

L.T.-Odds. Thurs. May 5-60

President Eisenhower has ordered - a complete investigation ~~in~~ in this latest East West uproar. Khrushchev's declaration today - that Soviet fighter planes on May First, shot down an American jet ~~which was~~ flying - over Russian territory. The U.S. Ambassador in Moscow - given instructions to inquire of the Soviet authorities, For details - of this incident. Especially - the ~~date~~ ^{facts} of the pilot.

There seems little doubt that Khrushchev was referring - to a one-man weather observation jet, Reported missing - in Turkey, near the Russian frontier. The plane-flown by a civilian pilot.

When last heard from, the pilot reported - that, at fifty thousand feet, he was having trouble with his oxygen equipment. Which raised the supposition - that, for lack of oxygen, he blacked out. The speedy jet with automatic ~~ENGINE~~ control - flying across the border, into Russia.

The startling part of it all -- the violence with

which Khrushchev spoke today, ~~In~~ an address - before the Supreme Soviet in Moscow, ~~Suggesting~~ - American aggression to thwart the prospect of the forthcoming Summit Conference. Khrushchev shouting that there is now "little hope" for the success of the meeting of the Chiefs of State.

One peculiar thing - the way he spoke of President Eisenhower. Absolving the President of blame. Hinting - that the incident was the doing of people who want the summit conference to fail. He thought the weather observation jet was -- in Khrushchev's words "sent by the Pentagon, without the President's knowledge." Obviously, casting the innuendo that the President is ~~now~~ not in full control of our defense command.

In today's outbreak, Khrushchev took a swipe at Vice President Nixon. Objecting to the White House ~~announcement~~ announcement a couple of weeks ago - that the President might return home before the ~~summit~~ summit conference is over,

Leaving Nixon -- to take his place.

He made his anti-Nixon opinion quite clear. Putting it in these angry words: "I've seen Nixon several times in Moscow, and in the United States -- and it is difficult for me to avoid the impression that Nixon, less than anybody, thinks) ~~thinks~~ of stopping the cold war and of ending the armaments race.

To which Nikita added one of his usual proverbs: Describing Vice President Nixon at the Summit, as follows: "It will be as we say in Russia - like when the goat is sent to take care of the ~~egg~~ cabbage patch."

Khrushchev's emotion histrionics, today -- startled the diplomatic world. He did some noisy missile rattling. Not at all - in the spirit of the Summit.

One immediate supposition being- that he wants to put the West on the defensive, as the Summit conference approaches. Also, - setting up an alibi, To blame the

United States - if the top level meeting ~~■~~ fails.

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Diplomatic officials in Washington think the
bumptious Khrushchev behavior today - may be connected with
domestic affairs in Russia. Indications being- that there's
a cooling off between the masses of the people and the
Communist party.

The Russians - not paying so much attention to
official Communist propaganda. The noisy announcement of
an American plane violating Russian territory - intended,
maybe, to stir people up.

This is also regarded as an angle - in a sweeping
change / In the hierarchy of Soviet officialdom. Demotions
and promotions - announced earlier today, / Featured - by the
elevation of Deputy Premier Kozlov, / Who now becomes a
member - of the all-powerful secretariat of the Communist
party, / Of which - Khrushchev himself, ~~■~~ is the Chief.
Kozlov - to inject more vigor into the party leadership.

But, even more important - it seems to advance Kozlov toward the status of heir apparent, a step toward making him Khrushchev's eventual successor.

PRINCESS

In London, an answer - to a long string of sour notes, Which have been tootled and bugled - in British newspapers. Discords - out of key with the royal wedding bells. Gossip and innuendo - reflecting on Princess Margaret's bridegroom - to be, Anthony Armstrong-Jones. Scandal - about his background, his unconventional friends. The Bohemian set - rather wild, you know. (Some of the remarks about him - outright libel under British law. So much so - there was talk that he might sue for libel, Except for the fact - that royalty never notices. ^{Hence} ~~So he~~ ^{he} now must remain aloof and pay no attention.)

The newspaper criticism went so far as to state - that he's a bad photographer. The worst of libel - as any cameraman will tell you.

So what's the reply - to the gossip and ~~innuendo~~ innuendo? Well, there are two - graphic answers. One, the British public. Thronging London - for the royal wedding, tomorrow. Crowds pouring in - from all over Britain. A huge

ovation last night - for the Princess - when she drove to a party given for her by the Queen. London - ~~was~~ having all the ~~same~~ appearance of Coronation time.

The second answer - from Queen Elizabeth. Who, today, announced a decision - concerning the parents of Anthony Armstrong Jones. The family affairs of the bridegroom to be ~~was~~ having been a topic for no end of talk. His parents - divorced long ago. ~~Was~~ His mother - now the Countess of Rosse. At the party, last night, the ~~is~~ elder Armstrong-Jones introduced his first wife - to his third wife. Who is younger - than his son.

The question at issue - where would the parents of the bridegroom be placed? At the wedding - in Westminster Abbey, tomorrow? Well, today, Queen Elizabeth announced "they will be seated among royalty, in the first row of a group ~~which~~ which includes royal personalities and relatives of the Queen.

KENNEDY HUMPHREY

Those belligerent war cries today emanated from the G O P national chairman, Thruston Morton, who says it was - no debate. The two candidates for the democratic nomination - did not assail each other with mighty blows. Instead, they joined up - in lambasting the Republicans.

So he's demanding - equal radio-television time for the Republicans, to reply - to what he considers a political duet.

"A pillow fight between two small boys would be more controversial" said he. Adding: "The show - the Ken - Hump - debate in Charleston, West Virginia, had all the sharpness of a duel with bananas," Dick.

ELEPHANTS

Now, a ponderous mishap - to an elephant trainer.

Allen Boyetde - in a hospital at Newark, New Jersey, tonight,

Bruised and battered, - but he'll get well, apparently. After being - so badly man-handled, ~~or~~ rather - elephant-handled.

The Cristiani Brothers Circus - playing in Newark. ^{b.}

And they wanted to get - some photographs of an elephant.

The trainer told - get one out there to pose.

Four elephants - in a big motor van. So in he went - to get ^{one} ~~out~~ out. ^{Well, the two} ~~Maybe elephants don't like to have~~
~~their pictures taken - I don't know. But, anyway, the four~~
ton pachyderm took a swipe at him - with its trunk, ~~Knocking~~
Knocking him - against one side of the van. Whereupon,
another elephant picked him up with his trunk - and tossed
him out. The trainer - flying out of the van like a projectile.

~~No, there were~~ No pictures taken - of the elephant.