

BULGANIN

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The Moscow surprise - today - was not the resignation of Premier Bulganin, ~~But~~ - the naming of the one who takes his place. The new Premier - of the Soviet Union, Khrushchev - that same Nikita, who has been the big boss all along.

Actually, it's the first political job for Khrushchev. Never, ~~in~~ until today - has he held a post in the Soviet government. Never - any more than an official in the Russian Communist party. Finally - the party secretary general. Which is nothing more than another illustration of a fact - which we all know, ~~That~~ in Russia - the real power is the Communist party. The Soviet government - merely doing what the party says.

Today's proceedings were simple. The Supreme Soviet, in session - the nearest thing to a Parliament the Russians have. Bulganin's resignation - read by the speaker. No surprise - about that. There had been talk that he might be

succeeded - by Kirichenko, or Kozlov. There having been little surmise that Khrushchev, himself, would grab the job. But, right after the reading of the Bulganin resignation, Khrushchev was proposed as the new Premier, To the surprise - ^{of} even the delegates of the Supreme Soviet.

Any opposition? Any battle between rival candidates on the floor of the Supreme Soviet? Don't make us laugh. Khrushchev - elected unanimously, by acclamation.

So now he has the top government post, as well as the number one party job. Which merely confirms the fact - that Khrushchev has more power than any one, since the death of Stalin.

MOSCOW - ATOMIC

A newspaper in Warsaw prints a dispatch, stating that the Soviets will soon announce the immediate suspension of all atomic tests - Russia - acting on its own, unilaterally.

This has been rumored, but the Warsaw paper, today, gives a lot of precise detail. Saying - it has the facts from its correspondent in Moscow.

The announcement - to be made at the present session of the Supreme Soviet. Foreign Minister ~~Andropov~~ Gromyko - making the declaration. Proclaiming an end of Russian atomic tests.

The Soviets will suggest - that the United States and Great Britain follow suit. Halting - all experimental explosions of atomic and hydrogen bombs. This matter - to come up at a summit conference. The story from Warsaw giving the opinion - that the Soviet announcement will hasten a meeting of the chiefs of state.

None of this information from Warsaw is confirmed. But, in the House of Commons, today, Prime Minister MacMillan ~~am~~ said - he wouldn't be surprised if Moscow declared a halt of Russian tests of nuclear weapons. The reason for the move? Prime Minister MacMillan stated- it might follow, logically, from the large number of tests the Soviets have already carried out. Telling the M P's - that, in the last few years, the Russians have staged more than fifty atomic explosions. At least nine - ~~am~~ in recent weeks./

Stepping up the tests - so as to be in a position to announce a halt. Timing this to come - shortly before new British and American atomic trials, Scheduled to be held shortly.

London believes that the Soviet announcement of an end to nuclear testing will have what the London dispatch calls - a tremendous psychological impact ^{on} public opinion around the world.

SPACE

Today President Eisenhower gave the order -- rockets to the moon. Directing the Army and Air Force - to send aloft four, and possibly five, missiles. Destination - the Queen of the night. You can think of him back in his old role - General Ike, giving a military order. For a drive - out into space.

The Air Force - to launch three of the ~~Rxxxx~~ Rockets. The Army - one, or two of those Jupiters. The kind - that sent Explorer ^{three} into an orbit yesterday.

Actually, there are two aspects. A rocket might land on the moon - or a small satellite might go into an orbit around it. No passengers aboard, of course. But - complicated scientific instruments. Which in fact, brings us to the most fascinating point of all.

The rockets - to carry a single type B television apparatus. Which would give ^{W2} a record - of what the face of the moon looks like at close range. Flashing back - T V pictures. Closeups - of the lunar mountains and craters. Including, perhaps a view of the other side of the moon.—

which no human eye - has ever beheld.

In this kind of operation luna - a failure might be almost as good as a success. Suppose a rocket, making pictures, didn't get within ten thousand miles of the moon.

Well, the distance of the satellite, as we see it at night - is ~~two-hundred-and-forty-thousand~~ miles. So a ten thousand mile glimpse would be, relatively speaking - a closeup.

How soon will this moon inspection go into operation? The White House tells us - that preparations have been ~~g~~ going on for some time. The Air Force ~~d~~ declaring- it could send a rocket to the moon this year. However, the scientists ~~s~~ are giving warning - that many tests will have to be held, before full success is attained. Before, that is - we actually get ~~t~~ television views from the vicinity of the moon.

SATELLITE

It now seems - that the trouble with Explorer Number Three may be a good thing. The slight mishap - that sent yesterday's American man-made moon into a different ~~km~~ kind of orbit. Not exactly - what the scientists had calculated on. Explorer Number Two, in an extremely elliptical orbit - ~~fm~~ too far away from the earth at one point. Too near - at another. So near - it's likely to burn up in a few days, according to the scientists.

The lucky break - ~~my~~ may be this. The radio is geared to send signals for weeks. So the signals may continue - until the moment of doom. The radio - sending information - as the satellite plunges into dense atmosphere. and comes to a fiery end.

Other man-made moons, are circling the earth - with silent radios. But Explorer Number Three may signal an account - of its own flaming death.

INDONESIA

News from Sumatra states - that the biggest battle of the civil war on that island is being fought.

