

BURKE

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Our top admiral - denies that we need more unity in the Pentagon. Arleigh Burke, Chief of U.S. Naval Operations - speaking to the National Press Club in Washington. Admiral Burke did not mention the Rockefeller Report - stressing greater unification of the Services. But he did say it would be disastrous if final decisions were left to a single man in uniform.

Admiral Burke, referring to what he called, "a military Solomon" - went on to say such an appointment would destroy the power of Congress, ~~and~~ make the President a figurehead. He's sure American democracy ~~is~~ could not survive - under that kind of unification.

What about inter-service rivalry in the Pentagon?

Admiral Burke declares it's not a serious <sup>(problem.</sup> ~~threat~~ He admits that bickering has been bad enough in the past. But he's sure it's not a real threat now - <sup>-that</sup> because the joint chiefs-of-staff are not divided by <sup>service</sup> rivalries. They ~~just~~ have their own

opinions, of course. Why not? Which is a good thing - because the men of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force - bring their own special knowledge, ideas and experiences into Pentagon discussions.

## RICKOVER

We are so far behind the Russians in atomic submarines - we may never catch up. So testified by Admiral Hyman Rickover, at a secret session of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ Senate Sub-Committee. Admiral Rickover, famous as "the father of the atomic sub". His testimony, made public later by Chairman Lyndon Johnson of Texas.

Admiral Rickover told the Sub-Committee <sup>that with us</sup> - too many projects are hampered by red tape. ~~Also that we have~~ <sup>too</sup> few officials in charge of research who have any sense of urgency about it. The Admiral pointing out that top submarine officers rejected the atomic sub idea - for two years. The project only became a success - when <sup>finally</sup> Rickover was allowed to go ahead on his own.

That's why the Russians are <sup>have the lead in</sup> ~~so far ahead of us in~~ this vital field. How can we catch up? According to Admiral Rickover, every research project should have a clear line of authority - <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>who has</sup> someone ~~with~~ the power to make decisions.

In his words, "there must be less interference by those - who have no responsibility."

## MISSILE

Tonight Western observers in Moscow are trying to find out - whether the story of a Soviet manned missile is true. According to the report, Russian scientists have sent a rocket into outer space - with a man inside. One Moscow story has it that the missile reached a height of three hundred miles. If true of course that would be the most dramatic step yet - in Soviet science. But the general Western reaction is - skepticism.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower met today for a secret session with the National Security Council. The chief subject of discussion - that Russian request for summit talks on disarmament. Mr. Eisenhower has been working on his reply for several days. He wants it ready by Wednesday - so it can be coordinated with similar replies from the other members of Nato.

Our chief executive ~~is~~ already has a recommendation from Secretary of State Dulles - who wants us to tell Moscow, <sup>but actually</sup> disarmament, could be worked out easier at a conference of Foreign Ministers, or through the U.N. Mr. Eisenhower also has the advice of his disarmament advisor, Harold Stassen - who thinks we should adopt a more flexible attitude. ~~Mr~~ The President's ~~decision~~ decision seems certain to have a big bearing on Stassen's future - <sup>since</sup> ~~because~~ Stassen is expected to leave the administration, if his ~~advice is rejected~~ ~~advice is rejected by the President~~ advice is rejected.

## RUSSIA

Moscow announces that the Russian armed forces - will be reduced by three hundred thousand men. The money ~~formerly spent on~~ <sup>formerly spent on</sup> ~~keeping up~~ these troops - to be diverted for civilian purposes. And Khrushchev challenges Britain, France, and America - to do the same thing with their armed forces.

But in London, it's pointed out that the Soviet cut-back is only token. The Russian army - still <sup>far</sup> the largest in the world. Thirty divisions in East Germany alone. So <sup>a</sup> ~~this~~ Soviet announcement of partial disarmament - isn't as important as it sounds. It may be just part of a general streamlining of Russian forces - fewer men and stronger weapons, for atomic age warfare.

MACMILLAN

The British Prime Minister backs down a bit - on his plan for a non-aggression pact between East and West. Harold Macmillan made his proposal in a radio address on Saturday. He suggested what he called "a solemn pact of non-aggression" between the Iron Curtain bloc and the democracies.

