

L.T. - *Alas.* Wed. Dec. 2nd 59.

President Eisenhower, today, gave the newsmen an explanation of his motives - in going on his international tour. He said the United States has tried earnestly to convince the world of its peaceful intentions. But the message, in his words, "doesn't seem to have come through. There is a great deal of doubt remaining in the minds of many people," said he.

So he's going on ^{this} ~~an~~ eleven-nation-trip -- to do what he can to convince various countries, ~~convince~~ them - of American sincerity in the pursuit of peace.

(The President put it in these words: "I do feel a compulsion to visit a number of countries - and, through them, hoping to reach many others. And tell them - exactly what I believe the United States is trying to do. That our basic aspiration - is to search out methods, by which peace in the world can be assured. With justice - for all.")

The President ^{points} ~~pointing~~ out that he has remaining, thirteen months in office, ~~which~~ he intends to use, with all the prestige and standing that he has - to promote the cause of peace.

ITALY FOLLOW EISENHOWER

Word from Italy - none too favorable for President Eisenhower's three-day visit in Rome. The weather -misbehaving. Traditionally sunny Italy - having an unseasonable spell of bad weather. A violent Mediterranean storm - followed by days of rain.

All ~~of~~ Rome - ready to give President Eisenhower an enormous welcome. Preparations going on at a feverish pace - for a gala event. They hope for sunshine on Friday - when the President arrives. The weatherman - none too encouraging.

U.N.

The United States and Britain, today, urged the United Nations - to put aside a resolution on the question of Algeria. American and British representatives arguing that France and the Algerian people should have a free hand in negotiating for a settlement. Minus - outside interference.

However, ~~the~~ twenty-one countries of Asia and Africa went ahead - and submitted the resolution to the Political Committee of the U.N. Calling on France to give the ~~Algerian~~ Algerian people self-determination.

It is none too clear - how much the resolution differs from the promises French President Charles De Gaulle has already made.

BIRTH CONTROL

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President Eisenhower has not often been as blunt and plain-spoken as he was, today - on the subject of ~~the~~ birth control. At his news conference, he stated outright that, as long as he is in office, the United States Government will not offer birth control information - to other countries.

He said - he could not imagine anything more improper as a governmental activity, or a political responsibility.

"That's not our business," he told the newsmen.

The President noted that the question of ~~contraception~~ is involved with religious doctrines. ^{And he} mentioned - the Catholic Church, ~~Declaring~~: "They are one of the groups that I admire and respect."

He summarized by saying that birth control in other countries was their own concern. "We do not intend to interfere with the internal affairs of any other government," said the President. Adding - that, if other countries want information ^{from us on this,} ~~on contraception~~, they should get it from the medical profession, ~~Not~~ - from the United States Government.

These declarations are made - as the question flares up in our own political affairs. The controversy having begun - when a presidential committee made a report on the vast increase of populations in backward countries. The committee recommending that our government should give birth control information, on request. Which was followed by a declaration from the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States - opposing, in strong terms, the distribution of advice on contraception, ~~As~~ - foreign aid.

~~The~~ Protestant groups retorted with sharp criticism. The Right Reverend James Pike, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of California, denounced the Catholic stand. Saying - it would condemn millions of backward people to starvation and misery. Bishop Pike making a demand[^] that Catholic candidates for public office should come forward, ~~Stating~~ - whether or not they would be bound by the opinion of their church in this matter.

Which put it up to Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts - a likely prospect for the Democratic presidential

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nomination. Kennedy - immediately answering. Declaring - he was not in favor of the distribution of birth control information by the United States Government. Deeming this - improper.

~~See~~ now, President Eisenhower backs up that view - in a strong statement, which is likely to have political reverberations - in the presidential campaign of next year.

Today, another presidential prospect spoke up - Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York. He said - he hopes the ~~contraception~~ issue will be kept out of the Nineteen Sixty campaign. "Of course," he said, "it is all right ~~a~~ to answer questions about these things. But they should be kept out of politics."

Another voice in the controversy - that of the Reverend Dr. Norris Wilson, relief head of the National Council of Churches, who, today, stated - that it is the direct responsibility of the United States Government to provide public funds, which would enable the less advanced nations - to apply contraception to their population problems.

VENUS

Here's a weird thing to imagine. A world - that's all ocean. A world - inhabited by jellyfish.

The night before last, we had the news of **telescopic** observations of the Planet Venus - made from a balloon at an altitude of fifteen miles. Which gave the first evidence - that water exists in the atmosphere of the ~~the~~ gleaming evening star. Suggesting - that there may be life on Venus.

Today, a more complete report - emphasizing the new discovery. Plenty of water on Venus - with oceans full of jellyfish.

Dr. Harrison Brown of the California Institute of Technology, explained - how ~~they~~ they figure things out. They've always known the atmosphere of Venus was largely - carbon dioxide. ~~Now they've learned - there's water vapor too.~~ On this earth, carbon dioxide in the air combines with minerals on the surface. Forming - limestone. Which, apparently - doesn't happen on Venus. No minerals on the surface - to absorb the carbon dioxide. Meaning - the surface must be covered with

water. Venus - one vast ocean.

But why the jellyfish? Well, the bones of animals are made from limestone. So, if there is none of that on Venus - living creatures wouldn't have any bones. Only an ocean to live in, and that adds up - to jellyfish.

The planet is named after the goddess of love. Alas, poor Venus - with the romances of jellyfish.

LIGHTHOUSE

At Paramus, New Jersey - quite a Christmas present.
A young fellow getting - a lighthouse. That's what his father
gives him - for Christmas. But what will the lad ever do -
with the lighthouse?

Well, young Peter Consorti is an amateur astronomer.
Studying the stars - through a telescope, wishing - he had an
observatory.

His father, a New York business man, saw a notice
that the government was putting up for sale - a one hundred
year old lighthouse, at Chapel Hill, New Jersey. Which would
make - a first class observatory for an amateur astronomer.
He bought it for sixteen thousand dollars - and what could
make a better Christmas present for a young star-gazer? On
top of a lighthouse with ^{a girl - I mean a} ~~his~~ telescope - watching the
constellations in the dark hours of night. Envy him, Dick?

CHURCHILL

Today, another Churchill story. Related - by the Canadian Minister of Defense, George Pearkes. Another example - of that famous Churchill wit.

the sprightly elder statesman
Recently, ~~he~~ was told - what a lot of money Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery got - for his memoirs, the story of his life. To which Sir Winston remarked: "I'm not at all surprised - the Field Marshal lived up to the finest tradition of Englishmen. By selling his life - as dearly as possible."

— as well as
Heroism - in the book business ~~as well~~ on the battlefield.