

EISENHOWER

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President Eisenhower, today, uttered three words - that are echoing around the world. Mere parenthetical words - dropped casually in the middle of a sentence. Three monosyllables - "if I go."

The words were spoken, as the President, in Washington, was visiting an exhibit of union-made products. Walking along - with George Meany, President of the A F L - C I O. They were passing a pleasure boat on display, when the President made a remark, in an off-hand way.

"That reminds me, I'm taking to Khrushchev - if I go - ^a new boat." The ~~NEWS~~ present to Khrushchev - bringing out that "if".

It is pointed out that President Eisenhower knew - newsmen were listening. Also - there's no correction from the White House. Although ~~NEWS~~ news bulletins - have been flashing around the ~~NEWS~~ world. Quoting those three words - "If I go".

All of which raises the surmise - that President Eisenhower may, possibly, call off his trip to Soviet Russia. In Congress, the suggestion ^{was made today} that he should refuse to attend the summit conference.

In Moscow, today, a noisy follow up to Khrushchev's oratorical excitement, yesterday. The Supreme Soviet informed - that the American plane was downed by a rocket, Fired - from the ground. One shot with an anti-aircraft missile scoring a hit.

Russian papers, today, published photographs of the wreckage. The pictures showing - mere debris. No word - about the civilian pilot, Francis Powers, who was flying the weather observation jet.

Today - Foreign Minister Gromyko, addressing the Supreme Soviet, ridiculed supposition - that the pilot may have blacked out at high altitude, While flying - on the Turkish side of the Soviet frontier. His plane, under

automatic control - drifting across into Russian territory.

Gromyko jeered at this, insisting that the plane had entered Soviet air space - deliberately.

U.S. defense officials in Washington ~~are~~ are taking note of the statement - that the jet was downed by a single shot of an anti-aircraft rocket. Which might indicate - that a fleet of atomic bombers would not be so effective in war. Trying to get through - a network of radar and anti-aircraft missiles.

But, on the other hand, it's pointed out that an unarmed weather observation plane - would not be taking evasive action, To avoid - rocket ~~fire~~ fire, As atomic bombers - would be doing.

BOYCOTT

The picketing of ^{that} an Arab ship at New York- now discontinued. Ending a protest -- against the way the Arabs have been blacklisting American ships, ^{that} ~~which~~ - trade with Israel.

There were ~~in~~ international repercussions. The Arabs responding - by refusing to let American vessels enter their ~~in~~ ports.

So the State Department made representations to President George Meany of the A F L - C I O - who, in turn, asked the head of the seafarers ~~union~~ union - to call off the picketing. The answer - an acquiescence. Paul Hall, head of the Seafarers, replying - that the boycott would end this evening.

He took ~~in~~ this action on assurances from the State Department - ~~in~~ that our government will try to persuade the Arab country ^{we} ~~to~~ To stop their action - against American ships that call at ports of Israel.

BILL

An election-year veto - that's the prediction
it in Washington. Following passage by the Senate - of a
bill to put up two-hundred-and-fifty-one million dollars,
For a program - to help areas where unemployment is chronic,
Even - when business, in general, is good. The political
character of the measure - emphasized by the Kennedy-Humphrey
primary campaign in West Virginia, which state is an example
- of chronic unemployment.

The bill is for nearly five times as much as the
President ~~RECOMMENDED~~ recommended. Hence the forecast that he'll
veto it - as excessive spending. Election year - or no
election year.

CIVIL RIGHTS

President Eisenhower, today, signed ^{the} a civil rights bill ^{that} ~~which~~ was passed by Congress - after the ~~expensive~~ expenditure of millions of ~~in~~ words, including - a southern filibuster. The President called the measure - "an historic step forward in the field of civil rights."

According ~~to~~ to the new law, federal judges may appoint referees to determine the voting qualifications of negroes - when local officials refuse to register them.

Here is a terse, precise outline - of the purpose of an important national organization. The Boys Clubs of America - ~~ni~~ which is holding an annual convention in New York City. The chairman - former President Herbert Hoover, who stated the problem of juvenile delinquency in these words:

"The boys in many of our slum areas have no place to go - except the streets. Being self-starting dynamos of energy, and also being gregarious, they join in groups. These groups, too often, step first into mischief - and from there into crime. The purpose of the boys clubs is to give them an alternative - to the life on cobblestones and pavements," said Herbert Hoover.

MONTREAL

In the harbor of Montreal, they were clearing up the wreckage, today - after a hurly-burly of colliding ships. Freighters - running into each other, in a slam-bang way.

It all began when the ~~Sw~~ Swedish vessel Polaris pulled up anchor, and the steering gear - went haywire.

The Swedish freighter, out of control - swept along by a strong current, Ramming - the Canadian coastal vessel Federal Express, which was ripped from its moorings - adrift in the current, Ramming the Newwegian freighter - Thorshope - which had a thirty-foot hole ripped in its hull above the water-line.

The Federal Express, meanwhile, was capsizing. A passing tug -- taking off the crew, just before the vessel sank.

A general mix-up of ship collisions - in one of the busiest of harbors.

WEDDING

This evening, in London, the newlyweds - had a tough time getting off - on their honeymoon. It isn't far from Buckingham Palace to the dock - where the royal yacht, Britannia was waiting for them. But their automobile took many minutes - to roll for a distance of a mere one hundred and fifty yards. Cheering crowds - jamming around the car; which inched its way - as the London cobbies forced a path through the jam-packed multitude.

I hope you saw it on T.V. Or that you will when it's on again this evening. I take back all - well most of the things I've said about T.V. This wedding in London - It's gorgeous drama. To sit at home and see it - one of the incredible wonders of this age of wonders. The sumptuous pageantry for a Coronation. Public acclaim - as if a new sovereign were taking the throne. All -

proper to a princess. But most unusual - for a former
photographer.

Tonight - Dick - they are on the high seas - on
a honeymoon trip to the tropics, the romantic Caribbean.

Which follows the disastrous episode of
tornadoes last evening. Thirty lives lost - what a
series of circular storms hit some rural parts of
Oklahoma and Arkansas.

I hope all of the weekend tornadoes will all of
you wherever you are, that you will be with us next week.

And so long until Monday.

WEATHER

The weather bureau, today, issued a warning - more tornadoes. The possibility of twisters and severe thunderstorms, in eight states - as far north as Chicago.

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I hope all of the weekend tornadoes miss all of you wherever you are, that you will be with me next week.

And So Long Until Monday.