

L.T.-DELCO. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8, 1958

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Eisenhower had no official appointments today; spending all his time putting the finishing touches on his State of the Union message.

He will take this of course to Capitol Hill - at noon tomorrow, where, he will address a joint session of the Senate and House. According to White House Secretary Hagerty - the State of the Union Message will run around six thousand words. The President's longest speech - since his illness in November, when he was bothered a bit in pronouncing long words. All that has cleared up - and the President is described as all set to deliver his State of the Union Message tomorrow.

MC ELROY

Secretary of Defense McElroy held a session today with Republican and Democratic leaders of Congress. His Purpose, to get cooperation between his department and Capitol Hill. He told his guests, our military position "is sound, as he put it but that defense needs will require a lot more money - right away.

Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas speaking for his colleagues, said that the Democrats will support the Secretary of Defense to the limit - as long as he presents a realistic program for keeping pace with the Russians.

Shortly after the conference, McElroy testified before a House subcommittee - appealing for prompt action on the President's request, of yesterday. The President setting an immediate emergency appropriation of more than a billion dollars. Members of the subcommittee, <sup>assured</sup> Defense Secretary McElroy - that President Eisenhower's request will be passed as quickly as they can get it through.

GAVIN

General James Gavin is leaving the army - in spite of a plea from the Pentagon. He <sup>now</sup> calls his decision "final." He made his announcement at a <sup>closed session</sup> ~~secret meeting~~ of a Senate subcommittee. The announcement, relayed to newsmen by Chairman Lyndon Johnson of Texas.

In his testimony, <sup>Gen.</sup> Gavin says it has nothing to do with his own promotion. He describes himself as disgusted - because the army has not been getting enough money for its missile research. He says his own advice on this - was rejected on many occasions. <sup>So</sup> ~~That's why~~ he's getting out of uniform. <sup>Believing</sup> ~~He thinks~~ he can help the U.S. Army more on the outside.

In Congress, there <sup>is said to be some</sup> ~~is a lot of~~ astonishment - over the Gavin incident, <sup>and some comment is not in praise of</sup> ~~But it's not all favorable to~~ the general. Congressman Bronson, of Indiana, <sup>makes</sup> ~~making~~ <sup>the</sup> a sarcastic ~~proposal.~~ <sup>in that</sup> He suggests all service men should be made four star generals. Just so no one else will, in <sup>the Hoosier congressman's</sup> ~~Bronson's~~ words, "Take his cannons and go home."

NATO

At the Nato meeting in Paris, pressure ~~is~~  
~~becoming greater~~ <sup>increases</sup> for direct negotiations with the Soviets,  
~~Union.~~ The Nato Council met for more than three hours  
today, ~~They were~~ trying to work out an answer - to  
Bulganin's proposal for an East-West meeting. <sup>Although</sup>  
<sup>our</sup> government is cool to the idea of ~~the~~ a summit conference,  
~~but~~ some members of Nato are pressing strongly <sup>for it.</sup> That's  
why they did not come to any agreement today. In Paris  
it's believed the final Nato answer to Bulganin - may be  
affirmative. In London, one rumor has it <sup>that</sup> a summit  
meeting will be held this summer - somewhere in  
Scandinavia.

## MACMILLAN

A British Prime Minister visiting India for the first time - since the great sub-continent of Hindustan became independent in Nineteen Forty Seven - becoming two nations Pakistan and India. Prime Minister Macmillan flying into New Delhi - for talks with the Indian government. The Union Jack flew beside the flag of India - as Macmillan's plane landed. An honor guard, snapping to attention. The Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, leading the official welcome group.

Around New Dehli, they were predicting the Macmillan visit will be a success, because Nehru supports Macmillan's recent suggestion - for a non-aggression pact between East and West.

## INDONESIA

The Indonesian government announces - military maneuvers, tomorrow. The army, navy, and air force - to go into action in and around Jakarta. The purpose - to forestall any coup, ~~by illegal forces~~. We're not told <sup>the exact</sup> ~~the is the~~ object of this warning. But in Jakarta, the ~~best~~ guess is <sup>that</sup> the government is worried about the Communists.

