

LONDON

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In London, tonight, Prime Minister MacMillan won a sweeping endorsement. The House of Commons approving of his foreign policy. Which calls - for an East-West summit conference. But - with advance preparations, which accords - with the policy of the United States.

The vote - three-hundred-eight to two-hundred-forty-two, ^{after} ~~as~~ the House of Commons ^{finished} ~~needed~~ ~~needed~~ a two-day debate on foreign affairs.

The British declaration, favoring a top-level meeting of the chiefs of state, is accompanied by a declaration in Moscow - that the Soviets are ~~sure~~ certain that a summit conference will be held.

So stated by the press chief of the Russian Ministry of Foreign ~~in~~ Affairs.

KOREA

The United States is turning down a Communist proposal - for the unification of Korea. Suggesting - that elections be held, under "neutral" supervision. The catch being - the word "neutral." Which, as used by the Reds, is likely to mean - pro-Communist.

Today, the State Department repeated the view it has taken all along - that North and South can be unified only through an election supervised by the United Nations. To make sure - it would be a free election.

In Washington belief is that the Communists have an ulterior motive - in making their new proposal. Maneuvering - to get American troops out of Korea, as a prelude to some scheme for making the whole country Communist.

In line with this - a Moscow announcement that Russia favors a sort of buffer zone in Korea. Free - of missiles and atomic weapons. ~~axfex~~ A Far Eastern version of their ~~propag~~ propaganda - for a "de-nuclearized" zone in Central Europe.

TUNISIA

The Tunisians are complaining - about a new alleged attack. Which French troops are said to have made - on a Tunisian village. The Tunisian government, today - complaining to the British and American Envoys. Telling them - that this newest incident has "seriously aggravated" the crisis with France. The two envoys informed - because Britain and the United States are trying to settle the disturbance by mediation.

The Tunisian protest concerns one of the French garrisons - stationed ~~in~~ in Tunisia. Declaring - that French soldiers, at a town in the southern part of the country, broke out last night. Surrounding the local town hall - ~~and~~ and kidnapping the ~~the~~ Deputy Governor of the Province. Together - with two Tunisian soldiers.

French authorities deny this - giving a different version altogether. Explaining - that the Deputy Governor was ~~the~~ "invited" by the French garrison to conduct a joint

investigation of the blowing up of a jeep. Two French soldiers
- ~~9~~ injured when their jeep ran into a land mine, which
exploded.

INDONESIA

~~✗~~ Affairs assumed a war-like look in Indonesia ~~✗~~
today - although there was no shooting. The Jakarta
government sent naval and air forces to patrol rebel held
areas on the island of Sumatra. A destroyer - cruising outside
the harbor of Padang, the rebel capital. War planes-
flying overhead.

The air patrol included the island of Celebes -
where military forces are supporting the Sumatra rebels.

No shooting - but it might be that a clash is in
the offing.

MISSING PLANE

An intensive Air search today along a line from Newfoundland to the ~~2~~ Azores. A navy patrol plane - missing.

The big four-engine plane took off from Newfoundland last night - bound on a round-trip patrol mission to the Azores and ~~on~~ back. Called - a flying radar station. One of about fifty - used by the Navy to guard the East Coast of the United States from surprise attack.

Conditions are bad out in the Atlantic - freezing gales blowing. The sea reasonably calm - only within three hundred miles of the ~~2~~ Azores.

Twenty-three men aboard the missing plane - with a whole ~~for~~ fleet of British and American aircraft participating in the search.

CHURCHILL

This afternoon's medical bulletin concerning Sir Winston Churchill is cautious in tone. Stating ^{that} - Sir Winston's condition is not greatly changed since yesterday. He is comfortable, his strength is maintained, and the fever is a little lower."

The report, signed by the two Churchill doctors, is not as optimistic as the statements from the members of his household, who have been intimating that the former Prime Minister is making excellent progress. His eventual recovery -- assured.

One reason for the optimism of his family and friends is found in a list of illnesses he has incurred in the past. This, for example, is ~~at~~ the fifth attack of pneumonia. The list of his ~~past~~ previous ailments continuing as follows - two strokes, appendicitis, gastro-enteritis, tonsillitis, skin trouble, eye trouble, influenza, chills and seasickness.

Not to mention - a fall out of a tree, and a fall off a camel, and sometime in a Boer prison during the war long ago in So. Africa.

But, each time, the mighty statesman got well - and went back to his brandy and cigars. *He escaped from the Boers,*

So they have a habit of considering him -
indestructible.

EDINBURGH

At Edinburgh, the ancient capital of Scotland, stately ceremonies of ancient academic tradition - as the University of Edinburgh installed a new rector, today.

James Robinson Justice, an actor - who must be a learned thespian, indeed. Installed in his erudite office - by the Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth the second.

However, Jimmy Miller wasn't there - they wouldn't let him in. Jimmy Miller - who was a candidate for the rectorship of Edinburgh University. Nominated by medical students - but not ~~xxxx~~ elected. An Edinburgh hobo - who hasn't worked for thirty years.

No, they wouldn't let him in when he appeared - but he got a rousing cheer from enthusiastic supporters among the students, who hail his record:- not having done a lick of work in thirty years. *Hip hip, hip hip - h-i-p - h-i-p.*

MISSILE

The Air Force explains that the ~~xxx~~ test at Cape Canaveral, Florida - today - should not be written off as a failure. ~~xi~~ Because the program ~~was~~ for developing the Atlas missile is to test it in various ways. Today's tryout - a special type of experiment, apparently.

In any case, the intercontinental ballistic missile roared from its launching pad - climbing, in fine style, to about forty-five thousand feet. Taking some twenty-five seconds - after which it arched over toward the southeast.

