

BRITAIN

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In the London Parliament, ^a ~~the~~ candid ^{and startling} statement ~~was~~

made today, that
the time is coming when Britain will have no defense. No way -

to repel attack. Minister of Defense Duncan Sandys declaring -
that Soviet Russia ~~might~~ "quite soon" will be able to
launch atomic missiles at speeds of more than five thousand
miles an hour. Adding - that, at present, there is no defense
against a weapon like that.

So Britain can rely, no longer, on orthodox means of
defense. Depending, instead - on the prevention of war,
by means of what Sandys called, the "atomic deterrent."
Atomic missiles, that is. Britain - to cooperate with the
United States in guided missile development.

NEAR EAST

Optimism in Washington - concerning the latest American proposal to Israel. The belief - that Egypt will accept the suggestion. Whereby - the United States would send ~~the~~ shipping into the Gulf of Aqaba. To establish the principle - that the waterway should be open to all nations, including Israel. The United States - also to push a plan for having the U.N. station soldiers ^{or} ~~for~~ observers in the Gaza Strip. To keep that sector - from being used as a base for Egyptian raids.

In Cairo - angry newspaper talk against this U.S. offer to Israel. Which might seem to indicate - rejection.

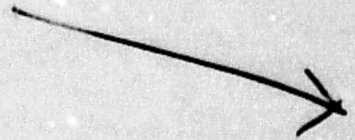
But officials of the State Department don't think so. Intimating - that Egypt has given assurances that she will go along with the new program.

In Israel, the government of Premier Ben-Gurion is now studying the American offer.

EISENHOWER PLAN

The joint committee of the Senate ^{today} approved the Eisenhower Doctrine, ~~today~~ - but, with a last minute ~~amend~~ modification. ^Q ~~Which~~ ⁱⁿ changes the wording. Saying the United States is "prepared to use armed force". Instead of giving the President the "authority" to do so.

The bill - now going to the floor of the Senate.



FOLLOW EISENHOWER PLAN

At the vacation White House, Thomasville, Georgia, the verdict is - that today's Committee action is unacceptable to the President. He's pleased with the change.

JORDAN

Britain and Jordan have reached an agreement -
on the withdrawal of British forces from Jordanian
territory. They have been negotiating ^{on} this for some
days, now Britain pulls out. Which, at the same time,
means an end to the subsidy that the British govern-
ment was paying to the Kingdom of Jordan.

A chieftain of the Arabian desert - accuses Britain of fomenting disturbances along the frontier of Yemen and Aden. This chieftain - the Naib of Ibb. His title sounds as if it comes from Lewis Carroll, "Alice in Wonderland." But the Naib of Ibb is a real monarch, ^{ruler of} ~~He rules~~ a section of the desert ~~down there~~ in ^{western} south Arabia. A United Press correspondent, Joe Morris, reports that the Naib of Ibb has his capital on a mountain cliff. This desert capital, full of tribesmen, who look like something out of Kipling. They go barefoot, with rifles slung over their shoulders and bandoleers of ammunition around their waists.

The Naib of Ibb, wears richly embroidered clothing - and carries a curved dagger in his belt. He talked with Joe Morris of the U.P. - and two other American correspondents. The Naib of Ibb, admitting that he led his troops against the British - during the fighting a couple of weeks ago. But he claims the British are trying to claim territory - that doesn't belong to them. He agrees ~~with them~~ that London has a claim

to the protectorate of Aden - but he charges that the British are trying to push the border of their protectorate - over into the Yemen. That's why he's still ready to fight them - if they don't pull back into Aden.

ITALY

In Italy - the Socialist Party elected a new ^{called} directorate, the governing committee, After a stormy battle - around the number one question in Italian politics. Will the Socialists remain in alliance with the Communists?

Italy, a striking exception to a general rule - that Socialists and Communists are in opposition. But, some years ago, there was a split in the Italian Socialist Party. The majority - teaming up with the Communists. The minority faction - splitting off. Calling themselves - Social Democrats.

^{majority} The result being - that the combination of Communists and Socialists have been able to win about a third of the vote - in Italian elections.

