

LETTER

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~~The President~~ Eisenhower's ~~most recent~~ letter to Soviet Premier Bulganin, the text of which has just been released - is one of the frankest documents ever signed by ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ ^{the President}. ~~It is~~ Couched in diplomatic language, - ~~and~~ not at all belligerent, ~~It~~ repeats the ~~his~~ hope that America and Russia will find means to end the tensions of the cold war. But ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ ^{the President} makes it quite clear - that he is disappointed by the way in which the Kremlin has broken its promises made at Geneva.

The Eisenhower letter ticks off the points at issue, one after another? First of all, the President's "open skies" plan for mutual inspection of military bases and armaments factories. ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ ^{The President} as we know - made that proposal at Geneva, a year ago. ~~But Premier~~ Bulganin later told the Supreme Soviet - that the "open skies" plan amounted to - an intelligence operation, espionage.

~~But~~ ^{White House to Kremlin} Today's letter points out - that the plan would simply make sure that neither side ~~is~~ is preparing for a

sudden attack. ~~He~~^{Pres} Eisenhower, after ~~noting~~ noting this, comments: "Surely, that kind of intelligence is desirable and necessary, - and in the interests of peace and international confidence."

The next ~~point~~ point in the letter - atomic weapons, ~~the President~~^{the President} notes that he suggested in one of his letters ~~to~~^{to} ~~the Soviet Premier~~^{the Soviet Premier} ~~to Bulganin~~^{to Bulganin} that a date be set for stopping the production of nuclear explosives. ~~Then the President tells Bulganin:~~^{About this he says: -}

"You have never responded to that proposal."

Then our Chief Executive raises the question of the reunification of Germany. This is a point on which Soviet bad faith has been most notorious. At Geneva, it was agreed - that Germany should be reunified, by means of free/elections. So far, the Kremlin hasn't shown the slightest intention of fulfilling this agreement. On the contrary, Bulganin and Khrushchev have both made statements - that sound as if they want Germany permanently divided. President Eisenhower flatly

charges the Russians with breaking their word.

He sums up his feeling about all this - by saying:

"I must confess that I am perplexed as to how we can work together constructively - if agreements which are negotiated at the highest level, after the most thorough exploration - do not seem dependable." Which is about as close as a diplomat can come in an official statement - to calling the other fellow a liar - *a flagrant breaker of promises.*

President Eisenhower asks Bulganin to make good all of these promises - do it under a system of international control, to make sure that ~~neither~~ neither side is trying to trick the other.

Today's letter also ends on a frank note. President Eisenhower referring to, what he calls, "efforts being made in your country - to eradicate some of the evils of an earlier period." Which, of course, means the ~~inf~~ degradation of Stalin, and the repudiation of his reign of terror.

The President
Mr. Eisenhower


A dispatch from London indicates that if Britain says we are happy about this turn in the Soviet Union. and France go into action in the Suez Canal area - it will be Then he adds, "but I hope that you and your associates a joint undertaking - commanded by British Earl Mountbatten, will not confine these efforts, to those evils as manifested within your party and nation". And then he goes on: - "those evils were also projected into the international field". In other words, the President of the United States asks the Premier of the U.S.S.R., in plain language - to end the Soviet tyranny that still torments the satellite nations - just as it did in the days of Stalin.

The letter a most important document. For it gives the American side of the disagreement - and suggests that we were right about Stalin's tyranny inside Russia - the tyranny now being repudiated by the Russians themselves. Similarly, that we were right about Communist tyranny outside the Soviet Union - and hope Bulganin will take steps to repudiate that too! The issue put squarely up to the Soviet Premier. So the world will wait to see how he replies - of course after a conference with *Khrushchev & others.*

SUEZ

A dispatch from London indicates that if Britain and France go into action in the Suez Canal area - it will be a joint undertaking - commanded by British Earl Mountbatten, ~~REAR~~ cousin of the Queen, and one of Britain's top military leaders of World War Two. Mountbatten, according to this story, to have both British and French forces under his command - including a third aircraft carrier that left Britain today - ^{also} and the French task force now gathered in Toulon Harbor.

