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(L.I. fr. substituted tonight.)

The Soviet Premier reverses himself on the subject of

- President Eisenhower's proposal for limiting the arms race.

Yesterday we heard how Bulganin had said he did not believe Mr. Eisenhower's proposal had any real significance - the proposal for an exchange of blueprints and mutual inspection of military installations.

Today Bulganin spoke before the Supreme Soviet again, and this time he said that certain newspapers had misinterpreted his remarks. He insisted that the Kremlin is taking the Eisenhower proposal very seriously - and is by no means slamming the door shut. Said Bulganin: "The Soviet government is studying it with all the attention and seriousness it deserves."

Some diplomats are interpreting the Premier's about face - as a reaction to criticism in the West. Even neutral newspapers took a ~~very~~ dim view of the first pronouncement - that Mr. Eisenhower's proposal had no real significance. So apparently Bulganin quickly beat a retreat -

in order to avoid offending either the west or the neutrals.

Now he says that the Soviet Union is not rejecting Mr. Eisenhower's position - but will give it very serious attention.

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"THAW" FOLLOW BULGANIN

Incidentally, Bulganin has invited the heads of all the diplomatic missions in Moscow - to be his guests at his summer villa just outside ^{the city.} ~~Moscow~~. The Soviet Premier told the Ambassadors and Ministers to bring their families - for a day in the country. He says there will be swimming, boating and fishing.

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EISENHOWER

President and Mrs. Eisenhower will spend the weekend at their Gettysburg farm.. The President and the First Lady retreating - from ~~their~~ Washington, because of the heat.

Mr. Eisenhower took with him more than two hundred bills passed by the Eighty-Fourth Congress - ~~which has~~ just adjourned. He'll work on them at Gettysburg - the word being, that he'll sign most, ^{probably vetoing only a few.} and ~~probably veto a few.~~ Around the middle of the month, he'll fly to Denver for a holiday - including some fishing in those famous Colorado streams.

President Eisenhower welcomes a new member of his official family. Ruben Robertson, sworn in as Deputy Defense Secretary. The President handed the Secretary his order of appointment - and remarked that now he is a servant of the people, instead of just an ordinary citizen.

When the President had finished speaking, Defense Secretary Wilson added his bit - by saying that Robertson has no conflict of interests, except his family. Meaning, that he won't become involved in any controversy over business men in the administration -- which was the issue that forced Harold Talbott out of the job of Air Force Secretary. Robertson is completely safe on that score, because he disposed of his stock in two firms - which the Senate had demanded before approving his appointment as Deputy Defense Secretary.

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The Secretary of Agriculture is going to tour Europe -
trying to sell some of our immense farm surpluses. Secretary
Benson will visit Britain, France, Italy, Switzerland, Denmark,
and the Netherlands. He'll discuss the problem with the
Ministers of Agriculture in those nations. The problem being,
to sell our farm surpluses at cut-rate prices ^{but} - without
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disrupting the trade of friendly nations.

(The Secretary certainly has a lot of goods to sell-
more than seven billion dollars' worth at the last report. *[Signature]*

The eleven American airmen released yesterday from Communist captivity have arrived in Japan. They were flown in famous C-54 - "The Bataan" ^{once the private} aboard a ~~C-54~~ - ~~once used as a private plane of~~ General MacArthur. ^{The Airmen} ~~They~~ were taken to a base hospital - where they will be given physical examinations for the next three or four days. Most of them are described as jubilant. But one is not quite so happy - Daniel Schmidt, the Enoch Arden of the group. He learned today how his wife remarried after he was reported missing-in-action. You can imagine how he feels - - ~~about the situation~~ - going home to his wife, who is now married to another man. Daniel Schmidt doesn't say what he intends to do. And we hear that his wife has not yet made up her mind - which of the two husbands she prefers.

The Geneva talks on the American civilians in Red Chinese jails - went into recess today. Our representative, Alexis Johnson, agreeing with Red Chinese representative Wang Ping-Nan -- on a meeting next Monday.

Today's session ended in a stalemate. First Johnson submitted a new list of Americans believed held in Peiping. *Then* the Chinese delegate ~~then~~ said he needed time to contact his capital. ~~So~~ And so it was ~~gre~~ agreed on both sides - to have a recess ~~un~~ until Monday.

AUSTRIA

The Russians are strengthening the guards around their military installations in Austria. This may sound strange - since the Soviets are pulling out of that country, under the terms of the Austrian agreement. But the point is this - the Russians are afraid of desertions from their army. Austrian sources say that at least fifteen Russian soldiers have tried to desert since the announcement that the Soviet occupation was to end. The Kremlin doesn't want anything like that - so the guards are ~~is~~ being strengthened.

At the same time, the Iron Curtain countries on the Austrian border are clamping down on refugees. Czechs and Hungarians have been fleeing across the border. And now those two countries are reported to be laying new mine fields and setting up electric fences - to prevent any more from getting away.

In other words, there's quite a turmoil as the Russian prepare to leave Austria - because a lot of people ~~wk~~ would like to escape to freedom.

Tonight we have a first hand report about conditions inside Estonia. - That once-independent Baltic Republic, which has been in the grip of the Soviets ever since the war. A party of Finns has just returned from an inspection tour. And we get their impressions from R. Lindgren, who is Mayor of Kotka, Finland.

7 Mayor Lindgren says that the visit was carefully conducted by Communist guides. In other words, the Finns had no opportunity to see the military bases which the Russians are reported to have in Estonia. But, Lindgren added that even so it was possible to get a good idea of how many changes the Communists have made.