But a change came - after the degradation of Stalin in Moscow. Trouble for Communists everywhere - and especially for the alliance with Socialists in Italy. All along, the Socialist Leader, Nenni - had been faithful to the Communists. But now - he changed. Nenni advocating a break. Calling on his Socialist Party - to switch from the Communists, and join

the Social Democrats. So that was the point at issue - when the Socialist Convention assembled in Venice.

The result? Hard to figure. The convention passed a unanimous resolution - praising Nenni. But then went on to vote in a twenty-one man directorate - split in the following way:-

Ten seats - given to Nenni and his followers. The anti-Communist faction - one vote short of a majority. Two pro-Communist groups - awarded seven seats. Four - going to a neutral faction.

From this distance, it isn't at all clear - whether or not, Italy will continue to have a powerful coalition of Socialists, with Communists.

Another head of government - planning a trip to Washington. But he's a familiar visitor - West German Chancellor Adenauer. The eighty-one year old statesman - who has made four visits to the United States already. Adenauer - to be over here for conferences with President Eisenhower - some time after the next meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Council, which will be held - in early May.

The President of West Germany, Theodore Heuss - also coming over. In advance - of the Chancellor. President Heuss - due in Washington, March Sixth.

We've already heard that President Eisenhower will confer with French Premier Mollet, in Washington, and British Prime Minister Macmillan, in Bermuda. Following a whole series of visits of state - which have already happened.

Heads of government - in a long procession.

Meanwhile, we hear that Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles - will go traveling again. A long way, this time - to Australia. A meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization

will be held at Canberra, and Dulles will be there. The
champion traveler - among all American Secretaries of State.

COMMUNISTS

Chicago says that henceforth members of the American Communist Party will not be welcome in the windy city.

This statement, a reaction to what the Reds decided at their Party convention in New York. Plans to shift their headquarters to Chicago; closer to the farm belt. Also that Chicago has a number of leading members of the big unions. The Communist Party - anxious to exploit - farm problems, and the unions.

But Mayor Richard Daley - says the people of Chicago don't want the Reds. "Why don't they go to Moscow?" were his words. The Mayor, supported by top figures of labor and industry.

Chicagoans are wondering how they'll keep the Communists out. As the Mayor says: - "Why don't they go to Moscow?".


STEEL WORKERS

First election returns - in the Steel Workers Union. Final figures - not to be complete for some while. No need, however - to wait for them. President David J. McDonald - reelected as head of the one million, two hundred thousand steel workers.

~~It was~~ ^The first contested election in the history of the giant union. Time after time, the late Philip Murray was elected Union President - without opposition. Then, after his death in Nineteen Fifty-Two, McDonald was left - as his heir. Elected to the number one post - without opposition.

But trouble began with the Steel Workers Convention at Los Angeles, last autumn. The convention - raising union dues from three dollars a month, to five dollars a month. Which stirred an angry protest - especially in the Pittsburgh-McKeesport areas. An opposition faction formed - under the leadership of Steel Worker Don Rarick, who started a campaign. Rarick running against McDonald, for President of

the steel workers. Union locals voted all over the country - and, as I said, there is no use waiting for a final count.

Today, President McDonald led Rarick - by one hundred and eighty-nine thousand to thirty-eight thousand. An unbeatable - five-to-one. In the central Pennsylvania steel plants, the opposition got a good deal of support. But elsewhere, the McDon  orities ran as high as - thirty-to-one.

STRIKE

Ships tied up in harbor, all the way from Maine to Virginia. The strike, ~~by~~^{of} forty-five thousand longshoremen, immobilizing ~~about~~^{some} one-hundred-and-fifty vessels.

But the negotiation talks go on, with, what is called, "cautious" optimism.

GEORGIA

In the Georgia Legislature, a move - calling for the impeachment of six Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. The Georgia lawmakers - asked to pass a resolution condemning those Justices of "high crimes and misdemeanors." The accusations, having to do - with alleged pro-Communism. The motive behind the resolution - resentment against the Supreme Court, for its decisions on racial rights.

ED HILL

The world of newspapers and radio has lost - one of its great figures. Edwin C. Hill - dying in Florida, ~~at~~, at the age of seventy-two. ^{TF} How well do I remember him!

I went on the radio in Nineteen Thirty - and, a year later, appeared the rich deep voice of Ed Hill. His program - "The Human Side of the News."