The clash - at a place called Taluk. A vital junction of roads - leading to the rebel stronghold of Padang.

Today, a rebel spokesman stated: "We will fight to the end of this area, because it is vital to us."

The insurgents report successes in the battle of Taluk. Claiming - that they routed a large force of soldiers of the Jakarta government.

CUBA

Americans are evacuating the Cuban Province of Oriente - the hot-bed of revolt. The revolutionary leader, Fidel Castro, has named April First - as the time for a "showdown" with strong man President Batista. Castro declaring - his forces will make an all-out drive.

The situation so threatening - that wives and children of American oil company ~~and~~ employees were leaving today. Returning - to the United States.

Meanwhile, at Brownsville, Texas, a U.S. Coast Guard cutter intercepted a ship - loaded with guns and ammunition. Bound for Cuba, apparently. Aboard - thirty-five men in Cuban rebel uniforms. Described as an "expeditionary force" of New York latins. On their way - to join the rebellion against Batista. They were placed under arrest - charged with violating U S neutrality laws.

TOWNSEND

London papers, today, were full of speculation - about the meeting yesterday, between Group Captain Peter Townsend and Princess Margaret. Raising the question - will their blighted romance be renewed? Publicity so lively - that Peter Townsend has issued a ~~xxx~~ statement, to quiet the rumors.

"There are no grounds whatever," he says, "for supposing that my seeing Princess Margaret - in any way alters the situation declared in the Princess' statement in Nineteen Fifty-five."

The statement, that is, in which Princess Margaret renounced marriage to Townsend. Because - he is a divorced man.

Tonight, London opinion varies - as to whether today's declaration, issued by the Group Captain, is to be taken at face value. Whether he and the Princess are now - nothing more than friends. Or whether - the romance is on again.

According to information emanating from court circles Townsend issued the statement - under royal pressure. The Queen - said to be disturbed by all the hullabaloo, following the meeting yesterday.

One angle - that it blanked out the news about the Queen. Who is on a visit of state to Holland - considered important. But the visit of state was wiped off the front pages - by the headlines. ~~Telling-~~ how Townsend and Princess Margaret had tea together, yesterday afternoon.

UNEMPLOYMENT

There's on^y paradoxical item in today's report from the Labor Department - on unemployment. The report - not at all cheerful! - There are one-hundred-and-forty-nine major industrial centers in this country. Seventy of them - classed as "distressed areas". Meaning - that in the seventy, at least six percent of the labor force is unemployed.

^But here's the paradox: - Help wanted - in one line of work. Employers - looking for people to fill jobs. What kind of ~~man~~ people? Perhaps you've ~~guess~~ guessed it - engineers! Three thousand jobs open - for technical men.

(Another sign of what we've been hearing all along - that this country does not turn out enough scientists and engineers.)

FARM

Democrats in the ~~Senate~~ Senate made an appeal to President Eisenhower - in behalf of agricultural price supports. Forty-one of the forty-nine Democrats in the Senate - ~~is~~ asking the President to sign the bill providing for a "freeze" of the supports. Keep the levels the same - for one year. The bill has been passed by Congress, the Democrats asking the President to veto it.

SENATE

Tonight, the Senate passed a highway bill --
to put five and a half billions into road construction over
the next two years. Anti-recession measure -- intended to
create thousands of new jobs.

Tonight, the President goes on radio and Tv

-- making an address in favor of his reciprocal trade bill.

Urging - that it is in the national interest both with a

view to foreign ~~and~~ policy and our own domestic economy.

Over most of these CBS
stations, tonight - 9:30 Eastern time.

CHURCH

From Brewton, Alabama, news of "a man possessed of the devil." At least, that's what the Reverend E.M. Crutchfield - calls him. Following an explosion - that blew up the free will Baptist Church.

Says The Reverend Mr. Crutchfield ~~stating~~: "He's a man possessed of the devil, that don't want to worship the Lord - and don't want no one else to. He blowed down our church."

The Free Will Baptist Congregation has been having a run of bad luck. Two previous churches - burned down during the last couple of years, which draws a melancholy reflection from Reverend Mr. Crutchfield.

"There's a lot of mean folk in the world," says he.

"Two churches burned - and one blown down."

He thinks it's all because of a dispute. Whether the church should be called the Free Will Baptist, ~~or~~ - the Holiness Church.

Local sheriff, Otis Emons, agrees - that it's the result of a quarrel among the church people. Down there in rural Alabama - the back country, something like the back woods, son. Two churches burned. All blown down.

ICE

Here's a thriller!

^ Dramatic scenes - on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin,

last night. Flood lights - playing out over the ice. The brilliant beams - showing the way to one hundred ice fishermen. A loud speaker - blaring out instructions to them.

The perch fishermen were far out - when they were trapped. The ice breaking up near the shore. How to get them off before the whole frozen surface gave way? The local fire department solved the problem. Rushing flood lights to the scene - with which they made a survey of the broken ice near shore. The glaring beams finally revealing an ice bridge. A solid strip - or so they hoped.

Then in came the long line of anxious fishermen. Picking their way - in the gleam of the searchlight. Directed by the loud speaker - as they crossed the ice ^bridge.

But it was a close thing. The ice of the bridge - "bouncing like a mattress" as they walked with cautious footsteps.