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President Eisenhower's forty-five minute address to the new Congress, today - was interrupted by applause forty times or so. The hand-clapping - at a maximum, when he touched upon one particular subject. Speaking of what he called - "harmful service rivalries." Declaring - he's going to crack down on quarrels among the Army, Navy, and Air Force. And - that he'll ask Congress to take still further measures against ~~the~~ antagonism and competition, as in the missile field, for example. The President didn't specify the angles of inter-service rivalry~~s~~, but said: "One thing is sure, whatever they are, America wants them stopped."

"At that point," says today's Washington dispatch, "nearly everyone in the jam-packed Chamber applauded - except the members of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff sitting in the gallery." *They did not lead the cheering.* ~~Maybe these warriors want to continue the battle - against each other.~~

Today's presidential message on the State of the Union - laid heavy emphasis on the question of missiles.

Admitting - Soviet superiority in some fields of rocket development. Telling Congress - that reports, made by American Intelligence - indicate that this country will catch up. But warning - that the American people would have to make, what he called, "intelligent sacrifices." He promised greater expenditures on ultra-modern weapons. Also - economies in other fields. Forecasting - a balanced budget.

The presidential speech - the longest he has made recently. And he went through it - with a firm, strong voice. Dwelling on a call for - "total peace." That was President Eisenhower's expression - "total peace." ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

In Congress - overwhelming approval. Which you'd expect - from the Republicans. But most of the Democrats, too, are expressing favorable opinions, tonight. Applauding - the vigor of the message and the program it presents. Only a few Democrats expressing doubts. Remarking - that they'll wait to see how the words are followed by deeds.

BULGANIN

The Soviets - in the most extensive call, thus far. Urging a "summit" conference of East and West. The message from Moscow, Premier Bulganin - addressed ^{ing it} to nineteen countries. All the Nato powers - and the members of the Communist alliance Bulganin suggesting - a top level meeting, not only of the major powers, But one - that would include all the members of Nato and the Soviet bloc.

The message was delivered in the capitals of the various countries - shortly after President Eisenhower concluded the "State of the Union" message to Congress. The Bulganin letter - timed, obviously, as a follow-up. The Moscow Premier not only suggested another "summit" meeting, but indicated the Soviets are prepared to issue a summons. He put it in these words: "The Soviet government proposes to call, in the next two or three months of Nineteen Fifty-Eight, a conference of leading statesmen - on a high level. In which - heads of government would participate."

After which, his long letter goes on to argue -

the necessity of an immediate agreement for the banning of atomic and hydrogen weapons.

Opinion in Western Europe seems to be veering more and more toward the notion of another summit conference - although the United States is cool to the idea. In Paris, today, word from official sources was - that there will soon be an agreement for a top level meeting of the heads of state. The Paris information going so far as to suggest - a place for the big palaver. Stockholm, or some other Scandinavian capital - they say.

DULLES FOLLOW BULGANIN

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, ^{today} expressed, what he called, "some optimism" about possible disarmament negotiations with the Russians. The Secretary - appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. But he opposed a disarmament "conference," at present. Appearing to favor talks through diplomatic channels - rather than a round-the-table palaver.

MOSCOW

In Moscow, romance is making progress, slow - but, we hope, sure. *In the case - of an American and his Russian wife.* ~~The big bosses of Soviet Communism are not, and ordinarily - sympathetic with sentimental sighs and heart throbs. Especially - when it's a case of marrying a Russian woman. But they've been relenting in the case of John and Victoria.~~

Back in Nineteen Fifty-Six, John Sandor of Pueblo, Colorado, was a member of a party of Americans visiting Moscow, where he met Victoria - an English interpreter at one of the largest hotels in Moscow.

"It was love at first sight," says John Sandor.

"That same day - I asked her to marry me, and go to America."

Victoria said - "yes". And that would seem to be that - but it wasn't.

They couldn't get married right away - Soviet regulations forbidding that. ~~And~~ Sandor's visa ran out, and he had to leave Russia - before there could be a wedding.

After which his only desire - was to get back to

Moscow. Applying for permission - but without result.

Last year, he sent a personal appeal to big boss Khrushchev ~~and other former Ministers of Defense, Marshal Zhukov, and he got a visa. Soon he was in Moscow -~~ and he got a visa. Soon he was in Moscow - trying to marry Victoria. But - ran into more obstruction. Legal difficulties - raised.

Whereupon Sandor wrote another letter to Khrushchev - and, again, it worked. Legal difficulties ~~removed~~ followed ~~by~~ the wedding.

~~So now he and Victoria got married in Moscow.~~

P That ~~which~~ left nothing more to be desired - except ~~for permission~~ *for permission*

enabling Victoria to leave Russia with her husband. Which took so much time ~~that~~ that Sandor's visa was ~~exp~~ expiring.

Making it seem - that he'd have to leave without his bride.

But they gave him ~~the~~ extensions of his visa. Today - the fourth extension, most unusual. Together with a promise - that Victoria could leave in a couple of weeks.

Even the hard hearts of the Bolsheviks may soften.

But - gradually.

PILOT

The government of Red Albania is releasing Major Howard Curran of the U.S. Air Force, who, in his jet training ^{at} plane, had to make a landing on Albanian soil, December Twenty-Third. Forced down by two jet fighters, Soviet built Migs.

^{So} far as the Air Force was concerned, Major Curran - ^{had} simply vanished. The supposition being - that he had been killed in some aerial mishap. Which made it a sad Christmas for the three Curran children at the Major's air base in France. Motherless children. - the Major's wife having died several years ago.

Then, on Tuesday, Communist Albania announced that a Howard Curran was being held a prisoner. The name "Curran" badly misspelled. So the children were not informed - that their father was safe. It might be a mistake - leading to too great a disappointment.