But, even then, Ed Hill was a veteran. - ~~having got~~
~~His~~ first newspaper job in Nineteen One. He was in the old Madison Square Garden - the night Harry Thaw killed Stanford White. Ed saw the shooting - a top flight reporter, getting the big story. His career in radio, and in the newsreels, continued until last year. ^{Millions will} ~~Not~~ miss - the ^{golden} voice of Ed Hill.

BALLET

The State Department says the San Francisco ballet troupe - may continue its world tour. The dancers, now in Singapore, last week were informed - their tour would end in Ceylon. Costing too much. Now the State Department agrees they can fill their schedule; going on to Bombay, Karachi, and Teheran and Abadan in Iran.

CONVICT

Today the F.B.I. arrested one of its ten most wanted criminals - in Minneapolis. Robert Green, the object of a manhunt since Nineteen Fifty-Four - when he escaped from the Utah State Prison. Sentenced for burglary and armed robbery, he escaping from that jail, and became a plumber in Minneapolis. Until he was spotted by a newspaper reader.

Altho' armed with an automatic - he surrendered without a fight.

ANTARCTIC

From McMurdo Sound, in the Antarctic - a story of how one of our planes was forced down on the ice - not far from the South Pole. The pilot, Lieutenant Harvey Speed of North Muskegon, Michigan. Landing on the Ross ice barrier.

The plane was returning to the McMurdo Sound base when, in the words of the pilot, "our instrument panel - lit up like a pin-ball machine." Lights flashing on the panel; - ~~a sign of~~ something wrong.

Lieutenant Speed saw that his oil pressure was beginning to drop. Oil, spurting from one of the engines.

The speed of the plane, ^{cut in half.} ~~dropping quickly.~~

^{Pilot)} ~~Speed~~ Speed had a tough decision to make, because he was still two-hundred-and-sixty miles from McMurdo Sound. He decided to land on the ice at Shackleton Inlet. There was no chance of covering those two-hundred-and-sixty miles back to McMurdo Sound - not with his plane in trouble.

Lieutenant Speed made the landing all right. And then his mechanic, William Miles, of New London, Connecticut -

began to work on the engine. ~~The mechanic, and~~ The other four
aboard the plane - praying that he could get it working again.

For two hours he struggled with the engine - with the temperature
^{far}~~way~~ below zero. All around, nothing but a waste of ice.

Finally, Miles managed to equalize the oil pressure
in all four engines. The Americans piled in again. ~~and~~

Lieutenant Speed gunned his plane down the ice - and into the
air. From then on, they had no trouble - landing safely at
McMurdo Sound - and, ~~very~~ glad to be there.

SPACE SHIP

The Air Force - investigating the possibility of a new type of engine. for space ships - interplanetary travel.

An engine - using beams of ions for propulsion.

All quite intricate - but there are simple angles.

The power plant with an "ion drive" would operate - much like a jet engine. The latter - burning fuel and ejecting hot gases.

~~The jet of hot gas stream coming out behind the speeding plane~~

While, in the new fangled contraption it would be - streams of ions. Which are electrified particles, atoms or molecules.

In other words, a jet engine - with an electrical stream, instead of hot gas.

This - from Colonel William Davis, Deputy Commander of the Office of Scientific Research, who explains - that both jet and rockets burn up their fuel ^{to} rapidly ~~for~~ for an interplanetary trip. A voyage to Mars - for example. The electrical "ion drive" - not having any such limitation.

Henry ^{try to}
But/the Colonel warns us - don't ~~xxxxxxx~~

~~buying a ticket into the solar system in the near future.~~
Interplanetary travel ^{next year!} a long way off. Just as Mars - is a long

END

Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: A year ago today, France was giving a big welcome to Sultan Ben Youssef of Morocco. The potentate - whom the French had exiled all the way to Madagascar. But, with all the disturbance in Morocco - they had to bring him back. Restoring him to his throne; - and, now, he was in Paris negotiating for Moroccan independence.

France - cutting loose from her North African possessions.

But not - from Algeria. Which, today, remains a trouble

spot. Yes, Henry, just a year ago in Casablanca and

Marakesh they were celebrating the fact that their

Sultan Ben Youssef back from exile in Madagascar, was

in Paris discussing Moroccan independence.