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L.T. - Baker

McKay

Secretary of the Interior, Douglas McKay,
announced in Salem, Oregon, today - that he intends to
seek the Republican nomination for the Senate. The
purpose - *if he can -* to unseat Senator Wayne Morse - who won as a
Republican, and then switched parties. Since then,
Senator Morse has been one of the leading critics of
the Administration.

Secretary McKay says that he wants to save the
Eisenhower program from hostile criticism in the Senate.
That's why he is going to try to get the seat now held by
Senator Morse. It is sure to be a slam-bang campaign -
with McKay a strong candidate, because he was Governor
of Oregon before he entered the Eisenhower Cabinet.
If nominated, he will give up his Cabinet post in June.

WHITEHOUSE

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~~A lot of~~ Washington reporters would like to know what was said at the Whitehouse last night - during President Eisenhower's "stag dinner". The reason for the interest, the list of guests. On hand were the usual members of President Eisenhower's political family - Vice-President Nixon, Attorney General Brownell, Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams - and so on. But there were others too - like former Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York and General Lucius Clay.

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~~That~~ list of dinner guests ^{that} includes ^d top figures in the G.O. P. who were influential in winning the nomination for Mr. Eisenhower in 1952. So the ^{assumption} ~~guess is~~

^{is} that the subject of conversation was political with emphasis on the coming campaign.

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Did they discuss a possible running mate for Mr. Eisenhower. Someone besides Vice-President Nixon? We don't know. The President and his advisers ^{decline to} ~~refuse to~~ say anything at all ^a _^ bout the dinner.

CAIRO

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A special emissary made a dramatic flight today - from Cairo to Jordanⁿ and then back to Cairo. The Premier of Syria, ^{Said} sent Ghazzi, on a mission to young King Hussein - bearing a secret message from the Chiefs of Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia - who are meeting in the Egyptian Capital.

Said Ghazzi refused to disclose the contents of his message when he landed at Amman. He drove directly to the Palace for an audience with the King. Then he raced back to the airport, and took off for Cairo.

Sources in Amman believe the message included an offer by the three Arab states - to match Britains subsidy to Jordanⁿ. London contributes more than thirty-million ^{annually} dollars. And we hear that today's message may have stated

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that Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia are willing to make up that sum, if ⁿJorday~~y~~ will eradicate the last vestiges of British influence.

Back in Egypt, the three leaders went into the fourth day of their strategy talks. But like good Moslems, they took time off to fulfill their religious duties on the Moslem Sabbath. They went to Cairo's historic Mosque, Al Azhar - where, during the rites, crowds shouted anti-Israeli and anti-Western slogans.

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After that, they returned to their discussions -
oⁿ~~x~~ how to meet the situation in the Middle East.

CYPRUS

The ~~situation on~~ Cyprus is ^{tense} ~~worse than ever~~ following the arrest of the Orthodox Archbishop. The British, seized Archbishop Markarios - in an attempt by Governor General Sir John Harding, to break the Nationalist violence by force.

The Archbishop, is head of the "enosis" movement - ^{and union} demanding independence with Greece. He is accused of ^{the master-mind} being behind the terrorist army.

He ~~was~~ ^{is} about to leave for Greece today, ~~when~~ he was seized at the airport, and flown into exile; ~~at~~ some undisclosed destination. ~~The~~ British troops ⁱⁿ searched ^{at} his residence, ~~and the~~ report ~~is~~ that they found an automatic pistol. That would bring the Archbishop under

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the emergency regulations established by the British -
which makes ~~the~~ possession of firearms, punishable, ~~by~~

~~death~~ *Severe punishment.*

Sir John Harding ~~also~~ has stopped all telephone
calls and cablegrams between Cyprus and Greece, ~~And he~~
has deployed fifteen-thousand troops at strategic points
in the Island - trying to crush the underground army, ~~of~~
~~the terrorists.~~

The arrest of the Archbishop seems certain to
bring on
~~cause even~~ more violence. Today, six bombs were thrown
at British army vehicles.

