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(Given by Walter Cronkite)

A bare announcement this evening from London and Washington seems to underline the seriousness with which the western world views the new Syrian crisis.

The announcement said that Britain's Prime Minister Harold MacMillan will fly to Washington next week to confer with President Eisenhower.

No further details were given. But in Washington it is pointed out that such high-level meetings aren't arranged with such haste unless they are definitely of an emergency character...and the threat of war along the Syrian-Turkish border seems to be that crisis.

Today, the hostile blasts from Soviet Russia - continued. The Moscow Radio charging - that the American Sixth Fleet is massing not far from the borders of Syria. Creating a situation that, in the words of the Moscow Radio - "may have the most dangerous consequences for international life."

In Washington, the Navy Department states the Sixth Fleet is not massing near Syria, or anywhere in the eastern Mediterranean. Exactly - to the contrary. The warships of the Sixth Fleet are spread in small units from one end of the Mediterranean to the other. Most of these units - expected to make routine calls, tomorrow, in ports all the way from Spain to Turkey.

But Soviet Russia is rejecting all denials, and continues to repeat that armed forces of Turkey are preparing to attack Syria. Turkey - backed by the Western powers.

But its fearsome to think

It's not easy to guess/what Moscow may be up to - with all this agitation about mythical plans of warlike action against Syria and its alleged pro-Communist government.

FOLLOW MOSCOW

At the U.N., the American delegation, today -
expressed full approval of an inquiry by the General Assembly ^{into the whole Syrian crisis}
~~Concerning the Syrian Soviet accusations against Turkey and~~
~~the United States.~~ The Syrians and the Russians ~~has~~ have asked
the General Assembly to take up the matter, and today the
American delegation stated: "The United States favors a full
and free discussion of the problem. We are ready and willing to
talk about it."

The British delegation at the U.N. gives its opinion
in the following words: "In our view, there is no danger at all
of Turkish aggression against Syria. It appears to the United
Kingdom delegation that what is needed in the Middle East is
a period of calm, not a succession of ~~alarms~~ alarums and
excursions artifiically created for purposes of propaganda."

However, the U.N. is moving in a leisurely way,
and the debate in the General Assembly is not likely to begin
before Tuesday next.

SYRIA

In Damascus, today, there was a conference between the Syrian Foreign Minister and the Turkish envoy. ~~In which an official denial was given - that Turkey plans an attack on Syria.~~ Government sources in Damascus say the Turkish envoy delivered a diplomatic note from his government - setting forth the denial.

At the same time, the Damascus government denies an Egyptian report - that the Syrian army has been ordered to mobilize. **has placed the army on alert and** But/it is revealed that weapons have been distributed among the villagers along the Turkish border. Armament for popular resistance, if there's a Turkish invasion. So says the **Syrian** government.

WEST GERMANY

West Germany will ~~break~~ break diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia - because of the Yugoslav recognition of Communist East Germany. At Bonn, the understanding is that Chancellor Adenauer and his Cabinet came to this decision at a meeting, today. The break - to be announced, officially, tomorrow.

There was plenty of concern in the West when Yugoslav Marshal Tito extended recognition to the Communist East German regime. West Germany - now taking drastic action. If Tito recognizes the East German Reds - West Germany refuses to do diplomatic business with Tito.

The Yugoslav President

~~Tito~~ is, of course, a Communist who broke with

Stalin - and, in West Germany, there was an argument that a severance ~~break~~ of diplomatic relations might push Yugoslavia closer to

Moscow. But the Adenauer Cabinet is described as feeling - that Tito's Yugoslavia has already gone a long way back to the former tie with Soviet Russia.

TAXES

In Washington - more talk of a tax cut. Republican Congressman Simpson of Pennsylvania called on Congress, today, to bring about a reduction of taxation next year. Congressman Simpson admits - there may have to be more money for national defense, as a result of Soviet missile-satellite progress. But he thinks that a hike in military spending could be offset - by reduced expenditures elsewhere.

This Republican call for a tax cut would seem to be contrary to the views of Vice-President Nixon - who said, on ~~Thursday~~ Tuesday, that the requirements of national defense must be placed ahead of any reduction of taxes.

CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

In Congress, a Committee is beginning an investigation of what are called "regulatory commissions". That is, government boards which regulate branches of business, like the Civil Aeronautics Board, the Federal Trade Commission - and so on. There are six of these - and, today, Congressman Morgan Moulder, a Missouri Democrat, announced an inquiry of gifts. Forty top officials to be queried - had they received presents or loans or fees from industries they regulate.

This draws a quick protest from the top ranking Republican member on the Committee, Congressman Joseph O'Hara of Minnesota. Who says - there's no evidence that anybody got any gifts. And adds: "Never before has a Congressional investigating group started out - by assuming that everybody is crooked."

JAPAN

There was a ~~x~~ riot at a U.S. military base in Japan, today. Two thousand Japanese - trying to storm their way through the main gate of the installation. Why? What did they want? *THEY WANT THE AMERICANS TO STAY, and GIVE THEM BACK.* Their jobs, ~~back~~.

American military forces are being withdrawn from Japan, and this compels a lay-off of Japanese employees. Which they don't like - and there have been loud, angry protests. Culminating - in today's outbreak. Which Japanese police repelled - with difficulty.

The government reports that a million, five hundred thousand ~~people~~ ^{PERSONS} in this country have been stricken, thus far - in the epidemic of the Asiatic flu. Which total follows the addition of three hundred and sixty thousand new cases, last week.

The number of deaths from flu and pneumonia - some five hundred. Which is, of course, a tiny percentage.

The U.S. Health Service declares that the ~~Asiatic~~ ^{ASIAN} flu has now spread across the country - reported in every section. Particularly - the South.

