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At the State Department in Washington, it was - standing room only, today. Secretary Dulles, holding his largest news conference - more newsmen attending. Which was only to be expected - after all that uproar about the Dulles article in Life Magazine. Those "brink of war" statements - which aroused a worldwide furore.

So that was the subject of the record-breaking news conference today. Secretary Dulles asked - about that "brink of war" business.

He said he regretted all the fuss the article aroused. But stood by the quotations. With one exception, however,

He declared that one quotation was - ~~ambiguous~~ "ambiguous". The famous remark in which he was represented as declaring that we, three times, had "walked to the brink of war." That was "somewhat ambiguously phrased", said the Secretary. Explaining - that he had not meant to

imply that we had engaged, of our own intention, in any such dangerous policy.

What he did want to convey was - that the world had been brought to the "brink of war" by the Communists, with their threats and aggressions, in Korea, the Formosa area, and Indo-China. The danger - brought on by the Chinese Reds. Who backed down, only because the United States avowed its own determination to fight, if necessary.

He was asked about another magazine quotation - that President Eisenhower had agreed, with a Dulles recommendation, ~~to~~ - "bomb across the Yalu into Manchuria". And use tactical atomic weapons - if negotiations for a truce in Korea broke down.

Today the Secretary declared - that all this was well known information, published many times in the newspapers.

~~At the time of the armistice negotiations,~~ The sixteen countries allied against the Reds in Korea, ^{had} issued a statement, That - it would be impossible to confine the war to Korea, if the

fighting there were to be resumed. Of course, it might be asked - would an extension of hostilities in Korea have meant "atomic war?" *P* At the news conference, today, the Secretary of State summarized his position by saying - "the surest way to avoid war is to let aggressors know that the United States will fight, if necessary, to defend its "basic moral values and vital interests."

These explanations do not silence criticism. Senator Humphrey of Minnesota responds by renewing his demand - that President Eisenhower give the world assurance that this country does not want atomic war.

(Adlai Stevenson comes out with a blast, calling the administration foreign policy "suicidal folly". The statement ~~was~~ made in St. Paul, ~~where~~ where Stevenson is filing his name, personally - in the Minnesota primary.)

Then there's a most unexpected disagreement - from Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson. Who says he doesn't agree with Secretary Dulles. He never believed - that we were

so near to war three times, since Nineteen Fifty-Three. In Korea, Formosa, and Indo-China. However, he admitted - "there are all kinds of brinks".

Yes, there are imminent brinks, and ~~not-so-dangerous~~ brinks, broad brinks, and narrow brinks. ~~There's even Brinks robbery. Or, did somebody say drinks?~~

RIDGWAY

Both Houses of Congress have ordered investigations of charges by General Mathew Ridgway, former Chief of Staff. Who, in a Saturday Evening Post article, attacked military policies of the Eisenhower administration. Saying the strength of the Army was being cut - "for political considerations."

(In the Senate, a Sub-Committee on Military Appropriations will call General Ridgway, to testify at an inquiry. And a House Committee - will do the same thing. These hearings demanded by Democrats - who believe the national defense is being jeopardized by White House policies of economy.)

The administration is hitting right back. Secretary of Defense ~~Charles E.~~ Wilson stating, in New York last night, that - recently, President Eisenhower gave a warning to the Cabinet. That excessive spending for military purposes might disrupt our national economy. ~~It~~ Might even lead us - to dictatorship.

Secretary Dulles, at his news conference today, made a rejoinder to the Ridgway statements, arguing that

national security depends on the vitality of American economy,
as well as on military power.

U.N.

At the U.N., Syria, today, demanded - that economic aid to Israel be cut off. As a penalty for last month's attack north of the Sea of Galilee. The Syrian Ambassador asked the Security Council to recommend that all U.N. members - withhold economic assistance from Israel for at least a year. The embargo to be extended - "upon future aggression." Syria asks the United States, in particular - to take this action.

ISRAEL

In Israel, a recommendation that the whole country be put on an alert for immediate war. This was proposed by a committee of the Mapai Party - President Ben Gurion's own political faction. The committee giving the opinion - that an ^{Arab} ~~str~~ attack will occur in a "few months"; Unless the United States grants Israel's appeal - for armament.

The state of "war-alert", as recommended, would institute a Spartan state of affairs. Abolishing "luxuries", mobilizing manpower, launching a civil defense program, forbidding strikes and lock-outs, and imposing a new defense tax of more than ninety million dollars.

~~This committee proposal will now go before the Mapai Party, in the Israeli parliament - for an okay, as a measure to be presented by the Ben Gurion Cabinet.~~

ALGERIA

The French report a large victory in Algeria.

Insurgents of the "army of Allah" driven into the Aures Mountains. Now pursued - by motorized columns on the ground - and strafing planes in the air.

The French command reports that one-hundred-and-fifty rebels were killed. French casualties - twelve. In a three-day battle.

FRANKLIN

In the Benjamin Franklin birthday celebration, worldwide homage - for that American philosopher, scientist, and also statesman. Sage - and patriot. Of course, you wouldn't say - tributes to Franklin are "news". But, in a way, they are - when the tributes are from Soviet Russia.

(Moscow reports printed articles and public speeches, honoring the Two Hundred and Fiftieth anniversary of "Poor Richard" of Philadelphia.) Today, the chorus was headed by the top ranking Russian physicist - Peter Kapitza, whose name is a legend. Kapitza said the Russian people are, in his words - "grateful to the American people for giving the great Franklin to mankind."

(An expression that comes appropriately - from a scientist. Franklin's experiments in electricity - having been a contribution to science in the Eighteenth Century.)

MOSCOW WEDDING

There was an American wedding, in Moscow today.

