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EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower agrees to the Congressional action in watering down his power to reorganize the government. Says his Secretary, Jim Hagerty, the President announced his acceptance of the plan at a meeting with G.O.P. leaders last Monday.

Then the Congressional Committees voted him less authority than Mr. Truman had. However, we hear that Republican leaders will try to restore the President's full reorganization powers.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

More about appointments to the Defense department. The Senate Armed Services Committee approves of Robert Stevens as Secretary of the Army, of Harold Talbott as Secretary of the Air Force, and of Robert Anderson as Secretary of the Navy.

Stevens and Talbott were ^{held up} ~~both delayed~~ because of their stock holdings in companies that do business with the government. ^{Then;} Like Defense Secretary, Charles E. Wilson, they were approved after they agreed to dispose of their stock.

Also approved - Winthrop Aldrich. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee accepts his nomination as our Ambassador to Britain. The Committee now has two major appointments to consider - General Bedell Smith as Undersecretary of State, and ^{President ~~Tr.~~} ~~Dexter~~ ^{Conant} of Harvard, as our High Commissioner ^{for West} ~~to~~ Germany. Hearings on these two ~~cases~~ are scheduled for Monday - with little doubt that they will be approved.

MORSE

Senator Wayne Morse, of Oregon, ^{again -- the solon who} calls himself an 'Independent Republican.' And ~~his~~ behavior in Congress, ^{as we have seen has indeed been} ~~has been very, very,~~ independent. Particularly in delaying President Eisenhower's appointments.

Today Senator Morse is in the news for another reason. ^{This time a} controversy with Senator Wiley, Chairman of the ~~Senate~~ Foreign Relations Committee.

The controversy occurred while the Senate was considering the appointment of Thurston Morton ^{as for} Assistant Secretary of State. Senator Morse asked why the Foreign Relations Committee had submitted no written report on Morton. Then came the exchange of words with Senator Wiley. Morse stated ^{ing} that Wiley is not qualified to lead the Committee. The Senator from Oregon termed 'archaic' the system of seniority by which ^{Sen.} Wiley got the ^{honor,} ~~job~~.

Senator Wiley answered right back - calling Morse an actor who always wants the spotlight. "He puts on a

show, "the Committee Chairman said. "The galleries see it. The press writes it." Then he added:- "the day Eisenhower was confirmed, there on the front page, right under Eisenhower, was Morse." To which Senator Wiley added this sarcastic touch:- "I realize that the Senator from Oregon should be on the Foreign Relations Committee - and on every other Committee!" A reference to the fact that Senator Morse has lost his place on two Committees - because of the way he behaved during the campaign. So it seems that the last word was had by Senator Wiley.

DEWEY

Governor Dewey lowers the budget - not the boom - the budget - much more difficult in these days. The Governor of New York asking his state legislature for a smaller appropriation - a governor asking less money! What's more the Dewey budget statement calls for the continuance of existing tax reductions. It also notes incredible - that the state of N.Y. will end its fiscal year with a surplus of over a million dollars. All of which adds up to the good news - that it is possible to cut expenditures, - that it is even possible to run a government and end up with a surplus.

One interesting sidelight:- Governor Dewey revealed that President Eisenhower may turn some Federal taxes over to some of the states. The N.Y. Governor asks the Albany Legislature to be prepared for such a tax reform.

Mr. Eisenhower hasn't yet committed himself on this. But the advance word is that he will in his State of the Nation address before Congress on Monday.

U.P. Correspondent Lyle Wilson, reports that Governor Dewey's disclosure is causing much discussion

in Washington. That it is unusual for a governor to anticipate what a President will say. But Dewey, naturally - as the original Eisenhower man - is in close contact with the White House. He is one of the new Presidents trusted advisors. "So," says Lyle Wilson, "Dewey probably is right about what the administration intends to do." In the words of the U.P. Correspondent: "There is small doubt but what Dewey was on the target! He couldn't afford to be wrong when he was undertaking to speak the mind of a man, for whose election to the Presidency he was more responsible than any other person."

