

FARM

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The Administration won the farm battle today. The House - passing a bill for flexible price supports. The measure now goes to the Senate, but the backers of rigid supports have little hope left. They do not think the Senate will reverse the House in this business of farm policy.

Actually, the measure is a compromise. Until now, basic farm crops have been supported at ninety percent of parity. President Eisenhower recommended flexible price supports that would range ~~from~~ from seventy-five to ninety percent. But the White House consented, when the figures were altered. Making the ~~flexible~~ range - from eighty-two and one half to ninety percent of parity.

That's what ~~was~~ was adopted by the House today. The vote -- two-hundred-twenty-nine to one-hundred-seventy.

Farm policy is a number one feature in the Eisenhower domestic program. The one - expected to run into the most opposition. <sup>And</sup> Now, the vote in the House appears to settle the matter in ~~the~~ favor of the administration.

TAX BILL

The Senate okayed the tax reform bill, today.

The measure - that grants tax relief, of one sort or another, for twenty-five million people. And includes - changes to to encourage business expansion.

The Democrats wanted a general income tax cut.

But a final attempt was beaten today, and then the bill was passed. A massive document, with a multiplicity of details - the first general overhaul of basic tax laws in many years.

( The Senate bill will have to be harmonized with another version of the same, passed by the House. There is only one important difference - the Senate having killed most of the provisions ~~of~~ to give tax relief to persons receiving income from stock dividends. There are many other differences ~~in~~ between the two measures - but they <sup>are</sup> are small, questions of mere detail.)

Another large step forward - for the Eisenhower domestic program.

COMMITTEE

The Congressional Committee investigating tax-exempt foundations, will hold - no more public sessions. Too much trouble, wrangling and argument. Constant clashes between Republican Chairman Reese of Tennessee and Congressman Hays of the Ohio Democrat. Hays - ridiculing testimony that <sup>the</sup> multi-million dollar foundations, Rockefeller, Carnegie, Ford, and so on - have been promoting socialist and collective ideas.

Attorney (Today, the Republican majority on the committee voted to end the noisy public proceedings. Further testimony - to be taken in secret. ~~It~~ Or, in the form of sworn, written statements.)

## ALABAMA

Alabama, today, nominated a candidate for Attorney General, On the Democratic Ticket, - which means election. So John Patterson will become Attorney General.

He's the son of Albert Patterson - who had, previously, been nominated for the post. A crusader against underworld elements which have made Phoenix City, Alabama, a haunt of gambling and vice - he was killed in a gangster shooting. So now his son takes his place - to become Attorney General and ~~to~~ continue the crusade.

The loyalty hearings on Dr. Ralph Bunche may result in - prosecutions. The Department of Justice is now studying a transcript of the proceedings - looking for evidence of possible perjury. In the testimony - against the Negro Director of the Trusteeship Department of the U N. ~~who won the~~ Nobel Prize,

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 Doctor Bunche, was cleared unanimously, by the Loyalty

Board - of charges that he had Communist connections.

Attention is foused on testimony given by two witnesses.

Not named - but they are said to be former members of the Communist Party.

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## GUATEMALA

Guatemala City was in a gala mood today. This morning, Church bells rang out, and factory whistles blew in a jubilant chorus. Hailing the news - that ~~A~~ peace agreement had been signed ~~in neighboring El Salvador.~~ ~~by~~ - the two leaders of Guatemalan anti-Communism.

The report was that the two Colonels, returning by air, would arrive in Guatemala City by noon. Whereupon a huge crowd, thirty thousand people - went streaming to the ~~steps~~ airport to greet them. Only to find - that their arrival ~~of the two leaders~~ had been postponed.

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If so, the situation will be the more interesting - because of the presence, in Guatemala City, of both Monzon's regular Army troops, and Castillo Armas' ~~at~~ insurgent forces. Today's agreement provides - that the rebel army shall march in the capitol city and share barracks with the regular army.

Meanwhile, there are reports of pro-Communist uprisings in the country districts. Incited - by fugitive Red leaders, ~~who~~ fled upon the overthrow of the pro-Communist regime.

