

EISENHOWER

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The Eisenhower plan to promote scientific education -- was made public today. Calling for a four year schedule -- to cost ~~one~~ billion eight hundred million dollars. Funds to be contributed jointly - by the Federal government and the States.

The principal item - an award of government scholarships to forty thousand high school pupils, with an aptitude ^{for} ~~in~~ the natural sciences and mathematics. Meaning - that, for these forty thousand, the way to a university education will be not money, but brains.

A whole series of other provisos are included. For example, federal assistance for some private and parochial schools. Enabling them to finance - tests of aptitude.

President Eisenhower - to lay the program before the next session of Congress.

MATHEMATICIANS

Here's a question, much to the point, nowadays. How many mathematicians, with top degrees are turned out in this country per year? Only about two-hundred-and-fifty. While the Soviets -- are turning mathematicians out in droves.

The figure of two-hundred-and-fifty was presented at a conference on the teaching of science and mathematics. Two hundred educators -- gathered at Defiance College, Ohio. President Eisenhower opening the proceedings, today, with a message of approval.

They are trying to find ways to graduate more than two hundred and fifty Ph D's -- erudite in non-Euclidian geometry and Quantum Theory.

DEPTH CHARGE

The Navy's new atomic depth charge - can be dropped safely, only from an airplane. The explosive powers so tremendous that it would be suicide for a ship to hurl the atomic charge against a hostile SS submarine. The ship, itself, would be sunk by the explosive -- no matter how far it was able to toss the charge.

So stated by Admiral Cerauld Wright, at a news conference today. Telling of the new weapon - in answer to the growing menace of Russian submarines.

ARGUMENT - ATOMIC

An atomic argument has broken out in Washington. Congressman Charles Porter of Oregon, a Democrat, declaring -- that there is grave danger that an atomic war might break out by accident. Maybe somebody going off his head - and launching an atomic attack. Somebody, motivated by what the Congressman calls - ~~mis~~ misguided idealism or treason.

This, tonight, draws a retort, from Major General Herbert Loper, ~~his~~ adviser to Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy -- on nuclear matters. The General said the chances of launching an atomic war accidentally -- were negligible, about one in three billion, said he. *I'm sure you will all be glad to hear that?*

WEST GERMANY

British newspapers are in an uproar, again, charging your Uncle Sam with giving John Bull a dirty deal. This - in connection with jet fighter planes to be purchased by West Germany. The British claiming - that the West Germans were all set for a deal with Britain. Deciding to buy - British planes.

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But what happened? American super salesmanship -- together with political pressure from Washington. So the West Germans made a switch - to American jet fighters. The Americans - undercutting the British with lower prices and easier terms of payment.

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In West Germany, however, the word is that the British jet fighters were rejected - because the type is in an early stage of development. Not far enough along toward actual production. Furthermore, that it has not yet been decided - what to purchase. Three types under consideration. Two American -- one, French.

CAIRO

That Afro-Asian solidarity conference in Cairo, today - hurled ^{another} a blast against the West. Accusing the United States - of interfering with the independence of the Arab countries, Through the Baghdad pact, -- and, the Eisenhower doctrine of American aid. There were other denunciations of the West - in an omnibus document of left wing propaganda.

Word has been that some delegations at the Afro-Asian conference -- are alarmed by all the pro-communism. They'd like to make the proceedings -- not quite so red.

Today, an Ethiopian delegate told how he and members of the Tunisian delegation did all they could -- to tone down today's pro-Communist manifesto. But - couldn't get anywhere. The Ethiopian stated that among the most anti-Western of the lot were exiles^S from Jordan and Iraq. Which point up the fact that this Cairo conference

4 is not official. Governments not represented - only private groups, like exiles. *Those who are disgruntled.*

FRANCE

French Premier Gaillard speaks out - in favor of an East-West "summit conference". Giving his opinion -- in an interview for the Magazine - U.S. News And World Report.

Gaillard ^{saying} ~~said~~ - there should be a meeting of the Foreign Ministers to pave the way for a "summit conference" - adding -- that there should be plenty of precaution to keep the meeting of the heads of state from becoming, what he called, a "propaganda conference".

MALTA

- famous these thousands of years -
On the Island of Malta, a threat of
secession from Britain. Hitherto, Malta has been
a willing member of the British Commonwealth. But,
now, the Maltese legislature is meeting in a special
session to pass a bill with a warning -- that the
people of the island may sever all connections with
Britain, if the British fail to meet a Maltese demand.

The trouble stems from an announcement -
that one hundred and forty workers would be laid
off at the British Navy Yard, *- at Valletta capital of Malta,* which was followed
by rumors - that the Navy Yard would soon close
down all together. Throwing forty-two thousand
Maltese workers - out of ~~their~~ jobs.

The report incited angry demonstrations.
With crowds shouting and threatening violence. The
British issued a denial - stating -- that there's
no intention to close the Navy Yard. But, the
Maltese were not reassured.

Hence the bill - to be passed by the

legislature of the island. Threatening - to break away from Britain, unless there's positive guarantee of continued employment for the Navy Yard workers.

ISRAEL

Prime Minister Ben Gurion - ~~is~~ resigning. In an official communique, he states ^{that} ~~x~~ he will hand in his resignation tomorrow morning. Which doesn't mean, however, ^{that} Ben Gurion will retire, ^{and} ~~be~~ be succeeded -- by another Premier. He'll merely ~~be~~ try to form another ministry. ^{At present} ~~he is~~ ~~has been~~ the head of a coalition - of five parties. One - a left wing faction -- with two cabinet members. Which has been rebelling - against the Ben Gurion leadership. Growing out of his announced plan to purchase armament from Western Germany.

