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ARTIFICIAL PLANET

The competition between the United States and Soviet Russia becomes more keen - in the matter of artificial planets. Today, the statement - that the Russians plan to launch <sup>a</sup> man-made moon in the near future. To anticipate - the project announced at the White House, last Friday.

This comes from a Soviet scientist, Professor Sadov, of Moscow University.

Who is attending a meeting of space-travel scientists in Denmark.

*Altho he said*

~~He stated~~ He stated, no exact

<sup>he</sup> date has been set, ~~but~~ indicated - that the Soviets propose to send up their

artificial satellite before the nineteen fifty-seven, fifty-eight period,

The International Geo-Physical Year - which is the time set for the American

man-made moon.

Professor ~~Sadov~~ Sadov says - the Russians' space ship will be larger

than the "basketball-size", named in the American project. And indicated -

that the Soviet's <sup>(contraption)</sup> ~~contraption~~ may be powered by an atomic engine.

I suppose the Russians were surprised by the White House announcement.

And are jumping in to get ahead in the race - or, anyway, talking about it.

Keen competition between East and West - in the realm of inter-planetary travel.

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## BALLOON

An altitude record - for living things. Mice and guinea pigs - soaring higher in the sky than anything alive has ever gone before.

A huge plastic balloon - as tall as a twenty-five story building. Carrying scientific instruments - and those animals for passengers. The mice and guinea pigs - enclosed, comfortably, in a sealed sphere. An Air Force experiment, one purpose of which was - to send the animals to a record-breaking height.

Yesterday, at International Falls, Minnesota, the giant balloon took off and rose to an altitude of <sup>one</sup> hundred and twenty-five <sup>thousand</sup> feet. Some twenty-five miles - up into the stratosphere. The gas bag - remaining aloft for twenty-six hours.

Today, the balloon came down near Crosby, North Dakota. Instruments - okay. So were the mice and guinea pigs - after flying much higher than a human being has ever flown.

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FAURE

The French Premier<sup>is</sup> going to Moscow - together with his Foreign Minister.

The word in Paris, tonight, is that Messrs. Faure and Pinay ~~has~~ received an invitation from the Soviet Ambassador to Paris. And said - yes.

This is the latest - in a veritable parade to Moscow. First, Austrian Chancellor Raab paid a visit to the bosses of the Kremlin. Next, West German Chancellor Adenauer accepted an invitation. Scheduled - to be in Moscow soon. Now - Premier Edgar Faure and Foreign Minister Pinay, of France. The first top leaders of a western government to make the pilgrimage to Moscow.

In addition to which - the British government has extended an invitation to Soviet leaders Bulganin and Khrushchev. They - to go to London.

DULLES

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declares - that Red China must renounce the use of force in the Formosa question. Or - there's likely to be a war in the Far East. In Washington, he told a news conference that Red Premier ~~Chou~~ Chou En lai has shown signs of greater moderation. Moving a little toward the American view - that the Chinese Reds should agree to a cease fire. Which, he thought - they, themselves, should proclaim.

The Secretary of State declared that the Formosa question, probably, would not be settled for a long time to come. One of those troublesome things - that the United States and Red China will have to learn to live with, if war is to be avoided.

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GENEVA

In Geneva, the word is - that Red China proposes that a "neutral Power" be named - in the problem of the remaining prisoners to be liberated. The Chinese Reds are still holding forty American civilians. They, on their side, demand that Chinese students in the United States be sent home to the Communist mainland. They say "several thousands". The "neutral power" they suggest for supervising a return of civilians, on both sides, is believed to be - India.

Such, at least, is the report in Geneva, where the deliberations are an official secret. At the meeting of the ambassadors - U.S. Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, Alexis Johnson, and the Red Chinese ambassador to Poland, Wang Ping-Nan. *The* meeting was called, primarily, to consider the question of prisoners. But Red China took some of the point out of that - by announcing the release of eleven American airmen, just as the Geneva <sup>(parley)</sup>~~(meeting)~~ got going. Sounds like a clever diplomatic stroke - since Red China, we hear, wants to discuss the Formosa problem. Not merely - prisoners.

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AIRMEN

One of the eleven American airmen being released by the Chinese Reds is Daniel Schmidt - of Redding, California. But, inevitably, they are applying to him ~~him~~ - the name of "Enoch Arden". The old story of a man who returns after a long absence - to find that his wife has remarried. It's now disclosed that the former Mrs. Una Schmidt is now Mrs. Alford Fine, ~~wife of a lumber worker at Soda Springs, California~~

Today, she told a story. She and Airman Daniel Schmidt were married in May of 1952, and had only five weeks together. Her husband - sent to serve with the Air Force in Korea. In January, 1953, she got the news - that her husband's plane had been shot down. A child, <sup>a</sup> boy, was born several months later. Time ~~Months~~ went by, <sup>and</sup> the wife heard no more of ~~him~~ <sup>her</sup> missing husband. She presumed - he was dead. Then, in September of last year, she remarried. Her new husband - a lumber worker at Soda Springs, California. Then, a month after her remarriage, the word came - Daniel Schmidt was a prisoner of war in China.

The news told how his plane, a B-29 bomber, had ~~him~~ indeed been shot down. <sup>the</sup> ~~But~~ crew of eleven <sup>had</sup> survived - made prisoners by the Reds. Accused - of espionage activities. Tried - and sentenced to varying degrees of imprisonment. These eleven airmen - are now the ones who are being released.

