

MOSCOW

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Khrushchev, today, invited President Eisenhower - to Moscow. Suggesting this - in an address before the final session of the Congress of the Russian Communist party.

Khrushchev went all-out in calling for a settlement of disputes between East and West. Telling the party Congress - "we want only one thing, the speediest ~~war~~ end of the cold war. Going so far as to say - the Soviets are willing to let the West regard itself as the victor.

All this - culminating in that invitation to ~~President~~ President Eisenhower. "Should the President," said Khrushchev "decide to come to our country - he would meet with sincere hospitality by our government and the Soviet people. The invitation - amplified in these words: "Let the President" said Khrushchev, "take a ~~is~~ map of the Soviet Union - and choose the areas of our country he would like to visit."

A strong line of propaganda, no doubt - playing up the Russian ~~is~~ talk of peace. Which, as it happens, is

accompanied by ~~significant~~ word from London *that*

~~British~~ Prime Minister MacMillan *says he'll*
~~announcing he's~~

~~going to Moscow.~~ *flying* to the Soviet capital - on February

twenty-first, Accompanied - by Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

On a visit - that will last a week or ten days.

In the House of Commons, today, MacMillan spoke of what he called - "an almost dangerous situation, which may develop in Europe." Referring, no doubt - to the Berlin situation. MacMillan explaining - the purpose of the visit will be to explore ways of ending the cold war.

We all know the old gag - the question of what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina. So here's another - more modern. What did Khrushchev say to Senator Humphrey - when they had their private conversation, which lasted for eight hours? ~~what~~ All we know is what Khrushchev did not say - to the Senator.

In Moscow today, the Soviet Premier denied that he gave the American legislator - any inside information about affairs in the Communist party. Apparently, there ^{has} been some such rumor that ~~Nik~~ Nikita may have babbled a few secrets.

In an address before the Communist party Congress in Moscow, Khrushchev declared: "It is laughable to suppose that I could have confidential relations - with a man who boasted of his twenty-year-long-fight ~~of~~ against Communism."

He emphasized by saying: "Anybody who is, in the least, acquainted with Marxism-Leninism - will understand that a confidential talk with Humphrey, on the policy of

Communist parties, is unthinkable."

So that is what Nikita did not say during that
eight hour chat. But - what did he say?

AMERICAN PLANE

The charge made by the United States against Russia

today is best explained by an outline of events that occurred,

~~Beginning~~ - with the disappearance of an unarmed U S transport plane, back in September, Along the border - of Turkey and Soviet ~~Russ~~ Armenia.

The Soviets claimed that the plane violated Russian territory - and Soviet fighters ordered it to make a landing.

Moscow denying repeatedly - that the transport was fired on.

Declaring - that it crashed in landing. Seventeen U S airmen

- aboard. The Russians handing over to U S authorities -

the bodies of six. But what of the other eleven? The Communists

insisted - they didn't know.

Today, the State Department in Washington made

public the transcript of a radio conversation - among Russian

fighter ~~pi~~ pilots. Radio-talk intercepted at the time of the

destruction of the transport plane. Here's a translation of what

the Russian fighter pilots were saying:

"I'm attacking the target - there's a hit - the target is falling- the tail assembly is falling off - I'll finish them off."

The State Department says that, back in November - this evidence was placed before Soviet Ambassador Menshikov who said - he'd send it to Moscow.

In addition, the State Department releases the translations of two articles in the official newspaper of the Red Air Force. Documents - describing the attack on the transport plane. ^{and} Naming - the Russian pilots who participated.

~~Then came~~ Mikoyan, ^{when he visited us,} ~~a visit to the United States and~~

~~he~~ was asked repeatedly about the transport plane. Mikoyan repeating the denial ~~that~~ that the plane had been shot down. Insisting - that it merely crashed while making a landing.

It isn't stated that he was shown the evidence. But the implication is that he was persisting in what he knew to be - a false denial.

CYPRUS

The Prime Ministers of Turkey and Greece - flew to Switzerland today. For a surprise top level meeting - to settle the dispute over Cyprus. The Greek and Turkish heads of state - preparing the way for a meeting with Britain. Hoping - for a peaceable solution of the Cyprus question.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The civil rights program, which President Eisenhower handed in to Congress today - is a middle of the road affair, in between - the mild bill proposed by Democratic leader Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, And the drastic measure - sponsored by Senator Douglas of Illinois.

The Presidential version calls for legislation, which could be used against violence in the racial integration of schools, Also - federal aid for communities carrying out integration. And there's a proviso - to support racial voting rights.

The House of Representatives gave overwhelming approval, today - ~~xxxx~~ to one of the key points in President Eisenhower's military program. The congressmen - passing a bill to extend the draft for an added period of four years.

NEWSPAPER

This country's oldest newspaper in continuous daily publication - celebrating its one-hundred-and-seventy-~~ff~~ fifth anniversary. The Alexandria, Virginia, Gazette - founded in Seventeen-Eighty-Four. The Gazette - with a record of having published the news of every presidential inauguration this country has had, Beginning - with George Washington.

The Gazette claims - continued publication even during the Civil War. When Alexandria, just across the Potomac from Washington - was occupied by Yankee troops. The newspaper staunchly confederate all the time, ~~Continued~~ publication - underground. In secret - using a hand press. Never missing a daily edition - under the very noses of the Yankees.

DUEL

Sensation - in Argentina. A challenge to a duel.-

although meetings on the field of honor are not a novelty -

down there along the Rio de la Plata. The unorthodox part

~~of it~~ being - that ^{this time it was} a señor ~~has~~ challenged a Senora. Unheard of! - how does a gentleman cross ^s words with a lady?

However, at the town of Salta, a member of the provincial legislature, Alberto Flores, had got into a debate with another member, Teresa Mezquida. In which Alberto felt his honor was impugned - by Teresa. So the next thing you know ^{there was} Alberto challenging Teresa, to a duel.

The Argentinos - amazed. Never before in Argentine history has a gentleman proposed - a meeting with a lady on the field of honor. Meetings - usually elsewhere.

^{So,}

At the moment, ^{son,} nobody knows what will happen - whether Teresa will accept the challenge, and fight ^{the} a duel with Alberto.

TUNNEY

At the town of Nijmegen, in Holland - a wedding, today. Which had that small Dutch community - in a state of enthusiastic excitement. Flowers - everywhere. The bride and groom - showered with buds and blossoms. Also - the father and mother of the groom who had come all the way from the United States - to attend the ceremony. Gene Tunney - and his wife - Gene former heavyweight champion of the world.

His son, John Varick Tunney - marrying Maria Wilhelmina Spengers, a local Dutch girl.

Well, the good burghers of Nijmegen had never seen a former heavyweight champion before, and they turned the wedding into quite a local festival.