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Tonight, we have an official statement ~~fr~~ from Washington in reply to the proposal that Moscow made earlier today. The promptness of the answer - significant. It is of course, a preliminary American declaration -- in advance of a formal decision to be made in consultation with our allies. But it gives clear indication that we will reject the Soviet scheme of turning West Berlin into an internationalized "free city". Under some sort of supervision by the U N. Meaning that the western powers would ~~withdwn~~ withdraw their forces from West Berlin.

Tonight's American declaration ~~states~~ says:

"The United States, along with Britain and France, is solemnly committed to the security of the western sectors of Berlin."

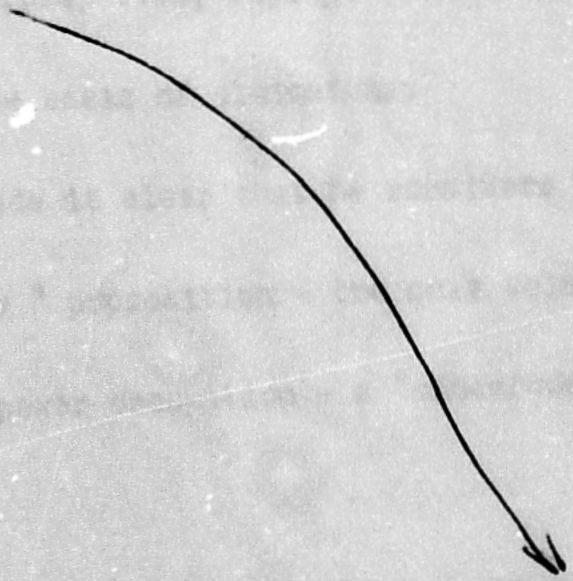
And the ^{declaration} ~~statement~~ adds: The United States will not enter into any agreement with the Soviet Union, which ~~would~~ would have the end result of abandoning the people of West ~~Brit~~ Berlin to hostile domination."

American diplomatic officials are saying - nobody will be deluded about the meaning of the Moscow proposal. Once the western allies were out - the East German Reds could move in at their leisure.

On the other hand, there's a belief in Washington - that the new Soviet maneuver will ease the Berlin crisis. Providing - for an interval of international discussion, the usual exchange of diplomatic notes. So they rather welcome this - as a probable relaxation of the tension. Putting the Berlin question - on the shelf. At least - for the time being.

The importance of Moscow's communication to the western allies - is underscored by Khrushchev's action, today. No sooner had the note been delivered - than the Soviet Premier called a large news conference in the Kremlin. The first news conference that Khrushchev has held - since he took over the office of Premier.

The most important thing that he said - concerns the question of an "ultimatum". The Soviet note names a period of six months - for a consideration of that "internationalization" plan. If the western allies don't agree to the formation of



✓ a "free" West Berlin, within six months - the Russians and the East German Reds will put the project into effect, on their own. That's what the note says - and it sounds threatening, sounds like - an "ultimatum". But Khrushchev, in his news conference, denied this interpretation, saying: "We are not deciding this question on the basis of ultimatums."

But Khrushchev made it clear that he considers the "Internationalized free city" proposition - the only solution. He called the present four power occupation - a "cancerous growth."

He said he realized that West Berlin has one kind of economic and social system - and Communist East Germany another. So the two wouldn't jell - if West Berlin were to be absorbed right away by the Communist regime. "If", said he, "the majority of the people of West Berlin prefer capitalism let them have it."

Khrushchev, took a tone - reasonable and peaceful,

today. Which would be in accord - with a propaganda maneuver. Something to appeal - to neutralist opinion around the world.

But it makes little appeal - in West Berlin,

Where the city authorities, today - called for an immediate rejection of the whole Soviet proposal. The West Berliners - afraid of anything that might put their sector on the way to Communist control. Flourishing, ~~prosperous~~ prosperous West Berlin - so different from the shabby, ~~poor~~ poverty-stricken Communist area. For West Berlin the prospect of coming under the Red regime - is like a nightmare.

FIRE

Heroism of rescue - in Oklahoma City, today. When raging fire swept through - a ~~XXXX~~ convalescent home for children. Most of them - under six years old. Six - falling victim ^{to} ~~the~~ flames. The other ~~XX~~ seventeen - rescued.

William Brown, a neighbor, dashed into the burning building again and again - saving one child after another.

The owners of ~~the~~ the home, two sisters - Mrs. Mary Flake and Mrs. Harvey Prince, together with Mrs. Flake's fourteen year old daughter - playing the part of heroines. The three remaining in the blazing structure so long, saving small patients, that they nearly lost their lives.

BALLOON

At Rapid City, South Dakota, it sure was embarrassing - for two would-be adventurers ^{bound for} ~~to the verge of~~ outer space. Professor John Strong of Johns Hopkins University - and Commander Malcolm Ross of the U S Navy; ~~who~~ were to have soared in a balloon - to an altitude of eighty thousand feet; ~~for~~ telescopic observations of the planet Mars.

They were ready to go, sitting in a sealed gondola, with a sixteen inch telescope - mounted in such a way that they would be able to study Mars out there where the atmosphere ends. No distortion - caused by the air at lower altitudes.

Yes, they were all set for an astronomical space voyage, when - what happened?

The balloon was being inflated, just about filled with helium gas - when the plastic fabric split wide open. The huge gas bag - collapsing immediately. Nothing for the space voyagers to do - but get out of their gondola, and go home.

For two weeks, the balloon experiment in South Dakota had been delayed by one thing or another. Then today's embarrassing finale.

PITTSBURGH

In Pittsburgh - a thunder of cannon, and the skirling of pipes. Scottish bagpipes from the Highlands - making that caledonian kind of music; To launch the celebration - of the bi-centennial of the city of Pittsburgh.

Two hundred years ago, British forces captured that strategic ~~at~~ point at the junct^{ion where} of the Allegheny, ~~and~~ Monongahela ^{unite to form the} ~~and~~ Ohio Rivers. ~~It~~ had been occupied, first - by the French from Canada, who built - Fort Duquesne, strong-point controlling the Ohio Valley. Fort Duquesne - a number one ~~is~~ strategic objective in the French and Indian war.

The fate of our own Middle West - pretty much decided when it was captured by Scottish troops, commanded by a Scottish General.

The birth of Pittsburgh occurring - when General John Forbes renamed Fort Duquesne. Paying honor to Britain's great Prime Minister, William Pitt. Fort Duquesne becoming - Pittsburgh.

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So that's why bagpipers in kilts - led the birthday

proceedings, today.

MINISTER

At Phoenix, Arizona, the Reverend Bennie Morris, is preaching his first sermon - down in the Southwest. So what's remarkable about that? Well, the preacher and the congregation too - have just arrived - from Milwaukee. The whole Milwaukee church - moving to Arizona.

For fifteen years, the Reverend Bennie Morris was pastor - of the Milwaukee Gospel Tabernacle Chapel. Then, recently, he decided - he'd move to Arizona. His Congregation deciding - if the pastor was going, they'd follow him. Ninety church members - in all. Thirty - leaving for Phoenix right away. The remaining sixty - to follow the pastor in January.

For his first sermon in Phoenix, the Reverend Bennie Morris is preaching on the topic: "Making a change." Quite

a change.- ~~and one~~ For the better, ^{That depends on how} ~~I suppose - it is up to you~~
You feel about Milwaukee - and Arizona.
~~far as the weather is concerned - this time of year.~~

As for me - e-l-u-t-m.