At the same ^{time}, crowds in Athens have been
demonstrating in the streets - shouting, "down with Britain"
and demanding the return of Cyprus.

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles was given a cold reception when he arrived in India today. ^{Not the gala one predicted.} The Indians, still angry with two points of American Foreign Policy - our backing of Pakistan in the dispute over Kashmir, and our support for Portugal in the dispute over Goa.

Consequently, only a few persons were on hand at the New Delhi airport. The Indian Minister of External Affairs greeted Mr. Dulles officially. Otherwise, there were only members of our diplomatic corps, and American residents of New Delhi.

Mr. Dulles spoke a few words at the airport. He said he hoped that both sides would gain from his talks

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with Prime Minister Nehru. He admitted that there are differences between India and America. But - **then** he added - "differences are characteristic of free people."

From the airport, Secretary Dulles drove straight to Nehrus home in New Delhi. The two statesmen posed for photographs - and then plunged into their talks.

EDEN

The British Prime Minister today issued a special warning to the people of Britain - not to be taken in by Communist smiles. ~~Sir~~ Anthony Eden, referring to the official announcements just released - that former Soviet Premier Malenkov will make a guided tour of British Atomic Research Stations next week. And in April, Britain ^{to} ~~will~~ get the full propaganda treatment

from Khrushchev and Bulganin - when they arrive for their ^{socalled} good-will tour.

Sir Anthony did not mention anybody by name. But he pointed out that the men of the Kremlin openly boast that they intend to take over the world. ~~And~~ so no one in Britain should be taken in by ^{mere} ~~any~~ amiable behavior ^{on the} ~~part~~ of the visiting Russians.

STASSEN

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Today's meeting of the Senate Investigating Sub-
Committee was a bit stormy - and at the center of the
storm a Senator who ^{used} ~~used~~ to be ^{well known} ~~famous~~ for that kind of
thing, ^{JOE} McCarthy of Wisconsin. It all happened when
Foreign Aid Chief Harold Stassen was testifying about
Strategic goods passing behind the iron curtain.

McCarthy and Stassen were once good friends - not
political enemies. ~~and~~ at one point Senator McCarthy ^{spoke}
^{of the} ~~accused~~ Stassen's report to Congress ^{as} ~~of~~ being ^{as} the Wisconsin
Senator put it "as far as I know deliberately false."

McCarthy charged that two-hundred-and-fifty million
pounds of copper wire have been shipped from Britain to
the iron curtain countries. Stassen denied that, but ~~he~~
added "I won't give you the figure".

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Senator McCarthy also attacked Secretary of Defense Wilson and Secretary of Commerce Weeks - because they refused to let their subordinates testify before the Committee. ~~Senator McCarthy calling the order "a great disservice to your country and your party."~~

FARM BILL

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Yesterday we had the Administration victory in the Senate - the rejection of a Democratic plan to restore rigid high price supports on basic crops. Today, the follow-up to the Administration's concession. The Senate, voting to increase this year's average of corn. The Senators agreed to increase the amount to fifty-one million acres. Also to impose price supports on certain feed grains.

~~But the~~ Debate on the Farm Bill is still going *on*, ~~ahead~~. And Senate Leaders say there is no hope of getting a final vote this week.

Meanwhile, Secretary of Agriculture Benson is *being* ~~accepting~~ *ed* congratulations for yesterday's Senate decision.

The Secretary told reporters that the thirteen vote margin against rigid price supports was greater than he

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had expected. And, of course, he is ~~very~~ happy about ~~the~~ ^{that.}

So is ^{the} President ~~Eisenhower~~, who congratulated ~~the~~ ^{his} Secretary ^{of Agriculture} ~~on his~~ ^{when he} arrived at the White House ^{today.}

NEUBERGER

Senator Neuberger of Oregon proposes that the investigation of lobbying be taken out of the hands of the Senate. The Oregon Democrat, claiming that Senators elected with special campaign funds - can hardly inquire into the campaign fund^s of other Senators. His solution - the investigation of lobbying in Washington, to be undertaken by a special commission headed by ^{some eminent} a judge.

