

EAST GERMANY

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CTK (Given by Allan Jackson, L.T. in Zanzibar)

The Communists of East Germany are talking in a threatening tone. Today, the Red boss, Walter Ulbricht, declared - that if the Western powers try to break any Berlin blockade, Communist military forces will invade West Germany. This would seem to raise the supposition that there may be a new Berlin blockade.

Yesterday, in Paris, the Western Foreign Ministers rejected the Khrushchev scheme for turning West Berlin into a "free city", with a withdrawal - of American, French, and British troops. And today American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and French Premier DeGaulle reiterated the firm decision of the West.

MOSCOW - PLANE

Moscow propaganda makes a charge - that an American military plane fired at a Russian fighter plane last month. Saying - the shooting took place over Latvia. In Washington, the accusation is called - a "dream".

The Russians give no details, and the statement might seem to tie in with American charges that Soviet fighters, last month, shot at American planes.

MOSCOW

In Moscow, today, a congress of the Russian Federation of Writers ended - in a repetitious way. The literary conference began a week ago - with a denunciation of Boris Pasternak, The Nobel Prize winning author - called a traitor. His novel, "Dr. Shvago" - denounced as a crime ~~against~~ ~~Communism.~~

Today, the same thing - only more so. The Secretary of the Writers Union closing the proceedings by calling Pasternak a "putrid Philistine".

Before those boys get through, they'll ^{have called} ~~call~~ Pasternak everything in the Russian language - and you sure can say a lot of unpleasant things in Russian.

BAGHDAD

Assistant Secretary of State William Roundtree - got a hostile reception in Baghdad, today. On a tour of mid-Eastern capitals, he landed at the Baghdad airport. Where he was received with formal honors - by officials of the new government of Iraq. But, while the courtesies were going on, a howling mob stormed the airport. Shouting anti-American slogans - and telling the U.S. envoy to go home. Soldiers intervened. The disturbance - not quelled until reinforcements arrived with machine-guns. Assistant Secretary Roundtree - escorted from the airport by a military guard.

This ugly incident follows reports of increasing Communist activity in Iraq, and the mob today shouted the usual line of Red propaganda.

ROME

In Rome, today, messengers went from the Vatican - to twenty-three residences. Each carrying a notification from Pope John the Twenty-third .

This was the old traditional way of informing prelates - that they've been created Cardinals. And instructed ^{ing} ~~ed~~ them - when to come to the Vatican to receive their Red Hats. In this case - Wednesday, December Seventeenth.

The new Cardinals are from many different countries. Two - from the United States. All - knew quite well that they'd been named as Princes of the Church. ^{The announcement was made 2 months ago,} But the traditions of old prevail ~~prevailed~~ in Rome.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower told Republican Congressional leaders, today - that he's aiming at a balanced budget for next year. He said the figure may be a little higher than this year's budget, but he's determined - he'll make it balance.

G.O.P. leaders call this - a challenge to the Democratic "spenders."

CANCER

In Washington today, it's announced - that a new massive campaign has been launched against cancer. The United States, and the medical profession - in a concerted drive to conquer that frightening menace.

Arthur Fleming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, states that, so far this year - the federal government has spent thirty million dollars on the investigation of cancer. Concentrating - on efforts to find a drug that will effect a cure. Secretary Fleming told a news conference that the result has already produced, what he called, "encouraging results."

STRIKE

The government is trying to make peace in the New York newspaper strike. Yesterday, Federal Mediator Joseph Finnegan, flew from Washington, hoping to bring about a settlement of the walkout, which for days has left the metropolis with not one of its major newspapers. Today the mediator conferred with the Delivery Men's Union and the New York Publishers Association. Also - with Mayor Wagner.

So what are the prospects of New York getting their newspapers again, in the near future? Mediator Finnegan is none too hopeful. "The picture," says he, "is not a bright one."

And talks have adjourned until tomorrow.

A hand-writing expert testifies that the "Coya come home" letter was written by Morris Nelson, Chairman of the Campaign Committee for Odin Langen. The Republican candidate - who defeated Mrs. Coya Knutson for reelection on the Democratic ticket. She claims the letter from her husband, urging her to renounce politics and return home, was part of a conspiracy to defeat her in the election.

The hand-written letter was not signed by Mrs. Knutson's husband - but a typewritten copy was. Mrs. Knutson claims that her husband Andy was persuaded to sign by false accounts of stories about Coya. The case is being investigated by a Congressional Committee, which expects to hear testimony from Mr. Knutson tomorrow.

FIRE

In California today, ~~minimaxx~~ the wind was blowing forty miles an hour, and that blustery ~~gale~~ was whipping along - a giant brush fire. Sweeping - toward San Juan Capistrano, the old mission town.

Eighteen homes went up in smoke earlier today, and the tempest of roaring flame was bearing down on Trabuco Canyon, a rich residential area. Clouds of ^{smoke} ~~smoke~~ blew over Los Angeles - from the brush fire, fifty miles away.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Tonight we have a message from Lowell Thomas -

which is an introduction to a guest.

(Recording 2.9)

You've heard the expression - "the cat's pajamas."

But this is about - the dog's pajamas. At Scarsdale, New York, a policeman picked up a Welsh terrior, sc~~r~~ampering along, fully clothed in blue pajamas. The pooch had its front paws - in the sleeves of the coat, ^{Its} ~~his~~ hind legs - in the trousers. ~~It looked as if somebody had had a pair of small pajamas made for the Welsh terrior.~~

Then the explanation came - from Mrs. Joseph Jailer, a doctor's wife. Who said - her two small children had amused themselves by buttoning up the family dog in the pajamas for a three year old. Which was okay, until Fido spied a cat - and down the street he went, chasing kitty. Only to be picked up by an astonished policeman.

So that's how we have - the dog's pajamas.