

SYRIA

L.T.-DELCO. Fri, Feb, 7, 1958.

The leader of the Syrian Communist party is on his way to Moscow. Khaled Bakhdash - to confer with Soviet leaders about the new Egyptian-Syrian merger. Which, it seems- is not exciting enthusiasm in the Kremlin.

Syria has a legal Communist party. Red leader Khaled Bakhdash, himself - a member of the Damascus Parliament. But in Egypt - the Communist party is outlawed. Nasser - accepting Soviet armament and economic aid. But - not permitting a Communist to function.

In the new State of combined Egypt and Syria - which Nasser will dominate - there will be no place for anything but his own political party. No place - for a Communist party.

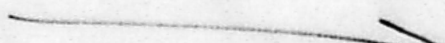
(Hence the mixed feelings of the Soviets - who have been backing Nasser, but don't like the way he refuses to tolerate a Communist party in Egypt.)

BUFFER ZONE

The United States will reject the Communist plan - to set up a buffer zone in Central Europe. With a ban - placed on missiles and atomic bombs in Germany and the Red satellites. rejection - indicated today.

The proposal was made by the Communist government of Poland and backed by Soviet Premier Bulganin. The State Department - noting that Poland, naturally, is interested in an easing of tensions. But arguing - that the plan has many serious disadvantages.

President Eisenhower has pointed out that a central European zone, kept free of missiles and atomic weapons - would mean little. Considering - the great range of airplanes and missiles, capable of atomic attack. What would so narrow a belt signify - in the face of inter-continental strategies?

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Dulles had a chat with the new Soviet ambassador, today. An amiable - get-together meeting. *Mr. Dulles* ~~The Secretary~~ said - that matters of importance did not come up/ 

"We did not settle the disarmament question," he
laughed.

"Not yet, anyhow" chimed in Ambassador Menshikov, who
speaks fluent English.

INDONESIA

Rebels on the island of Sumatra broadcast a demand by radio, today - that President Sukarno must ~~get~~ get rid of the cabinet in power at Jakarta, Java. The ministry - ~~is~~ described as tinged with Communist Red.

They called on Sukarno to name a new Prime Minister -

^{Name} / Mohammed Hatta, who, before he had a break with Sukarno, ~~is~~ was Indonesian Vice President. Mohammed Hatta - a staunch anti-Communist.

There's an element of confusion about the reported establishment of a new rebel government on Sumatra. The word being now - that the date for a formal proclamation is February Tenth, next Monday.

(Sukarno remains on a vacation in Tokyo, where, today, he said he was shocked by the ultimatum from Sumatra - demanding the ouster of the Jakarta ~~is~~ government.)

CHINA

From China, a report of anti-Communists inside the Red regime. Eight thousand counter revolutionaries -in the party ranks.

So stated by Lo Jui Ching, Minister of Public Security in the government of Mao Tse Tung. Telling - of the result of an intensive investigation.

He says - five thousand anti-Communists were members of the Communist party. While three thousand - belonged to the young Communist league. Many - holding important positions in the Red regime.

"Some" says the report, "wormed their way into our inner council and usurped important party and administrative posts."

Some of them, according to the Minister of Security, were anti-Communist agents, sent in from outside China.

The Chinese Reds - having their troubles.

SPACE

The new head of the space agency - Roy Johnson of General Electric head of electronics production. Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy naming him, today - to head the Department which deals with space and missiles.

At the same time, Secretary McElroy said he feels the Air Force should operate the space ships and manned satellites of the future. But added - that his opinion might possibly change.

ATLAS

A beautiful beginning - then a sudden failure, at Cape Canaveral, today. An Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile, soaring aloft for nearly three minutes. In what looked like - a perfect performance. But then the missile - exploded high in the sky.

No explanation - at the moment. The Air Force merely announcing - the Atlas "destroyed itself."

SATELLITE

The Navy has given a warning to Congress - that Soviet Russia could use earth satellites to check every move of the navies of the free world. Sputniks, with improved scientific equipment - could make observations as they circle this earth - and report back by radio.

The Navy ties this in with reports - of Russian strength in submarines. Saying - that scouting by satellite could multiply the ~~in~~ effectiveness of the Soviet undersea fleet.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Congress is taking fast action - in putting up money for unemployment relief. The appropriations committees of both the Senate and the House voting simultaneously - to put an extra forty three million, four hundred thousand dollars into the federal program for unemployment compensation. The measure goes to the floor of the house tomorrow - and the Senate will take up the bill, as soon as the house has passed it.

Secretary of the Treasury Robert Anderson has told the lawmakers - he expects a business pick up in July or August. Echoing an opinion expressed by President Eisenhower - that the present recession will not last long.

Secretary Anderson was queried about the possibility of a tax reduction - to stimulate business. Which has a good deal of support - in Congress. Slash taxes to boost business activity. The secretary answered that he might, eventually, recommend a tax cut. But - that conditions do not warrant any such move, right now.

STASSEN

An interesting conference - at the White House, today. Harold Stassen and President Eisenhower--in a talk for forty minutes. Amid reports - that Stassen may be on his way out as Presidential advisor on disarmament.

But, when he emerged, Stassen said- he had not submitted his ■■ resignation, nor had the President asked for it.

