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Today, a big automobile - flying an American flag - drove through the streets of East Berlin. In defiance - of the latest Communist move. U.S. Ambassador James Conant, flying the Stars and Stripes in the Red sector - to emphasize the fact that the western powers intend to remain in Berlin. Ignoring action by Soviet Russia - the Moscow declaration that the four power occupation of the traditional German capital is at an end.

One report has been that the German Reds, ~~by~~ trying to take over all Berlin, might cut the communications of the western part of the city. ~~But~~ Duplicating - that Berlin blockade of some years ago. Today, however, Ambassador Conant said - he did not believe the Communists would try any blockade.

GERMANY

Chancellor Adenauer scored an overwhelming victory in the West German Parliament today. The issue was - ~~an~~ a resolution endorsing the foreign policies of the Adenauer coalition government. Emphasizing - efforts to achieve German unity with the ^daid of the western allies.

The Chancellor told the Parliament: "The Soviet Union is convinced that Communism will succeed in conquering the whole world. It is also convinced that Soviet Russia will lead or rule a Communist world. In the face of this ideological conviction," declared Adenauer, "we must take the ideological stand - that freedom is stronger than slavery."

The resolution of endorsement - winning out, with little opposition.

BRITAIN

A spokesman for the British Foreign Office, today, used the word "ludicrous." Last week, a spokesman said - "hyprocritical." Applying that adjective - to anti-British blasts by Bulganin and Khrushchev in India. The Foreign Office thought that "hypocritical" was a little too strong. And - rebuked the spokesman. So now "ludicrous" appears to be the right word.

In Burma, the latest Bulganin-Khrushchev gem is a statement that Britain regards Burma as a country of "savages and barbarians." That's what is now called "ludicrous."

Meanwhile, the Church of England newspaper calls the Bulganin-Khrushchev performance - a "circus." And wonders do the British people want that "circus" going around in their country? Referring to the visit the two Soviet leaders are to make to Britain in April.

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In Washington, the charge - that Bulganin and Khrushchev are ~~KRYM~~ trying to "foment hatred between East and West." With the diatribes they're handing out ^{as they} ~~traveling~~ _{around} in Southern Asia.

The declaration, tonight, is issued jointly - by the United States and Portugal. An odd combination! But the Portuguese Foreign Minister, Dr. Paulo Cunha, is on an official visit in Washington, and he joined with Secretary of State Dulles - in criticising the scurrilous remarks, which Bulganin and Khrushchev have been making, day after day.

President Eisenhower's "open sky" arms inspection plan was placed, formally, before the U N today. This action was taken in the political committee - by Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. /

_____ who introduced a resolution calling for the adoption of that Eisenhower program, as a step toward a "comprehensive disarmament plan."

The British delegate blasted the Russian palaver concerning disarmament as "talk and paper pledges."

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Premier Edgar Faure took formal action, today dissolving the French Parliament. And - calling a national election. The Premier acted quickly - to keep the Assembly from holding a last minute meeting and voting him out of office.

The election will be held, ~~apparently~~, on the day after ^{the} New Year. Which means - the politicians have mighty little time for electioneering. They'll have to scurry around in a rush - to face the balloting only a month away.

CUBA

More trouble in Cuba - between University students and the police. Eight persons injured - when students gathered at the entrance of the university. Planning - a march through Havana. The police broke it up before it got going. Eight injured - in a club swinging fracas.

ATOMIC

For the first time in history - an airplane carrying an atomic power plant. At Fort Worth, Texas, a B-29 super bomber -- taking off and winging on high. With - a nuclear reactor in its nose.

The Atomic power plant did not drive the plane - which flew with ordinary engines. The purpose being - to test materials for protecting aviation crews against radiation. Speeding the day when we ^{will} ~~we~~ have ~ planes driven by atomic power.

PLANE

At Tampa, Florida, MacDill Air Force base is run by the top secret strategic air command. The base - guarded by rigid security measures. Yesterday, however, a strange plane landed on an air strip there, and the pilot had to walk two miles - before he could attract any attention.

A small private plane - flown by Winford Clairborne, President of the Georgia Bible Institute. Brother Clairborne is ^{as} good at aviation as he is at expanding Genesis. Chronicles or the Book of Kings. But his plane ran out of gas, and he had to make a landing - on one of the runways at the base. A runway so long - he had to walk along it for two miles. Only then, was the President of the Georgia Bible Institute spotted, and picked up.

Today, the command at MacDill was embarrassed, and explained. The plane came in too low to be picked up on radar screens. So small - it wasn't ^{even} seen by plain eyesight.

As for the President of the Georgia Bible Institute,

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he can probably make some apt quotation - from Deuteronomy
or Proverbs.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson, has received twenty-three hundred replies, ~~In~~ answer to his request - for advice and suggestions that might help to solve the farm crisis. He reveals, today, that seventy-nine of the twenty-three hundred letters - tell him to resign.

A break-down shows that nearly two-thirds of the replies present proposals worth considering; - and, they are being considered. Many of them concentrate on ideas for expanding the sales of American farm products ~~and~~ abroad and at home. Also - plans for the curtailment of crops.

A number of letters are of the "crack pot" variety. But you can't say that about one Oregon farmer - who displays quite a bit of that down to earth shrewdness. ~~He~~ ^{*This Oregonian*} proposes that the farmers ~~be~~ be allowed to pay their income tax with farm products. Hand the tax collector - a few bushels of potatoes, or sacks of corn. ^{*TP*} If he doesn't like that - some onions might help him shed a few tears.