All of which means that Governor Dewey is still very much of a national figure in the G.O.P. The strongest man in the party, excepting the President. What will his political future be? Lyle Wilson points out one possibility that is going the rounds in ~~Washington~~ Washington. He writes: "The N.Y. Governor is back on top. Dewey no longer can be counted out as a future Republican Presidential nominee."

Substitute MORSE

This evening most Americans had the chance to see a striking celestial phenomenon - a total eclipse of the moon. Weather permitting, the sight was visible throughout the country, except for the far northwest.

A lunar eclipse means, that the earth moves between the sun and the moon, thus cutting off the moon's light. The moon then becomes dark, for the earth's only satellite has no light of its own. Moon and earth alike shine only by the reflected light of the sun.

~~This time, thousands watched as the shadow of the earth gradually blotted out the moon.~~ For over an hour it seemed as if we had lost our satellite. Then the rim of the moon appeared, and its disc came more and more into view, until it was back in its familiar place in the heavens.

Total lunareclipses are not ~~very~~^{too} rare. Two this year, the next in July. - So those who missed tonight's celestial exhibition will have another chance.

VAN FLEET

The people of South Korea pay their respects to General Van Fleet. Our Eighth Army Commander ~~is~~ leaving for home - ~~being~~ replaced by General Maxwell Taylor. And the South Koreans are not ^{at all} happy. ~~about the transfer.~~ Not that they have anything against General Taylor. ~~It's~~ Just that Van Fleet became extremely popular during his time in Korea.

A dispatch from Tokyo tells us that a crowd of South Koreans, including many children, turned out in sub-zero weather to hail their American leader. Many top government officials were there - including Premier Syngman Rhee. They praised ^{Gen.} Van Fleet; ~~they~~ thanked him for his defense of their homeland. ^{and} ~~they~~ voiced the hope that he would come back again.

6 The dispatch describes the General as: "obviously touched by the tribute." He promised the South Koreans that he would return some day. ^{Then} He voiced one regret. In his words: "I only wish I could have successfully

finished my job, and gained the ultimate objective - an honorable peace." But, he added: " South Korea's fighting men are an inspiration to all the free peoples of the world." A remark that brought cheers from the crowd, for Van Fleet himself has been largely responsible for building up the ROK forces.

So now General Van Fleet comes home. We don't know yet whether President Eisenhower has another job for him. At any rate, he leaves Korea ^{knowing that} ~~in the~~ ~~everybody thinks his~~ ~~knowledge that his last~~ job was well done. And ^{with} ~~he won't~~ ~~forget~~ that South Korean tribute ^{at} that mass meeting of the common people, ^{their cheers ringing in his} ~~to say good-bye to him.~~ ~~ears.~~

INDO-CHINA

The Communist led rebels of Indo-China are getting direct help from Russia and Red China. So states Pham Le Bong, a former minister of Emperor Bao Dai.

We know, of course, that the rebels have been using war material from the two great Communist nations. Much of it ~~has~~ been captured by French and loyal Indo-Chinese forces. Now Pham Le Bong tells us that the rebels have a secret agreement with Stalin and Mao Tse-Tung. And armaments are delivered to them under the terms of the agreement.

Pham Le Bong learned about the secret treaty when he was a member of the rebel government. He escaped to the French lines last December. He says that, in Nineteen Fifty-One, Russia and Red China agreed to support the Communist rebellion against the French authorities. They promised to send mechanized equipment, trucks, light and heavy guns. Also industrial machinery and technical assistance for munitions factories. The

top Red bosses didn't forget propaganda. They are furnishing, what they call 'political counselors' to work with both military and civil officials. 'Political counselor'!- Sounds familiar! It is! It's just another name for 'Commissar', the government agent who spies on other officials. Sees to it they stick to that Party **Line.**

Officials in Saigon say the war equipment is delivered in a special fleet of Russian and Chinese trucks. The trucks described as patterned after General Motors models. There are said to be some three hundred of these trucks in operation. Carrying up to three thousand tons of material every month. The route, probably from China across the border to a base in northern Indo-China.

