

The Winter Olympics opened in Italy, today - with much ceremony, but no snow. Italian President Gronchi proclaimed - the beginning of the games. Italian skating champion, Guidi Caroli, brought in the Olympic Torch, and ran with it - around the stadium. In front of the presidential box, he tripped over microphone wires, and fell. Taking a header - but hanging onto the Olympic Torch.

Then the march of the athletes - including the Russians, Making their first appearance - in the Winter Olympics.

Things would have been made perfect - by a blizzard.

~~But~~ There hasn't been any snow ^{to amount to anything} for long days - in the Alps.

~~And~~ in the ski runs - icy. A number of accidents already - and there's fear of more. But that remains to be seen - when the games really get going tomorrow.

FRANCE

In Paris, tonight, Socialist Leader Guy Mollet - is trying to line up support in the National Assembly; For a Cabinet- headed by himself, as Premier.

Today, Mollet was called by President Rene Coty to take charge of the government - if he can arrange for a majority to support him. All of which - puts a focus of interest on the Communists. Will Mollet, to get a majority - have to go to them?

The Socialist leader heads a coalition of his own Party - plus the Radical Socialists, headed by former Premier Mendes-France. The two leaders - in a partnership. Mendes-France to have a prominent post in any Mollet Cabinet. But the two factions, Socialists plus Radicals - ^{still} do not number a majority.

P So Mollet and Mendes-France will have to win the support of other groups. They'd like to form an alliance with ~~other~~ moderates, but there always remain - the Communists. Who would like to enter a coalition ministry - of the "Popular Front" variety.

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(The curious thing is - that Socialist Leader Mollet is a bitter anti-Communist. Having agitated against the Reds - for years. Once, during a political fracas, Communist rowdies threw him out of a window. But now, a turn in the wheel of politics pushes him in the direction of the Reds. Though, tonight, he's trying to line up support, without any Communist entanglements.)

SOVIETS

We hear ~~that~~ Premier Bulganin suggested - that the contents of his letter to President Eisenhower should not be made public. Not until - the President has had a chance to study it, and, answer it.

It is understood, however, that Bulganin, in the message, does not propose a new meeting of the chiefs of state. ~~We~~ doesn't suggest - another "summit" conference.

There's a rumor ~~around~~ that the letter seeks to prepare the way - for a visit of top level Kremlin leaders to this country. Bulganin and Khrushchev - paying us a visit. Those two fellow travelers - who made the big propaganda tour of southern Asia. This report was taken to the State Department, where a spokesman - declined to make any comment.

(Meanwhile, ~~we have heard that~~ ^{the} our own government has worked out new suggestions - in the disarmament business. Urging Moscow to agree - to a reduction of the vast military manpower of Soviet Russia. They say the plans have been

SOVIET ENCYCLOPEDIA

The news, in recent months, has been telling about - American visitors in Soviet Russia. Going places - and interviewing people. So how would you like to sit in on a call - paid by the American Editor of the Encyclopedia Britannica? To - the editors of the new Soviet Encyclopedia?

The Britannica editor is former Senator William Benton of Connecticut - *who set down the story for the* ~~who tells the story in the Sunday magazine of the~~ *its Sun-Magazine.* New York Times. Talking to the Soviet editors, he asked them - about their editorial principle. How objective? How ^{unbiased?} ~~unbiased?~~ *It's an important and eye-opening interview,* Chief Editor Vedensky replied - ~~it was~~ ^{that it was all} clearly set forth in a decree by the Soviet Council of Ministers. As follows:

"The second edition of the great Soviet Encyclopedia," says the decree, "should elucidate the world-historical victories of Socialism in our country. It must show the superiority of Socialist culture, over the culture of the capitalist world."

To which the Russian Chief Editor added: "All articles are, of course, written from the position of our

world outlook - Marxism, Leninism!" What an encyclopedia! *Wow!*

The first edition of the Soviet Encyclopedia was begun in Nineteen Twenty-Six. Before it was complete, the great purge trials had occurred - Stalin exterminating his enemies. The encyclopedia - in disgrace. Some of its editors - executed. Others - thrown into prison. Editing an encyclopedia can be dangerous business - in Soviet Russia.