Two singers in the all-Negro cast of "Porgy and Bess", getting married. That one time hit of Broadway has made a huge success in Soviet Russia. And now wedding bells ring for Earl Jackson and Helen Thigpen.

The ceremony - in Soviet Russia's only Baptist church. Two thousand people, jamming in. Including Western diplomats, headed by U.S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen.

Many Russian women attended, and wept, as the Russian Pastor spoke of the "sacredness of marriage". And - "the blessings of Jesus" on this couple. "

BALLOON

Tonight, a huge balloon is on its way across the Pacific. Nobody aboard. The cargo - scientific instruments. The purpose - to gather weather data, all the way across that greatest of oceans.

The big balloon was launched by the U.S.Navy in Japan, today, and went soaring - up to thirty thousand feet. At which altitude - it was in the "jet stream". ~~Through a~~ ^{That} current of air - which, at that altitude, blows from west to east in the Temperate Zones.

The Navy scientists expect - the huge gas bag will span the Pacific in three to four days. Aboard - an automatic timing device, which will release the weather-recording equipment. ~~And descend~~ ^{For a descent} by parachute - in six days. At which time - the balloon should be nearing our American east coast.

If this experiment is a success, the Navy will release nineteen more balloons, for a similar study. There seems no reason why it should not be a success - judging by what the Japanese did in the Second World War. Sending incendiary

balloons on the west wind across the Pacific. These - reaching the United States, where their fire bombs did ^{little} ~~no~~ damage.

The balloon, tonight, ^{is on quite a} ~~is on a very~~ different mission - to gather scientific information, which will be made available to all the world.

WATER

President Eisenhower proposes a new sweeping plan - to husband the water resources of the nation. He suggests a "co-ordinator" operating directly under the President. For the purpose - of co-ordinating action by federal and state agencies. With study and planning - in the face of a threat of national water shortage.

(The President makes his proposal in a message to Congress, which points out that this country now uses two hundred billion gallons of water a day. And will need - an estimated three hundred and fifty billion gallons, by Nineteen Seventy-Five.) President Eisenhower calls for planning, that would increase our present supply ^{by} two and a half times, in the coming twenty years.

CHICAGO

In Chicago, the police made three arrests - and what a surprise they got! Not only a surprise - but also a puzzle. Which - they proceeded to solve.

The arrests were made in connection with a gang murder - the shooting of an underworld character named Greenberg, whose record went back to the old gangster days of Scarface Al Capone. Greenberg styled - "the financial brains of the Capone mob."

One of the prisoners - Jake (Greasy Thumb) Guzik, sixty-nine years old. Who was prominent in the Chicago bootleg wars of prohibition time. Another ~~of these arrested~~ Murray (the camel) Humphreys, ~~likewise - a character~~ prominent in the days of ~~Capone~~ Capone. Prisoner number three - Les Kruse, sometimes called - "Killer Kane".

The cops grabbed them in a nightclub, and hurried them to a patrol wagon - ~~which they had~~ waiting outside. *In the*
~~Driving them - to police headquarters. On the way, in the~~
(on the way to the cooler,)
patrol wagon, the three prisoners got busy - tearing up sheets of paper. Converting pages - into a mass of confetti. Which

they tried to throw out of windows - or hide under seats.

But - the cops fooled them.

They gathered up the torn paper - all that confetti.

~~the~~ Policemen searching the street - gathering bits of paper.

Which they assembled - trying to figure out what it was all about. Piecing bits of paper together - and putting them in proper order. Quite a puzzle!

"It took ~~this jigsaw~~ us the rest of the night," says Police Lieutenant Joseph Morris, "to put this jigsaw puzzle together. Then we found - a very interesting record."

He says the scraps of paper fitted into five documents - giving facts and figures. One - pertaining to the "Owl Club" at Calumet City, Illinois. A joint - supposed to have been closed by the police. Raided - out of business. But the Jigsaw puzzle showed - the Owl Club ~~is~~ in operation. With a profit of fifty-five thousand dollars in ~~the last~~ eleven months.

Another document presented a plan to form a veterans'

association. Help the poor veteran - that was to be the slogan. Actually, it was to be a front for a gambling racket.

Other disclosures made by the jigsaw puzzle - told of other aspects of underworld affairs.

The three prisoners insist - that they know nothing about the murder, for which they were picked up. But they'll have to answer a lot - about the confetti they tore up in the patrol wagon.

GIRL

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Now, who would you say is the girl - with the most dates in all the world? Answer - Lu-Ann Steinberger, a co-ed at Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma. She's dated - more than any other damsel. Because - she had no dates at all.

Last week, at a college club meeting, Lu-Ann put in a complaint - about the lack of dates. It sure was sad - poor Lu-Ann! The boys heard about this - and here's the result:-

On Sunday, Lu-Ann had eleven dates - one every hour and a half. Keeping her busy - from dawn to dusk. Even College President Eugene Briggs got into the act. Prexy - inviting Lu-Ann to afternoon tea.

Yesterday, the same story. Today, an announcement - that Lu-Ann has been lined up for seventy-three ~~days~~ dates. Which will keep her busy for the next two weeks. The dates include - the movies, dinner, church, swimming, bowling. And even - a game of chess.

By the time it's all over, Lu-Ann may hope - she never has a date again. After all, too much is too much.

EGGS

At the town of Dunstable, in England, a big truck was rolling along - loaded with eggs. Ten tons of - eggs.

The highway was icy, and the truck went into a skid. Crashing through a barrier - and plunging down a thirty foot embankment.

So, ~~imagine~~ imagine the omelet! ^{No, Henry —} ~~It's~~ it's even harder

to imagine. Not one single egg - ~~was~~ broken. ~~They must have been - mighty well packed.~~