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(L.T. in Africa)

President Eisenhower definitely will head the

American delegation to the Nato meeting that opens in Paris on Monday. This White House statement means - Mr.Eisenhower's doctors found him in good shape. A six-man team examined him for about an hour. And they say, "The President's general condition is excellent." He still suffers from a slight impairment of speech - difficulty in pronouncing long words. But we're told it's hard to detect - and is clearing up.

White House Press Secretary James Hagerty issued the announcement. Hagerty adding, Mr. Eisenhower will continue under medical supervision while he is in Paris. But the important thing is - our chief executive is well enough to go. The schedule calls for him to leave on Friday. And he'll be in the French capital for the opening session - when he will make one of the formal statements. After that, he'll ~~be~~ speak for America - in the most important conference of Nato nations ever held.

RUSSIA

Late this afternoon - the President received a new letter from Russia's premier Bulganin.

No indication yet of what it says - Russia's Ambassador Zurabin - says only that "it's very impatient and deals with disarmament and other subjects."

Premier Nikolai Bulganin said tonight Soviet Russia would stop nuclear weapons tests after Jan. 1 if the United States and Britain would promise to halt their tests on the same date.

It might contain something along this line.

DULLES

At his news conference today, Secretary of State Dulles covered a whole ~~wide~~ series of problems - with emphasis on next week's Nato summit conference in Paris. Our Secretary of State made it clear - he ~~regards~~ ^{thinks} the big problem - is to strengthen the morale of Nato. We have to convince our Allies that the West is still strong - in spite of the spectacular scientific achievement of the Soviet Union. Dulles saying, he'll go to Paris to push for stronger common defense - on a wider front. The Nato alliance - to be expanded from a military pact - to a means of meeting all common problems of member nations.

Concentrating on the military side - our Secretary of State says that Nato must re-study the question of local wars. They'll be asked to fix strategy - in the light of the development of Russian missiles.

This was Secretary Dulles' last big news conference - before he leaves for Paris on Thursday. His first job there -

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to help prepare the agenda - for the meeting of the heads of government.

He refused to answer a question - about the decision of Adlai Stevenson not to go to Paris as a member of our delegation. Dulles simply saying - the Stevenson announcement speaks for itself. But he added - Stevenson has been a big help in drawing up our Nato policy. The relation between our Secretary of State and the titular head of the Democratic Party - very cordial.

STRIKE

The traffic snarl in New York City - is worse than ever tonight. Twenty-six hundred striking subway motormen - joined by three hundred maintenance workers. The result - a stranglehold on two hundred miles of subway - the largest city-owned transportation network in the country.

Some of the strikers have been threatened with loss of jobs if they don't return
~~Some of the motormen were fired today - when they defied an ultimatum to be back at work by three P.M.~~

~~New York officials hope they won't have to crack down on any more workers.~~ Governor Harriman and Mayor Wagner both have issued appeals to the strikers - and the courts have called the walkout illegal. But the strike still goes on - with the threat that it will continue until the Union leaders are let out of jail.

SCIENTISTS

Scientists working for the government - are going to get a raise in pay. Twenty-two million dollars - to be divided among forty-eight thousand experts. A key point about the new system - length of service won't mean what it used to mean. Specialists will draw top pay immediately - instead of waiting for seniority. This is America's latest move - to meet the challenge of Soviet science - by keeping more scientists in the service of the federal government.

SCIENCE

An expert on Soviet science announces - Russian engineers are being trained in basic research instead of being tied down to narrow specialization. J.G. Tolpin of Indiana's Standard Oil - has just finished a study of Russian methods. He told the American Institute of Chemical Engineers - thirty years ago, under Stalin, the Soviet plan was to turn out practical engineers quickly. Each engineer, given a narrow field to master - and then put to work. But now, the Soviets are putting their engineers through a rigorous course of basic research - moving them up to a higher scientific level. That's why they're getting so many men with new ideas. Also, the Soviets are urging women to go in for science at the highest level, ~~while American college girls, seem to prefer the humanities.~~

SPUTNIKS

The Russians fired their two Sputniks into outer space - without any failures. This is revealed in a Pravda article by a member of the Soviet Academy, ^{L. Sedov.} ~~L. Sedov.~~ The article, coinciding with Sputnik One - revolving around the earth for the thousandth time.