Moscow immediately took up the Macmillan proposal - as a step in the right direction. But Washington opposed any new agreement - as meaningless. President Eisenhower saying, we've had lots of agreements with Russia. But the real problem is to get practical guarantees - a workable inspection system to prevent the secret production of weapons by either side. *That old hurdle.*

Now a spokesman for Prime Minister Macmillan explains - that the proposal was never meant to be taken by itself. The Prime Minister, referring to "a package deal" - that would have to include concrete guarantees on disarmament. Which is more in line with what President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles have been saying.

Later this evening, a crisis developed in the Macmillan Cabinet. The Chancellor of the Exchequer resigned. Peter Thorneycroft, stepping out on the eve of Macmillan's departure for a tour of the Commonwealth.



EGYPT

The Egyptian Minister of Industry - arriving in Moscow. Aziz Sidki, heading a delegation that will complete details - on that Soviet loan. The Kremlin, offering Egypt a hundred and seventy-five million dollars.

The Egyptians ~~were~~ met by Soviet officials at the airport, ~~then they~~ went ~~straight~~ to their hotel - to get ready for ~~the first~~ <sup>a</sup> Kremlin conference tomorrow. <sup>Aziz</sup> Sidki is expected to deal directly with Mikoyan - Russia's top expert on trade. Two major problems:— First, to establish a rate of exchange between the Egyptian Pound and the Russian Ruble. Secondly, to decide on projects for Egypt's Five Year Plan.

## SINKIANG

The largest province of Communist China - tried to break away and become independent. So says Radio Peiping - referring to trouble in the distant and vast province of Sinkiang. Far to the West next door to Russia and Tibet. China seized it in Eighteen Eighty-Two - even though Chinese in Sinkiang were a small minority. In Nineteen Forty-Nine, Mao's Communists took over. And - they found the population mainly Moslem - and anti-Communist.

Radio Peiping says - nationalism is still strong in Sinkiang. There's no mention of an armed rising - but we are told that an attempt was made to overthrow the Red government. The Communist radio, warning that any further attempts will be put down by force. Peiping declaring, Sinkiang is now part of the Chinese Peoples Republic - and will remain under the control of Mao Tse-tung.

## MOTHERS

These Three American ~~women~~ <sup>mothers</sup> in Communist China - say they <sup>a</sup> are getting a wonderful reception from Mao Tse-tung's officials. Mrs. Hugh Redmond of Yonkers, New York, Mrs. Mary Downey of New Britain, Connecticut, and Mrs. Philip Fecteau, of Lynn, Massachusetts, <sup>who are</sup> ~~they are~~ in Red China to see their sons - still held prisoner by the Communists. The three mothers, the first Americans to enter with the approval of our State Department.

They landed in Hong Kong this morning - after a flight from the United States. The British Red Cross drove them to the <sup>frontier</sup> ~~border~~ - where they boarded a train for Canton. The Communists have given them first-class rooms at a leading hotel. And they've scheduled a sightseeing tour of Canton, tomorrow, <sup>their American guests,</sup> ~~for the three American mothers,~~ just before they leave for Shanghai. The three American women, receiving plush treatment - from the Chinese Reds.

INDONESIA

A charge that the Indonesian government is under the control of the Communists. The interesting thing about the charge - it doesn't come from the Dutch. It was made today by one of the local military leaders - who have seized power on different islands of the archipelago. Colonel Maluddin Simbolon, who led a military coup on Sumatra. He defends his action - because Jakarta is becoming more and more Communist dominated. Colonel Simbolon, accusing the Reds - of forcing, what he calls, "a reckless anti-Dutch campaign." This war-lord of Sumatra adds *that he for one is* ~~is~~ not willing to obey Jakarta politicians - who are the victims of Communist infiltration into the Indonesian government.

## PEARL HARBOR

The Japanese Navy - on its way to Pearl Harbor!

Sounds like a bulletin from World War Two - from December Seventh, Nineteen Forty-One - when Japanese planes made that surprise attack and devastated Pearl Harbor. But this time it's different. Tokyo, announcing the squadron of four warships - will arrive at Uncle Sam's great naval base on a friendly visit. This, the first peace-time mission by Japanese vessels since Nineteen Thirty-Nine. The thousand men aboard the warships will get a traditional Hawaiian welcome, complete with hula dancers. No anti-aircraft fire this time. And also there wasn't much on December 7, 1941.

