Today President Eisenhower stated that he told Nixon, shortly before he left. He says he didn't want Nixon to be surprised, or feel let ~~me~~ down by his government - if the subject came up in Moscow. "You are not, of course," he told the Vice President, "to open the subject."

So that explains the vague way Nixon talked in public - when Russians asked him about a possible Khrushchev trip to the U S A. Hinting, merely, that it might be a good thing. In private, he was talking about Khrushchev and other Soviet big-wigs - about the plans that were being completed.

Today, in Poland, Nixon stated - that he acted as a go-between,  
Participating - in the final ~~arr~~ arrangements. |

But nothing official was made public - until the  
formal announcements today.

REACTION

The reaction in Congress - generally favorable.

The leaders of both parties - thinking that the visits will be productive of good results. Which opinion is to be expected - considering the fact that the President consulted the top men in Congress in advance about the advisability of Khrushchev coming to the United States, ~~The And Eisenhower~~ <sup>and</sup> going <sup>himself</sup> to <sup>to</sup> Russia.

However, there are dissenting voices. Some

legislators - bitterly denouncing the approaching visit of

the chief of Soviet Communism. <sup>And some alarmed at the risks involved - just protecting the Red boss.</sup>

In Europe - applause and expressions of ~~relief~~

relief.

The exchange of courtesy calls <sup>may</sup> produce a

period of quiet. A breathing spell - with ~~no~~ no flare-up of

the Berlin crisis.

NIXON

In Warsaw, Vice President Nixon was in conversation today - with Premier Gomulka and other leaders of Communist Poland. No disclosure of what they talked about - but it's clear the big-shot Reds are not as enthusiastic about the Vice President of the United States as the mass of <sup>the</sup> Polish people.

Nixon, today, beset once more - by crowds in emotional demonstrations. People cheering - people in tears. To the Poles, our Vice President represents - the freedom ~~that~~ they have lost.

SIR EDMUND HILLARY

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With all the news today, about the headline visits, let's take note - of a distinguished visitor in this country right now. Sir Edmund Hillary - the conqueror of Mt. Everest, the world's highest mountain. The news ~~XXXXX~~ has been giving ~~me~~ hints of his future plans. He's my guest at the moment. So, I'll ask him what they are. I may be headed for more Himalayan adventure in September, Sir Edmund. How about you?

(Tape is two twenty)

Sounds mighty interesting. We'll all be waiting for the new thrills - when you, Sir Edmund Hillary, world's most renowned mountaineer - when you and your party ~~g~~ get to the other side of Everest.

PARK

In Chelsea Park, a fashionable section of London -

a parrot was perched in a tree. Passersby - astonished, *and no*

*wonder, for*

The parrot - was talking Russian. One word of which - the

Londoners understood. The parrot saying - nyet, nyet. It

sounded like Gromyko.

A handsome bird - gray and orange. Which evaded capture for a while - still talking Russian. But finally, the bird was caught - ~~screeching~~ screaming "nyet, nyet."

The puzzle was solved, when it was learned - that the parrot had escaped from the ~~Soviet~~ Soviet Embassy. ~~Still~~

*Q* another political refugee from Communism? ~~maybe~~ Anyway,

the bird is being sent back to the Soviet people, ~~no matter~~ *as it continues*

*to*  
~~how much it~~ yells - nyet, nyet.