✎ Sedov declares, Soviet preparations were so complete - neither rocket missed fire. And both Sputniks were sent up - ahead of schedule.

The ✎ Sedov article is a salute to Soviet science. But there's nothing sarcastic about it - no laughing at America's failure. ✎ Sedov simply says the explosion of our Vanguard shows how difficult it is to get an artificial satellite into the sky. This Soviet scientist adding - he's sure American scientists will succeed - as soon as they iron out the kinks in Vanguard.

CYPRUS

On Cyprus, rioting for the fourth straight day. Greek Cypriots, clashing with the British - and with Turkish Cypriots.

At a school in Nicosia, students fought a pitched battle with the police. The students, burning a union jack in the street - then barricading themselves in the building. From the windows, they bombarded security troops with stones and bottles. The police, firing tear gas shells into the building - then charging in, swinging their clubs. At least thirty injured in this battle - with many students arrested.

In another part of Nicosia, fighting broke out between the Greeks and the Turks. First a Turk was killed. Then, the Turks burst out of their quarter of Nicosia, attacking every Greek they could find. They overturned cars, and stoned the police - before they were pushed back into the Turkish quarter.

The toll of injured runs to about fifty. The highest casualty figure since violence ~~flared~~ flared on Saturday.

POLAND

Communist Poland proclaims itself "a ballistic missile power". The boast made in a newspaper of the Polish army.

The story saying, the Poles can make their own missiles - and are as advanced as both Britain and America. The story adding - Polish progress has been due mainly to Soviet assistance.

INDONESIA

In Indonesia's capital city of Jakarta - Operation Airlift got under way this evening. The first special flight to take Dutch nationals out - because of anti-Dutch hostility. They were mainly women and children who left today - with fifty-four persons aboard the first plane. They took with them only a little luggage - leaving behind homes and property. ~~many of them spent years in accumulating.~~ Another indication of how tension is growing in Indonesia - tension between the Indonesians and the Dutch.

GAITSKELL

The head of the British Labor Party - calls for a neutral zone in central Europe. Hugh Gaitskell, describing his plan to Indian newsmen in New Delhi. He thinks it would be a major step - ^{toward} ~~for~~ lessening international tension.

The nations included - Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and both East and ^{Gaitskell} West Germany. ~~He~~ thinks all foreign troops should be withdrawn from this neutral zone - with existing frontiers, to be guaranteed by both East and West.

UNION

The United Textile Workers - agree to clean house.

The Union, bowing to AFL-CIO demands. The former top officers

of the Union - barred from holding any office. The textile

workers saying they won't have anything more to do with

ex-President Anthony Valente, or Lloyd ^{Klenert,} ~~Kisnerk~~, who resigned

as Secretary-Treasurer. Valente and ^{Klenert} ~~Kisnerk~~ are accused of

misusing over a hundred thousand dollars in Union funds.

They'll be replaced at a secret ballot election at the Union's

next convention.

AGRICULTURE

Our Secretary of Agriculture has developed a new scheme - to help solve the farm problem. Ezra Benson wants to extend the existing soil bank - by paying farmers to put all of their land into the bank. This land would be turned over to grass and trees - instead of corn, wheat, rice, tobacco, and cotton. The ceiling of payment, to be raised from five thousand dollars to ten thousand.

Benson denies his plan is designed - to get small farmers off the land and into the towns. But he agrees the plan might encourage them to move. And he thinks the government should do something for them - in the way of vocational training and finding jobs for them.

NEW ORLEANS

Down in New Orleans, they began construction of the big ditch today. A deep channel - from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico. It will be a second route from the city to the sea - forty miles shorter than by way of the Mississippi. Shippers, to reach the Gulf after a journey of seventy-six miles - instead of the meandering Mississippi, which covers a hundred and twenty miles.

The channel, to cost almost a hundred million dollars.

The time - five to ten years.

DAVIS

World Citizen Gary Davis, is in a French jail tonight.