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GENERAL MOTORS

General Motors, today, made a reply to attacks - on G M production and selling policies. In Washington, a Senate sub-committee has been hearing evidence - and, today, President Harlow Curtice, of General Motors, issued a statement - that the phenomenal success of General Motors is due, largely, to superior management. Which has made the most of the nation's tremendous economic growth.

He said: "I know of no management organization that has a higher standard of business ethics, a greater sense of public responsibility." He denied - unfair business practices in the growth of the world's largest industrial concern.

While the President of G M was before the committee, ~~a scathing~~^{an} attack was made by ~~a General Motors dealer.~~

M. H. Yager of Albany, who told the committee - that the company dogma was "more and more production, and wilder and wilder distribution methods." He said the dealers ~~WERE~~ were pressured constantly into sales methods of which they did not approve.

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Committee Member Senator O'Mahoney said - he hoped there would be no "reprisals" by General Motors against dealers who presented complaints before the committee.

To which Henry Hogan, a G.M. attorney replied - that, in an anti-trust suit in Nineteen thirty-nine, eight General Motors dealers testified against the company. Of the eight, - seven stayed right on as G M dealers. One had his franchise cancelled - but that was because of personal conduct.

ST LAWRENCE

In the waters of the St. Lawrence River, fifty
ships are marooned - in the ice. *All this* In canals leading to the
river;
~~stream~~ twenty ocean going freighters and thirty cargo ships
of the great lakes - are prisoners of the premature cold
and *right where they are*
wave ~~They~~ may have to stay ~~there~~ until spring.

Officially, December Tenth was named as the
deadline for canal navigation along the St. Lawrence.
But a winter freeze has come - weeks ahead of time. Never
expecting any such thing, a whole fleet of ships - marooned.
Maybe - until a thaw comes *way along in April.*
~~in the spring~~

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BEAVERS

The Canadian wildlife authorities announce - that beavers are not building a dam across the Kaministiquia River. This had been reported, and certainly seemed a prodigy.

The Kaministiquia River is one hundred and eighty feet wide, at the point mentioned - and more than forty feet deep. A swiftly running stream - with a lashing of turbulent waters. Modern engineering would have trouble putting a dam across - let alone the beavers, busy as they are.

But the information was definite - that beavers were at work. So wildlife officials investigated, and found - the beavers were toiling away at a construction project, all right. ~~But~~ ^{An} ~~was~~ ^{underwater} ~~bed~~ ^{beaver} ~~of~~ ^{storage} ~~tree~~ ^{affair} ~~branches,~~ ^{space} ~~extending~~ ^{for} ~~out~~ ^{food.} ~~from~~ ^{But} ~~one~~ ⁻ ~~bank.~~ ^{no} ~~A~~ ^{dam.} ~~sort~~ ^{no} ~~of~~ ^{dam.} ~~storage~~ ^{dam.} ~~space~~ ^{dam.} ~~for~~ ^{dam.} ~~food.~~ ^{dam.} ~~But~~ ^{dam.} ~~-~~ ^{dam.} ~~no~~ ^{dam.} ~~dam.~~ ^{dam.}

~~Today, one official said: "It couldn't be done~~

~~No beaver with an ounce of sense would attempt such a thing.~~

~~The beavers may be busy but not crazy.~~

BRIDGE

Texas had - a spectacular bridge collapse, today.

A four hundred foot span, across the ~~Ra~~ Rio Grande - giving way. Tumbling for forty feet - down to the bed of the river. Which was dry - at that point.

A crowd of men on the collapsing bridge - and down they went. Below, dozens of others - and the bridge fell on them. Forty injured - but no lives lost.

It was a temporary span, taking the place of a section washed out by a flood - and was to be torn down. Then, as the demolition began, the whole thing collapsed.

KISSIN' JIM

A lively ruckus is on between the U.S. Air Force and Governor Kissin' Jim of Alabama. "Kissin' Jim" has been using warplanes of the Alabama National Guard - to fly him and other state officials to football games.

The planes - provided by the Air Force. Which - retains ownership. The jet fighters and C-47s - never intended as transportation to football games.

"Kissin' Jim" responds with defiance - mocking and scoffing.

The alligator bowl game is coming up ~~at~~ at Jacksonville, Florida. Auburn, Alabama - playing. So what is "Kissin' Jim" going to do about that?

Today he said: "I'm going to order every ^{(Alabama} ~~Alabama~~ National Guard plane to make a special weather survey over Jacksonville - that day." Adding - that the aircraft in the weather survey will also be ordered to "inspect the runways" of the Jacksonville Flying field.

Aboard the planes will be a host of Alabama Football

fans. Including - "Kissin' Jim." ^{TP} At Jacksonville, of course, they might attend the game in the Alligator bowl.

I don't know if Air Force officials will see the humor of this. They ^e are making - dire threats. ^{And say} They may send "Kissin' Jim" a ~~mixx~~ bill for the use of the planes.

Well, the cost of operating Air Force planes, especially jet fighters - can come high. "Kissin' Jim - receiving a whale of a bill, ^{Hugh} He might find himself - kissing ^{old} the bank roll good-bye.

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