Other nations are rapidly choosing up sides in the dispute. New Zealand and Australia, saying they back the western allies, ~~in the dispute~~. Lebanon, coming out in favor of Egypt, ^{In fact} promising "absolute, unlimited support" to ^{Egypt} ~~Egypt~~.
~~Premier Nassar.~~



NASSER FOLLOW SUEZ

As for Nasser himself, he's scheduled to hold a news conference, described by Cairo as "of world importance" - on Sunday. The obvious meaning is- the Egyptian Premier, to give his answer to Britain's invitation to the international conference on the Suez Canal, that will be held in London on the sixteenth of this month. We are told that Nasser will deliver a ^{prepared} ~~statement~~ statement at the Sunday News Conference - and then answer questions.

Informed sources in Cairo feel sure - the answer will ~~not~~ be "no". Nasser, to by-pass the London conference ^{and} - possibly ^{take} ~~to bring~~ the Suez dispute to the United Nations. This theory seems logical, because Cairo radio and Egyptian newspapers are engaged in an all-out attack on the London conference - calling it "illegal" and "against the U N charter."

John Foster
~~Secretary of State~~

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Dulles met with Latin-American diplomats, for an hour today. Our Secretary of State, summoning the conference - in order to keep our neighbors briefed on how we stand in the Suez Canal crisis. The talks ~~WERE~~ were secret, but some of the diplomats there gave reporters a few of the details.

The main point; - *that* ~~John Foster~~ Dulles is afraid that Britain and France will use force - unless Egypt becomes more agreeable. During the conference, Dulles was asked how Britain and France would be justified - if they used force, even though Nasser has not yet interfered with traffic through the canal. Our Secretary of State is quoted as replying - that Egyptian troop movements might touch off an appeal to force by the two western allies. That's why he'd like to see Cairo stop ~~threatening~~ the west.

Another point, *Mr.* ~~that~~ Dulles was anxious to keep straight; - our attitude toward the Panama Canal. There have

been reports from Europe - that we would agree to internationalize the Panama Canal - if the same thing was done to the Suez Canal. Secretary Dulles rejected that idea completely - ~~but~~ telling the Latin-American diplomats today - that our treaty with Panama gives us exclusive control of the Panama Canal. So the problem is not at all analogous to the ~~Suez~~ Suez problem - where many nations are vitally concerned.

DRAFT

The Army issues a call for seventeen thousand new draftees in October. The recruits, needed to overcome a deficit in authorized strength. The fiscal year of Nineteen Fifty Six ended with the army shy of its full strength - by more than fifteen thousand men. *Hence this* ~~That's the reason for the~~ call for seventeen thousand draftees.

Adlai Stevenson comes out for a strong civil rights plank in the Democratic platform. Stevenson, speaking at Democratic Convention headquarters in Chicago - told a TV audience that the plan should express, in his words -- "unequivocal approval of the Supreme Court decision."

This is a change from Stevenson's former "moderation". And is obviously intended to cut the ground from ^{under} ~~him~~ his arch-rival, Harriman. The New York Governor, as ~~was~~ we all know, has used segregation as his main talking point - against Stevenson's "moderation." Now it seems that Harriman won't be able to use that argument again. Naturally, there are repercussions. Southerners, denouncing Stevenson as an "opportunist" - charging he's only interested in the northern negro vote. Even Democratic National Chairman, Paul Butler, disagrees with Stevenson. Butler, telling newsmen there is no need for the party to single out any court ruling for mention in its program.

CARLSON

In Kansas, President Eisenhower's home state - the ~~new~~ results of today's elections are now pouring in. For the G O P Senator Frank Carlson has built up an enormous lead over his nearest competitor, Walter Biddle, of Leavenworth. At the last count, Carlson's lead was almost four to one. For the Democrats, Paul Aylward, a former commander of the American Legion in Kansas - took a quick lead over three other candidates.

The governorship is also at stake in Kansas. Last returns showed Governor Fred Hall running slightly behind challenger Warren Shaw. If Shaw maintains his lead to the end - then a Democrat will replace a Republican in the Governor's mansion at Topeka.

HODGE

In Chicago, a candidate for the Senate - claims that the Republican party owes the state of ~~Ill~~ Illinois four thousand dollars. Richard Stengel, charging that the money was taken by former auditor, Orville Hodge - who used it in behalf of President Eisenhower's primary campaign in April. Hodge,, now under ~~him~~ fire because of alleged embezzlement on a grand scale. Stengel gives the figure involved at a million-and-a-half - from which according to Stengel, Hodge took that four thousand for the ~~Em~~ Eisenhower campaign. And Stengel thinks ~~that~~ the G O P in Illinois ought to pay it back.