Meanwhile, the Indonesian army continues to round up suspects - following that explosion last night. A hand grenade, <sup>thrown from a speeding car -</sup> thrown into a crowd outside a movie house, ~~from a speeding car. The blast~~ Injuring thirteen, seriously.

PLANE

In Albania, the French Legation is trying to find out whether the Communist government is holding an American pilot as a prisoner. Yesterday the Tirana radio <sup>told of</sup> ~~declared~~ an American jet was forced down by the Albanian air force - after <sup>supposedly</sup> ~~it~~ violated Albanian air space. We asked the French to check this broadcast <sup>since</sup> ~~because~~ France is the only major Western power - with diplomatic representation in the Soviet satellite on the Adriatic. A telephone call from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, to the French legation to Tirana <sup>brought</sup> ~~received~~ no further <sup>information at this</sup> ~~report from~~ The French <sup>ministers</sup> ~~officials~~. They merely say <sup>ing</sup> they are trying to find out, ~~whether the Albanians are holding a member of the U.S. air force.~~

~~And now Lowell, anything else?~~

~~Well,~~ Here's another crisis - just reported from London. It concerns Peter Thorneycroft - who has quit his job as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

But this particular crisis - has nothing to do with politics. An American diplomat, Robert Hooker - has been renting the Thorneycroft house in London. The Hooker family, safe - as long as Thorneycroft stayed on as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Because then he lived in Downing Street - along with the Prime Minister and the other members of the British Cabinet.

Now Thorneycroft is out of the Cabinet - out of Downing Street. He wants his house back - within thirty days. So his American tenant - is ~~out~~ on a house hunting expedition in London.

Asked about this crisis, Robert Hooker answered, "As an American diplomat - I will not comment on Mister Thorneycroft's resignation." Then he added quickly, "But as a house holder - you can guess how I feel."

U.S.A. - WEATHER

If you live in the East or the Midwest -  
you dont need me to <sup>be told</sup> ~~tell you~~ what the weather is like.  
But anyway, here it is for the record. A cold wave,  
moving in behind one of the worst snow storms in recent  
years. The thermometer, diving below zero - all the  
way from Maine to Florida. In Tampa, the schools were  
closed - for youngsters who had never seen snow before.  
~~And~~ Florida citrus growers <sup>fearful the rest of</sup> ~~are afraid~~ their crop of  
oranges and grapefruits ~~will~~ be ruined.

Up North, <sup>many are</sup> ~~now all~~ engaged in ~~a gigantic~~  
"operation dig-out." Roads <sup>blocked</sup> ~~closed~~ telephone poles  
down - in many states. In the Midwest, ~~dozens of many~~  
families isolated. The death toll, <sup>so far - around</sup> ~~already climbing~~  
~~above~~ fifty.

## EUROPE - WEATHER

At the same time they are having frigid winter weather right across Europe - from Norway to Italy. For several hours today, all communications and transportation were disrupted in Southern Norway. Ships driven ashore in the Baltic. A British fisherman swept overboard - and drowned in the English Channel. In the German Black Forest, winds of ninety miles an hour. Many passes between Austria and Italy - closed by five feet of snow.

Far to the south, on the Italian Riviera - a woman was dragged out to sea - as she watched the surf pounding the boardwalk.

One group of Europeans - are happy about it all. Resort owners - in the Alps. They say the snow is an answer to their prayers - because until now, only St. Moritz in Switzerland - had snow for skiing. Sounds impossible, but so says the dispatch.

## MARINES

Six Marine sergeants, to be court martialed at the San Diego naval base. All six, accused of extorting money from recruits. The non-commissioned officers, hustling men through eleven weeks of basic training and then demanding "graduation presents." And a lot of the recruits forked over. The sergeants, raking in some seven hundred dollars.

A lot of old time marines say that drill sergeants should be satisfied with driving rookies through a stiff course in Leatherneck training. After that kind of sadistic pleasure - the sergeants should give presents to their pupils.

## HIGHWAYS

The Administrations interstate highway program - may cost as much as ten billion more than the original estimate. So says Secretary of Commerce Weeks, who puts the probable figure at thirty-seven billion - instead of twenty-seven billion. The difference, mainly due to increased traffic - and the rising cost of construction.

