

Fri. May 20 - '60.

Prime Minister MacMillan, today, disclosed a fact - with an interesting element of timing. He said he received a letter from Khrushchev eight days before the abortive beginning of the summit conference. A letter - in which Khrushchev mentioned that incident of the U-2. But giving no indication ~~that~~ he had any intention of wrecking the top-level ^{session} ~~palaver~~. Eight days before the summit Khrushchev was willing to go ahead with it. Although indignant - about that American aerial surveillance flight.

So what could have happened - to change his mind?

Well, it is noted that a few days after Khrushchev wrote his letter to MacMillan - there was a Moscow meeting of the ~~Presidium~~ Presidium of the Soviet Communist Party, which - rules Russia. So the surmise is - that the presidium gave the decision. Ordering - sabotage of the summit.

Prime Minister MacMillan made his declaration -- to the House of Commons, today, Reporting -on the fiasco, He spoke in somber terms - of new dangers and ~~g~~ grave implications.

Khrushchev ^{now} says - there'll be no new West Berlin crisis until there ^{is} a summit conference, To take the place -- of the one ~~that~~ he broke up. ~~That's the decision~~ ^{So} which he announced in East Berlin, today.

The Soviet Premier spoke again - of a meeting of chiefs of state in six or eight months. Harping on the possibility of new talks, after President Eisenhower is out of office. The Berlin question - to be discussed at the summit with another American President.

He continued his attacks on President Eisenhower, today - though less virulently than in his previous diatribes. The important part of it being his indication that there won't be a new flare up over Berlin. Not, at least, for the time being.

Communist East Berlin howling - with anti-American propaganda. Which goes also - for other countries in the world of Communism.

Huge demonstrations - in Red China. The Peiping

News Agency telling of a crowd of one-million two hundred thousand massed in a great square, With another two million holding rallies and parades in the suburbs, (Denouncing President Eisenhower - and upholding Khrushchev enthusiastically for his behavior in Paris. Which might lend credence to the supposition - that Red China ~~was~~ was behind the Moscow decision to wreck the meeting of the Chiefs of State.)

In Japan - frantic left-wing protests, Against the new Japanese American security treaty, Which was ratified by the Tokyo Parliament yesterday. Forty thousand oppositionists -- in a wild battle with the police.

EISENHOWER LEAD

Another incident, involving the United States and Soviet Russia - ~~may~~ may be in the making. With the disappearance of an American plane -- near the border of Communist East Germany. An unarmed Air Force transport -- with nine persons aboard, ~~which~~ flew from Copenhagen - bound for Hamburg. Bad weather - compelling the transport plane to fly near the Red ~~in~~ frontier. It is overdue - missing.

The news was given out by President Eisenhower this afternoon - immediately ~~in~~ upon his arrival home. He - having ~~in~~ heard about the missing plane only ^a half ~~an~~ hour before, While he was flying in - for a landing, at the Washington airport.

The President stating: "In the atmosphere in which we now have to think - we cannot be sure. But - that the worst may have happened." The worst meaning - that the Reds may have shot down the plane, Or possibly - forced it down.

But here's later news -- that the plane crash-landed in East Germany. Its occupants -- arrested by the

Reds. This report comes from the West German radio.

Today, in speaking of the disaster on the summit, the President said - he simply doesn't know why Khrushchev sabotaged the high level meeting. The President, himself, had no high hopes - that the talks would achieve anything decisive. But there seemed a chance of progress along lines -- in which the Russians were showing an interest.

(Therefore, says he "it remains a mystery -- why the Soviets chose to distort and overplay the U-2 incident. They obviously wanted no talks of any kind, and in fact, made it impossible to begin them," said the President.)

He received a heartening welcome, returning home. Cheered by huge throngs -- as he drove through the streets of Washington.

At the airport, he was welcomed by top ranking Democrats of Congress, as well as Republicans. ^{This} Stressing -- national unity. Which accords with declarations made by the

Democratic leader in the Senate, Lyndon Johnson, who said -- this is not ^a time to play politics with international affairs.

However, there's a note of criticism from a group of Congressional Democrats, Who, today, addressed an inquiry to the President, Posing a series of ~~just~~ questions -- and requesting an answer.

One of the questions: -- why was that unlucky flight of the U 2 over Soviet Russia ordered? Just before - the summit conference? Why were false, contradictory statements - issued by administration officials? Why did the administration first indicate - that the surveillance flights would continue? Then -- reversing itself?

These questions -- echo the severe criticism voiced by Adlai Stevenson last night, Who declared - that President Eisenhower had given Khrushchev the hammer with which to smash the summit conference. Stevenson charging - a series of blunders.

The attack is regarded by some as a Stevenson move to gain the Democratic nomination for President.

Today, Vice President Nixon said - he's "greatly shocked" by the Stevenson remarks. This -- according to Nixon headquarters in Washington, where the statement was made that there seems to be a split in the Democratic Party. One wing - rallying to the support of President Eisenhower. The other - coming out with scathing criticism of the President. As voiced - by Adlai Stevenson.

(The Nixon people say - they are all the more shocked, Because of a statement made by Senator Kennedy, front runner for the Democratic nomination, who declared recently - that any Democratic nominee would have to consider Stevenson as the Secretary of State, in a Democratic administration.)

ATLAS

~~Today's missile shot - a significant event in the~~
~~renewal of the cold war.~~ ^{It} An Atlas ^{inter-} ~~in a~~ continental rocket -
launched at Cape Canaveral, ^{today} ~~Florida~~. And hitting the mark --
nine thousand miles away.

The course of the Atlas - down the Atlantic, To
the target area - just north of Prince Edward Island, ~~which~~
~~is~~ a tiny bit of ~~an~~ land - between the Cape of Good Hope,
~~the~~ southern tip of Africa, and the Antarctic.

The longest shot - ever made by a military missile.
The Atlas - carrying a dummy warhead, ~~which~~ could have been
a hydrogen bomb.

In January, the ~~Soviets~~ fired a rocket in the
Pacific -- to a target something less than eight thousand
miles away. Our own rocketeers - beating that by more ~~than~~
than a ~~an~~ thousand miles.

Today's test of the Atlas - is preliminary to
launching a "spy in the sky," A satellite, the Air Force

Midas - for military reconnaissance. Which could mean -
satellite surveillance over Soviet Russia, Far more
effective than the flights of the U-2, Which have ~~raised~~
raised such an uproar. Now Dick -

SPUTNIK

The Soviet satellite - off its course. The space ship - going haywire. So announced by Tass, the Soviet News Agency, today.

Yesterday, we had insistent reports from western observers -- that it looked as if the Russians were trying to bring the cabin down. Which, as it now turns out -- was the case. They tried -- to separate the cabin from the satellite, proper. Using ground control - to fire a rocket aboard the Sputnik.

But the whole thing went wrong. The cabin -- not separating. Instead, the rocket threw the whole contraption off its regular orbit. So that, now, the Sputnik is in a lopsided orbit -- circling the earth in a cockeyed way.

Today the Russians repeated that their plan was to bring the cabin, with a dummy spaceman in it- bring it all the way down into the ~~xxx~~ earth's atmosphere, where it would burn up -- by friction. But, of course, there ^{has} ~~is~~ been ^{an} ~~that~~ insistent rumor - that there's a live man in the cabin. If so,