In the Second ~~E~~dition, for example, the present ~~editors~~ editors had included a highly flattering article on Beria. But then Beria fell, and was executed. Whereupon instructions were sent to purchasers of the encyclopedia - to take a pair of scissors and cut out the part about Beria.

*You should read that Benton article!
It should be reprinted and read by
everyone, everywhere.*

MILK

Here's an oddity. Imagine a housewife going to the grocery store, and saying: "Give me a loaf of milk." So the grocer, behind the counter, wraps up a loaf of milk, and hands it to her.

Actually, the dialogue should be - in Russian. ~~Where~~

~~Where~~ they ^{are} selling milk by the loaf, at a collective farm in Yakutsk. Frozen milk.

~~So you may wonder~~ // have the Soviet scientists invented some new kind of deep freeze? No, not at all.

At Yakutsk, in Siberia, the temperature is - fifty-eight below.

~~So~~ ^{So} The milk just freezes - naturally. Yakutsk being -

Nature's own deep freeze. *In fact it's like that all the way from Yakutsk to Orskutsk*

INDIA

Today was the day of big parades - in India. The great sub-continent - celebrating the sixth anniversary of Indian independence. From Darjeeling to Cape Comorin - pageants with marching crowds, blaring bands, and gaudy floats. And, of course - elephants.

In New Delhi - an elephant problem. There, Prime Minister Nehru reviewed the parade, and the arrangement was - to have jet planes fly down the line of march. But the fear was - the roaring of jets might stampede the elephants. Alarming - squadrons of ~~the hundreds of~~ elephants charging into a crowd of a million or so.

They solved that - by careful timing. Taking the elephants out of the parade - at the time the jets roared over. Then bringing back - the gayly decorated pachyderms.

There was ~~also~~ another kind of celebration - at Madras. Where a huge hall was jammed - with Indian Christians. Listening - to American Evangelist Billy Graham. Preaching - a Gospel sermon.

Billy Graham is touring India, and attracting Indian

Christians by the tens of thousands.

(Today, he had a question-and-answer session, with someone in the crowd asking: "Is it possible to be a good Christian - and not go to church?"

"I will say," Billy Graham replied neatly, "that it is possible to be a Christian and not go to church. But it is impossible to be a good Christian - and not go to church."

YUCATAN

A siege is on - in the city of Merida, capital of Yucatan. An academic affair - seventy students holding out in a building of the old university. (~~Surrounded by forces of police, who have cut off - light and water. Expecting - the embattled students ^{to} get so thirsty, they'll surrender.~~)

At the same time, crowds of other students were storming about the streets of Merida, today - in angry demonstrations. They were not in support of the students besieged at the university. It's the other way around - they^are on the other side of the quarrel.

The trouble in Yucatan is over a strike of university teachers - demanding a pay hike. The strike on for a couple of months. ^{with} Rioting by students - during the past five days. One faction - supporting the teachers - and seizing control of the university. Other students - backing the local government, which has been trying to preserve order. They^are the ones - marching through the streets.

Well, Yucatan is noted for ~~the~~ famous Mayan ruins. And the Mayans, in their lost civilization - would be surprised by the Twentieth Century complications, at the University of Yucat

AIR FORCE

Goodbye - to the B-36. That's what the Air Force is now saying. In April, they'll begin replacing the B-36 - with ^{those new} jet bombers, the B-52. Although - it will take several years to equip all the bomber wings with six hundred and fifty mile^{per} hour jets.

Well, the B-36 has been a controversial plane all along. Never in any war - but in a lot of argument. Denounced by the Navy - as a "billion dollar blunder". Defended by the Air Force - as an atom bomb carrier, with a deterrent effect on Communist aggression.

But now the Air Force ^{says:-} ~~orders out~~: "Goodbye B-36, and hello B-52!"