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UNITED FRUIT

The Federal government has filed a suit against the United FRUIT Company. Charging - violation of the anti-trust law. <sup>He</sup> United Fruit - said to have obtained control of nearly all the land in Central America used for growing ~~banana~~ bananas. <sup>Secretary of State - in the presence of this</sup> <sup>possibility</sup> The company has vast holdings in Guatemala and <sup>or</sup> figured in charges made by the Pro-Communist government, since over <sup>his</sup> thrown. <sup>to the recognition of Red China as</sup>

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FOREIGN POLICY

Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, declares - he's afraid there'll be a drive to admit Red China to the U N, this fall. <sup>He</sup> stated this, today, at a secret meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations committee. So what's the attitude of the Secretary of State - in the ~~ma~~ face of this possibility. The Acting Chairman of the Committee, Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey, says - Secretary Dulles "re-affirmed <sup>his</sup> opposition to the recognition of Red China as strongly as anybody could."

( So we'll fight against it. But suppose we lose out? Suppose the U N goes ahead and admits Red China. What will we do in that case? Secretary Dulles appearing before the committee, did not enter into a discussion of that point. )

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campaign for an American withdrawal from the international organization. Today, Senator Johnson argued - that the American people would refuse to support the U N. With Red China - in.

The word ~~is~~ in Congress is that all this furor grows out of reports <sup>concerning</sup> ~~about~~ the White House meeting between British Prime Minister Churchill and President Eisenhower. What went on is an official secret. But reports are around that Churchill ~~and~~ <sup>told</sup> Eisenhower - he expects Red China to be voted into the U N this fall. There's also a suspicion that France might agree to back the Chinese R<sub>eds</sub> in return for a favorable armistice in Indo China.

We hear - the State Department is making inquiries in Paris. Asking - why France decided to abandon the southern half of the Red River Delta in Indo China. Washington - trying to learn the "intentions" of Paris.

GERMANY

West Germany gives a warning to France. Saying - the French will either have to ratify the European Army pact, or the West Germans will go ahead and form a national army of their own. So stated, by Chancellor Adenauer - in ~~one~~ one of the sharpest pronouncements he's made thus far.

( Adenauer indicated that the U.S. and other western governments, including West Germany, have considered an alternative - if France does not take action on that international Army plan. The Chancellor indicated the alternative in these words: "If we were compelled, by France, to raise a German National Army again." )

CRASH

A jet fighter plane which crashed near Utica, New York, today, had been on a mission "to investigate an unknown aircraft in its area." So says the Air Force.

It was one of the two jets that were sent aloft - to intercept that "unknown aircraft." The Air Force declares that there was "a successful intercept," but it had not been ascertained, as yet, what the mysterious plane turned out to be.

The jet that crashed had trouble - the cockpit became "unbearably hot." The pilot ordered his radar observer to bail out. <sup>and</sup> then he <sup>too</sup> bailed out. The jet crashing - into houses and an automobile. Killing four persons.

## PHILIPPINES

The Philippines had a bad earthquake today. Hardest hit - the southeastern part of the island of Luzon. Huge damage - and many casualties. In one town, a church tower was shaken down - the debris falling on people below. The Red Cross - flying a disaster team to the town.

The ~~epi~~<sup>epi</sup> Center of the quake was in the Gulf of Ragay, southeast of Manila. Where, deep in the rocks, there's a fault - causing earthquakes from time to time.

## CIRCUS

Here's a story of the circus. At Durban, South Africa, the big show was playing. One feature -- Coetzee's lion act. Coetzee - known as the Fearless Lion Trainer. Another act - Brodsky, the juggler.

They were close friends - the lion trainer and ~~is~~ the juggler. With - Coetzee forever laughing at Brodsky, <sup>Another</sup> because the juggler had ~~an~~ a mortal fear of wild animals - especially those lions.

The performance was on last night - with Coetzee putting seven lions through their act. When suddenly, a lion sprang upon him - and the others followed. All seven - attacked him.

Help came quickly - a man darting into the cage. He grabbed a chair, and drew the lions away from the fallen trainer. Who was he? Brodsky, the juggler. Seeing his friend in desperate peril, he forgot his fear of the lions.

