

MOSCOW

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The Supreme Court is meeting in Moscow - the nearest communist equivalent of a National Parliament. At the morning session, it was noted - that ~~Khr~~ Khrushchev was not there. Bulganin present - with other party dignitaries. But - no Khrushchev. Which aroused a lot of comment. However, when the afternoon session gathered - there was Nikita, with his round, beaming face. No explanation of why he was missing in the morning. - maybe he slept late.

Premier Bulganin made the "keynote" speech, the most interesting part of ^{(which concerned} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ⁾ the "down-with-Stalin" movement. He said the "enemies of Communism" were trying to take advantage of the degradation of the tyrant - by launching, what he called, "a campaign of slander." But *that* the Russians are happy about it all. "Our party line," ~~declared Bulganin,~~ "has been welcomed and supported ~~by our~~ *people, fully and entirely, by our people!*" *said Bulganin.*

KHRUSHCHEV

In London, insistent reports - about Khrushchev's behavior at a reception for visiting American and British air chiefs. When General Twining was in Moscow, there was a ~~part~~ party - thrown for him and British air minister Sir Nigel Birch. The story is that Khrushchev got drunk, and made ^{noisely} insulting remarks about the western allies. And, was offensive - to ^{our} both General Twining and ^{Britain's} Sir Nigel Birch.

Today, London papers repeated the reports, and raised the supposition - that Khrushchev may be on his way out. Drinking himself out of power.

However, the accounts of rude ~~in~~ remarks are denied by the chief of the Danish Air Force - who was at the party. Today, he said - he saw nothing out of the ordinary. Calling the reports - "pure fabrication."

In Washington, General Twining makes a similar denial. He says there was, what he calls, "an air of cordiality" at the reception. Plenty of vodka, but nothing unpleasant.

However, two Senators ^{say that} ~~declare~~ - General Twining told them ^{how} ~~that~~, at one point in the shindig, Khrushchev was reprimanded by Bulganin. Mr. B saying to Mr. K: "Be quiet, you're talking too much!"

It's hard to figure what actually did happen at the vodka party for the high western air officials. ^{with so many} ~~There are~~ plenty ~~of~~ denials that Khrushchev insulted anybody. But, of course, denials can be diplomatic. Anyway, it's curious ^{how} ~~that~~ London papers are filled with ~~such~~ insistent reports that Mr. K - did talk out of turn ^{and that Mr. B. told him to pipe down.}

CEYLON

The government of Ceylon ^{to} ~~will~~ take over the ^{important} British
^{tropical} Naval and air bases of that island. So stated - by Premier
~~Soleman~~ Bandaranaike, today. The Premier has just returned
from the London ~~fm~~ conference of Prime Ministers of the
British Commonwealth. ~~Where~~ - he says he negotiated with British
officials about the bases. Working out an agreement, apparently.
The British Navy to move out of one base. The royal air force
- out of another.

The Premier declaring: "There will be no British
soldiers, sailors or airmen ^{or} ~~on~~ ships or planes in Ceylon -
except those employed by the Ceylon government." And he added,
"the Ceylon flag will replace the British flag."

EGYPT

There's a report that Egypt, Yugoslavia and India plan to set up, what is called , "a third force". That is, a neutralist line-up -- as a buffer between East and West. So stated - by a Cairo newspaper today.

A three-nation conference is scheduled for next week - between Egyptian Premier Nasser, Yugoslav Premier Tito, and Indian Prime Minister Nehru. Today's Egyptian report stating - that this will be the occasion for creating a "third force."

However, the statement in Cairo draws little encouragement at Belgrade. Yugoslav comment being- that little definite planning is expected at the Nasser-Tito-Nehru conference.

DULLES

Secretary John Foster Dulles entered the international controversy again, today. Challenging Soviet Russia to prove the sincerity of all that Moscow talk about peace and friendship, By releasing the captive peoples of Eastern Europe. Bulganin, Khrushchev and ^{co.} company never grow tired of saying how wicked ■■ Stalin was. So why don't they reverse the Stalin seizure of the satellite countries - and give them back their freedom?

FOREIGN AID

Congress, today, handed President Eisenhower another defeat - on foreign aid. The House - voting to restrict spending to three-billion, four-hundred million in the next twelve months.

However, the administration places its hope in the Senate - which will now take up the money bill.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower - to launch his campaign for a second term, tomorrow. When he'll confer with Republican chairman Leonard Hall.

At Gettysburg, today, all indications are that the President will campaign vigorously. Although, some while ago, it was thought that he would do his electioneering chiefly by television. Now, he's expected to make appearances in a number ~~next~~ of cities. And the planners of the G O P National Convention are proceeding on the assumption - that he'll fly to San Francisco to accept the nomination.

SOUTH

Governor Timmerman of Georgia states that nine southern governors have pledged a "solid front " at the Democratic National Convention. The issue - racial segregation. They'll unite in opposition to any ~~strong~~ strong plank on civil rights in the platform.

This follows an earlier ~~and~~ announcement that nine chairman of Southern Delegations to the Convention will hold a two day caucus in Atlanta this weekend. To map out plans for a battle against any drastic declaration against segregation.

In Congress, Southern Democrats are circulating a "manifesto" against President Eisenhower's program for civil rights. Members of the House - asked to sign.

ILLINOIS

There's a Republican political storm in Illinois with Governor Stratton telling a fellow candidate - to get off the ticket. The office of State Auditor Orville Hodge is being investigated. Charges of irregularities - concerning state checks totalling half a million dollars. Allegations - that a lot of checks were not cashed by people to whom they were made out.

Governor Stratton is running for re-election -- Hodge on the ~~same~~ ticket with him. Today the Governor said - the state auditor no longer has "Republican party confidence."