## EDUCATION

The educators who will have to start producing scientists in a hurry - opened their convention at Miami Beach today. The Association of American Colleges - representing almost eight hundred institutions. The principal speaker - President John Hannah of Michigan State University - recently named by President Eisenhower, to head our new Civil Rights Commission. Hannah and his colleagues will use the Miami meeting - for preliminary decisions on how to **get** more science into our college courses.

ANTARCTIC

That British expedition <sup>in</sup> ~~on~~ the Antarctic ~~continent~~ -  
is going to push on across the continent, no matter what.

So says its leader, <sup>Dr.</sup> Vivian Fuchs. This, despite an appeal  
from Sir Edmund Hillary - leader of the New Zealand party that  
beat the British to the South Pole.

Hillary flew back to McMurdo Sound yesterday. He  
contacted Fuchs by radio - pointing out that the weather is  
getting bad down there. ~~Am~~ The Antarctic winter, approaching.  
Hillary suggesting that Fuchs go as far as the South Pole -  
then call off the rest of the trip until next year.

The answer Hillary got - was, in his words, "more  
in sorrow than in anger." Fuchs saying, he's going ahead,  
right across ~~the~~ Antarctic <sup>a</sup> ~~continent,~~ ~~despite the snow, ice,~~  
~~and approaching winter.~~

WEATHER

More stormy weather, <sup>on its way up from</sup> ~~driving up out of~~ Texas. The

Lone Star State already has ~~se~~ sub-zero weather. ~~Floods and driving storms, leaving a thousand people homeless.~~ The

Weather Bureau issues warnings - for states all the way to North Dakota. The Bureau saying, the thermometer <sup>will</sup> ~~may~~ plunge to

twenty below in <sup>western states.</sup> ~~some states.~~ Winds of fifty miles an hour expected. Snow squalls, sweeping across the ~~Great~~ Great Lakes.

<sup>Meanwhile</sup> ~~And down South~~ in Florida - rain <sup>continues to</sup> ~~is~~ drenching the "gold coast". The waves of the Atlantic, so high - several boats are already reported missing. The rest, warned to run for shelter.- until the big ~~low~~ is over.



CALLAS

In Rome, they are asking - will Soprano Maria Callas ever sing in the Rome opera house again? The only indication we have - is that the prima donna is ready. She has recovered from the cold that she insists caused her to stop singing "Norma" last Thursday - when she dramatically refused to appear for the second act. She describes herself as "ready and eager," to appear in "Norma" again on Saturday.

But the management of the company points out that Italian opera lovers are still angry about her conduct on Thursday. They are threatening to start a riot - if she sings again. So the management is not showing any enthusiasm - for a repeat performance.

Meanwhile, the singer's hotel room is described as "a command post." And who is the general with whom she is having top level conferences? Why, none other than General Elsa Maxwell - one of her leading defenders.

With friends darting back and forth between her room and the opera, so far, they haven't been able to work out a truce. The Rome Opera Company - still cold to peace feelers by Prima Donna Maria Callas.

## FIFE FOLLOW CALLAS

The furore caused by Soprano Callas - has just about ruined one musical group. The Fife Corps of Bergamo, Italy. A corps of thirty men that has been tooting fifes for over a hundred years. For one hundred years all was harmony - until Maria Callas came along.

The Bergamo Corps, splitting into two factions - pro-Callas and anti-Callas. Today they were preparing for a rehearsal - when a few rude remarks were exchanged. Someone played a few dirisive notes on a fife - which acted like a signal. The town swuare of Bergamo turning into an arena. Members of the Fife Corps punching one another - using fifes as clubs. The battle, lasting until not a single instrument was left intact. Don, "tonight, says the dispatch from the battle", every fife player in Bergamo is nursing injuries, from being konked by a fife.

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ANNOUNCER: Lowell, welcome back to your studio. You are so rarely here. L.T. I guess you're right Don. I have a curious item here about the tipsy trout of Bolzano. The fish of the Isarco River, downing too much of the Italian firewater called "grappa" - which has lots of power.

A tank trailer full of "grappa" broke loose on a hill. The trailer, roaring down the hill - plunging into the river. The tank, bursting open - spilling three thousand gallons of ~~that~~ potent liquor into the water.

And that's how the fish of the Isarco got drunk on "grappa." Tonight, the dispatch says that local fishermen are pulling them out of the river by the hundreds - the tipsy trout of Bolzano.

And so-long-until-tomorrow.