The sky, cloudless - and the vapor trail could be seen clearly. But then - a big puff of white smoke high in the sky. The Atlas - exploding after the first phase of its flight had been accomplished. Cause of the explosion - not ascertained as yet.

This was the sixth launching of an Atlas - two destroyed. The next two - complete success. In the two most recent experiments - the missile destroyed at high ^{altitude.} ~~xxxx~~

COMMITTEES

A good deal of committee action - in Congress, today.

A Senate finance committee - voting to hike the national debt ceiling by five million dollars, as requested by President Eisenhower. Which would raise the limit of the National Debt, all the way to two-hundred-and-eighty billions.

The five billion dollar increase was opposed by committee chairman Senator Byrd of Virginia. Who held - that three billions were enough. But the committee rejected the amendment offered by that number one proponent of sound government finance. Byrd of Virginia - who's to retire at the end of his present term in the Senate.

A House Judiciary sub-committee voted - on what to do, in case a President is disabled. Not capable - of performing the duties of office. The bill - providing that the Vice President shall take over. Deciding, himself - when this is necessary. The bill would also create an eight-man commission that could return full powers to a President -

without the Vice President's consent.

A House Judiciary ~~2~~ Subcommittee voted its approval for the bill - despite intimations that the measure may be vetoed by the President. The White House view being - that the question of Presidential disability should be settled by a constitutional amendment. Not - just a law passed by Congress.

The Senate Post Office committee gave its approval, today, to a hike in the price of mailing letters:- Local letters - from three to four cents; out of town - from three to five cents. Airmail from six to eight cents. The increases would almost wipe out the deficit of the Post Office Department.

The House Appropriations Committee okayed an appropriations bill of nearly three billion dollars for the departments of labor and commerce, and other federal agencies. The committee, at the same time - criticizing a top aviation

Today was a bad one for ~~the~~ Dave Beck, former President of the nation's largest union, the Teamsters. Sentenced - after being convicted of embezzling ^{nineteen} ~~hundred~~ dollars. Obtained - through the sale of an automobile belonging to the union.

His son, Dave Beck, Jr., was also convicted on similar charges - concerning two automobiles. In which, his lawyers said - he had carried out instructions from his father.

In Seattle, today, Dave Beck Jr. sentenced first. The Judge - imposing a fine of two thousand dollars. And - ordering him to pay four thousand six hundred and fifty dollars back to the Teamsters Union. Placed on probation for three years - but no prison sentence.

Dave Beck Sr. ~~seems~~ clearly optimistic, because of the comparatively light sentence that the Judge gave the ~~the~~ younger Beck. Which seemed a good omen for himself -

when his turn came, an hour later. He was hopeful, but it was - hope disappointed.

The Judge said - three to fifteen years in prison. Which came as a shock; - the sixty-three year old former labor leader turning Red, and clenching his fists.

His lawyer says - the prison sentence will be appealed all the way to the top.

LEOPOLD

In Illinois, Nathan Leopold goes free. Partner -
in the Leopold-Loeb thrill murder of thirty-four years ago.
The state parole board - granting his plea for freedom.

In Nineteen ^{so-called} twenty-four, the "crime of the century"
was committed by the two brilliant youths, both of wealthy
families. The Chicago murder of a small boy, Bobby Franks -
for a thrill.

Loeb and Leopold - given each, two sentences of
ninety-nine years and life. Loeb - killed in prison, some
years later. Leopold - making three futile appeals for
parole. Now - a successful appeal. On parole - for five
years.

He asks - to be permitted to take a hospital job
in the mountains of Puerto Rico. Ten Dollars a month -
room and board.

All of which, it would seem, brings a last legal
act - in the Leopold-Loeb case.

CAT

Considering the weather, this next item seems incredible. We know the cat has plenty of endurance, in addition to nine lives. But the weather in Michigan has been Arctic - with blizzards, great snows and bitter temperatures. However, in December Mr. and Mrs. Alfred O'Mera moved from Marine City, Michigan to Holland, Michigan - taking their four year old tom cat with them. The description of the feline - indicated by his name, Blackie.

Two days after their arrival at Holland, Blackie disappeared. The O'Mera's having a suspicion - that the tom cat might be trying to return to his old home. An impossible exploit, it would seem - two hundred and three miles, through snow and ~~hixxxx~~ blizzard. Nevertheless, they wrote a letter to the family renting their house at Marine City. Saying - be on the lookout for Blackie.

So now - a ~~xxxx~~ telegram describing the tom cat ~~xxx~~ as: "Tired, haggard, and ragged."

Good old Blackie. Proving again that animals have a sixth sense that birds and bees have. Some other creatures too. Fish for instance, but not possessed by many human beings.

However, on a recent expedition into the Australian desert we were accompanied by Australian aborigines who can do just what Blackie did out in Michigan. These Australian abos were ~~it~~ ^{an} with us on/expedition, making a film for ^{our} High Adventure series. These Australian bushmen go in a straight line, over mountains, through bush, and across deserts - hitting their mark right on the bullseye. Something that no other human beings I know of can do.

Our next in this series, ~~by the way will be next~~ ^{Den will be about Tibet}

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GENIUS

A Czechoslovak newspaper prints an account - of a genius. A fabulous mentality - with a gift for inventing languages. A man - who has constructed sixteen languages, brand new. Each - with a vocabulary of ten thousand words. Complete - with grammar and syntax.

What's the purpose of inventing new languages, with strange words? Comprehensible - to nobody.

Well, in addition, this genius has devised a railroad timetable for the "Hesperian Republic". Which republic - is nowhere.

Why - he's a
Who is this mental superman? A patient in an insane asylum. Who lives in his imaginary "hesperian republic", complete - with railroad, and sixteen newly - ~~invented~~ invented languages. A mental patient - also a mental prodigy.