HOLDUP

A daring daylight holdup in New Yorks lower East side. Two messengers arrived at a housing project - carrying the weekly pay-roll. As they passed through the gate, three men suddenly raced through on foot -- bandits wearing false noses and dummy eyeglasses. Armed with two shotguns, and a sub-machine gun - they held up the guards and seized that payroll of twenty-thousand dollars - then jumped into a car driven by a fourth member of the gang and fled before anyone could do anything about it.

NORWAY

Norway seizes another Russian fishing vessel. Last month we heard how a Soviet fleet moved into Norwegian waters, and how thirteen ^{Russian vessels} ~~of them~~ were captured by the Norwegian Navy. The Kremlin had to pay a big fine to get ~~these ships~~ ^{them} released. Now we hear of one more. It sailed into Norway's territorial waters and began taking fish. A ship of the Norwegian Navy was promptly sent out - and brought the Soviet vessel back under guard. It is being held now pending an investigation, ~~by the Norwegian authorities.~~

TITANIC

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A dispatch from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia mentions one of the most dramatic and tragic events of this century - the sinking of the great lines^{rs,} Titanic, after she hit an iceberg. The ^Ttitanic comes to mind because John Fassett is dead; ~~and he was~~ one of the radio operators who relayed messages about the tragedy.

Back in 1912 John Fassett was one of the worlds first amateur radio operators - one of the first "hams". On the night of April 14th 1912, John Fassett began getting messages stating that something had happened to the Queen of the sea, the Titanic on a run between Southampton and New York. John Fassett relayed those messages ^{to David Saroff I believe} and gradually the picture built up, of the ship smashing into an iceberg and going down. The "unsinkable"

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ship actually sinking. Fifteen hundred lives lost.

John Fassett kept relaying the story all during those two days of April when other ships tried to save as many of the survivors as they could. Now this "ham" operator is dead - snapping one of our links with the Titanic.

ANTARCTIC

Here's a question about one of the most inaccessible spots on this globe - the Antarctic. Congressman Thor Tollefson of Washington has written a letter to President Eisenhower - saying that we ought to make formal claims to territory at the bottom of the world. The Congressman points out that we have done more Antarctic exploration than all other nations combined - yet we have not claimed any territory formally - have not notified other nations that they have no business entering the parts of the South Polar Continent covered by our explorers like Admiral Byrd, *Sir Hubert Wilkins, Lincoln Ellsworth,* And Congressman Tollefson is afraid that Russia will ~~beat us to it~~ planting the Hammer and Sickle near the Pole, and warning us to stay away.

Com. Finn Ronne and others.

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Congressman Thor

Tollefson is afraid Congress will not act unless
it gets a Presidential recommendation. ^{So} He hopes Mr.
Eisenhower will make such a recommendation ^{and} that
Congress pass legislation declaring our ^{prior} rights in the
Antarctic, ^{the continent of ice around}
the South Pole.

L.A. MOTORAMA

I've caught up with ~~the~~ Motorama again, ^{out here} ~~and~~
^{in Los Angeles - and}
General Motors District Manager Blair tells me they
are breaking all records. Up to last night three-
hundred-and-sixty-three-thousand-nine-hundred-and-
twenty-four Southern Californians had seen this exciting,
~~and~~ spectacular show. Last Sunday broke all records for
one day of Motorama anywhere; one-hundred-thousand-five-
hundred-and-fifty-three.

District Manager Blair believes that six-hundred-
thousand people will have attended Motorama here in Los
Angeles by the time it winds up on Sunday night. Then
on to San Francisco!

N.Y., Henry!

How - on to you in

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