Schools continue to be hard hit, and a number of weekend college football games have had to be called off.

Because of players - laid up with flu.

BRIDGE

Back in World War Two, there was a big job of engineering along the highway to Alaska. The Army, ^{throwing a} ~~drawing~~ ~~xx~~ bridge - across the Peace River. The twenty-one hundred foot span costing - four million dollars.

But emergency engineering in wartime could be hasty, and the Peace River engineering bridge was built on a bed of shale. A loose kind of material - instead of ~~the~~ solid rock. Sooner or later, we suppose, it had to happen - ~~the~~ ^{as} report ^{ed} in a news dispatch today.

The north span of the bridge pulled loose from its moorings. The pressure of the river current - dragging loose the foundation of concrete. Whereupon, that section of the bridge toppled ~~over~~ into the river.

Today, motor traffic on the Alaskan Highway had to take a ferry across the Peace River, and engineers are rushing plans for the construction of a temporary wooden bridge.

ROCKET

Here's an interesting statement about the origins - of Sputnik. Something that occurred - which really would have given the Soviet scientists a big idea. If - the story turns out to be correct.

Four years ago, we are told, the Russians launched an earth satellite - accidentally.

This comes from ~~the office of~~ Congressman James Patterson, of Connecticut - who ^{has been} ~~is now~~ on a tour of Russia.

~~His office is releasing a cable that he sent.~~

He says,
~~The cable reads as follows:~~ "Soviet sources claim that, in Nineteen Fifty-Three, the Russian army launched a high altitude rocket - that inadvertently became an earth satellite for a few days." ~~The cable adds that~~ The Soviets made no public announcement of this.

Well, if they did it accidentally, to begin with, it certainly would help to explain how they went ahead, and brought out Sputnik.

NOBEL

The Nobel Peace Prize goes to the French novelist and playwright - Albert Camus. Forty-three years old - one of the youngest ever to receive the Nobel award for literature. Camus - a member of the school called "Existentialist". His philosophy formed, largely, during the Second World War, when he was a leader of the French Resistance to the Nazi occupation.

In Paris, today, Camus heard the news with surprise. Saying - "If I had taken part in the vote, I would have chosen Andrew Malraux." Generous recognition - of another French writer.

Today's award gave to France its ninth Nobel Prize for Literature - more than any other nation has received. Britain has won seven - the United States five.

QUEEN

In the case of the Queen's visit, the only thing one can say is what is being said everywhere. How well the young matron is carrying off an arduous, trying schedule.

But, then, we know the stamina and resilience of women - when they go through an ordeal which requires them to look bright and fresh. And - keep up the grace and the smiling charm.

ten **North America**
In her ~~four~~-day visit to ~~the United States~~, one hundred and fourteen ceremonial activities were scheduled for the Queen. Who now ~~has~~ has gone through about half of them. Today, she arrived in Washington, was received by President Eisenhower at the airport, drove **down** ~~xxxxxx~~ Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues - where a million people were out to see her and Prince Philip, in spite of bad weather. Then greeted by Mrs. Eisenhower at the White House, where the royal couple had lunch. In the afternoon, a ceremony at the **Tomb** ~~Tomb~~ of the **and the Canadian Cross** **news** Unknown Soldier, Followed - by a huge ~~mass~~ reception, and a White House dinner this evening.

Yet, at the end of the day, Her Majesty looked as if she had rested all morning, and had a beauty sleep all afternoon. Leave it to the ladies - to have endurance.

The ladies, no doubt, will be interested in the way the Queen was dressed - the fashion aspect. But this is one time when the mal sex takes the prize for the brilliant costume.

At the airport reception, the dresses of the ladies were eclipsed by the garments of the Ambassador from Malaya, who ~~showed~~ showed up in the garb of his native country. Wearing a glowing ceremonial robe of deep lavender - with a brilliant sash, in which he wore a dagger with an ivory handle. Topping it all - with a headdress of flaming color.

AND JOE, with promise to THE

~~Some~~ ladies, ~~but that~~ that's the fashion note ^{for} today.

SPUTNIK

Something new and fantastic - about Sputnik. We know that the man-made moon is accompanied by the rocket that launched it. But now there's a possibility - that the nose cap of the rocket went off into space, all by itself, and is going around the world in an altogether different orbit.

This is based on an observation made last night by Dr. John Patterson, Director of the Hayden Planetarium. Who reports that he saw something resembling Sputnik or its companion - while watching at his home at Newton, Massachusetts. But it seems impossible that this could be either the satellite or the rocket.

Official observations indicate that, at the time, Sputnik and company were over the South Pacific, east of New Zealand. So the object observed by Dr. Patterson at Newton, Massachusetts, last night may be the nose cap of the rocket - traveling in an entirely different orbit.

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GIRL

On Sunday, a sixteen year old girl disappeared from a boarding school in Omaha, and nobody knew where she had gone. Susann Laing, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Laing of Des Moines - vanishing, and there was a four day search for her, anxious, apprehensive.

Today, Susann returned home, and rushed into the arms - of Michael Cook. Which gives the clue to the mystery - of the girl's disappearance.

Mike - the boy friend, with whom Susann had a quarrel on the telephone on Sunday. He had dated another girl, and Susann was jealous. So, in despair, she left the Omaha boarding school, and boarded the nearest bus - fleeing from it all. The bus was bound for Kansas City, and that's where woebegone Susann got off.

Last night, she was located in Kansas City. The police - sending her home.

Her parents were waiting for her at Des Moines, and so was her elder sister. And - Mike. When Susann saw him, the quarrel was forgotten, and into his arms she ran.