Soon it was time for Brodsky's juggling act.

His legs were bleeding where the lions had clawed him. But he went on with his performance - as deft and skillful as ever. In the magic - of juggling.

When he was through, they told him - the lion trainer was dead.

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COUNTESS

In London, today, the doctor ordered Countess Beatty to stay in bed -- and recuperate. But - ~~at~~ instead, she was getting ready to fly - to Los Angeles. Vowing - she'll get back her seven year old son, Timothy who was taken from London and brought to the United States by her former husband, The boy's father - William V. OConnor, Deputy Attorney General in California.

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British newspapers, recently, when he was charged - with  
slapping a woman in public, on a London street. He's to  
appear in court on Monday - to answer the complaint made by  
Nurse Margaret Evans. Who, it appears, doesn't want to be  
slapped even by a Peer of the Realm.

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LONDON

There's rejoicing in Britain - over the final end of rationing. This weekend meat rationing will be lifted - the last of the food restrictions imposed in the British program of "austerity."

Rationing was clamped on at the beginning of the Second World War, and has continued for nearly fifteen years. Post war Britain, dreary with food shortages. The gloomy reign of austerity.

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Lowell Thomas Broadcast - Kaiser.  
July 5, 1954

Good Evening Everybody.

Many unexpected things happen to those of us who are involved in gathering and reporting the world's news. Well, I thought almost everything already had happened to me in the past twenty-four years, everything that could happen to a radio newsman. But, this evening -- within the past few minutes, I have had a brand new experience. Mebbe I had better tell you about it after I have given you the high lights of the day's news. But, on second thought, I think I'll do it now. It may explain why I am out of breath, and why this broadcast may be more ragged than usual.

What happened was this: for the first time in twenty-four years on the air, I entirely forgot this was a broadcast day. I suppose that in my subconscious mind, for the past couple of hours I was just thinking of this as another week-end, with today Sunday. Oh yes, I went to church --- yesterday. But, even that seems <sup>only</sup> hours ago.

Or, maybe it was the golf that threw me off. Golf, as you may or may not know, has a strange affect on some of us all of the time and all of us some of the time. It's one perfect way of taking your mind off everything else. And, my golf today wasn't so good, although I was in pretty good company. That is, this morning I played with my son's in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pryor. That is, we played and also talked about our young people who are now flying somewhere in Africa, in their own plane -- at latest reports with the Pygmies in the Ituri Forest, deep in the Congo.

Then, this afternoon I played a round with a couple of local farmers named Thomas E. Dewey and Edward R. Murrow, and a fourth, who isn't exactly a farmer although he started life on a sheep station in Australia, His name is Joe Kirkwood. Many of you know him. Joe Kirkwood is perhaps the best known golfer in the world, or nearly that. He has played and put on exhibitions everywhere. After our round this afternoon, he put on his golf show. And what a show that is! The best

where in Tunis. Today, the Cabinet resigned. I don't  
I have ever seen. And if you haven't enjoyed the Joe Kirkwood  
gesture of helplessness - in the face of these terrorists.  
Show, well, hurry up and see it. It's in a class by itself.  
The Premier, Mohamed Mzali said the Day of Tunis - that his  
Maybe I was so absorbed in watching Joe Kirkwood perform his  
attempts to suppress the Nationalist Extremists had failed.  
golf miracles --- maybe that was to blame for my forgetting  
The Cabinet, itself, was moderate nationalist. But that  
all about this broadcast.

At the last moment my wife reminded me. So here I am.

But, without a broadcast prepared. However, the news has  
The French, on this part, are bringing in military  
been coming in over the press wires and I'll pass some of it  
forces. Today, two thousand soldiers landed at the port of  
on to you and make it has clear as I can. Let's see, the  
Tunisia - for a campaign to quell the terrorists, who are  
first, and in a way one of the most important items of the  
in virtual possession of outlying districts. These troops,  
day is from North Africa,

by the way, are Moroccans - from the neighboring Moslem  
country. The Moroccans - are professional soldiers, some  
of the best in the French Army.