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## When Did He Do Wrong?

President Eisenhower's report to the nation Wednesday night was a forthright and complete accounting of American espionage and the reasons for it—by spy planes over Russia, which started four years ago, and of Khrushchev's wrecking of the Summit Conference.

Bluntly, the President stated that if there had been adequate espionage by the United States there would have been no Pearl Harbor. He could have added also that there would have been no second Korean War through sneak invasion by the Red Chinese after the North Korean Communists had been wiped out. MacArthur was not even permitted to make ordinary military aerial surveillance over Red China at that time.

In its entirety, the effect of Mr. Eisenhower's talk—without such effort on his part—was to place the chatterings of the Adlai Stevensons, the Democratic Advisory Committee, the Paul Butlers, the Kennedys, the Symingtons and their type in the category of asininity. The quicker the Rayburns, the Farleys, the Johnsons and others of the Democratic leadership can put an end to such chattering the greater will be the security of the nation itself and the respect in which the Democratic Party is held by the people.

Briefly, President Eisenhower's revelations concerning the U2 and destruction of the Paris Summit Conference by Khrushchev presented these high spots:

Four years ago the President authorized aerial espionage over Russia under direction of the ~~Central Intelligence Agency~~.

(Creation of CIA was one of the fine achievements of the Democratic Truman administration after World War II had revealed the terrible tragedies that could come to this nation through lack of a competent peacetime intelligence system—not only Pearl Harbor, but the Battle of the Bulge and many other instances of tremendous military setbacks, including huge loss of life.)

The success of the four years of spy flying has been magnificent—almost beyond belief.

(It has been published in both Germany and the United States, including articles on this page, that the U2 flights mapped virtually all of Russia except barren areas. The President showed a photograph of an American naval base from 13 miles up, in which parking area lines six inches wide were visible clearly even on the TV screen, as an example of the amazing detail now available in American air photography from tremendous distances. It was an American base. But clearly the President was saying "This is what we have of Russia as a result of U2 flights.")

down (the President said), the United States followed the only course that can be followed under such circumstances to try to protect its spy system and perhaps the life of the spy himself. Not knowing the exact details, it put out a "cover statement" with the explanation of "a weather flight."

(When a British military intelligence spy was caught skin diving under a Russian warship in Portsmouth harbor while Khrushchev and Bulganin were official guests of the British government in April, 1956, Prime Minister Eden as well as Bulganin and Khrushchev brushed the incident aside. The British attitude was that it was an odd place to "practice" skin diving. The British spy, Commander Crabb, has not been heard from since.)

When it became known that Powers was a prisoner of Russia, and the plane or parts of it presumably also captured, the President (he explained) at once ordered the full facts of the flight revealed. There was no lack of co-ordination between government agencies and nothing of one hand not knowing what the other was doing. Very quick decisions had to be made. They were made. In retrospect they were decisions that hardly could have been made otherwise under the conditions existing.

As for Khrushchev in Paris (Mr. Eisenhower went on), it was clear as the Summit Conference approached that the Russians were determined:

(1) That President Eisenhower's planned visit to Russia, including speeches in five cities and unrestricted use of radio, must be cancelled in view of the fact that he had become a worldwide symbol of peace through his travels to foreign nations and that there was rioting in the Soviet and political revolt in its government.

(2) That the Summit Conference must not accomplish anything and should be prevented if possible because the Allies would not yield on Berlin and Berlin was the one issue on which the Soviet had to have "gains" to satisfy the Communist bloc of nations.

So, the President stated unequivocally, the Soviet delegation made its plans in advance to go to Paris to scuttle the Summit Conference and the U2 was merely an excuse. Khrushchev, Mr. Eisenhower pointed out, said he had known of the U2 flights for several years. He knew of them all the time he was in the United States and made no protest. He protested only when protest suited the Soviet plans to blow up the possibilities of steps toward world peace.

Those are the basic facts as presented by the President. Just where did he do wrong?