

MOSCOW

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One thing clear about the Moscow move, today - is the ~~ix~~ element of timing. Rather transparent, as all the world notes - the picking of the strategic moment.

The Soviets - having just completed an extensive series of atomic tests. Winding up - their current program of nuclear explosions. |

^ The United States, ready to begin - a series of its own. In the far Pacific, Eniwetok, - this year's quota of atomic experiments.

So, in between, the Moscow announcement; - the Soviets, acting on their own, ~~are~~ discontinuing atomic explosions. Won't hold any - in the near future, at least.

Actually, the declaration made by Foreign Minister Gromyko, at the final session of the Supreme Soviet - was conditional. With a big "if". The statement says the Soviets expect the United States and Britain - to follow suit and discontinue their own atomic experiments. And if they don't

well, then the Russians will reconsider their decision. Leaving them free - to resume nuclear ~~xxx~~ testing.

Having just completed their series of tests, it would be some time, anyway - before they'd start another. While the United States - is just beginning its own series. Great - for a big line of propaganda talk. Moscow saying- "we're stopping, but they won't!"

So no wonder Washington promptly discounts the whole thing - calling the Moscow declaration by its right name "propaganda". London - echoing the same opinion. We ~~certainly won't~~ <sup>not to</sup> call off our own experiments- in the face of such a tricky maneuver.

## ATOMIC TESTS

Word from scientific circles is that our forthcoming atomic tests in the far Pacific may result in a defense against intercontinental missiles. Called - an "atomic ray" defense.

The idea being - to touch off a nuclear bomb in front of a long range missile - the blast -- releasing streams of neutrons. Sub-atomic particles - of a kind used for touching off an atomic explosion. Streams of neutrons - that would, ~~therefore~~ detonate the nuclear charge in an approaching missile.

This, they say, is one reason for the Soviet move - announcing a suspension of Russian atomic tests. If they could persuade us to call off our own tests, they'd block the development of an American "atomic ray" defense.

KHRUSHCHEV - CABINET

The new Khrushchev cabinet pictures the rise - of a new power in the Kremlin. Koslov - named "First Deputy Premier". Second only - to Khrushchev, himself. Koslov - hitherto not well known to the outside world. Of course, he's a Khrushchev man.

But poor old Bulganin - recently so prominent as a member of the partnership of B and <sup>—</sup>K after being ousted as the Soviet Premier, and replaced by Khrushchev - what kind of job does he get? One supposition had been - he might remain in the cabinet. But no - Bulganin, today, was named as President of the State Bank. He's just a banker now.



## SUMMIT

The western big three, today, made their proposal - for the arranging of a summit conference. Britain, France, and the United States - in identical notes to Moscow.

They suggest - ~~that the~~ "preparatory work" ~~should~~ be done through "diplomatic channels". Talks - to begin in Moscow, during the second half of April. Then, if arrangements progress in a satisfactory way, the foreign ministers would set the time and place for a meeting at the summit.

The British note - accompanied by a personal letter from British Prime Minister MacMillan to Khrushchev. The first message from a western government - addressed to Khrushchev in his new dignity, as Moscow Premier.

Over across the Atlantic, B B B announces a ban on jokes concerning several subjects. British comedians on television and radio, forbidden to get off humorous gags - about a summit conference, atomic weapons, and British statesmen. Seems - like an odd combination.

Well, solemn ~~xxx~~ statesmen, I suppose - don't like to be ~~laughed~~ laughed at. Likewise, atomic weapons - are no joke. And, to sum it up - a summit conference is an important event. ~~Talking about a meeting of the heads of state, you shouldn't ask - about the state of heads.~~

## PRINCESS

Group Captain Peter Townsend - in "exile" again tonight. Back in Brussels- which is to be his residence, apparently, while out of England. He flew from London, today - without having seen Princess Margaret again.

London papers are full of rumors and speculation - about a "showdown" interview yesterday, between Margaret and her sister, the Queen. Her Majesty - driving to the country house of the Princess. Where they talked - for an hour.

The prevalent rumor is that the Queen gave Margaret a "reprimand" for having met the former R A F war hero - in that much publicized meeting last Thursday, when Townsend and Margaret - had tea together. The meeting that stirred up a fanfare of publicity.

But, actually, nothing definite is known about the "showdown" interview.

The only significant fact being - Peter Townsend back in exile, tonight.



CUBA

The Cuban police report the seizure of a huge consignment of arms and ammunition. Smuggled in - for the Cuban rebels. Apparently from the United States.

Shipload of armament - landed on the North coast of Havana province. Taken - to a private house along the beach - the police getting wind of this and staging a raid.

But the rebels in the house also got warning - and escaped in the nick of time. Just before the police arrived - and seized that arsenal.



## ECONOMICS

The House of Representatives, today, passed an Eisenhower anti-recession bill - permitting the administration to spend eight hundred and forty million dollars, this year. Funds - appropriated for the fiscal year of Nineteen Fifty Nine. The money - to be used for the purchase of government supplies.

## FARM

President Eisenhower, today, vetoed the bill - to freeze farm price supports for one year. The measure, introduced by the Democrats - to forbid Secretary of Agriculture Benson to lower the level of price supports.

