

SATELLITE

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Here's an announcement that came from Washington -

Only
this afternoon. / ~~xxxx~~ a single line, reading - "Reporters at the
Pentagon have just been called in for a news conference -
presumably on the Atlas satellite."

That was the word - we had all been waiting for.

The high point of the news conference - a taped message from
President Eisenhower. The message, beamed across space - from
the artificial satellite launched by the Air Force last night.
The Presidential message - was a simple one. Calling for peace
on earth - in the spirit of Christmas. But it marked a dramatic
break-through -- in the field of artificial satellites.

Tonight, this giant of the sky - is zooming through
space. Turning end over end - like a drop-kick football.
Only, a football the size of a pullman car - eighty-five feet
long, and ten feet wide. Weighing - four and a half tons. Its
speed - seventeen thousand miles an hour. Taking it around the
earth - in just over an hour and a half.

The Air Force succeeded - on its first try.

Launching its Atlas rocket from Cape Canaveral - under the guidance of an electronic brain. The satellite went into orbit - right on schedule.

American experts point out - this feat means the Russians can't be much ahead of us. Their biggest Sputnik is - less than half the size of the Air Force satellite. So there's no reason to believe - that the Soviets have a rocket a lot more powerful than ours.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower was preparing to play host to the diplomatic corps - when news of success flashed from Cape Canaveral. The news, carried to the President - by his aide, General Goodpaster. Mr. Eisenhower and the First Lady - immediately joined their guests. The President called for the Marine Band to stop playing - and revealed the fact that our biggest man-made moon was in orbit. A burst of applause followed. Then the festivities went on - amid much more excitement than is usual - at White House dinners.

And today, dramatic development —
the ~~broadcasting~~ the president's recorded
message — broadcast ^{via} space — to
a listening world below —

ALGERIA

Premier DeGaulle's delegate-general - arrived in Algiers today. Paul Delouvrier, receiving a chilly welcome - but there were no demonstrations against him.

Special police stood on guard at the airport - because of the Right Wing crowds that had turned out - for General Salan. The General was a key figure in the Algerian ^{surprising} - that brought DeGaulle to power. Salan, an idol of the Right Wing in Algeria. Now, kicked upstairs by DeGaulle - becoming Inspect^{or}-General of the French Army.

A mob surged around the General - at the airport.

Begging him - not to leave. It was feared that the mob would stay - to harrass the incoming Delegate-General. But Delouvrier moved to head off the Right Wingers, with an airport declaration that - "France will remain here." After which, he drove to his official residence - without any trouble.

BERLIN

The Russians are threatening to start a war - if the West tries to stay in Berlin by force. Soviet General Zaharov, declaring - he has thirty divisions to use, if the Russians decide to cut Berlin off from West Germany. The Soviet commander directed his threats - directly at his opposite number. American General Henry Hodes had warned the Russians - not to try another Berlin blockade. Now Zaharov answers - that he's ready to blockade Berlin. And this time - the West will be stopped by force.

NATO

With the Russians making belligerent gestures - the head of Nato has something to say about - any possible aggression. General Norstad told a Nato meeting in Paris - his command definitely will use nuclear weapons - if the Russians begin a drive west. The commander of the international alliance said - he wants to keep the Kremlin from miscalculating. Norstad adding, Soviet aggression is very improbable - as long as Khrushchev knows the true strength of Nato. Especially in - atomic weapons.

BULGANIN

The former Soviet Premier confessing ~~of~~ his political sins - gives an odd twist to the struggle for power - in the Soviet Union. Bulganin's confession sounds like - ~~sounds like~~ something from the era of Stalin's purge trials. The victim, beating his breast in repentance - calling on the Party to punish him, as he deserves. Which makes Khrushchev - look like another Stalin.

But Bulganin is tabbed as - a Stalinist. The same as - Molotov and Kaganovich. And Khrushchev is - the anti-Stalinist. The upshot? Khrushchev, using Stalin's methods to stay in power. And using his power - to overthrow Stalinism.

MYSTERY

American officials in Vienna, are trying to find out what happened to one American - who went behind the Iron Curtain - and never came back. William Merriwether, and his Austrian wife - both died in East Germany. The East German Reds claiming - the Merriwethers were killed by a hit-and-run driver. But a relative who identified the bodies - found no signs of external injury. And the Reds quickly cremated - the remains.

The whole incident, so mysterious - that our Viennese Embassy is asking East Berlin for a full report on the Merriwethers.

SYRIA

Syria is suffering ~~very~~ economically - because of her federation with Egypt. So say representatives from Damascus - now in Cairo. They're asking Nasser - to do something about it. Nasser - head of the United Arab Republic - which is made up of Syria and Egypt.

The greatest grievance in Damascus - concerns imports. The new laws passed by the U.A.R. - cutting down on the goods coming into Syria. According to the Syrians, all Nasser has done by supporting these laws - is to increase the number of smugglers operating across Syria's frontiers.

GOLDFINE

Industrialist Bernard Goldfine is guilty of - contempt of court. The charge - refusing to turn over documents - bearing on an income tax case. Found guilty along with Goldfine - his secretary, Mildred Paperman.

This ruling, made by a judge in Boston. At the time, Goldfine was in Washington - pleading innocent to another charge. The charge of - contempt of Congress.

FIRE

Fire fighters are being rushed to southern California - by helicopter. Their job - to stop the worst brush fire in years. A hundred square miles of timberland - have already been devastated. Twenty buildings - going up in smoke. The flames, moving toward - historic San Juan Capistrano Mission. But California forest rangers believe, they'll have the fire under control - before it reaches the mission.

CAPTAIN

A vessel of the Holland-America Line docked at Hoboken, New Jersey, today - nearly two days late. The reason for the delay - a freak accident. The Captain was in the wheel house - during a storm. Suddenly a giant wave - broke over the wheel-house. Smashing the windows - hurling the Captain and his two mates, against the wall. The Captain was severely cut - by flying glass. The ~~ship's~~ ship's doctor was afraid - that he might lose the sight of one eye. So they put back into an Irish port - where the patient could be treated. Two days later - he was on the job again. Bringing his vessel safely across the Atlantic this time - into Hoboken.

BOMBARDMENT

Now, here's to the artillery men of Viamo - Brazil. Today, they were holding - gunnery practice. Letting fly with - a terrific bombardment of non-explosive shells. The only trouble being - they had their guns pointed the wrong way.

Shells began to fall all over Viamo. One store - was knocked to pieces. A cemetery - torn up. A school playground - disrupted. Worshippers in one church were startled - as a shell came in one window, and went out the other.

No one was hurt. But a lot of villagers ducked for cover. Hiding - Don - from the bombardment launched by - those enthusiastic artillery men of Viamo.

HULA

England reports an epidemic of - the "hula hoop disease." Patients, arriving at the hospital with severe pain in thair necks and stomachs. Some cases, diagnosed as - polio. Others as - meningitis.

But the patients recovered - too fast. Which puzzled the medicos - until they connected the ailments - with the hula hoop. Beginners, coming down with - sore muscles.

One patient - a sixty-eight year old woman. Her doctor told her - except for her age - he would suspect the hula hoop. To which the sixty-eight year old lady answered - "as a matter of fact - Doctor - I did have a go - with the hoop - yesterday." In Britain, there's no age limit on the "hula hoop disease."