Today's confirmation, however, made the good news definite - and they were told. A belated Christmas present -

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and a merry one.

The Albanian government adds - that Major Curran
will be sent back in a couple of days.

FRANCE

In France, Premier Gaillard's proposal for the settlement of the Algerian trouble - ran into a snag, today. A Committee of the French Senate - rejecting one of the key provisos. An electoral bill - which would provide a limited measure of home-rule for Algeria. Through the establishment of a number of territorial legislatures.

Without this self-government reform, the Gaillard program will have little chance of being accepted by the Algerians.

COMMUNISTS

The American Communist Party won a victory in court, today. Giving the Reds a delay - in ~~compelling them to make~~ ^{making} public the ^{ir} lists of membership and ~~their~~ financial records. The U.S. Court of Appeals issuing a ruling - based on a decision by the Supreme Court.

In Nineteen Fifty-Three, the Federal Subversive Activities Control Board gave a decision - that the American Communist Party must ~~register as a subversive organization, controlled by Soviet Russia; which meant that, under the law the Party must~~ hand in its records, ~~membership and financial.~~

The Communists - appealing against this. Taking advantage of the Supreme Court decision - that, if a defendant has been convicted by evidence from the F.B.I., the secret records of the F.B.I. must be made available to him. So far - as the records apply to his case.

~~was~~, ^{The} the ruling against the Communist Party was based on testimony from an undercover agent of the F.B.I. So the Reds made the claim - that they should have access

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to the F.B.I. secret files.

This contention - now upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals. Which means - more legal proceedings and another long delay before the Communist Party makes public its records. If - it ever does.

RACKETEERS

A federal narcotics agent states - that the mysterious meeting of racketeers at Apalachan, New York - was a gathering of the Mafia. ~~The dope traffic~~ One of the main topics of discussion ^{the dope traffic} John Cusack, New York Superintendent for the Federal Narcotics Bureau, making this declaration, today - before ^a ~~the~~ New York State Legislative Committee at Albany.

He said - one of the racketeers of the Apalachan conference was Big John Ormento, whom he called - a big-shot in the narcotics racket.

Word is that the Committee may hold a hearing at the hilltop mansion of Joseph Barbara, where the crime convention was held - when the state police broke it up. Today, the Committee physician reported that Barbara, who has had a series of heart attacks, is in no condition to go to Albany to testify. But the Committee could examine him briefly - at his home. The scene - of the notorious Apalachan meeting.

CHINA

The three mothers report that their sons, imprisoned in Red China - are in good shape. Today, Mrs. Ruth Redmond of Yonkers, New York, met her son Hugh in a Shanghai jail. "He looked very good and healthy," said she. At the same time, Mrs. Mary Downey of New Britain, Connecticut, and Mrs. Philip Factor of Lynn, Massachusetts, visited their imprisoned sons in Peiping, where they found them in excellent health.

So says the Chinese Red Radio - in telling of the mothers, ~~who were~~ permitted to see their sons. Who are serving long terms for alleged espionage.

GRAND DUCHESS

Over in Hamburg, Germany, a court order has been issued - in a strange case. That has been a perplexity - for thirty-eight years. The Hamburg judge telling Anna Anderson to submit proof within three weeks - that she is the Grand Duchess Anastasia, daughter of Nicholas the Second, last Czar of Russia. Legal evidence of the truth - of a weird story.

Back in Nineteen Twenty, a young woman was pulled out, half drowned - from a canal in Berlin. Spending the next couple of years - in a mental hospital. Claiming - that she was a survivor of the murder of the Czar and his family by the Bolsheviks. Giving a detailed account - of how a Polish soldier saved her, when the mass murder occurred.

Many believed her story, and a Hollywood movie was made of the strange case of the Duchess Anastasia, ~~in Nineteen~~ ~~Forty.~~ In Nineteen Thirty-Three, she entered suit in the German courts - claiming that she was the legal heir to properties of the Romanoff dynasty. Properties - in Germany.

The case has been dragging ever since - now coming to a decision in the court of Hamburg.

Today, the alleged Grand Duchess Anastasia - now fifty-six years old, lives under the name of Anna Anderson, in a hut in the Black Forest. ^P On the other side of the lawsuit - the princely House of Hesse, members of which are family connections of the Romanoffs. In Nineteen Forty-One, a Berlin court, certified them - as legal heirs of the Czar. But, now, they're ordered to present legal proof of their claim - to the court in Hamburg.

All of which may [']
~~maybe they will~~ now clear up the puzzle of the Grand Duchess Anastasia. At least - there'll be a legal decision.

PAINTINGS

Now, let's hear applause - from people who like those ultra-modern paintings. Fanciers - of abstract art. In which - most ^{of us} ~~people~~ can't see anything but confusion.

Over in London, three paintings have been placed on exhibition. By an abstract modernist - William Green. Who produces them on sheets of wood - with wax and stove blacking, for pigments. Rubber soled shoes and a bicycle - instead of the usual brushes that an artist uses.

Here's how he does it, in his own words: "I mix stove black with parafine in a can, and throw it at a sheet of wood, which is ^{lying} ~~lying~~ on the floor. Then I walk over it in rubber soled shoes. I shuffle, slide - and, sometimes, stamp. I've ridden a bicycle over some of my work, and it was very effective," he adds.

He calls his three paintings - Asphyxiation, Number One, Two and Three. ^{This abstract modernist admits Don, that} ~~and admits~~ "They all look the same to him.

me!" Simply - asphyxiating.

SHARK

Over in Japan, some fishermen caught a giant shark - which they cut open. And, inside the shark, they found - a sailor.

Investigation indicates - that a Japanese sailor fell overboard from his ship recently. Never seen again - until found inside the shark.

Let's hear from all those people who say - a shark never attacks a human being.