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Tonight we know the contents of President Eisenhower's latest letter to Soviet Premier Bulganin. The contents, much as we expected. The letter, friendly in tone, asking for a continuance of the correspondence - but turning down the Bulganin proposal for a special America-Soviet Friendship Treaty.

In his letter, Mr. Eisenhower repeats that such a treaty would not solve the problem. He pointed out again that what is needed is control of nuclear weapons - control, supported by ^a satisfactory inspection system. ^{Paed.} Eisenhower ~~clearly states~~ ^{saying} that we would be perfectly willing to ban all future atomic and hydrogen bomb production - if the Kremlin would agree to ^{a real} ~~our~~ inspection system. ~~The letter suggests~~ ^T That, without an inspection system - there would be no way of

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checking disarmament violations. And the letter adds that the President of the United States still stands by his "open skies" inspection plan - each side to have the right to photograph military bases and armament factories. Each side, to get blueprints of the others military installations. ^R So the exchange of letters - leaves the problem just about where it was. Bulganin still wants that special treaty. And President Eisenhower still wants an honest disarmament system. The hopeful thing is that neither leader wants to stop the correspondence - each, hoping that something tangible will come out of it.

DULLES

In Karachi, Secretary of State Dulles today spoke before a closed session of the Council of Ministers of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization. We know what he said, because some of the major points were disclosed by American sources afterward. Mr. Dulles laid special emphasis on the change in Russian tactics - saying the Kremlin has abandoned violence for infiltration. Our Secretary of State, terming this, a "new Trojan Horse." The Soviets, using economic war instead of shooting war.

See.
Mr. Dulles brought up the question of SEATO itself - is the alliance worthwhile. [?] As an answer, Mr. Dulles pointed out that the area is happier and more secure than ever before. SEATO, a bulwark against Communist aggression in the East - just as NATA is in the West.

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ISRAEL

The Premier of Israel calls on America to avert a war in the Middle East. Premier Ben-Gurion, saying that America has the moral responsibility of keeping the Arab Nations from attacking his country.

~~Premier~~ Ben-Gurion, ~~spoke~~ before the Israeli Parliament, ~~he~~ stated flatly that Israel would not start a war. But he admitted that the chances of peace are decreasing; - and ~~he~~ ^{said} ~~declared~~ that Israel is ready for anything. He told the Parliament that the Israeli Army cannot be defeated by the Armies of the Arab Nations. ^{Also} ~~and~~ he flatly charged that Russia would be responsible if war comes - because the arms for the Arab Nations have come from behind the Iron Curtain.

The Israeli Premier believes that America could fulfill her "moral responsibility" by granting the Israeli request

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for American arms. Ben-Gurion, insisting that the way to prevent war is to keep a balance of power in the Middle East - keep Israel as strong as her neighbors.

Meanwhile, incidents continue. The Israeli Foreign Ministry accusing Egypt of three new acts of violence along the Gaza Frontier. Israel, ^{asking}~~asking~~ for an emergency meeting of the United Nations Commission.

Also, Israel has placed orders for French guns - special rocket guns, to meet the challenge of ^{the} Stalin tanks that Egypt ^{bought}~~got~~ from the ^{Reds.}~~Soviet bloc~~.

On the other side, the leaders of Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia are meeting in Cairo - holding a "Summit Conference", to decide on a common approach to the Israel-Arab antagonism.

GLUBB

The king of Jordan denies that he is repudiating his ties with Britain. Young King Hussein, saying that the dismissal of Glubb Pasha - will not affect the other British officers in the Arab Legion, at least, Jordan hopes they'll stay on - even though Britain has announced that they will be called home in retaliation for Glubb's dismissal.

In other words, King Hussein insists that his treatment of Glubb Pasha was a personal thing - that Glubb wanted to evacuate the west bank of the Jordan River - and refused to draw up a plan to defend all Jordan territory. King Hussein charged that he ordered Glubb many times to draw up such a plan - and Glubb refused to obey. That was why his command was taken away from him.

DENMARK

Today the Premiers of Russia and Denmark signed a joint communique - calling for better relations between the two countries. Bulganin, putting his signature beside that of Danish Premier Hans Hansen. The document, signed in the Conference Hall of the Kremlin with most of the top Bolsheviks on hand.

The Russians are obviously pleased. Molotov smiled and said to the Danish Premier ... "We are satisfied - and you are satisfied." Khrushchev shook Hansens hand vigorously, remarking ... "Everything is very good."

The Kremlin, glad to have this latest [~]contract with the West - also, more trade with Denmark.

MALENKOV

Here's a name that has been out of the headlines during the past year. A former Soviet Premier, will visit Britain next week. None other than Georgi Malenkov, who succeeded Stalin upon the Dictators death, in Nineteen Fifty-three. Malenkov in power until February a year ago when he was given the heavo by Khrushchev, Bulganin and Co. When Malenkov abjectly confessed his political sins, and was demoted far down the scale -- made Minister in charge of Power Stations.

Lucky Mr. Malenkov, because in the history of Bolshevism, not many leaders ever lost their jobs, without losing their heads. But moon-faced Malenkov not only remained Power Minister, he even bounced back and was re-elected a member of the ruling Presidium. Now he has

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been assigned to visit Britain as official representative of the Soviet Power Industry. Heading a delegation of Russian experts, accepting an invitation from Britain's Board that handles matters electrical.

But the Malenkov tour won't be in the headlines long. A few weeks later it will be supplanted by the junket of Khrushchev and Bulganin. And what headlines those two will make when they descend on London!

CAMBODIA

Another ~~that~~ coronation at Phom Penh, Cambodia, ~~was full of~~ ^{- including} oriental pageantry - ~~also~~ ^{- and} a queer twist of politics. A son, crowning his father - an ex-monarch, ~~and~~ now Premier, turning his throne over to the new King.