Republicans in Congress expressed the fear - that a Presidential veto would hurt the chances of the G O P in the November congressional elections. But the President went right ahead - and vetoed.

In Congress, there's talk of passing the bill - over the presidential veto. But the general opinion seems to be - that there's little chance of mustering a two-thirds majority, which would be needed.

## SUPREME COURT

Today, the Supreme Court - rejected appeals from two former officials of the Truman administration, Matthew Connolly, one time White House aide of H.S.T., - and Lamar Caudle, former head of the tax division of the Department of Justice. Both- convicted of conspiring to fix a tax case.

They were tried and given prison sentences of two years each. Which - they'll now have to serve.



## BOMBS

At Idaho Falls, the "mad bomber" scare has been solved.

Last week, the town was terrorized - by a series of explosions of home-made bombs. Apparently - the doing of a maniac. Not much harm done - except in one case. A bomb - blowing up an automobile driven by Mrs. Rene Gasser - twenty four years old, who - was injured by the blast.

Today, the police declare - it was a weird murder plot. Two young men, Monty Moore and Charles Feely - planning to kill Mrs. Gasser, for ~~large~~ insurance money. She - having taken out a ten thousand dollar double-indemnity policy, with Monty Moore as beneficiary. Believing - they were to get married.

So they staged the "mad bomber" scare - as a smoke-screen. To make it look as if Mrs. Gasser was the victim of a maniac.

The police declare - the two accused have confessed.



## AIRLINERS

The news, this morning, told - how an airliner nearly collided with another plane over ~~in~~ New Jersey. Later in the day, the word - that the other plane was an airliner too. Both - belonging to National Airlines.

A big one - with fifty-eight ~~persons~~ aboard.

Bound - from Palm Beach to New York. The smaller plane, flying the other way, from New York to Norfolk, Virginia - ~~had~~ fifteen persons aboard. A total - of seventy-three ~~human~~ lives at stake.

A collision averted - by the fast action of Captain Jack Guthrie, pilot of the huge Palm Beach to New York airliner, who threw his ponderous plane into a steep dive - shaking up the passengers. But - averting a disaster.

## GIRLS

Here's a story - with an element of historic reminiscence. Taking us back - to a tragic event of classical antiquity. Its about - three little girls, at Knoxville, Tennessee.

Beulah Mae Caughron, seven years old. Betty Sue Caughron, five years old. And Mary Jane Cole - seven.

Attacked by a mysterious malady. Which had the doctors - baffled. The children - stricken with a burning in the stomach. Then, chills - and finally, convulsions.

The symptoms, a puzzle - until Mary Jane told what happened. Saying - the three little girls had found things that looked like small potatoes, floating in a stream. So they ate what seemed to them - small potatoes.

Then the doctors recognized what the trouble was - the water hemlock.)

"Hemlock" in one meaning - signifies a tree. But the name also applies to a family of plants - with poisonous narcotic bulbs.

History tells how the Greeks of old inflicted the death penalty - with hemlock poison. And Socrates - drank ~~in~~ the hemlock.

There's no known remedy for the poison, and the physicians at Knoxville could only try - what they thought  
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might help.

Today, the three little girls - getting well.  
Recovering from that poison - of tragic historical memory.  
The hemlock!



BOY

In the Manomet Swamps, near Plymouth, Massachusetts today - Boyd Hayward was battling his way through a tangled thicket. When he heard - a dog barking. And a small childish voice, wailing -- "Mamma, mamma!"

So that was the happy ending of an eighteen hour search for four year old Dwight Davis, who vanished - from his home, yesterday. One hundred and fifty searchers - combing the dangerous Cranberry bogs, Until the discovery was made, today. Standing in the underbrush - the four year old. Beside him - his black Spitz, named Toby.

The dog - barking. The child - <sup>calling</sup>~~wailing~~ for Mamma.



DUKE

In London, the announcement that the Duke of Bedford is going to take a ~~in~~ cow to lunch. Next Wednesday, at one of the swankiest of London hotels - ~~the~~ Grosvenor House. <sup>His Grace</sup> The Duke, and his guest - the cow.

A cynic might say - the cow has more sense than the Duke. But <sup>the Duke</sup> ~~His Grace~~ of Bedford - explains it in a logical way.

The luncheon - to be held by the British milk marketing board - the milk distributors. So the Duke argues: "I thought it only right that there should be a representative - of the milk producers at the lunch."

His Grace has a four year old Jersey cow named Athlyne. A champion milk producer - to be guest of honor at the Grosvenor. No doubt many a toast will be drunk - and not in milk - to Athlyne. And in her reply, <sup>don't</sup> we suppose Athlyne will say "moo."

## SKIERS

A popular ovation - in Yosemite National Park, today. People of the valley turning out - to welcome a helicopter. Returning - from an exploit of rescue.

Four skiers - marooned at high altitude in the Sierras. One of them, William Pope, a student at Stanford University - having fallen ill, unable to go on. The other three - standing by with him.

The helicopter, an army "flying banana" did an expert job. Bringing out the marooned skiers - while Yosemite valley cheered.