ANDREA DORIA

The Swedish-American ~~ship~~ line charges that the Andrea Doria was responsible for the collision - that sent the great Italian liner to the bottom of the sea. This, the first official statement made by either side. The Italian denies ~~comment~~ the charge - and says - line, / ~~denying the comment on the accusation that the~~ that the Stockholm was to blame!" ~~comment xxxxxxxx being studied.~~

The Swedish line says that the radar aboard their ship definitely was working ~~ad~~ and picked up the Andrea Doria at a distance of ~~km~~ ten miles. The crew aboard the Stockholm were able to see the lights of the Italian liner, when they were still two miles apart. The Swedish line admits that ~~there was~~ there was a ~~haz~~ haze over the sea - but insists that this had nothing to do with the ~~krags~~ tragedy.

According to this account the Stockholm, noting the ~~in~~ position of the Andrea Doria - veered aside, to give her a

wide berth. But the Italian liner suddenly swerved across the Stockholm's bow. And that caused the collision. The Swedish line calls the men aboard the Andrea Doria careless, incompetent and inattentive to their duties." The Swedes also claim that the Italian vessel was not properly manned or ~~equipped~~ - and that her radar equipment was not working.

In blaming the Andrea Doria, the Stockholm asks a federal court to exonerate the Swedish Line from any liability. The Swedish Line adding that it intends to sue the Italian Line for damages.

EXPLOSION

Tonight a pall of smoke and dust hangs over the city of Cali, Colombia. Observers say the city looks as if it had been hit by a blockbuster - or a baby atomic bomb. This, the result of the explosion of ^{an} ~~that~~ Army convoy in the heart of downtown Cali.

Ironically, the City was preparing to celebrate the one-hundred-and-thirty-seventh anniversary of the crucial battle - that won Colombia's independence from Spain. But ~~before~~ before the holiday could get going, ^a ~~that~~ convoy of seven trucks pulled up in front of the railway station, ^{and} ~~The trucks~~ took aboard a load of dynamite, ammunition and gasoline. ~~and then~~ Then, something touched off the explosion - the trucks ^{going up} ~~as blasted~~ ~~apart~~ ^{one} ~~after~~ after another, in a chain reaction. The blast, so gigantic - it razed eighty city blocks, smashing hundreds of buildings into rubble. The damage, estimated at many millions. ~~hundreds~~ Hundred ~~persons~~ killed, instantly. ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~Five hundred injured~~ Possibly a thousand. Thousands more injured.

In the capital city of Colombia, Bogota - an airlift is rushing aid to Cali. Colombians, afflicted with a great national tragedy - on their Independence Day.

ESKIMOS

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From the Canadian Arctic - a dispatch telling of
a whooping cough epidemic among the eskimos of Belcher Island,
in Hudson Bay. The dispatch comes from Mooseonee, Ontario -
and states that six children have died of the illness, with
fourteen others taken to the hospital at Moose Factory, on
the southern shore of James Bay. The figures may not ~~seem~~ sound
aminox ~~very large~~ *xxxxxx* but the point is, that the eskimos
of Belcher Island number only one-hundred-and-eighty-five.

So if twenty children are affected by whooping cough, with
six deaths - that means that the ~~eskimo~~ ~~population~~ has been
hard hit. ~~But~~ The latest report ~~is~~ - the disease, now under
control. *Not spreading.*
~~no more cases of whooping cough among the eskimos~~

~~still on Belcher Island in Hudson Bay.~~

CHIMNEY ROCK

The Department of the Interior announces a new national historic site - Chimney Rock, in Nebraska. I wonder how many Americans have heard of Chimney Rock?

It was a landmark on the old Oregon trail. The trail blazed by Lewis and Clark, from Missouri to the Columbia River, in Oregon. Their Oregon trail became the great cross continent highway to the West Coast - with Chimney Rock, Nebraska, one of the key points. A place to stop and then get set for the rest of the long journey, Henry. Now a new national historic site - Chimney Rock.