

NASSER

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In the ancient city of Damascus - a nomination for president. The Syrian parliament - putting up its candidate. The one " to head the new combined state of Syria and Egypt. No need of asking - who? Everybody knowing - it would be Nasser, the Egyptian Strong Man.

Syria joins Egypt in one government - Syrian President El Kuwatly, to step down and make way for Nasser.

The news from Damascus was flashed on to Cairo, where the Egyptian legislature took immediate action -

seconding Nasser for the presidency of the new ^{combined} Arab state, *altho' Egypt is not strictly an Arab country. Its people not Arabic at all.* The people of the two countries will vote on

February Twenty-First, and there's no doubt of the result.

Nasser - to be the only candidate, apparently. Nasser - to be elected President of Syria-Egypt.

Today's dispatch adds that the Crown Prince of Yemen has arrived in Cairo - to discuss plans ^{for} linking the Yemen with the Egyptian-Syrian federation.

At Amman, capital of the kingdom of Jordan, the word

is that a conference will be held - by leaders of the Arab states that remain outside the combination. King Hussein of Jordan, King Feisal of Iraq, and King Saud of Saudi Arabia - to decide on a line of action. In the face - of the union of Egypt and Syria, And possibly - the Yemen.

WEST GERMANY

West Germany, today, made an offer to Britain.

A proposal - to buy two-hundred-and-eighty-million dollars' worth of British armament - and pay for the goods in advance.

Intended - as a sort of compromise in the controversy over payment for the support of British troops in Germany. London demanding - that West Germany shall ^{come thru} ~~take in~~ with part of the cost. The West Germans - refusing.

The British declare that the large expense of keeping British soldiers on the Rhine makes the British financial situation increasingly difficult, With reference & to foreign exchange. So that's the point in today's West German offer. The Cabinet of Chancellor Adenauer - voting unanimously to place two-hundred-and-eighty-million dollars in the Bank of England. The money to remain there - at the disposal of the London government, without any payment of interest. Foreign exchange - at the disposal of the British. Who, eventually - would pay off with shipments of armament.

INDONESIA

The Indonesian Government announces - that the military commanders on Sumatra have been called for a conference. Summoned for talks - in Jakarta, Java. They claim, however, that it's merely routine - having nothing to do with a threat of revolt by the military forces of Sumatra.

But what do we hear from Sumatra? The announcement of a mass rally - to support a demand that the Jakarta government must resign, *along with an* ~~the~~ *all* ousting of *^* Communists. If not, a new regime will be set up on Sumatra - headed by young army officers and leaders of the Moslem party.

INDIA

Big doings - over in India. A huge demonstration at New Delhi - welcoming Ho Chi Minh, President of North Viet Nam, ~~the~~ Communist ~~country in~~ ^{part of} Indo-China.

Ho Chi Minh received at the New Delhi airport - by Indian Prime Minister Nehru and other officials. The real uproar - a mass demonstration arranged by Indian Communists. Huge crowds of cheering Reds - at the airport. ~~Something~~ Something special about this - according to the dispatch from New Delhi. The Communists - putting on a show to squelch a rumor, ~~A~~ report - that Ho Chi Minh had fallen from power.

Last autumn, ~~he~~ ^{Ho} attended a big celebration in Moscow. After which he vanished - nothing seen of Ho Chi Minh for some time. Returning to his Communist country - only after a couple of months. The basis for the rumor - that he had fallen out of favor at the Kremlin.

Now he's on a visit in India. The Reds giving him a big welcome - to squelch the rumor.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower does not want to sit there - glaring at Khrushchev, With Khrushchev - glaring back at him. That's the figure of speech used by the President at his news conference, today - on the subject of a summit conference between the heads of state.

Telling the reporters - that, on the basis of a letter from Soviet Premier Bulganin, there isn't a single topic on which an agreement seems likely. A top level palaver promising little except a lot of useless argument. "Frankly," said the President, "you would just be glaring at each other across the table."

He said - he's working on a reply to the latest Bulganin letter - with its plea for a summit conference. Adding - that he's ^{trying to} ~~working to see if he can~~ come up with a new approach - leading to a worthwhile conference with the Soviet leaders. Without - just glaring.

At his news conference, today, President Eisenhower stated that legal experts have advised him - that it is perfectly legal for members of regulatory agencies, like the Federal Communications Commission, to take fees for making speeches. Which, of course, refers to Chairman Doerfer of the FCC - who explains a payment of ~~five hundred and seventy-five~~ dollars, as a fee he received for making an address before the National Association of Broadcasters.

In Congress, meanwhile, there's a blast fired at *Democratic* Congressman Moulder of Missouri, Chairman of the investigating Sub-Committee. Based on the fact - that Congressman Moulder put a school girl daughter on the payroll of his office staff. The payroll bill - footed by the government.

Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan points out, that fifteen year old Marcia Moulder was in ~~an~~ school back in Missouri - while drawing more than twelve thousand dollars from Nineteen Fifty-Two through Nineteen Fifty-Five. Beginning ~~when~~ she was fifteen.

To which the Congressman replies - that she earned the money by doing work. He says - opponents of his investigation are trying to "smear and discredit" him.

At the hearing today - stormy argument. FCC officials demanding a chance to deny charges. One of them - a nephew of Congressman Sam Rayburn of Texas, Speaker of the House. Permission granted - with officials explaining that the broadcast industry merely paid for their expenses when they went on speaking trips or attended industry conventions.

Members of the Sub-Committee protested against the rough way Chairman Doerfer was being questioned by Sub-Committee Counsel Schwartz.

EISENHOWER - HEALTH

President Eisenhower has cancelled an engagement - for tomorrow morning. When he was to attend a prayer breakfast -- given by the International Council for Christian leadership. Reason - the presidential cold and sore throat.