Over the weekend in Jerusalem - political maneuvers behind the scenes. Ben Gurion trying to bring the dissenting factions into line. But - no success.

According to the constitution of Israel, he can't fire cabinet members. He can only resign, with his entire coalition - and ^{then} try to form a new combination.

So, Israel ^{is} in a political crisis tonight.

WHITE HOUSE

Today, Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty said - "it sounds like the political season is starting early". Which was in reference to a suggestion from the Democrats - that President Eisenhower should resign temporarily. ~~if, at present - he's unable to carry out fully the duties of office.~~

~~That came yesterday from the Democratic Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House, Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York. Who said -- the government is now being run by what he called "a palace guard".~~

Hagerty was asked; - is the President considering the question of resigning?

"Of course not", he retorted.

Dismissing the Democratic suggestion - as mere "politics".

NEW YORK

Tonight New York negotiators were called into Mayor Wagner's office - for a final effort to head off a subway and bus tieup on New Year's Eve. The Mayor acting - after the failure of earlier conferences today, between Union leaders and the City administration.

~~Yesterday, the big transport workers union voted unanimously - for a strike to begin the New Year. Unless - wage demands are met. Union President Michael Quill declaring that a walkout would halt the subway system completely. And affect most bus lines. Paralyzing transporting in the metropolis.~~

~~That brought about~~ ^{There were} high pressure negotiations, today, ending in what is called - "a complete stalemate". So now it remains to be seen - what the Mayor can do.

SOUTH POLE

It looks as if Sir Edmund Hillary - will win the race to the South Pole - or is it really a race? Having started out from Ross Sea, Hillary and party are now only one hundred and fifty miles from American South Pole village. Travelling with three fellow New Zealanders in a snow tractor - making about forty miles a day across the Polar ice.

Their British rivals, - or are they rivals? - started from the opposite side of Antarctica and are four hundred miles from the Pole, making only thirty miles a day. The party, headed by Sir Vivian Fuchs - in the middle of the roughest kind of going. Crossing what is called - the South Ice. An unmapped expanse - of soft snow - dangerous ridges, and hidden, treacherous crevasses.

So it looks as if the race - if its that - will surely be won by Sir Edmund Hillary conqueror of Mt. Everest. Maybe both teams are calling it a race just

for the fun of it - to attract more attention. Which would be an excellent idea - since the Americans already have a village at the Pole itself.

ZUPPKE

The opening of a will, at Urbana, Illinois, discloses the fact that the old-time football wizard Zuppke -- was also something of a financial wizard.

Zuppke "the little Dutchman" who made football history at the University of Illinois, ~~fix~~ flourished in those early days before the football coaches were in the big money. He started at Illinois with a salary of Twenty Four Hundred Dollars a year -- and even at the height of his fame, never got more than Fifteen Thousand a year. So you wouldn't guess that this great old timer would leave much of an estate.

Well, Zuppke was no millionaire, but he does leave some four hundred thousand dollars. He saved a little and invested it -- better than some bankers. His investment counsellor explaining "he had a fundamental belief in the growth of America and this belief made him ~~fix~~ courageous as far as investments were concerned."

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AUTOMOBILE

At Lockport, New York, today, Deputy Sheriff Raymond Townsend -- was in a wild automobile race. But - couldn't catch the fugitive.

The driver of a stolen auto speeding away. Townsend after him - at one-hundred-and-twenty-miles an hour. The race ending - when a tire blew out, and the fugitive auto went skidding a hundred feet into a ditch.

But out of the wreckage climbed a man and an eighteen year old girl uninjured -- and they got away through the woods. Leaving - a chagrined, angry Deputy Sheriff, *who*

~~he~~ could hardly believe what had happened.

H But, then, he could hardly believe what followed.

An hour later, Townsend stopped a taxi cab. The driver stating, he had a call from the vicinity where the two fugitives had escaped. So the Deputy Sheriff went along -- crouching in the back seat. And, when the cab reached its destination, there they were - the man and the girl. After escaping they had phoned for a taxi.

GREEKS

And now, ladies -- don't turn green with envy. Don't look at your husband with a scornful stare.

In Paris, a well known fashion house ~~is~~ confirms a rumor -- that the Greek shipping magnate ^{Socrates} Aristotle Onassis, wants to buy the firm, which turns out the latest in Parisian style, to give - to his wife as a present! Quite a gift for the little woman, a whole fashion establishment.

They say that ^{Socrates} Aristotle Onassis is in friendly competition with his brother-in-law, Greek shipping magnate Niarchos. Who, recently - bought a fashion firm for his wife.

The two Greek multi-millionaires -- trying to outdo each other in presenting gifts to their wives.

- Don - ladies be advised to
So maybe, ~~maybe you~~ should ~~have~~ married
a husband from Athens, Sparta, or one of the Isles
of Greece. *- someone named Aristotle*

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And Now Lowell Thomas, with ~~the~~ ^{another item - if he} ~~finds~~ ~~one~~
has one.

L.T.: Here's a dispatch, dramatic and brief -
about the Mayor of the town of Pessac, in France.

"City Councilman" says the dispatch
"adjourned a regular meeting here - and rushed
Mayor Jean Tromas to a doctor for emergency
treatment. Today, "the dispatch goes on" police
were looking for the person -- who left an open
pair of scissors on the Mayor's chair". ^{Tought}
^{of Pessac -}
that's ~~the~~ ^{the} mystery, the open scissors
on the chair, waiting for the Mayor of Pessac.