

DULLES

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Tomorrow begins - the real business with Mikoyan - his visit in this country, thus far - just a ~~lot of human~~ ^{visit - going} ~~places.~~

At the State Department in Washington, the word is that Secretary Dulles has set aside ~~all of two hours~~ ^{all of} tomorrow morning, [^] For a conference - with the Russian Deputy Premier. Then they'll meet again in the afternoon - and dine together in the evening. Mikoyan's conference with President Eisenhower scheduled for Saturday.

As a preliminary to the big-time statecraft, there are indications - that both sides may be easing up in their stubborn stand - on the German question. Today, the Moscow radio stated - that the Russian position on German reunification was - "flexible". Subject, that is - to negotiation.

In ~~New~~ New York, Mikoyan described a statement from Secretary Dulles as "interesting". Which referred, of course to the Dulles comment ~~that~~ that free elections were not the only possible basis for a unification of Germany.

Meanwhile, the Dulles declaration has touched off

a wave of criticism in West Germany. Chancellor Adenauer - described as sharply concerned.

Hitherto, the United States has made free elections a sine qua non. But now - the American ~~att~~ attitude shows some signs of being less rigid. Word at the State Department is that U.S. diplomatic officials have been busy - trying to explain to the West Germans that Secretary Dulles is not backing down on the principle of free elections. But, the Secretary, himself - is not taking back what he said.


CUBA

In Congress today, Representative Emmanuel Celler of New York - called on the United Nations. To make an investigation - of the mass executions in Cuba. He said President Eisenhower should, in the words of the Congressman "publicly" express horror, and have the matter placed before the United Nations.

At the same time, proposals in Congress - for a trade embargo against Cuba, and a ban on tourist travel. - If the ~~savage~~ vengeance continues.

Well, it was continuing today. The Castro government setting up a code - legalizing the wholesale shooting of henchmen of the fallen Dictator Batista.

Firing squads - busy. Eighteen known executions. Bringing the total up to two hundred and thirty-eight - for this week.



UN AMERICAN

It looks as if the committee on Un-American activities - will not be abolished. Not much chance - for the resolution introduced by Congressman James Roosevelt of California, who wants to cancel out - the committee that has made history in investigations of Communism.

The Republicans, yesterday, came out in formal opposition to the James Roosevelt resolution, but the real business comes today - in a statement from Speaker Sam Rayburn. The Texas Democrat saying he's against the proposal to abolish the committee on Un-American activities. Sam Rayburn's word, in this instance - is what counts.

MARSHALL

Here's the medical report - on General Marshall.

At the Womack Army Hospital, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the doctors declare - the General suffered from a mild stroke. They describe it as a - "transitory" spasm of a blood vessel in the brain. There was - no paralysis. General Marshall's condition, tonight - "satisfactory".

The Chief of Staff in World War Two, and later, Secretary of State - George Marshall, seventy-eight. In frail health ^{of late.} ~~for several months.~~ But he seems to be recovering all right from the "mild stroke" he suffered early this morning.

BASEBALL

Big league baseball, today gave a cheer - for a congressional move to help the minor ~~ing~~ leagues. In the House of Representatives, five congressmen introduced legislation - which would permit a restriction of major league television in minor league territory.

Everybody knows that the televising of big league ball games in cities with minor ~~ing~~ league teams cuts down attendance at the local games. Why go to the minor league ball park - when you can see the Yankees or the Braves on your home screen.

The major leagues depend on the minors for hall players - and don't want to see them go under. But they've been timid about going into agreements, restricting television - because any such agreement might violate the anti-trust laws. Today's legislation introduced in Congress ^{is} ~~is~~ intended to remove that hazard.

Cheer number one comes from baseball commissioner Ford Frick who says - "that would go ~~on~~ a long way to solve our problem."

Pointing out -that the new legislation would give minor league teams a chance to sell their own local ball games to television. Which they can't do - if local T.V. can get big league games.

The measure proposed in Congress would free professional sports from other angles of the anti-trust laws. By legalizing - ~~xx~~ systems to promote competition.

JAPAN - DOGS

The Japanese dog story, which is in the news - has all the sentimentality associated with "man's best friend."

However, there's one angle that raises a grim question - disturbing to the sentimentalist of Japan:-

A year ago a Japanese expedition in the Antarctic had fifteen sled dogs along - of the Karafuto breed. Men and dogs were on Ongul Island when the time came - to leave and go home. But violent storms prevented the removal of the fifteen dogs. The expedition - having to abandon them there. The belief being - that they would perish before the expedition returned, a year later.

However, when the expedition went back after a year - what did they find? Two of the sled dogs - Taro and Jiro, alive and healthy. The pooches - overjoyed at the return of their human companions. But, what about the other thirteen? No sign of them.

The grim question is - what did Taro and Jiro eat, all through the Antarctic winter? In Tokyo, today, some anti-sentimentalists made a guess - ~~at~~ the other dogs.

But that disillusioning opinion is rejected by Professor Tetsuo Inukai of Hokkaido University. He says Taro and Jiro survived - because they were younger and stronger. But what did they eat? "Penguin eggs" declares the professor.

FOX HUNTING

In England - a dire threat against that favorite English institution, fox hunting. Organized enemies of the sport - announcing a plan to put an end, finally, to the wild ride of the huntsmen in red coats. Tally-ho - ~~and~~ yoicks ^{and} all that. Followed by the old stirrup cup.

The fox hunting aristocracy has always argued - that the sport was beneficial. The fox - a plague and a pest of farmers. The anti-fox hunting organization says - yes, that's true, but adds - that there's a more humane way of destroying pests. So their plan is to eliminate the foxes by gas attack..

Also - by shooting them. Which is considered nothing less than sacrilege in sporting circles of old England - shooting the Fox.

But, any way, the dire threat is - to end fox hunting by ending the foxes. *And then Don there will be no more tally-ho, yoicks - and all that old boy!*

PRISONER

Over in England, "Sixty-sock" Smith - is back in *jail,*

Famous
~~prison,~~ Wormwood Scrubbs prison - where he earned his nickname.

He was serving a five-year term at Wormwood Scrubbs where his fellow convicts noted a peculiarity of his. A fad - of collecting socks. Which he would procure in one way or another - and hide away. Until he had - sixty socks.

The meaning of that idiosyncrasy became clear - when "Sixty Sock" Smith escaped from Wormwood Scrubbs. Using a rope-made of socks. Socks, tied cleverly together. Which enabled him to climb over the wall.

But he couldn't stay out of jail - was caught for burglary. So now he'll be lucky - if he gets any socks at all, at Wormwood Scrubbs.