

Straight From Washington -

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WASHINGTON—It is unfortunate that the high Central Intelligence Agency official, when our U-2 plane was forced down, failed to remember the precept, "Silence is golden."

Instead, he issued a false statement, readily disproved. He and other Eisenhower administration officials in panic issued conflicting statements. They let the President down.

They furnished Khrushchev with an excuse for bombast, bluster and uncontrolled vituperation.

It is unfortunate that one of these appointive officials, principally responsible for the confusion which led to President Eisenhower's humiliation, was not installed as a dummy in that Soviet satellite now in orbit.

Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, when asked to assess blame for the Paris fiasco, observed, "Any jackass can kick down a barn, but it takes a good carpenter to build one."

SPYING HELPS—It can now be told aerial reconnaissance by us over the air space of the Soviet Union shows that the Russians have about 20 intercontinental mis-

siles in place on launching pads and "zeroed in" on targets within the United States—air fields, missile bases, and perhaps some cities.

Except for our spying, we would not know the locations of these missile bases.

Mr. K knew of previous U-2 flights over the Soviet Union, though he simulated shock and surprise. Russians tried unsuccessfully to shoot down an air reconnaissance plane more than a year before the Paris meeting.

SECURITY—Recently, a top-salaried Civil Defense official in Washington telephoned an official of the U. S. Information Agency. He said, "I am calling to tell you you don't have to go on that exercise alert."

"What exercise?" asked the Voice of America official.

"I can't tell you. It's a classified secret," replied the CD official, "but you don't have to go."

EDUCATION AID—If President Eisenhower vetoes the bill providing for federal aid to education, it is certain the Senate will vote on the question of overriding his veto.

It is doubtful if a two-thirds affirmative vote could be obtained. In such event, a legislative proposal providing a lesser degree of federal aid will doubtless be passed in the Congress.

The facts are that this nation is spending money for school construction and teacher salaries in more than 50 foreign countries.

There is a shortage of 132,000 classrooms in our public schools. Because of population pressure, rising enrollment and deterioration of existing buildings, this shortage in existing classrooms will continue.

The future of this nation is in the youth of America.