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Saudi Arabia formally denies any conspiracy - against Nasser. The denial, made by King Saud's Ambassador to Cairo. Referring to charges that King Saud offered the three million pounds for the assassination of Nasser.

For days there have been sensational stories in the Egyptian press. King Saud, accused of an anti Nasser plot in West Germany last year. The lord of sand and oil. Three million pounds transferred to a Belgian bank in Beirut. Cairo newspapers even are running photographs of the checks - at least, the papers claim they are the checks signed by the monarch of Saudi Arabia.

Today Saud's denial was blunt. Saying that a conspiracy against Egypt - would violate his basic principles of government. That his Egyptian accusers are lying.

But Western diplomats in Cairo - consider this answer mild. Some are expecting Saud to break off diplomatic relations with Egypt.

BULGANIN

The latest letter from Bulganin to Eisenhower - contains only one hopeful point. Bulganin, saying he agrees that the Soviet Union and the United States - should exchange influential citizens. Scientists, writers, musicians and statesmen. Bulganin, taking up the suggestion first made by President Eisenhower last month. Which touches off <sup>Further</sup> ~~more~~ speculation in Washington - that Vice President Nixon may visit Moscow during his tour of Europe, this fall. And *there remains that rumor* ~~there is a possibility~~ that Bulganin and Khrushchev *might* ~~visit Washington~~ *visit Washington,*

The rest of the <sup>2</sup> ~~is~~ Bulganin letter, delivered yesterday by Ambassador Menshikov - has nothing new. The Soviet premier, remaining ~~completely~~ silent on the two key points <sup>that Pres. Eisenhower and Sec. Dulles</sup> ~~we~~ say must be included in any summit conference. No mention of German re-unification or Soviet domination in the captive nations of East Europe. The letter seems to assume - that both sides have agreed on a meeting of heads-of-government. But <sup>Washington</sup> ~~our State Department~~ hastens to deny this -

*that*  
repeating an Eisenhower-Khrushchev conference is  
out of the question - until a realistic agenda has  
been worked out in advance.

SEATO

Secretary of State Dulles, leaving for Manila - and the annual conference of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization. The SEATO military advisers wound up their two day conference this morning. Now the diplomats take over.

The Foreign Ministers of both Britain and France will be in Manila - with more on their minds than SEATO. Selwyn Lloyd and Christian Pineau, *the matter of a* anxious to discuss summit conference with Secretary Dulles. The two European Foreign Ministers saying - *more* they want clarification of our stand on a meeting with the Russians.

## SANDYS

A son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill - accepts an invitation from Moscow. Defense Minister Duncan Sandys says he will visit the Soviet capital in May. Officially, both London and Moscow are calling it - a courtesy visit. Sandys, it is believed will not take part in any affairs involving diplomacy. That is the MacMillan government emphasizes that the British defense minister will not accept any back door negotiations for a summit conference or anything else.

Why the Soviet invitation? Well - some so-called experts in London do believe that Khrushchev is moving away from his old policy of Big Four diplomacy. That the boss of Soviet Communism is trying to workout deals with the nations individually. And that this invitation to Churchill's son-in-law is a move in that direction.

## PEARSON

Canada's "Leader of the Opposition" is in Quebec City - for another round of electioneering. Lester Pearson, ~~just~~ concluding a three-day stopover in Montreal - where he lambasted the Conservatives - and called on the Canadian people to back his party in the coming election. Canadians, to go to the polls on March thirty-first, and at least one Canadian is quite sure of a Liberal victory - Lester Pearson, head of the Liberal party.

## HAWAII

Hawaii, mopping up - after the worst rain storm since the days of Captain Cook and Queen Lillialukilani. Since Tuesday raining steadily for three full days. Seventeen inches in three days. Normally Hawaii only gets a total of twenty inches a year.

