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REPUBLICAN

The focus of attention at today's G.O.P. summit conference - the man who wasn't there. Dean Burch, not appearing at the Eisenhower suite - in New York's Waldorf Astoria. The National Chairman of the Republican Party, waiting in an ante-room - while his Fate was under discussion

At the summit conference - former President

Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, and Barry Goldwater. Their

problem - how to revive the G.O.P. in particular - would it

do any good to replace Dean Burch?

We don't know - what was said in the Eisenhower suite, but Eisenhower, Nixon and Goldwater agree - that party differences should be ironed out - if possible - before the National Committee meets in January. And that the National Committee should decide - whether Burch stays or not.

As for Mr. Eisenhower's general approach - he spelled it out at a lunch given by the Life Insurance Ass'n.

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of America. Our former President, denouncing "paternalistic government." The encroachment of federal authority on local rights - that Ike associates with the administration of Lyndon Johnson.

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Western Kremlinologists - those we've heard from - appear unanimous about that speech by Kosygin.

From Stockholm to Ottawa, the feeling is - that the new Soviet regime wants better relations with the United States, Regardless of - what Mao Tse Tung thinks about it.

The Russian budget - is the key. Kosygin, telling the Supreme Soviet - that military spending will be cut.

This, by agreement with the United States. Which also will spend less on weapons.

As if that wouldn't antagonize Red China enough,
Kosygin went on to outline domestic policies - that Mao

calls - "revisionist betrayal of Leninism." For example
Soviet workers, to be given more incentives, Zike
bonuses. Which in Stalin's time were considered - Un
Marxist. Again, Soviet farmers will be allowed to own
more private plots of land. Stalin wanted - Mao wants - an

end to this system of ownership. But B and K are bowing -

to the realities. They know that even in the Soviet Union - farmers work harder to for themselves than for the State.

Since Mao doesn't agree with any of this - the inference is plain. The feud remains - unresolved. The feud between - Moscow and Peking.

AMERICA FOLLOW SOVIET

The first White House **spx response to the Kosygin address - is a denial of any agreement for a mutual reduction of arms. Presidential news secretary, George Reedy, pointing out - that we have announced a reduction of the Defense Department budget. But simply as - our own decision, Not as part of a deal - with the Kremlin.

The word Dien Bien Phu is not quite as appropriate tonight, as it was last night. Vietnamese troops have succeeded in lifting the Red siege of An Lao- in the jungle three hundred miles from Saigon. The government troops flew by helicopter last night to the mountain tops surrounding the beleaguered town. Then they launched their attack this morning, hand to hand with bayonets.

Still the Viet Cong in the area are fighting back in large numbers. Maybe the largest concentration of troops,
- say Americans on the spot, - that the Reds have mustered
in one place at one time - since their rebellion started.

Heavy fighting at An Lao but no Dien Bien Phu.

BRITISH GUIANA

The election in British Guiana - developed into a racial contest. Negroes against East Indians, with a few other minority interests - British, for instance - thrown in.

Result - as complicated as the factional feuds.

No party receiving - a majority. So the next government of British Guiana will have to be - a coalition. Prime Minister - probably Forbes Burnham, of the Negro - People's National Congress.

If the British governor decides on Burnham there will be no displeasure in Washington. Our government
has long hoped to see a roadblock thrown in front of Cheddi
Jagan, the Marxist who would like to establish a Red beach
head - in South America.

The worst disaster that Finland has had since the war - struck in the middle of a gay occasion. Place - Rauma Harbor. Thirty-eight ex teen age girls, on their way to an Army dance - aboard a military launch. Laughing and singing, when there was a shattering crash - as the launch collided with a tugboat, And - turned over.

An inferno - of screaming and scrambling.

Some of the girls were trapped under a tarpaulin - at the stern of the launch. Others were thrown clear - into the icy waters of Rauma Harbor. A few managed to swim - to shore. A few were picked up - by the tugboat. But the fear is that twenty five of the girls have been drowned.

MARINER

The space race that scientists are watching on both sides of the Iron Curtain - is of astronomical proportions. Measured in - millions of miles. And at speeds of thousands of miles and hour.

Tonight, our Mariner Four is - two million miles from the earth. Racing along at seven thousand miles an hour on its three hundred and twenty-five million mile space journey, for its July rendezvous with Mors.

What is your guess about how old the earth is?

Before answering, consider the fact - that the figure

changes almost every year. The geologists, pushing the

history of our planet - farther back in time. Using as

evidence - the phenomenon of sub-atomic radioactivity.

The steady transformation - of uranium into lead.

Not long ago, we were startles to hear that the earth is at least - four billion years old. Then the geologists raised the figure - to four and one half billion. Now, they are adding - another one hundred and fifty million.

It would be helpful if once and for all scientists pegged the age of the earth - at a nice round number, Dick one we could all remember Why not precisely - five billion years?

That useful, all-purpose flying machine -- the helicopter -- showed its versatility during an attampted bank robbery in Atlanta, Georgia.

Patrolman Joe Collins was circling over the city -- when his radio picked up a description of the suspect's getaway car. A moment later -- he spotted the car itself, and began to chase it-- at an altitude of two hundred feet.

The driver roared throught suburban Atlanta -- at one hundred miles an hour, making repeated U-turns -- in an effort to throw the police off his trail. He did evade -- thr prowl cars, but he couldn't excape -- the eggbeater overhead.

Finally, the suspect ran into a -- road block. He might have backed up -- except that the helicopter landed behind him.

And soon he was on his way -- to the Atlant lockup. Run to earth--by a whirlybird.