At his news conference, today, the President asked the reporters - to make their questions long. So that he could answer them briefly. With - "yes" or "no". So they made the questions long - but, at times, Mr. Eisenhower gave reasonably long answers.

White House Secretary Jim Hagerty says - the President first noticed the symptoms of a cold, on his return from Georgia, Where he had three days of weekend golf - in chilly, windy weather. Whereupon the doctor began treating the patient with throat sprays.

Word is that, yesterday, the President thought for a while - he'd have to go to bed. Taking it easy - to fight the cold. But then decided, last night - that he'd attend the formal White House dinner for fifty top scientists and military leaders.

Which he did - telling the guests that he felt much better.

Today, he did a full schedule of work. Remarking to the reporters - that he felt fine - except that his voice, ~~was~~ hoarse.

VANGUARD

The Navy gives official explanation of the failure at Cape Canaveral, Florida, last night. The Vanguard missile, with an artificial satellite - breaking in two, and plunging into the ocean.

Today's report - based on the telemetry records. That is, the radio signals received from the Vanguard, as it started aloft. These show that for nearly a minute - the flight was normal. The long slender missile - soaring upward in a blaze of glory. But then, small irregularities were noted in the engine control system of the first stage rocket. Then, after the sixtieth second, ^a ~~the~~ failure in that control system caused a deflection, the engine veering far to the right. Which snapped the slender Vanguard - in two.

Whereupon, an engineer on the ground pressed a button - destroying the missile, by an explosion.

There's talk that the Vanguard may now be discarded. which is countered by statements - that another Vanguard attempt will be made.

ADD VANGUARD

Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy predicts - the ~~Vanguard~~ hard-luck Vanguard will eventually launch an earth satellite.

Meanwhile, the Explorer is doing fine. Circling the earth in an extremely elliptical orbit, veering from two hundred and nineteen miles to fifteen hundred and eighty-seven miles away from the surface of the earth. The Explorer - sure is exploring.

HEART FUND

Now about - another of those miracles of science.

The heart-lung machine - a lifesaver, in severe cases of heart attack, when surgery is needed. The ingenious mechanism - doing a pumping job. Which relieves the heart of about one-third of its ordinary labor. Taking over most of the burden, so the heart has a chance - to rest and recover.

The heart lung machine - the result of research sponsored by the Heart Fund. Which, this month, ^{my old friend Quincy Howe says} is asking for

^{more} public support. Money needed - for the campaign against the malady that killed more than eight hundred thousand Americans last year.

GUN

The U.S. Air Force has a gun that fires - seven thousand rounds a minute. More than a hundred shots - per second. Which marvel of rapid fire is the tail gun of the B-58 -- the speediest of ^{Air Force} jet bombers, ~~of the Air Force.~~

Something new? ~~A gun firing seven thousand rounds a minute~~ The result of some novel idea? Not at all. It's no more than an adaptation of the old Gatling Gun, which made its appearance in the Civil War.

The simple fact was - that they couldn't fire seven thousand shots a minute out of one gun barrel. The friction so great - the heat would melt the barrel. So they figured - why not use a number of barrels. Which took them - right back to the Gatling Gun.

In Eighteen Sixty ~~Two~~^{Four}, the American inventor, Richard Gatling, devised a rapid firing weapon - with six barrels arranged in a circle. The barrels - rotating and firing one after another. Which revolutionized - the art of gunnery.

But after a while the Gatling Gun became obsolete -

superseded by the machine gun. The older weapon so far forgotten / that the experts of modern research had to go to a museum to find one. Taking that old museum piece, and making one change. The Gatling Gun - operated with a hand crank. So they ~~superadded~~ substituted an electric motor, and found - they could fire five thousand shots a minute from that ancient relic of Civil War days. They improved it a bit more, and got it up to - seven thousand shots a minute.

So that's the latest Air Force marvel - ~~amazing~~
By the way that's the
the Gatling Gun. Origin of the slang term for gun - a gat.

MALAYA

Now, a question of romance - how much is a kiss worth? The answer comes from an unexpected place, far off Malaya. Malayan royalty - involved. Prince Tengku Shuib Ibni Almarhoom - a brother of the Sultan of Kedah, a remote principality in that land of tropical jungle - home of the hamadryad, the sladang, the sakai, the Semang, and the durian. His Royal Highness - taken into court. Charged - with stealing a kiss. The judge - condemning him to pay for it. So - how much?

Testimony showed - that Prince Tengku Shuib Ibni Almarhoom attended a performance by a troupe of Malay dancers. The director of the ballet - a woman, Lee Liew Jong. Who says - the brother of the Sultan of Kedah sneaked up, grabbed her, and kissed her. The prince - later getting into a scrap with the police.

Today, the judge found him guilty, and imposed a fine - the price of the kiss. How much? Thirty cents, - Seems cheap enough - Don - thirty cents - in Malaya, home of the hamadryad, the sladang, the sakai, the Semang, the durian, and affectionate Prince Tengku Shuib Ibni Almarhoom of Kedah.

WEATHER

At the Miami playground, this afternoon, tourists shed their fur coats - and put on bathing suits.

This morning - palm trees were gleaming - with white frost. Temperatures - as low as eighteen degrees to the south of Miami, last night. An icy wind - bringing temperatures only four degrees above the all-time record for cold in Florida.

Then, suddenly, Jack Frost was gone. Warm winds - blowing. The thermometer - climbing up to seventy this afternoon.

However, the damage was done last night - damage to Florida vegetable farms. Hit hard - by an earlier cold snap. And now - the remainder of the crops virtually ruined last night.

And Solong Until Tomorrow!