

KHRUSHCHEV

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Today, Mr. K. put on one of his best acts - playing the part of farmer Khrushchev. Having a rare agricultural time - on the rich ~~xxx~~ acres of Roswell Garst, at Coon Rapids, Iowa. Garst, a friend who has visited him in Moscow.

At luncheon, in a big tent outside the farmhouse - Khrushchev met Adlai Stevenson, and had a talk with the two-time unsuccessful candidate for the presidency. Nikita - later telling reporters a bit of what they talked about.

He said, Adlai described himself as a "politician in retirement."

Khrushchev answering that by saying: "In politics, it often happens, that the person who may be retired, will be tomorrow - in the very front ranks."

"It is a question" replied Adlai, "of how many times you can be retired."

But the most curious turn of the Khrushchev conversation today - concerned religion. In California, he talked in terms of christianity. Referring - to the Saviour.

Today, he congratulated American farmers in these words:

"I must admit" said Khrushchev, "that you are intelligent people. God has helped you."

"You're right," farmer Garst replied. "God is on our side."

To which Khrushchev retorted: "God is on our side too."

Peculiar talk for a Communist - ~~and~~ using an old phrase, *that today must have caused* ~~you can hear~~ Karl Marx ~~to~~ turning over in his grave.

Earlier in the day, at Des Moines, a Lithuanian couple asked Khrushchev to help them get their two children to the United States. Children - they had left behind in Soviet Russia.

Khrushchev ~~made~~ patted the cheek of the tearful mother, ~~in~~ and said: "Don't cry, you'll get your children".

Then he turned to Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, who was with him, and said, "Take care of this."

DEFENSE

Our national space and rocket program - turned over, entirely, to the Air Force. The Army and Navy - out of the rocket business. So announced by the Defense Department in Washington, today.

The Air Force - placed in charge of projects running into the hundreds of millions of dollars, including - the mighty Saturn rocket now being developed - by the Army.

The Army and the Navy will continue to develop satellites for special purposes. But they'll have to go to the Air Force - for the rocket power, to put their space vehicles into orbit.

BRITAIN

The British election campaign - hot and heavy. The Conservatives worried by signs that they may be declining in popularity. So they're steaming up - ^{their} ~~what~~ electioneering efforts. Sometimes - with stunts that make our own American political campaigns seem a little tame, placid and sensible.

At Birmingham, a stronghold of the labor party, the local conservative candidate, Bernard Owens, wants his own supporters to display his picture - in their ^{shop} ~~some~~ windows. So he's taken out an insurance policy for them. Insurance - against broken windows; ~~In~~ case the voters - throw rocks at his picture.

At Manchester, a conservative party rally, ~~which~~ began - ~~xx~~ with the singing of popular songs. Popular, that is - in Britain. Today's news dispatch tells how they gave a rousing rendition of a ballad called - "does your chewing gum lose its ^l ~~l~~ favor on the bedpost over night?"

PRICES

A drop in the cost of living - the first in six months. Government figures showing - that prices in August declined by one percent, compared with prices in July.

The drop - mostly in the cost of groceries, food. Which offset a slight increase in the price of other items, like clothing and transportation.

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Then, the two bandits drove the manager to the bank, a branch of the Cleveland Trust. The robber in the red toupee, forcing Fox to take him into the bank. The gunman - holding up other employees when they arrived. He was waiting - for the bank vault to open, automatically.

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the robbery, and was exchanging shots with the bandit.

There was shooting all over the place. The police - using tear gas bombs. The ~~am~~ bandit inside - holding the manager and other employees as hostages. Then, ~~ain~~ finally, the robber shouted - he'd release the hostages. Which he did - and they came out.

When the police entered, they found the bandit shot to death - a suicide. His companion, the blonde, had vanished.

At the Fox home, the police investigated the suitcase, containing the alleged bomb - finding it ~~as~~ was a harmless arrangement of clock, wires and batteries. The apparent explosive - turning out to be coal dust.

EARTHQUAKE

Tokyo had an earthquake today -- or, really tomorrow.

A long rolling tremblor which shook the downtown section of the city for thirty seconds.

Earthquakes an old story out there - but this one seems to have been unusually long in duration.

HYPNOTISM

In Atlanta, a hearing before the Georgia pardon and patrol board - with the enactment of as weird an episode as you'll find in the history of crime. (~~A woman charged with murder - having a "preview" of her execution in the electric chair. Going through the experience of her last hours - *that* while under hypnotism.~~) Mrs. Annette Donovan Lyles - convicted of poisoning two husbands, a mother in law, and her own daughter. Her attorneys - now trying to get a commutation of the death sentence. Bringing forward - a psychiatrist, who testifies - that he placed the convicted woman under hypnotism. Projecting her mind - into the future. So that in a trance, she saw herself going to the electric chair. He says that, just before the electricity was switched on, she said: "I am innocent."

Then, still in the hypnotic trance, she was in heaven. The psychiatrist - questioning her about the ~~alleged~~ alleged ~~murder~~ murder of her daughter. The hypnotized woman in heaven still repeating - that she was innocent.

INDIANS

Surprise of surprises - in baseball. The Cleveland Indians, today, signed a manager for next year - and you'd never guess who. Joe Gordon - who managed the team all season, and was ousted yesterday. Fired, ! - now re-hired!

For days the sports pages have been full of the feud between Gordon and General Manager Frank Lane. With Lane ~~is~~ criticizing Gordon for the way he handled the team. Gordon retorting - that Lane was second guessing him. So the opinion was - that Gordon would keep his job, only if the Cleveland Indians won the pennant, in their uphill battle - with the White Sox.

Last night they were eliminated by the White Sox; and it was no surprise - when the news came that Joe Gordon had been ousted as manager. Dropped for the last few games of the season.

Today, however, Lane said: "We couldn't think of anybody better to succeed Gordon - than Gordon himself."

The explanation is given - that the feuding between

the two was just a clash of strong minded people in the
middle of a hot pennant race. So, ^{-Don-} Joe Gordon not only keeps
his job - but gets a raise.

BASEBALL

High indignation in Chicago - about the baseball events last night. True, the White Sox clinched the pennant - and Chicago is wildly enthusiastic about their modern hitless wonders. The indignation today - emanates from the local directors of Civil Defense, who are in charge of precautions against air raids.

Last night, the moment the White Sox won that all-important game, fire Commissioner Robert Quinn - ordered the air raid sirens to be turned on, as part of the celebration. The dismal sound - reverberating for five minutes. Thousands of people thought it was - the real thing. In a panic - afraid the atomic war was on.

Today, the Civil Defense Director said: "I am very much incensed about this." *He's mad at the Fire Commissioner, and is* ~~They're~~ looking up the law - to see if there's any ground for prosecution.