But Secretary Weeks doesn't believe any new taxes are necessary - to finance forty thousand miles of road. He also adds that progress on this highway program - is on schedule.

## WHIGS

A Chicago lawyer is trying to bring back one of the old historic names of ~~the~~ American politics.

Donald Hatmaker, saying he's about to launch a new one, <sup>to be called</sup> ~~party. Its name~~ the Whig party. Whig! - that <sup>was the</sup> ~~party that~~ <sup>party that</sup> dominated American elections in the first half of the nineteenth century. Among the Whigs - Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Webster, and Henry Clay.

The Whigs were strong - until the rise of the slavery issue. Then <sup>they</sup> ~~so~~ split into two parts - those ~~who were~~ for slavery; and those <sup>opposed</sup> ~~who were against it.~~ <sup>Number one</sup> ~~opponents of the~~ opponents - Abe Lincoln - who left the Whigs to join the new Republican Party. And the Whig Party was never the same after that. It disappeared from political life in this country - with the Republicans and the Democrats, sharing power between them.

Lawyer Donald Hatmaker thinks its time to revive the Whig <sup>S'</sup> ~~Party.~~ He claims the major parties are not facing up to the problems of this century. So he

wants to go back a century - for a better political idea. He admits He doesn't expect a new group of voters to seize control from the Republicans and the Democrats. But he thinks his plan might produce a new force - capable of holding the balance. An old name for a new party - the Whig Party.

## SOUTH POLE

Down on the Antarctic Continent, Sir Edmund Hillary describes himself as "deeply shocked." The reference - to his <sup>difference of opinion</sup> ~~dispute~~ with Doctor Vivian Fuchs, leader of the British expedition to the South Pole.

Hillary, as we know, advised Fuchs by radio - not to go beyond the Pole - not to try to push on the remaining twelve hundred miles across the Antarctic Continent. Fuchs, rejecting the advice - repeating, he intends to go all the way. Fuchs, speaking to Hillary - in Hillary's description "more in sorrow than in anger."

But Hillary declares - his recommendation - was a purely private matter between him and Fuchs. He never intended - that the exchange of radio messages should be made public. And he's "deeply shocked." that anyone should talk of a quarrel with Fuchs. Hillary adding, he's willing to ~~set~~ set up another supply base for the British expedition, a hundred miles closer to the South pole-if Fuchs wants him to.

## DIAMONDS

From Tanganyika, <sup>an</sup> ~~an~~ announcement that the owner of the richest diamond mine in the world is dead. John Williamson, <sup>the picturesque</sup> Canadian geologist. <sup>Williamson</sup> He was working for a diamond combine - when he decided to strike out on his own. For three <sup>lean</sup> ~~hard~~ years he prospected around the diamond <sup>de</sup> fields of Africa. Then in nineteen forty, he accidentally made his big strike at Mwadui, <sup>- in Tanganyika.</sup> It was pure accident - Williamson, spotting a loose diamond while he was sitting under a tree.

He dug his mine near the spot - and it was a fabulous success - producing precious stones worth nine million dollars every year. Williamson was known as one of the best employers in the diamond industry. He paid his African workers double the wages they could get any where else. He gave millions to charity. And he gave the Queen a priceless gift when she was still Princess Elizabeth. <sup>Don</sup> When she married Prince Philip - she received a rose colored diamond weighing fifty-four carats - from John Williamson, <sup>Tanganyika's king of</sup> ~~one of the diamond kings of Africa.~~

WORKER

*I wonder how many tears will be shed?* America's most notorious newspaper - announces it will cease publication next Monday. The Daily Worker, going out of business. - *kaput - folding.*

The Worker, ~~the~~ mouth piece of Reds and fellow travellers for three decades. ~~But~~ For the past five years ~~it has~~ *it has* been having financial problems. The number of readers, dropping off - after Soviet aggression like the Korean war and the ~~latest~~ suppression of the Hungarian rebellion.

In nineteen thirty-five, the Daily Worker had a circulation of fifty thousand. Today - seven thousand. Repeated appeals for money - failing. The newspaper going deeper into debt. Now, the final step. On Monday we'll see the last of the Daily Worker.  
*The Worker, kaput.*