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Let's have a look at the compromise proposal - which, according to reports, the western powers will hand the Soviets. Diplomatic sources in Geneva call it - "an interim arrangement"; To preserve the status quo - in Berlin, while the larger question of Germany is being worked ~~it~~ out.

Khrushchev, of course, has been threatening - to turn over Soviet authority to the East German Reds. Which would give them - control over western communications in West Berlin. So now- that "interim arrangement" would include a proviso that the western lifelines would be kept open, <sup>and</sup> Guaranteed - by the United Nations.

The western powers - to recognize the Communist East Germans as "agents" of the soviet government. "Agents" in dealing with Berlin communications. Meaning, of course - that the west would deal with the East German Reds.

On the side of the Communists, there are some indications - that the stop-gap scheme for Berlin might be acceptable.

Western diplomatic officials insist - that such a plan would not mean a "sell out" in the Berlin question. Or, any departure from the western insistence - that the German problem must be treated as a whole. Nor, do they admit - that there's any "split" among the British and Americans on one side, and the French and West Germans on the other.

All of which - comes in the middle of the usual deadlock at the conference of foreign ministers. Moscow - rejecting the western "package plan", which would include - unification with free elections for all Germany. The west, at the same time - ~~is~~ turning down the Russian demand that a peace treaty be made with a divided Germany, East and West.

PARIS

In Paris - a shop selling religious objects.

Rosaries - prayer books. So it wasn't surprising - that several nuns frequented the pious place. Sisters, in black habits - examining crucifixes and pictures of saints, *and* ~~listening~~ listening to conversations.

Today, the arrests. ~~■~~ The nuns? - Intelligence agents in disguise. The religious shop - headquarters for Communist espionage, *and* involved in *the* a spy plot - a secretary attached to the Embassy of Red Poland.

## MOSCOW WRITERS

In Moscow - official forgiveness for a number of Soviet writers ~~who~~ who had been - in the proletarian dog-house. Condemned - for not having followed the party line in their ~~literary~~ literary productions.

Their exoneration <sup>just</sup> - proclaimed at a literary Congress in Moscow, where the offending writers were present - <sup>were</sup> and received back into the Communist fold.

One - Ilya Ehrenberg, the well known Russian publicist, who fell into disfavor - because of a novel he wrote not long ago. <sup>that was termed</sup> ~~The novel called~~ anti-Socialist.

Another of those rehabilitated, the Editor Simonov, who got into trouble - and went into self exile in Uzbekistan, in a remote part of <sup>Asia,</sup> ~~Siberia.~~

Most notable of all - the poetess Marguerita Alliger, who was denounced personally - by Khrushchev - in Nineteen Fifty Seven. The big boss declaring - that Marguerita's poetry deviated from the party line of Socialist realism. Marguerita, today - not only forgiven, but elected to an ~~office~~

official post of the literary Congress.

Among those not present, not forgiven - Boris Pasternak, Author - of the Nobel prize winning novel, "Doctor Zhivago". Pasternak - still in the proletarian dog-house.

QUEEN

Trouble in the Netherlands - because of a guest received by Queen ~~J~~ Juliana. A visitor - with whom she talked for an hour and a half. The interview - surrounded by all kinds of secrecy.

Some while ago, there was a political uproar - because of the Queen's association with ~~a~~ faith healer, Greet Hofmans. Whose mystical ideas, people said, influenced royal decisions.

This time - an American George Adamski, ~~who~~ really *anyhow he claims* could be called, I suppose - a citizen of outer space. ~~claiming~~

~~that~~ he's been riding on flying ~~saucers~~ saucers to the moon, *elsewhere in* and ~~other~~ interplanetary spaces. *says he* Once, Adamski ~~was~~ taken aboard ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> flying saucer from Venus - as a guest. The voyagers from Venus - giving him a space ride around the moon.

*Netherlands* Newspaper reports are that ~~the~~ government officials

*in Holland* objected when Her Majesty granted an audience - to Adamski, the interplanetary wanderer. *were* ~~however, I don't~~ ~~suppose~~

they ~~were~~ afraid ~~that~~ Queen Juliana - might go off on a flying saucer trip to the moon?

DULLES

President Eisenhower, today, paid a visit ~~to~~ to the sick bed of John Foster Dulles. We are not told - what transpired. But indications from the White House staff seem to be - that the news is no better. No different from the last medical report - which said that the condition of the ~~man~~ cancer-stricken former Secretary of State was "worsening".

## BOOM

Record breaking earnings - for Americans.

Individual incomes in this country - rising, in April, by three billion, two hundred million dollars. Bringing the total of personal earnings - to three-hundred-and-seventy-two billion,-seven-hundred-million dollars. An increase of eighteen billions - over the figure for last year.

Well, its nice <sup>to hear you all are</sup> ~~for all of us to be~~ making so much money. **B**ut I hope it doesn't mean - more inflation.

LOUISIANA

A terror of Louisiana farms - finally brought down by blasts of a shot gun. A huge bear - which for a year had been killing calves in the ~~near~~ neighborhood of the town of Plains. Tearing down fences <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ raiding the livestock.

Today, the local hero was E. C. Richards, who ~~was out hunting~~ and bagged the villain. A black bear, six feet tall. ~~Was~~ Weighing three hundred pounds.

## FROG

Every horse player - knows the uncertainties of racing. Which, it seems, are nothing beside the form ~~reversals~~<sup>reversals</sup> in frog jumping. As illustrated - by news from California, where they held that famous annual event, based on Mark ~~Twain~~ Twain's old story, "The jumping frog of Calaveras County."

Two frogs - in the contest. One - an American amphibian, large frog. The other - a midget. A frog from Africa, only one-fourth as large as the American.

So here's what happened:- in the trials, the qualifying round. The pigmy frog - in a jump of eighteen feet and five inches. Magnificent, incredible; that African frog - established as the ~~first~~ favorite.

But you know how things can happen - even at the Kentucky Derby. In the championship contest, the miracle frog made several puny jumps, a couple of inches each. Then -sat there croaking. The American frog winning - with an average performance. *The old story, <sup>Don;</sup> the favorite came in last!*

## JAIL

In Denver, Mrs. Pauline Covello - is disillusioned. She has lost the confidence she had - in the merits of the local Denver jail. Saying - even the children are better.

Mrs. Covello, convicted of five traffic violations in one year, drew a sentence - of twenty four hours. Whereupon she thanked the judge, and said: "The kids don't let me sleep too much:- now I'll get some rest."

Off to a prison cell - to peace and quiet!

However, upon emerging from a night in jail - Mrs. Covello was a wreck. The cell she said reverberated with sounds from the street. And that wasn't all. "My hips hurt." "Those jail beds!" complains Mrs. Covello.

So, now she happily went home to her noisy family. And s-l-u-t-m.