They did have a discussion on Stassen's future plans. One report being - that he may run for Governor of Pennsylvania. Harold Stassen - who was Governor of Minnesota some years ago. But, later, he became the President of the University of Pennsylvania - and is a resident of the keystone state.

SUBLIMINAL

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation makes public a ~~new~~ report - on subliminal projection. Called - a new miracle for television advertising.

A message - projected on the screen in the middle of a TV show. Flashed - for so short a time that it's as good as invisible. ~~You~~ You're not conscious - that you saw it. But, nevertheless, the message influences you, subconsciously. That's the theory, and they call it - the silent sell.

So C. B. C. made a test.

In a regular TV program of half an hour, they flashed a subliminal message - three-hundred-and-fifty-two times. Each - for a fifth of a second, or half a second. Nobody - able to tell what the words were.

Then they queried more than five hundred viewers, asking them - what their own reactions were to the silent sell. ~~It~~ Were they influenced by it?

The ~~new~~ words were - "telephone now". So how many

people telephoned?

Forty-nine percent of the viewers declare they had - no reaction at all. Fifty-one percent reply - they had an impulse to "do something". Some say - they had a notion of drinking something, tea, coffee, water or beer. Still others felt like standing up, taking off their shoes, light up a cigarette, write a letter to C B C. One lady said she felt like buying an electric frying pan.

Out of more than five hundred, only one felt an impulse to do what the subliminal message directed - "telephone now." A lady saying - that she had the urge. But - resisted it. She didn't telephone.

All of which leads the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to conclude - that the subliminal experiment was a flop. The "silent sell" - silent ~~all right, but no direct~~ ^{and no} sale.

DECISION

Here's a United Press dispatch, the last ~~in~~ line of which reads: "If Robert Backover reads this, he has a decision to make." Yes, and what a decision!

A couple of weeks before Christmas, Backover left his job in a bowling alley at Hyattsville, Maryland - and never went back. His employers reporting - that he vanished with twenty-three hundred dollars of ~~his~~ bowling alley money.

When he left, his six year old daughter was ill. Nothing serious, apparently - a virus infection of some kind. But she grew worse, and was taken to a hospital. Where the doctor said - leukemia. Incurable, cancer of the blood.

Today, the word - that the ~~ajid~~ child - in the hospital, keeps asking for her father. So pitiful - that Backover's own parents are begging him to return. Requesting the United Press to publish an appeal to him - wherever he may be.

So you see the decision he has to make. The police want him - and his little daughter wants him.

EMBEZZLER

A Georgia jury, today, convicted Mrs. Margaret Burton - of embezzling one-hundred-and-eighty-six-thousand dollars from a medical clinic in Decatur. Where she had worked for years - as an office manager. Penalty - two to five years in prison.

The case was in the headlines months ago, when Mrs. Burton fled - in a passenger automobile, a station wagon, and two moving vans. Carrying loads of household furnishings and prize show dogs.

In her defense, Mrs. Burton claimed that doctors at the clinic asked her to put funds into her bank account - so as to avoid paying income tax on them.

Today, upon being found guilty, she fainted in court - and was treated by one of the doctors from the clinic.

SCHOOLS

New York City school authorities ^{today} took drastic action - to ~~check~~ check violence and ~~juv~~ juvenile delinquency in classrooms. Five-hundred-and-forty-four trouble making pupils ~~were~~ suspended - taken out of the schools by the scores, and sent home. School principals - enforcing an edict issued by the New York City Board of Education.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

At Media, Pennsylvania, the police are investigating the affairs of a sixty-seven year old school superintendent. Financial affairs - also romantic affairs. Two ladies involved Bobbie and Bonnie.

Bobbie, it seems, was the girl friend of the venerable educator. But then she introduced him - to Bonnie.

The Delaware County Chief of Detectives, Maurice Maitland, who has been questioning Bonnie, says - she regrets that introduction "very bitterly". Because, the next thing you know, the school superintendent was maintaining an apartment in Philadelphia - for Bonnie. And - he showered her with gifts.

Bobbie and Bonnie - jealous of the sixty-seven year old school superintendent, who is accused of swiping a couple of hundred dollars from the school funds. Embezzlement - over a period of ten years.

WEATHER

A big winter cold wave reported on its way through the middlewest. Temperatures in Minnesota and the Dakotas - plunging to twenty-five below. With icy weather also moving south. Florida hit again - although the weather man hopes the freeze down there will not be as bad as earlier this week.

In the East - a cold front mixing with a mass of warm air. Bringing - rain and snow.

In the mountain areas of the West, a winter storm. Heavy snows - blown by high winds, with huge drifts in the mountains. At the Alta ski resort near Salt Lake City - one-hundred-and-seventy skiers marooned.

In California - heavy rains. At Kentfield, California, Don, bus passengers - continuing their way in boats.

FLOWERS

Here's news from the Pacific northwest. - ~~where~~
~~winters can be cold.~~ Seattle, for example, is as far north
as Duluth, Minnesota, where winter temperatures are icy. So
what's the frosty news from the Pacific northwest, this evening?

Well, at Kent, Washington, Mrs. Roy Campbell walked
out into her back yard, and picked a bouquet of violets.

Fred Storey of Seattle reports - twenty five purple
iris in blossom.

Mrs. Frank Strazz announces - her snap dragons and
roses are simply beautiful.

In another garden, the red carnations - are glowing.

The flowers that bloom in the winter - tra-la. But
don't tell this to Florida.