For one thing, portraits of Soviet leaders are all over the capital city of Tallinn. Stalin, and Bulganin, and Khrushchev - gazing down at pedestrians wherever they walk.

Also, you hear more Russian than Estonian, ~~in that~~ ~~Capital of~~ Estonia. Mayor Lindgren says it's not that Russian is forced upon Estonia - but there are so many Russians

in control, that their language ^{predominates} ~~is naturally dominant~~. In other words, if you want to get permission to do anything in Estonia - you have to ask the Russians. That's why Russian is the natural language now.

What about the standard of living? Well, the Finnish Mayor states that many commodities in Estonia are five times as expensive as they are in Finland. For example, a movie ticket costs twelve rubles - about three ^{U.S.} dollars. ~~in American money.~~

That's the latest western impression of Estonia - and it has ^{considerable} ~~some~~ authority, coming from a knowledgeable Finnish leader.

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A number of witnesses testified today against Sergeant James Gallagher - who is being court-martialed on charges of collaborating with the Reds, and murdering American prisoners, while they were in a camp in North Korea. Sergeant Donnell Adams of Cottonwood, Alabama, said that Gallagher used to argue with his fellow prisoners - saying that the cause of the Korean war was American aggression. Sergeant Adams also said ~~that~~ he heard Gallagher declare - that we shipped supplies to Germany and Japan during World War Two, - in order to prolong the conflict for the benefit of the capitalists.

(Another ex-prisoner, Billy Evans, of Rector, Arkansas, testified that Sergeant Gallagher once said that he had no fear that the American government would ever punish him. "He said", Evans remarked, "he didn't think they could ever bother him - and he wasn't worried about it.")

The court was supposed to hold another session this afternoon, but the temperature got the best of everybody there -

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a hundred degrees in the shade [^]so the presiding officers
finally gave up - and adjourned until Monday morning.

HURRICANE

The islands of the South Atlantic are fastening everything down - and preparing for the arrival of - "Connie". This, the third tropical storm of the year. "Connie" boiled up about fifteen hundred miles off Miami - with the whole area of Cuba, the Bahamas, and possibly Florida - in the danger zone. Everyone is ordered ^{to hold their hats} ~~to get set~~ - as "Connie" ^{comes wafting along} approaches, ~~whi~~ with gales of well over a hundred miles an hour.

The Russians got a chance to inspect some of our atomic equipment today - at the Geneva "Atoms for Peace Congress". We have an atomic reactor set up there, and we invited everyone who wants to see it to come along. That was how a Russian delegation turned up. Our officials gave them complete freedom to go over the equipment - and we hear, that the men from Moscow were fascinated by what they saw.

10 At the same time, Americans are having a look at a ^{Russian} ~~Soviet~~ power reactor. One of our scientists says it's apparently not quite as modern as ours - but otherwise adequate enough.

✓ O'DWYER

Down in Mexico

^ A former Mayor of New York is ~~is~~ entering the movie business ~~in Mexico~~. Bill O'Dwyer, announcing that he has signed a contract with Ganaway productions of Hollywood.

He says his job will be to act as go-between with the American company on one side, and the Mexican authorities on the other.

Wisconsin Miller, but as soon as they get around, complaints started to come in today, the superintendent of the forest, Charles Moore, remarked: "He didn't realize there were so many elk here." "They're just not really anybody ever went out in the forest preserve to see them."

Since this case came up, however - hundreds of visitors have been coming into the area. They've been looking at the elk - that are passing all the time. In the meantime, Superintendent Moore says that the proposal to liquidate the herd has been dropped. So apparently the elk there are going to stay - the bulk of them would remain.

A dispatch from Chicago reveals that the Elk of Busse Woods - have been reprieved. There are twenty-eight of the animals in those woods - the largest herd ~~in~~ of elk this country has outside of Yellowstone Park. It had been suggested that the herd be destroyed - used for food, or else sold to a Wisconsin dealer. But as soon as the word got around, complaints started ^{piling up} ~~to come in~~. Today, the superintendent of the forest, Charles Sauers, remarked: "We didn't realize there were so many elk lovers!" Then he went on: "Hardly anybody ever went out to the forest preserve to see them."

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That plan to put an artificial satellite up in space, has run into something of a snag. It seems that the rights to the area are already controlled -- and so not available to the government.

James Mangan, of Chicago, wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Wilson - saying that he filed a claim to outer space back in Nineteen Forty One. The matter was reviewed by the State attorney - and the claim was upheld. Mangan, holding the title to the whole stratosphere around the earth. Which certainly makes him the biggest property owner in existence.

He calls his claim, "Celestia." ^{and} in his letter to Secretary Wilson, he said: "Anybody who launches a satellite without my permission, - is trespassing." And he went on to protest that Secretary Wilson would never dream of building a factory on anybody else's property. So why should he think of putting an artificial satellite in an area that ~~does not~~ belong to the government?

However, Mangan says that he would rather see the

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United States launch a satellite - than Russia. So, apparently,
he is willing to compromise the claim. He may even permit
the satellite-- as long as his own rights are not infringed. -
his rights to "Celestia,"--the whole realm of outer space, *Hugh!*

As stated by Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, of India --

*...over the gathering of the scientists from twenty-
... He predicted, that within twenty years,
... the harnessing of the atom may bring incredible benefit
... the power of the sun, as human*

At the congress of nuclear scientists, there's

*... on the peace exposition. Impressive examples of atomic
... With guided... maintaining the
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