However, Hodge is quoted as saying ^{that} he won't get off the ticket. And the report is, ~~that~~, if he insists on running - the regular G O P organization will put up an opposition candidate ~~to run~~ against him.

All of which raises plenty of trouble for the Republicans - campaigning to carry Illinois for President Eisenhower this November.

COLLISION

There was a ship collision in the Atlantic, today - and a freighter, loaded with iron ore, went to the bottom. A dense fog, visibility zero - out at sea, ^{four}~~for~~ hundred and fifty miles off the coast of Massachusetts. When an Italian freighter plowed into the Panamanian ore ship, Estoril.

The Italian vessel smashed its bow. While the Panamanian ship - had the two starboard holds ripped open. Filling with water, the vessel and its cargo of iron ore - diving down to Davy Jones' ~~locker~~.

No lives lost. The crew of the Estoril had time to take to their lifeboats. Picked up immediately - by the Italian freighter. Which, tonight, is limping its way to port of Halifax. Escorted - by a U.S. Coast Guard cutter.

BULLFIGHTER

An American bullfighter, over in Spain, made a speedy trip, today - a real dash. Harry Whitney, billed in the bullring as - "The Texas[^]."

A couple of weeks ago he got into trouble in Madrid - when he was accused of insulting Spain. The bullfighter from Texas was in an auto accident - in the course of which he *waxed* *wroth - and rounded off -* expressed a highly unfavorable opinion of everything Spanish.

What he said about Spain has never been printed over there.

Considered - unprintable, apparently.

Well, according to Spanish law, it's ~~am~~ a criminal offense to insult the nation. So, the toreador from the Lone Star State was tried and given six years in prison. Which sentence he appealed. Protesting - his admiration for Spain. "I love this country," he declared.

Today, however, the supreme Court of Madrid upheld the six year sentence. The news - reaching the bullfighter, *in a Madrid hot tomale emporium called* who was working on a job *at* Henry's American restaurant.

The news dispatch says that when the bullfighting -
toreador-waiter heard the decision ~~xxxxxxx~~ he dropped a tray
he was carrying - and went sprinting to the U.S. Embassy.
Where he took refuge - hoping the Embassy would fix it up so
that he'd be merely expelled from Spain. Instead - of going
to the Spanish cooler for half a dozen years.

Later word is that the Embassy has told him to
sign in at a Madrid police station. Promising, apparently,
that they'll try to get his prison sentence reduced to merely
being tossed out of Spain.

INDUS

I have a radio message here - telling of a remarkable exploit. A sort of trial run which may lead to a conquest of the unexplored gorges of the Indus. Down the whirling cataracts of that historic river.

North of the Himalayas, tallest of mountains, lies Tibet - a plateau that goes from an elevation of twelve thousand to eighteen thousand feet in some parts. And there some of the greatest rivers in the world originate. In South Western Tibet, two rise in the same area. One, the Brahmaputra. Which, finally, makes a tumbling descent, far to the east, and on through India to the Bay of Bengal. The other, the Indus - which flows westward out of lofty Tibet. Down through the wild Karakorum mountains it plunges. Cutting its way through some of the tallest peaks on earth. Through virtually unknown gorges.

For weeks, a Cinerama expedition has been in the lands of high Asia. The crew that accompanied me to the Coronation in Nepal. Its thrilling objective now to run those

gorges of the Indus. The three-eyed Cinerama camera to record the rushing cascades of that historic river. For some preliminary exploration Mountaineer Steve Bradley, from Winter Park, Colorado, flew up and down the Indus canyons. Reporting that in some places his plane could not get nearer than five thousand feet to the river. The gorges - that deep.

In one stretch alone the Indus plunging three thousand feet - dropping that much, just above Gilgit. Yes, the upper Indus could be run - by the most daring and skillful boatmen in the world.

Up to now the classic thriller has been the conquest of our own Colorado River. From Wyoming, thru Utah and on to the Grand Canyon. Out there two of the most expert rivermen are Bus and Don Hatch. A father and son - who have mastered the Colorado so thoroughly they'll take any of us on that thrilling journey.

So, when I returned from Nepal and Pakistan I put in a telephone call to Bus Hatch at Vernal, Utah, asking would

coming from such a remote region. Here's what it says:

"Bus and Don Hatch made the first descent of the Indus gorges from a point thirty miles above Skardu. I was merely," he radios "a wide-eyed passenger - and had never witnessed such a cataclysmic force of nature. Only comparable to being swept away by an avalanche. It took four hours for the trip - with no portage or landing of boat employed. A superb display of craftsmanship by Bus and Don."

That, terse radio messages relates the story, the conquest of one of the wildest gorges of the Indus. A successful trial-run.

The radio message adds: "Crew assembled, and ready to go." Ready to go, that is, for the culminating exploit - running the gorges of the Indus with all our ponderous Cinerama gear.

So, tomorrow, or the next day we'll have more news about that.

RACE

RETAKE

And now - pass the powder puffs to Mrs. Frances Bera of Los Angeles and Mrs. Edna Bower of Long Beach, California. Two sisters - who won the women's cross country race - called the Powder Puff Derby.

On Saturday, forty-nine lady flyers took off from San Mateo, California, bound for Flint, Michigan. Twenty-three-hundred miles. The race ending today. Actually, Mrs. Bera and Mrs. Bower came in fifteenth. But - were pronounced the winners on a basis of total flying time and angles of plane and engine performance.

The two sisters also won the Powder Puff derby last year; and Mrs. Bera was a winner in Nineteen Fifty One and Nineteen Fifty-Three. As co-pilot on one occasion - pilot on the other. So, Henry, she rates a golden powder puff with diamond wings.