You can imagine the feelings of the wife - and her new husband. Today,

she said - she'll meet Daniel Schmidt when he arrives in the United States. ~~with~~

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added: "I believe we can straighten out all our difficulties." The second

husband, Alford Fine, declares - he'll do whatever his wife decides.

In Washington, the word is that the liberated airmen will be turned over by the Reds - at Hong Kong on Thursday. Then they'll be flown immediately

to the Philippines for medical care, if they need it. Then, <sup>on</sup> ~~they'll be flown~~

across the Pacific - to Travis Air Force Base, near San Francisco. Or, -

McCord Air Base, near Seattle. Their families - coming on to meet them.

The strangest meeting of all - that of "Enoch Arden" Daniel Schmidt, and the wife who remarried.

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HOOVER

Former President Herbert Hoover says - the national budget can be balanced "overnight". That is, if the recommendations of the Hoover Commission ~~are~~<sup>are</sup> put into effect right away.

In San Francisco, the former President addressed the first meeting of the "Citizen's Committee for the Hoover Report." Civic and business leaders - pledged to promote the program for streamlining government in the United States. The claim is that government expenses could be cut six billion dollars a year.

That's the background of a statement made by former President Hoover.

Who added: "Our first job is to ~~show a~~<sup>show a</sup> ~~safe road~~ safe road - to a balanced budget.

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The Dixon-Yates quarrel flared up again, today. The Senate Subcommittee reporting - to send its Dixon-Yates testimony to the Department of Justice. They say there are "varying conflicts" in the testimony given by utility executive Edgar Dixon. That's what the Department of Justice is asked to study.

At the same time, the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission issues a denial. J. Sinclair Armstrong says - he was not "coached", when he testified at the Senate investigations of the much-debated Dixon-Yates contract.

All of which follows a disclosure by the Subcommittee - which reveals an opinion given by the Assistant Comptroller General, Frank Weitzel. This concerns the question - is the government liable to damages, in the cancellation of the power contract. The opinion is - yes, unless wrong-doing is proved.

The Dixon-Yates concern claims - it incurred expenses in going ahead with the contract. Which, then, was terminated by the government. The company thinks - it should be reimbursed.

There was an adverse vote for President Eisenhower - in Congress, today.

Subject - the housing bill - listed by the White House as a "must".

The legislative story is this: The Senate and the House passed two different versions, and these went on to a Joint Committee - for adjustment. The Joint Committee brought out a compromise bill - which the Senate promptly okayed. With the House - due to take action today.

But the President didn't like the bill. There were points of detail, to which he objected. Such as angles of loan insurance, municipal housing projects. The White House considering these - unworkable. So he sent an urgent request - asking Congress to have changes made.

Congress ~~is~~ rushing to get through with its work, <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>the</sup> present session. The law-makers eager to go home. ~~Want to get home.~~

Today, Republican leader in the House, Joe Martin of Massachusetts, gave warning - that, if the House passed the bill as is, the President might call them back for a special session. But - no go. The House went ahead and passed the housing bill - which the President calls unsatisfactory.

So now Congress hurries on toward adjournment. Eager to get home for a summer vacation. But the White House threat remains - the possibility that the law-makers may be called back to Washington for a special session.

KNOWLAND

Republican Senate Leader, Knowland of California - defends

President Eisenhower against a savage attack by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin, yesterday. McCarthy - declaring that there was a sell-out at Geneva. The President - playing into the hands of Soviet Russia.

Senator Knowland was at the White House, today, and states - he has the personal assurance from President Eisenhower - that there was no "sell-out". No deal, for example, to the disadvantage of Nationalist China.

Thus far, not a single Senator has come out in support of that anti-Eisenhower blast issued by McCarthy, yesterday.

## WEATHER

OUT here in California - a paradox of weather.

Hot in one place - and chilly at another, not so far away. Here in San Francisco, decidedly cool. I, myself, in fact have been having a cold. That's what kept me off the air last night, when almost at the last moment I found I couldn't even talk, so I phoned N.Y. and luckily located my son, who hurriedly got together some highlights of the news and went on ~~me~~<sup>for</sup> me.

It's ~~not~~ normal for San Francisco to be cool in July and August. The temperature yesterday - sixty-four. But inland a few miles, in the Valley - 101° at Fresno, Sacramento and Stockton.

In the northern part of the Valley, Red Bluff, the thermometer read - 104°. While on the coast it was ~~at~~ 59° at Eureka. A difference of 45° - between two places less than a hundred miles apart.

But that sort of thing is normal - in California in the summertime.

## FOOTBALL

Football, on the Pacific Coast, presents - an interesting financial picture. The other day, the Conference fined its members - for infractions of the Code of Football Ethics. A total fine of twelve thousand, nine hundred dollars imposed on the nine Conference members.

So how much of a financial pain is that? Well, you can make a guess - from a statement by a spokesman for the Conference, today.

"The whole twelve thousand, nine hundred dollars goes into the pot - and helps to pay Rose Bowl expenses," said he.

The nine colleges, in question, contribute the money to stage the Rose Bowl Game.

So the spokesman continues, "If we didn't have this money from the fines, then the schools would be assessed just that much more."

In other words, if they didn't have to pay the fine, they'd have to pay the money anyway. So it all adds up - even.

But it's even more wonderful than that. Some of the Conference colleges will actually make money out of the deal. Because they were fined different amounts - some less than the sums they'll save in Rose Bowl costs. Stanford, for example, was penalized only five hundred dollars, and comes out ahead - nine hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents.