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CONFERENCE

Tonight in a Maryland mountain cottage---
the talks are on. President Eisenhower and British
Prime Minister MacMillan---beginning their discussions
on the forthcoming negotiations with Soviet Russia.
Charting the strategy---of the Western allies.

We hear that MacMillan is trying to modify
President Eisenhower's attitude---toward a summit con-
ference. The President favoring oney--if the meeting of
the Foreign Ministers produces real results. MacMillan
feeling---that this condition should be dropped. No matter
what the Foreign Ministers do---he thinks there should be
a conference of the heads of state.

Maybe he's arguing that with President Eisenhower
at this moment.

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And, open rebellion^{is}---reported in an obscure corner of Soviet Russia. The Carpathian Mountain area--- along the border of Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Bomb explosion reported---in various towns. An anti-Soviet underground---in operation.

To get any meaning out of this, we'll have to take a look at a page of recent history, Beginning--- with the formation of Czechoslovakia after World War I. The eastern end of that nation---called Ruthenia. The people there---close kin of the Ukrainians in Russia.

About the time of the second World War the Ruthenians rebelled, and formed what they called--- a free Carpatho-Ukrainian State. Which, after the War, was grabbed by the Soviets.

Now,---part of Russia. But, really, a conquered country, with bitter discontent. With an underground--- demanding freedom. The Soviet secret police---hunting

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for insurgent leaders, who hide out---in the wilderness
of the Carpathians.

TIBET

Astonishing news - from the roof of the world.

Tibetan tribesmen battling Chinese Communists - in the holy city of Lhasa. Sounds almost incredible - but again it's the doing of the Khambas, wild mountaineers of Eastern Tibet - the Himalayas, who have been in revolt against the Chinese occupation forces - for two years.

From time to time we've heard of the Khambas, waging gorilla warfare - among their almost inaccessible peaks and valleys. But now a dispatch from India says - that these hard-riding Khamba mountain men have made a dash to Lhasa, and are fighting the Reds - inside that Holy city, in the shadow of the Dali Lama's far famed place, the Potala.

Probably little more than a daring raid - because it's hard to think of the sparse population of Tibet making an effective resistance against the massive power of Red China. But the Communists seem to be having plenty of trouble on the Roof-of-the-World.

COLORADO

Our Air Force Command---going underground *out here*
in Colorado. With a ~~sub~~ subterranean "Combat Operation Center" in ~~the~~ Cheyenne Mountains near Colorado Springs.

At present, the Command is above ground, in the heart of the city of Colorado Springs. Where it's vulnerable---and could be wiped out by a sudden blow in the event of war.

So now, they'll burrow deep into ^a ~~the~~ mountains ---
and establish a nerve center, ^{from} ~~where~~, in war time, all radar and other information would flow.

At present, there's an underground establishment at Omaha, Nebraska, for the Strategic Air Command, which directs our bomber force. Now the same sort of thing *here*
in ^{in a} ~~the~~ Colorado mountains---for the Air Force Command as a whole.

So announced by the Government in Washington today.

CONVENTION

New York City offers half a million dollars for the GOP National Convention. That much---plus other benefits. Such as the use of Madison Square Garden for a week---rent free.

The offer made---by a New York Bureau at a luncheon meeting with Ray Bliss of Akron, Ohio. Chairman---of a Republican Committee looking for a place to hold the convention.

A number of cities---bidding. Chicago---offering three hundred thousand dollars. Philadelphia---three hundred and seventy-five thousand. All offers now topped---by the New York half a million.

The belief being---that the Presidential extravaganza would bring some twenty thousand people to the big town for the five day hullabaloo. A crowd that would certainly spend a barrelful of money.

One drawback---the fact that New York State has a potential Presidential candidate on the Republican ticket. Governor Nelson Rockefeller---regarded by many

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as a likely prospect. The custom in the past having been---
not to take a convention to a state that has a candidate.
Because of the advantage---it would give him.

WEATHER

The West and Southwest - in the grip of a storm. Blizzard No. 3 - perhaps the last on of this one of hardest winters on record. Blizzard No. 3 raging - as the official beginning of Spring approaches.

A heavy snowfall all the way from West Texas to Wyoming and Kansas. Four to seven inches - in Colorado where I am. Here at Aspen we have all been enjoying the storm. Eight - ten inches - in parts of New Mexico. Highway traffic in some places - a nightmare of stalled passenger cars and trucks. Snowplows unable to get through - because of the jam of snowbound vehicles which clog the road.

To all of which you can add floods from rapidly melting snow. Tornadoes - in Texas. While, way to the East - a deluge of rain in Florida. The baseball training season washed out, in the past few days. Since Monday, eighteen big league exhibition games called off because of rain. And now Don!

LONDON

London had a ~~sham~~ shock, today, when news got out about most unseemly doings, last night. When a large party of the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "Chelsea Set" went for a ride in the underground.

The "Chelsea Set"---rich and swanky, aristocratic bluebloods. The subway trip---rather like slumming. Anyway, they turned the subway car into a slum.

They had bottles of refreshments along--- which they emptied and smashed. One beautiful girl--- tossed into the lap of a parson. A venerable clergyman of the Church of England, ^{who was} Horrified---when he found himself in sudden possession of the young lady.

They got into fights. A couple of the bluebloods---flattened. One---smacked over the head with a gin bottle, ~~He~~ lay on the floor of the subway car--- uttering a mournful protest.

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"Bad show, bad show," said he. "I'm surely entitled to a champagne bottle at least."

The riot ended with screaming members of the "Chelsea Set" dragged off the train by the bobbies.

Today, newspapers in London printed acid comment about the doings of what one ~~saturday~~ paper called--"The monied rowdies."