Several deaths by drowning. Damage running into the millions. Hundreds of houses, battered by wind and rain. Telephone poles down all over the islands. Roads swamped. Officials in Honolulu predict that traffic will not be moving normally for another week.

PLANE

In Seoul, Korea, <sup>the</sup> two Americans today told how their plane was hijacked by Communists. ~~Two Californians~~ Pilot Willis Hobbs and his co-pilot Colonel Howard McClellan. They were in the cockpit when five Reds ~~took over~~ <sup>with</sup> guns - ~~and~~ took over.

The first Hobbs and McClellan knew about it was when bullets began to zoom through the cockpit. Bullets, fired by the Communists - to break the lock on the door. The Reds, moving so fast - they were through that door before either Hobbs or McClellan could radio an SOS.

<sup>Then they</sup> ~~the hijackers~~ forced pilot Hobbs to ~~turn~~ <sup>swing</sup> north. Hobbs telling newsmen today, "one held a gun right behind my head." ~~the pilot~~ Adding, "it made me a little nervous." The leader of the gang ordered him to stay at seven thousand feet - and head straight for Pyongyang. About thirty miles from Pyongyang, they broke a window and threw out three blankets - as a signal to some one on the ground.

When the plane was close to the airfield -



<sup>e</sup>  
~~the~~ Red ringleader became suspicious. Ordering Hobbs  
 to fly fifteen miles to another <sup>air strip,</sup> ~~spot.~~ The Communists,  
 still suspicious - almost forced the plane to crash -  
 because they refused to permit a landing until they  
 got low enough to see communist uniforms on the ground.  
 They told Hobbs, they would shoot him on the spot -  
 if it turned out to be an airfield of the U.S. air  
 force.

On the ground, Hobbs and McClellan had to  
 go through a typical Communist <sup>interrogation,</sup> ~~questioning.~~ But they  
 admit they were well treated - even allowed to go  
 to the movies, ~~this, a little tougher than it sounds~~  
~~because all the films were~~ <sup>look at</sup> Communist propaganda.  
~~Hobbs and McClellan, Held for three weeks - returning~~  
~~to freedom,~~ <sup>back</sup> yesterday, along with most of their  
 passengers.

## SEALS

Farmers and fishermen of Prince Edward Island today were out in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, hunting seals. Professional seal hunters have done this for centuries. But this time they are joined by amateurs. Because the seals are nearer shore than at any time in recent years. Thousands of them, sighted on ice floes in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence. Hence farmers and fishermen are turning seal hunter.

## AGRICULTURE

Secretary of Agriculture Benson today denounced the two congressional committees that voted yesterday - to cut his price supports. He told newsmen that the farm bloc in Congress will damage all America, if they have their way. By driving still ~~higher~~ higher food prices and taxes. And, increase farm surpluses that already are too great.

## INVESTIGATION

Attorney-General Rogers orders a sweeping investigation of bribery and influence-peddling - in Federal agencies. Our Attorney-General, sending letters out to members of the Grand Jury. His order, covering <sup>not only</sup> the FCC - <sup>but</sup> ~~also~~, every other department of the Government.

~~No mention of that controversial case - former Commissioner Richard Mack and his financial dealings with Attorney Thurman Whiteside. The Grand Jury is already investigating this case.~~

## SEAPLANE

The U S Navy to have an atomic airplane in operation - by Nineteen Sixty-five. The Aeronautical Laboratory in Philadelphia has been experimenting and scientists believe they have one on paper that will work. With nuclear-powered planes rolling off the assembly line before long. Why announce it? Well, the President has said that we are not in a race to beat the Russians in this field.

Aren't we? Many wonder about that!

## CHURCHILL

That one-man-show at New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art - another triumph for the world's <sup>most famous</sup> ~~greatest~~ statesman. The staid old museum <sup>on 5<sup>th</sup></sup> doesn't specialize in living artists. Nor does it care ~~very~~ much for amateurs. But they put an old custom aside <sup>to welcome</sup> ~~to let in~~ the paintings of ~~St.~~ Winston Churchill.