Gary Davis, who was born in America - then renounced his American citizenship - and has called himself a citizen of the world ever since.

He's been in a lot of trouble since the end of World War Two. The latest began on Thursday - when he was expelled from France. He went to Monaco, and appealed for asylum - only to be told that anyone expelled from France, is automatically expelled from the land of Prince Rainier and Princess Grace.

Gary Davis decided that his next port of call - would have to be Italy. He was allowed to cross a stretch of French territory between Monaco and Italy - but he was stopped at the border by Italian guards. There was only one thing for him to do - wait to see if anybody would accept him. So he planted his ^{white} ~~black~~ and green flag - the flag of world government. And he sat

there - until finally the French let him back in. But it was

only as far as the tracks in office where he was waiting to see if there were any refugees anywhere in the world

only as far as the jail in Nice - where he's waiting again -
waiting to see if there's a refuge anywhere in the world for
the world citizen - Gary Davis.

BLACKMAIL

From Chicago, comes a strange story of an embezzler - caught in a circle of liquor, ^{Ladies,} ~~women~~, and blackmail. It's the story of Edward Komis - who worked for the Chicago Spring Hinge Company.

allegedly
Komis/told police - he stole money from the petty cash box, after he started to drink. Then he began to take up with the ladies - and that cost him money too. He says he's had five lady friends in the past two months. The tab for keeping them happy - almost four hundred dollars. He kept taking money from that cash box - to pay for the liquor and the ladies.

Then one day in a bar - he took a couple of drinks too many. He began to boast out loud about where his money came from. Someone heard him - and a couple of days later he received a mysterious phone call. The caller threatened Komis with exposure - unless he paid up. After that, more calls - from two men and a woman. For three years they blackmailed him - raising their demands, until they were able to collect

a thousand dollars in one week.

By then, the petty cash box wasn't enough. Komis had to start forging checks. He got away with it until last week - when the Vice-President of the Company made a routine check of a report submitted by Komis. So it's the end of the line for the cashier - who took seventy-five thousand dollars, to pay for wine, women, and blackmail.

Here's an anecdote - appropriate on a news program.

Illustrating - how an alert reporter might score a beat. A new book, "Deadline Every Minute", by Joe Alex Morris, tells us ~~that~~ the story of the United Press. And reveals how, in Nineteen Twenty-Five - William McAvoy got a scoop on one of the headline stories of the day. The court-martial of General Billy Mitchell - accused of insubordination, because of the outspoken way he advocated air power.

~~Mr~~ McAvoy, in Washington, knew all about the Billy Mitchell air power crusade - but, also, did a bit of homework. Reading up - on court-martial procedure. Complex, elaborate rules - according to military ^{regulations} ~~punitive~~.

Because of this, he noted one detail - most interesting. According to the rules, before a military jury announced a conviction, they must ask the defendant - one particular question.

McAvoy had that in mind as the trial ended. The jury of generals retiring. Then they came back into the

courtroom, and out came that crucial question.

"Have you ever before been convicted by court-martial?"

"No, sir", replied Billy Mitchell.

But, even before he answered, McAvoy was on his way to file a headline. He knew the question of previous conviction would never be asked - unless the jury was convicting.

The other newsmen had to wait while formalities were gone through, before they heard the verdict. McAvoy - scoring a clean beat.

Joe - knows that for being silent
such on your toes

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Announcer: And now Alan Jackson, with a final footnote.

A.J.: In London, the National Association of Teachers of Dancing - is now accepting candidates in rock-'n-roll. The Association, putting an end to its ban on the frenetic example of the terpsichorean art. The ban was introduced two years ago - when the dancing teachers decided rock-'n-roll was, in their description, "uncivilized."

Then came the discovery - that Princess Margaret likes dancing to the popular American rhythm. Parents began deluging the association with letters - demanding lessons for their children. Many letters declaring, "What's good enough for the Princess, is good enough for us."

So the Association changes its policy. A spokesman explaining, they had hoped rock-'n-roll was a passing craze -- but they were wrong. The spokesman remarking, "If Princess Margaret dances rock-'n-roll -- it's obviously here to stay."

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