

EISENHOWER

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(Given by Allan Jackson, L.T. in Zanzibar)

At the White House news conference today, President Eisenhower was asked - about his talk with Senator Humphrey of Minnesota, yesterday. The Senator - having brought a message from Khrushchev, with suggestions for settling the Berlin crisis. The character of these remain~~ed~~ secret, but the President said - there's nothing new in what Khrushchev has to say in the message brought by the Senator. He repeated - that the United States will stand firm in maintaining the freedom of West Berlin.

One report is that Senator Humphrey brought back from Russia - information that the Soviets have a ballistic missile with a range of more than eight thousand miles. Asked about that, President Eisenhower said - that, very likely, the Russians have such a missile. Pointing out - that we, too, have demonstrated a long range rocket, designed for carrying an atomic warhead. That Atlas missile - tested successfully with an intercontinental range of six thousand miles.

(He said it was also likely that the Soviets have a hydrogen bomb, in the five megatron class. Noting - that we, too, have H-bombs of that enormous power.)

However, President Eisenhower doubted a report - that the Russians have a successful atomic airplane. He ^{said} ~~explained~~ - that U.S. Intelligence has found no evidence of that. Nor do our scientists think - it's likely.

The ~~President~~ President explained - that, right now, we could produce an atomic plane that would fly a few hundred feet off the ground. But American scientists think - it would be a useless kind of stunt, in the present state of development.

EISENHOWER-TRUMAN

This next is not exactly - a head-on Eisenhower-Truman collision. The President, at his news conference, today - dismissed the statements made by the former President. But not - in any clashing way.

A couple of days ago, H.S.T. said - President Eisenhower is still "mad" at him, because of some Truman remarks during the Nineteen Fifty-Two campaign. When, according to ~~former~~ the former President, General Ike stood by - while Senator Jenner of Indiana made bitter charges against General George Marshall, our war-time Chief-of-Staff.

Today, President Eisenhower declared: "To say that I ever stood still while any man, in my presence, was reviling General Marshall, is not true." And added - he's not "mad". Explaining - he doesn't waste his time getting mad at anybody.

LEHIGH VALLEY

The Lehigh Valley Railroad asked formal permission, today - to abandon all passenger service. The railroad - telling the Interstate Commerce Commission that passenger business has been declining. Because of competition of private automobile, bus, and air transportation. The Company - losing nearly five million dollars on passenger service last year.

So they want to limit themselves to the more profitable business - of carrying freight.

WEATHER

The sun was shining at Oswego, New York, this afternoon ending a wintry nightmare for the people of that city. For six days, ~~■~~ one long snowstorm. Oswego - buried, under more than sixty inches of the frosty white. Streets jammed with snowdrifts up to twenty feet in depth.

Meanwhile, the eastern part of the country was

freezing. ^{But} ~~and~~ there are signs - that the cold wave is breaking.

Milder weather - on its way.

CALIFORNIA

Tonight, we still have no clear explanation - of the explosion that shattered the headquarters of a strange religious cult in southern California. A mystical group - headed by Krishna Vanta. Who called himself - a Messiah. Claiming - divine powers. Actually, Krishna Vanta was born in San Francisco, under the name of Francis Heindswatzer Pencovic.

The belief is that a bomb shattered the building near Chatsworth, California - in which men, women and children were sleeping. At least nine - killed. Among them, the cult leader, Krishna Vanta.

Survivors declare they heard their "Messiah" talking to a young man, who wore - shoes. Which indicated - that he was not a member of the sect. Going barefoot - being a part of their observance. They say the intruder carried a canvas bag - which might have contained a bomb.

Krishna Vanta said to him: "What do you think I am - a hypocrite?"

The explosion occurred immediately after, and it would seem - that the man with the bomb was killed in the blast.

PURPLE

At Reading, Massachusetts, peoples' houses - turned purple. The snow on the lawns - took on a violet hue.

How come? Well, a truck loaded with drums of dye went speeding down the highway, when a drum of purple dye fell off. And was hit - by a passing car. Resulting - in something like an explosion. ^a~~The~~ cloud of purple powder blew down the highway. Putting a coat of dye - on residences for a couple of miles. ^PThe folks along the line are seeing red - because they're seeing purple.

ALABAMA

Word from Alabama - that the Presidential Civil Rights Commission will appeal to the Federal District Court at Montgomery To compel - election officials to testify before the Commission, and produce their voting records. If they don't, they might be held in contempt of court.

The Commission is investigating reports that in Alabama Negroes are kept from voting. Denied - the ballot. State officials refuse to cooperate - and this drew a protest from President Eisenhower, today. Who called the defiance in Alabama - reprehensible.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Tonight, Lowell Thomas reports on the stop he made

- while taking the sky route to the coast of East Africa.

(Recording 1:57 mins.)

(SCRIPT NEVER RECEIVED IN OFFICE)

France is threatening retaliation - against Britain.

Following the decision in a London court - which authorized the

sale of Spanish champagne. The French wine-growers protested

violently - ^{They say} that ~~the~~ Spanish stuff may fizzle, but it's ^{is} not

~~that~~ - ^{they insist} champagne. ~~Which~~ can only come - from the famous district ⁱⁿ ~~of~~

France.

They want the legal decision reversed, If not -

revenge. They'll retaliate - and in a drastic way. How?

Well, the champagne growers are threatening - ^{to} ~~they'll~~ go into

the production of Scottish whiskey. The French will make -

Scotch.

(Today, Jacques Dargent, Manager of the Champagne

Growers Association, declared: "We may subsidize a French

whiskey company - to sell Scotch abroad, at a cheap price.")

We can already hear - the screams coming from Scotland.

over "French Scotch" -- almost as loud as those from France over

Spanish champagne.