Forty-one canvases; spanning forty-one years - from nineteen sixteen to last year. Churchill, as we know - took up painting during World War One. In a famous essay, he tells how it helped him relax - during the first <sup>global</sup> ~~brutal~~ conflict of the twentieth century. Sir Winston, at it ever since.

His one man show includes everything from landscapes to still-lives. Most of them, showing the typical Churchillian energy - sharp outlines, and lots of color. No visitor to the museum - is ever in doubt about what Sir Winston <sup>had in mind,</sup> ~~is getting at.~~ His flowers look ~~just~~ like flowers. He doesn't put together a lot of geometrical abstractions - and then

call the result a portrait. He paints ~~exactly~~ what he sees.

What about technique? You'd hardly expect a statesman who paints for a pasttime to be ~~very~~ good. But today, critics at the Metropolitan Museum of Art - were using adjectives like - "excellent," "remarkable," "gifted." Said one expert, "these paintings are very solid - compared with the professional work I see every day."

Well, ~~SPF~~ Winston Churchill has been praised as the most versatile man of our time. His one-man-show of paintings - proving again, that no one alive has high ability in so many different fields.

## ANTARCTIC

~~Here's~~ The story of an Antarctic expedition - that failed. Japanese explorers, arriving ~~at~~ Cape Town, South Africa, by ship - telling how they were forced off Ongul Island.

The Japanese had their Antarctic headquarters on that island. Men and sled dogs, from last year's expedition. The plan, to bring in reinforcements and supplies by ship. But the ice was too thick - the Japanese vessel, almost trapped, seventy miles out. The ice pack, closing in so fast - all they could do was rescue the men on Ongul Island - and then run for it. A ski plane ferried the explorers and nine dogs ~~was~~ to the ship. The decision to evacuate taken so suddenly, eighteen huskies had to be left behind.

This year's Japanese expedition - a failure, ~~and they're~~ <sup>and</sup> returning home to meet criticism from the Tokyo S.P.C.A. They've already received one anonymous <sup>message</sup> ~~letter~~ saying - "if you abandon the dogs - don't come back to Japan."



## HIPPO

Near Deland, Florida, they found "Big Otto" basking on the banks of the St. John's River. The eight thousand pound hippopotamus captured - because he couldn't resist a sun bath. The dispatch says eight thousand. That would be four tons. I wonder?

"Big Otto" escaped from a circus - crunching through two wire barricades - as if they were spider webs. Then he disappeared into the palmetto jungle common in that part of Florida.

Circus employees immediately started a Florida safari - beating through the palmetto like the big game hunters in Africa. No sign of "big Otto". Bloodhounds? The only ones available, had never been trained to track hippo. But a light plane did the trick. The pilot, spotting the hippo - snoozing in the sun on the banks of the St. John's. If "Big Otto" had slid into the river he could have submerged anywhere along a hundred and fifty miles of river. I

~~I think we should for slid~~  
think for a four ton hippo ~~we ought to say slid, Don:~~  
~~instead of slid we should say slid, Don,~~  
~~Boverts~~ he wanted a sun bath. So they caught him.

## TRAIN

A train consisting of a locomotive and nine box cars - on a hair raising ride, ending up in Lake Michigan. The train, apparently started by ~~some~~ someone who was curious. It set ~~me~~ out from Manitowoc, Wisconsin picked up speed on a downgrade - and hurtled along at sixty miles an hour.

Roared through downtown Manitowoc - and swept past twenty unprotected crossings. After careening five miles, the locomotive and nine cars hit a barricade - where the twin rivers come together and flow into Lake Michigan. The locomotive plunging through that barricade - into the lake. Tonight, this runaway train is in eighteen feet of water with the police saying they'll send a diver to the bottom of Lake Michigan to see if anyone was aboard. And -

Solong until Monday