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There was one surprise - in the state of the union message, today. President Eisenhower inserting a paragraph at the last minute. A paragraph - not in the text ~~that was~~ handed out in advance to newsmen and members of Congress.

So the legislators were caught by surprise, when, in the middle of his address, the President stated that the government would have a surplus in the next ~~tax~~ fiscal year. He said the figure for federal spending would be -- seventy-nine-billion-eight-hundred-million dollars, the government income eighty-four billion. Leaving Uncle Sam well in the black.

Not so long ago, the supposition was - that the treasury might not be able to balance the budget. But now - a goodly surplus. Another indication of the booming economy of the country. In spite -- of the steel strike.

The surprise announcement -- drew enthusiastic cheers at the Joint session of Congress. (But, the

Democratic leaders promptly pointed out that they'll have to face a demand for a tax cut, ^{that will be} encouraged -- by the surplus.

However, Speaker Sam Rayburn quickly repeated what he has been saying -- that tax reduction would not be wise. He's against any slashing in the federal revenues.

On the other hand, another kind of demand is predicted -- a call for more federal spending. Depend on the politicians to find some way to use -- a four billion dollar surplus.)

The special message, seventy-two hundred words long, covered familiar ~~ground~~ ground for the most part. The President -- expressing cautious optimism in speaking of the forth^{com}ing summit conference. Also, pressing his ideas for a world-war against hunger.

There was one point -- which had the Democrats growling tonight. President Eisenhower -- making an appeal for cooperation. Stop, what he called,

the "wrangling". Asking Congress, ~~xx~~ which the Democrats control -- to stop wrangling with his administration. Democrats retorting that cooperation is a two way street. Saying -- they are ~~xx~~ not the only ones who wrangle. Pointing to the Congressional bills the President has vetoed.

NIXON

More about steel:-

A Democratic charge -- that Vice President

Nixon made a secret agreement with the steel companies, according to which -- they would refrain from price increases ~~xxxx~~ until after the election.

Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler quoted a statement from the Wall Street Journal -- that there was -- "an unwritten understanding."

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The steel companies coming to terms with the union -- as recommended by the Vice President and Secretary of Labor Mitchell, with a ~~xxxx~~ promise not to hike prices until next year.

ARCTIC

It's hard to imagine a dramatic thriller more tense - than one disclosed by news from the Arctic, today. A scientific station - established up there near the North Pole, called - station Alfa. Or, in a more familiar way - "Ice Floe Charlie". A technological team of twenty-eight men - living in tents, on an ice floe, working - with scientific paraphernalia.

So what is the news now - from that ice island?

I, for one, can feel shaky - when I think about it. Having paid a visit, a couple of years ago - to a Station A /scientific base on the floating ice - near the Pole.

Living there, for some days, with members of a technical team who told me - their ice island might break up - a thing to be prepared for. So, at night, it wasn't easy to escape the thought, what if the ice under us should crack and disintegrate right now? Which it did some months later. And once again that is what has happened

at Station Alfa, that was set up last spring - and has been drifting a mile and a half a day ever since.

Churning along - in the midst of countless other ice

floes. Then, suddenly, Station Alfa - started to break

up. Today's news declaring - that, in ten hours, three

fourths of the ice island was ground into fragments. One

fourth of Ice Floe Charlie - remaining. Just as we had

on the other, ^{of} ~~one~~ ~~these~~ scientists have an airstrip

leveled off on the ice. And that strip has been breaking

up, cut swiftly - from five thousand feet down to thirty

seven hundred feet. And their only way out will be by

plane.

The latest word is from the Air Force, that

hurry up rescue operations are now under way, to take

off - the twenty-eight man team. Also - to save as

much scientific equipment as possible, as Ice Floe

Charlie - ges to pieces.

ADD ARCTIC

Later word - scientists have been taken off
the crumbling ice island. They've been flown to Alaska.

Willie, working for White, Wald and Company makes
sixty-two dollars a week as a clerk and quiet a mail
clerk as you can imagine.

But, in his modest home he had forty expensive
suits of clothes in the closet and forty pairs of
shoes. At the race track a big man. Betting heavily
on the horses.

Of course, you can guess the answer --
embezzlement. But, how could a mail clerk cheat
the brokerage company out of half a million dollars
in ten years? When he dealt with nothing else
but stamps? That's the answer -- stamps.

He rigged the stamp machine in such a fashion
that he'd make off with five hundred dollars
worth of stamps at a clip. Selling these -- to
dealers at cut-rate prices.

Unsuspected by the company -- for ten years.
Only caught -- when he went to the bar. The stamp bill
for December 1933 was \$100,000.

SWINDLE

In a Wall Street brokerage firm, the mail clerk is no millionaire executive and Charles Willis, working for White, Weld and Company makes sixty-two dollars a week as mild and quiet a mail clerk as you can imagine.

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Only caught -- when he went too far. The stamp bill for December ~~xxxxxx~~ exorbitant.

RUSSIA

In Soviet Russia, Alexanderovich Geriskrimenko is the manager of a collective farm, who reported - an overproduction of eggs. Twenty eight percent - above the quota. Which would make him - something of a hero of Soviet agriculture.

Today, the official Communist newspaper, Isvestia, told how Moscow news reporters made a trip to Alexanderovich Geriskrimenko's collective farm. Intending to give Geriskrimenko a fine write up - praising the over production of eggs.

When ~~they~~ got there, they found a first - class collective farm. Only one thing peculiar - there were no chickens. Not a single hen - anywhere.

It would seem that Alexanderovich Geriskrimenko followed an old Soviet practice - reporting progress - when there was none. But - Dick - you'd think - he'd have a few chickens around.

BOMB

In London, for twenty years, people ridiculed Edward Mahoney and his bomb. He's an artist, and maybe his imagination -- was over developed -- he kept telling everybody who would listen -- that there was a bomb under the local fire station.

Today, Mahoney stated: It became a kind of neighborhood joke. Everybody asked me -- how my bomb was doing?

Mahoney showed the skeptics -- his diary. An entry for April Tenth, Nineteen Forty -- during the blitz of World War Two. Stating -- that a Nazi bomb fell and never exploded. In the diary - a sketch map showing the location. "X" marking the spot.

Local officials paid so little attention to Mahoney and his diary -- that they built a fire station at that exact place "X".

But Mahoney kept on telling about his bomb, until finally -- William Hartley, chief of the British Army bomb squad, thought maybe they might

investigate.

They did, and today's news tells -- how, under the fire station, they have unearthed a two thousand pound bomb. Which they are now -- removing.

Mahoney says: "Nobody laughs any more -- except me. "