According to Pham Le Bong, Russia and China are promising more than equipment to the rebels. He says the agreement provides that Soviet and Chinese troops

shall invade Indo-China - if the French and their allies show that they can defeat the rebels.

World Communism anxious - as always to keep a localized war going on. And in the case of Indo-China, promising to aid its puppets with troops to keep them from defeat.

REFUGEES

Refugees from the Russian Zone are still pouring into West Berlin at the rate of more than a thousand a day. For which the East German press has its own explanation. According to the Reds, most of the refugees are criminals, enemies of the state, or tax-evaders.

And the newspapers are telling East Germans horrifying stories of life in the West. Say the Red editors, refugees are thrown into jail. Or shanghaied in to the French Foreign Legion. These being just a couple of dire possibilities.

So the Red press calls on its people to stay at home. Remain there ~~ixxkmm~~ behind the Iron Curtain in the land of sweetness and light. And pay no attention to Western propaganda when it points out that the Communist regime is a grim and oppressive tyranny.

Judging from the number of refugees fleeing from behind that Iron Curtain not many are impressed by what they read in their papers.

CAVIAR

Russia and Iran disagree about caviar. Caviar doesn't sound proletarian! - Caviar the choice dish of gourmets; traditional delicacy aristocrats. But, of course its almost the Ruskie National dish - those fish eggs - the roe of the sturgeon. / ^{And} The best caviar comes from the Caspian. So its a matter of livelihood to thousands of fishermen around the Caspian - especially on the Persian side. And both Russia and Iran have an interest in the caviar trade. In the past rounding up caviar has been a joint affair - by a joint corporation, with the export end controlled by the Russians.

Well, the caviar concession runs on Saturday. And the Teheran Government says it will not be renewed. Premier M^ossadegh's government gives a familiar reason that the Iranian caviar industry is to be nationalized. According to the sobbing Foreign Minister, Russian technicians will be expelled from Iran's Caspian fisheries. Which sounds pretty much like what happened to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company - nationalization,

followed by expulsion of foreign experts. All of which annoys the Commies no end. They say don't take the caviar out of our mouths!

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill thinks that 'nothing but good' can result from President Eisenhower's trip to Korea. The British Prime Minister, returning home aboard the Queen Mary, ~~he~~ discussed his American visit with newsmen. They asked him how he felt about the President's inspection of the battle zone. To this Churchill replied: "I am sure that nothing but good could follow, because he saw things for himself, on the spot." The Prime Minister was also asked if anything could be hoped for as a result of his talks with Mr. Eisenhower. He answered with an old aphorism, a line from the poet, Alexander Pope. Said Churchill: "Hope springs eternal in the human breast."

The American visit ^{he said} was on an informal basis. So Churchill does not expect to make a statement about it in the House of Commons. However, he claims he is now in a stronger position for debates on foreign affairs.

FIRES BRITAIN

British police are on the outlook for saboteurs who specialize in arson. Because of a number of fires aboard British ships.

Involved are the two giant liners, the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth. Both the Queens dock at Southampton. First the Queen Mary was affected. Three fires broke out on her, in drydock. None big. All unexplained.

Then the Queen Elizabeth. Two fires within a space of twenty-four hours. Neither important. Both all of a sudden. In one they found a heap of rags blazing in a cabin.

In the meantime, at Liverpool, the Empress of Canada caught fire. And as we know she burned to the water line, rolled over, a total loss.

All these fires in British ports could be accidents. But, it is feared that arsonists are at work. So Scotland Yard is on the trail.

Observers point out that both Queens would be primary objects for saboteurs. For both can be converted into the largest of all troop transports.

So the two Queens of the sea will have special protection - as all queens should, "Nelson? You're an authority on Queens!