HEALTH

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President Eisenhower sent Congress, today - a federal proposal in behalf of public health in this country. A two hundred and fifty million dollar program - for the construction of medical schools ; and federal grants for medical research. Government aid for hospital construction - and a five year training program for nurses.

The President tells Congress that there are "serious shortages" of physicians and nurses. And - an urgent need for more /
medical research.

SALK

A medal was presented in Washington, today - with
stately ceremony. One hundred high level personalities in
government and science - applauding. A special Congressional
gold medal ^{for} ~~presented - to~~ Dr. Jonas E. Salk. Developer -
of the anti-polio vaccine.

~~President Eisenhower sent a letter of congratulations.
With Dr. Salk replying - that the award belonged, not only to
him, but also to other medical research workers. And - to the
millions of Americans who contributed to the annual March of
Dimes. Which, he said - helped make his work possible.)~~

McCARTHY

Senator McCarthy was a witness at a New York trial, today. The trial of Paul H. Hughes, a Washington private investigator, accused of collecting more than ten thousand dollars, under false pretenses.

The story is that Hughes posed as an investigator for the McCarthy Committee. ~~And of going~~ - to anti-McCarthy people. Saying - he was disgusted with McCarthy methods. And offering evidence - against the McCarthy Committee.

He approached the political organization called - Americans For Democratic Action. Also - a Washington newspaper, the Post and Times-Herald. Presenting - anti-McCarthy documents. Which, later, turned out to be false. But he got "expense" money - to the tune of more than ten thousand bucks.

Today, on the witness stand, Senator McCarthy testified - that Hughes was never employed by the McCarthy Committee. When the defendant was pointed out, McCarthy said - he did not recognize him. Moreover, he denied - that the

signatures on two documents were his. Documents - which
Hughes claimed had been signed by McCarthy.

KILLER

At Paterson, New Jersey, last night, two men went into a tavern and had "a couple of beers". After they had left, the tavern keeper happened to look at a morning newspaper, in which - he saw a picture of the Indiana killer, Leslie Irvin. Wanted - for six murders. A fugitive - after escaping from an Indiana prison. From the picture, the tavern keeper recognized - one of the two men who had come into his place. He says he's sure - that one of them was the killer.

So that has now focused the manhunt - on New Jersey and New York City. The belief being - that Irvin is hiding out in the crowded metropolis.

LOS ANGELES.

It's unusual to find a great city tied up - by rain. But that was the story of Los Angeles this evening. Southern California - having a plague of storms for weeks. The worst one - today. The worst, in fact - in twenty years. Seven inches of rain pouring down on the metropolis of Southern California/ Streets - flooded. ^{Sand} Seven hundred people ^{obliged} ~~having~~ to evacuate their homes. **P** Everywhere ~~in~~ in downtown Los Angeles, **o**ffices, stores and factories closed early this afternoon. To enable employees to get home before dark - along streets and roads deep in water.

FIRE

There was a wild stampede of horses, in Miami, today. Nearly one hundred thoroughbreds - racing in a panic through the streets.

At ~~the~~ Tropical Park racetrack, a fire broke out this afternoon. No racing program there - but a large number of horses were stabled at ~~the~~ Tropical Park - for the races, which are on, at Hialeah. ^{Sw} ~~at the~~ burning barn, some ⁸ ~~ten~~ thoroughbreds ~~were~~ were lost. Flame - sweeping so rapidly.

Other barns were threatened, and stable boys took the horses out. The animals - terrified by the nearby fire. Out of control - stampeding, far and wide, through the streets of Miami.

PAUL WEBB

Would you like to laugh -- laugh and laugh?

The famed primitive artist, Paul Webb, who does the hill-billy pictures in Esquire, has an exhibition here in New York. At the Society of Illustrators on east 63rd Street.

The first picture is of Paw, asleep in a double bed. With a big bear asleep beside him, and two of the Mountain Boys, looking in the window - one saying to the other:- "Aw shore hope Paw wakes up first in the Spring!"

And as you go around the room you get laugh after laugh after laugh -- which we all need at times, don't we Henry?