

Good Evening, Everybody:-

Here's an emphatic denial that Soviet Russia has intercontinental ballistic missiles in mass production, as Khrushchev has claimed. The denial comes from General Nathan Twining, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington. Who scoffs -- at the Khrushchev statement. General Twining declaring -- that neither Soviet Russia nor the United States has an ICBM in the hands of a combat unit, ready for firing.

EISENHOWER - SOVIETS

May Twenty-seventh - is becoming more and more important. The date - when Moscow says the Soviets will turn over ~~the~~ control in East Germany to the East German Reds. One supposition being - that a Big Four conference may be held before May Twenty-seventh comes around, ~~to~~ avoid the possibility - of a showdown crisis with Communist East Germany. On the subject - of Western communications with West Berlin.

In Moscow, Deputy Premier Mikoyan has intimated - that the Soviets may withdraw ~~the~~ the May Twenty-seventh deadline. If - East-West negotiations are going on by then. Yesterday, Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles remarked - that a Big Four conference, in the spring, would be "timely." So what has President Eisenhower to say?

At his news conference, today, he spoke in a cautious way, and indicated - that he favored an early East-West meeting. Which, now, seems likely enough - as a way to head off a possible crisis on May Twenty-seventh.

EISENHOWER - LABOR

President Eisenhower, today, presented a labor union reform bill to Congress. Which immediately runs - not so much into opposition; ~~But~~ - into a counter measure of a milder sort.

The presidential program calls - for two lines of reform. One - to make the labor unions operate in a democratic way with full publicity. ~~and~~ Financial operations open and unconcealed. To protect the interests - of union members.

The second line of reform - would curb secondary boycotts and "black-mail" picketing. The kind of picketing - to force an employer to ~~RECOGNIZE~~ recognize a union, against the wishes of his employees.

The counter measure, a milder compromise, is a bill sponsored by Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts. A measure - that has the approval of the AFL-CIO. Today, Senator Kennedy argued - that the severer bill from the White House goes too

far. Would encounter too much opposition in Congress. (Hard
enough, said he - to put through any labor union reform
legislation at all. So he thinks his measure is the right
way to start.)

However, the President, in his message, told Congress-
that a complete reform is necessary. Not - a ~~piece~~ piecemeal
program.

There's talk of a possible compromise - between the
White House and the Kennedy bills.

EISENHOWER - WARREN

President Eisenhower denies that there's a rift - between himself and Chief Justice Earl Warren. The President appointed the former California governor to the high tribunal - and they were cordial friends. But now a report - that they ^a are mad at each other.

The story - attracting the ~~next~~ more attention, because it was written by Robert J. Donovan, Chief of the Washington staff of the New York Herald Tribune. Donovan - wrote a book about President Eisenhower's first term, which was considered - semi-official. [P] He says the President is annoyed with Chief Justice Warren, because of the part he played in Supreme Court rulings ~~p~~ - which ~~through~~ ^{threw} out laws to curb Communism. While the Chief Justice, according to Donovan, is disappointed - because the White House has not been firm enough in backing up the court in the question of public school integration in the South.

At his news conference today the President was asked about this, and replied: "Well, so far as I am concerned,

here is some irresponsible reporting."

Chief Justice Warren, likewise, issues a denial -
that he and the President are on the outs.

VIRGINIA

Governor Almond of Virginia presented a proposal, today - whereby the state would make tuition-grants of money. To permit Virginia parents to send their children to private schools. If they don't want them - in classrooms with racial integration.

This is Virginia's answer to yesterday's decision by a Federal Court - compelling Virginia public schools to reopen. With an admission - of Negro pupils.

Governor Almond told the State Legislature - that, in the end, the Virginia public school system might have to be abandoned. To avoid - racial integration. But, for the present, he's proposing - that the state shall subsidize parents, who want to send their children to private segregated schools.

PAGE BOY

There seems to have been an unfortunate mix-up - in the case of a fourteen year old Negro boy. Who flew from Chicago to Washington - to take the job as a page boy in Congress. Only to be told - there was no vacancy.

It seems that Jimmy Johnson's family had word from Congressman Barratt O'Hara of Illinois - that he had arranged for the boy to get the job. And Jimmy Johnson, today said: "The Southern Congressmen didn't want me."

However, the Chairman of the Committee in charge of such matters, ~~Francis Walker~~ Congressman Francis Walter of Pennsylvania, declares - he told Congressman O'Hara, last Friday, that there was no vacancy for a page boy. The Chairman denies that there was any Southern ~~intervention~~ intervention, or that the question of race was involved in any way.

SPACE

Here's a relief - in a prediction ~~of~~ for the scientific future. Space experts forecasting - sailing ships. A return, in a way - to the old romantic days of the windjammers.

This comes in a report issued by the Space Committee of the House of Representatives. Which quotes international experts - on what space travel is likely to be in the future.

Yes, of course - we'll be landing on Venus and Mars in ten years or so. With interplanetary voyages - heading toward Jupiter. ~~FOR EXY YEARS SYX~~ In ^{forty}~~four~~ years -- men may be flashing at the speed of light out in the realms of the stars and galaxies.

But the beguiling thing is - the sailing ships. But don't imagine - ~~its~~ it's a case of canvas ^{and} ~~in~~ the wind on the broad spaces of the ocean. Interplanetary sailing ships - that's the idea. | Scientists predicting - space vehicles, with solar sails. Propelled - by the power of sunlight.

Instead of the wind -- sunbeams, Don!

Just you and I, my darling -- sailing,
sailing, over the bounding -- interplanetary spaces,
on a sunbeam!

GOLD

The Toronto stock exchange, today, announced - that it's putting gold on its trading list. Gold bullion - to be bought and sold, like any other commodity. Which certainly takes memory back to former days - when trading in gold was one of the liveliest of speculations.

In our own American Wall Street, one of the wildest days - was "Black Friday," when Jay Gould - tried to corner the gold market. Back in Eighteen Sixty-Nine.

Since then, most countries don't allow people to possess metallic gold. Nor did Canada - until now. The Commonwealth - having removed all restrictions. Permitting the Toronto stock exchange - to resume the old business of trading in gold.

Americans can participate - though, if they purchase gold bullion, they'll have to keep the yellow metal in Canada. The possession of gold - still forbidden in the United States.

The Canadians, it seems, are taking to the new

system - with enthusiasm. People interested - in acquiring
glittering bars of gold. Financial observers in Toronto
declaring - it may become common to see gold bars displayed
on mantelpieces. Decorations - for the household.

There's gold - on that thar mantelpiece.