The Premier, ~~is~~ Norodom Sihanouk ^{who was king, He} ~~last year~~ ^{And he} presided as his father, Norodom Suramarit, mounted the throne.

The ceremony began with a ritual bathing - to prepare the new King and Queen for their future duties. Buddhist and Brahmin Priests chanted incantations. As the King

stepped out of the bath, he received a conch shell from a Priest, ^{on which he} ~~and~~ blew a high, wailing note. ~~That sound of the~~

^{- the conch, signaling} The sacred instrument of Cambodia, ~~signified~~ the ending of the

Purification Rites.

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Then the royal couple walked slowly in a procession -
to the throne room, the King leading his Queen with his
— in his left
right hand, ~~and holding~~ a tree branch, signifying long life.
~~in his left~~

In the throne room, they were sprinkled with Holy
Water by ^a~~the~~ Buddhist Priest. Then the King turned his
head toward the Southwest to receive what Cambodians call
"The Wind Of Life", which is supposed to blow on Cambodian
royalty at the moment of the Coronation.

The final act came when the new King and Queen, in
their golden robes, mounted the throne, ~~and they~~ were
crowned, ^{Golden crowns}~~with golden crowns~~ ~~The diadems~~ placed upon their
heads by their son, Prince Sihanouk, who once was crowned in
the same way. The young man, who prefers politics to a
throne.

EISENHOWER

~~Today~~ ^{today} President Eisenhower made his first political appearance since he announced that he would run again. ~~Last~~ Wednesday. ~~Mr. Eisenhower, in a~~ surprise visit to the Republican Womens National Conference in Washington. The ladies didn't expect to see the President, and the dispatch says, ^{here are the words:— "they} ~~that they "screamed, squealed, and~~ applauded madly", as the Chief Executive was conducted to the platform.

The President told his audience that he was depending on the women of America to support moral values in political life. He urged them, as Republicans, to let the public know what his administration has done for the country and for the world. And at the end, he wished them luck in the coming campaign.

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As he left
As ~~Mr. Eisenhower left~~ the hall, he stopped and

raised his hands above his head - in his familiar campaign

salute of Nineteen Fifty-two. The ladies ^{*continuing*} ~~carried out~~ to

applaud him as he descended the stairs. ~~More than a~~

thousand feminine voices chanting ... "WE LIKE IKE!"

TRADE

High Administration Officials today told Senate Investigators that they have ordered subordinates not to testify about strategic trade between Russia and our Allies. First there was a memo from Defense Secretary Wilson - forbidding Pentagon employees to discuss the subject. Then, a letter from Secretary of Commerce, Sinclair Weeks, saying that the questioning of subordinates could lead to inaccuracies, and might be, in the Secretary's words, "harmful to the public interest". Both cabinet secretaries ^{Wilson} and Weeks make it clear that they are willing to testify. But even so, the Committee Members are ^{displeased,} ~~angry about it,~~ Said Senator Johnson of Washington: "... "This is not national security, but a national cover-up."

AGRICULTURE

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The new Farm income dropped by a million dollars last year. So announced by the Agriculture Department.. The drop, due to less gross income, and greater production costs. ~~The farmer, getting even less than his share of the National wealth.~~

But there is a bright side to the picture. Farm income ^{likely} ~~may begin~~ to climb - if the "Soil Bank" plan is put into operation. President Eisenhower has asked Congress to pass legislation for the "Soil Bank", and the bill ^{on that} is now pending in the Senate.

LOBBY

Senator George of Georgia believes that the activities of oil lobbyist, Attorney John Neff, were "improper", but the Georgia Democrat adds that Neff apparently was not involved in any illegal act. *The veteran Georgia*

~~The~~ Senator made ~~that~~^e statement to reporters - as his special committee began work on its report. Senator George pointed out that he was speaking only ~~to~~^{for} himself, and not for the committee. But he ~~did say~~^{added} that, in his opinion, ~~the~~^{Att.} Neff's activities were intended to influence the Senate in favor of the Natural Gas Bill, ~~and this~~^{which in Sen.} in George's opinion, was improper.

But ~~he~~^{on to say} went ~~on~~ that the only money that actually changed hands was a campaign contribution to G.O.P. State funds in ~~Nebraska~~^{money} that was never spent. So, Senator George

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can't see that there was anything illegal about the transaction. However it's up to the committee to hand down a decision on that.

MONEY LENDER

A dispatch from St. Louis tells of a money-lender who ran an investment of less than four thousand dollars - into a fortune of almost a million.

Sam Bronstein made a modest income lending money. *Newsman are traditionally broke. They'd*
Mostly, his clients were newsmen. ~~who used to~~ borrow five dollars on a promise to pay back six.

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In this way, Sam Bronstein managed to put a little money together; - and then in Nineteen Thirty-Eight, he bought stock in the Missouri Pacific Railroad; at a time when the Railroad stock was selling at seventy-five cents for a one thousand dollar share. Sam Bronstein invested three thousand-six-hundred dollars in those shares that had ~~almost~~ ^{almost} dropped to zero. Far-sighted Sam hung onto them;

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and recently the Railroad announced that it was out of receivership - out of the red. Whereupon Sam Bronstein found himself with shares now worth nine hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

What does Sagacious Sam intend to do with his bundle? He says he'll set up a trust fund for his family, including his Grandchildren, and when the last grandchild dies, the money will go to the Journalism School of the University of Missouri.

The endowment of a Journalism School! Yes, that's appropriate. Sam got his start loaning to newspaper men at 5 bucks a throw. A reported^r borrowed 5- paid back 6. And ~~in the end Sam gets~~ ^{Sam winds up with} a million! ^{When!} How's that for financial drama?