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In Congress today the performance was the play without the star. So the box office was poor, not much of an audience.

President Eisenhower recuperating at Key West. The State of the Union message read by a clerk. As dramatic dialogue, it was long, without much of a thrill. However, if the chief actor had ~~xx~~ been there the ~~xxxx~~ crowd would have jammed in. He is enough of a star to draw an audience if he just recites the telephone book. Today's half-empty <sup>House a)</sup> ~~hall a)~~ contrast with times the President has appeared in person.

The State of the Union message was cheery enough, especially on the subject of national prosperity. Placing emphasis on the boom and promising better things to come.

International affairs not so bright. The President said: "The conflict between international Communism and freedom has taken on a new ~~xxxx~~ complexion." He noted the Kremlin leaders have long practiced the "tactics of retreat and zig-zag."

So now they've switched from outright violence to what the President calls "enticement and duplicity." Trying to divide the free world.

The President promised further message<sup>5</sup> to Congress, outlining the measures he proposed to take. Taxes? No reduction until the budget has been balanced. And the President hopes to reduce the National Debt. A "moderate reduction" said he. Leaders in Congress think this does not rule out a tax cut possibly late this year.

The farm problem a red hot political question. The ~~is~~ President recommending a "soil bank" plan. A proposal to pay farmers to reduce ~~is~~ planting and cut surplus production. Help the farmers out of the squeeze between rising costs and falling farm prices.

The message gets the usual mixed reception. Republicans cheering. Democrats declaring it's not anything much.

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In Europe <sup>there are</sup> cheers for the Presidential message. London says western European learners are highly encouraged by the proposal for increased foreign aid, greater American military strength, and the President's emphasis on the unity of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

## SOUTH

The Georgian Educational Commission made a move today to nullify that Supreme Court decision - outlawing racial segregation in public schools. The Commission was named, last year, to advise the State on what to do about it. So now the answer is - nullify!

Recommending Joint Action by Southern states.

The argument is, of course, that it is unconstitutional for the government in Washington to dictate the way the states shall run their schools. States rights! The Supreme Court segregation decision therefore invalid. The Constitution, it is argued, would have to be amended ~ to permit any such thing, ~~The~~ resolution, in fact would recommend an amendment which would permit the ~~the~~ outlawing of segregation. The South -- demanding that anti-segregation be made constitutional.

The Point is that such an amendment would have to go through Congress by a two-thirds majority and then be ratified by three-fourths of the States.



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The South, able to block the amendment.

That's the manouver being planned in the  
South to keep racial segregation in public schools.

## NEWSPAPERS

Two New York newspaper employees and a free lance writer defied a Congressional committee today, refusing to tell whether or not they are Communists. In other cases, newspaper men informed the committee they had been Communists but are not now.

8           The New York Times claims that its employees have been singled out for questioning. This is denied by committee chairman Senator Eastman of <sup>and</sup> ~~Tennessee~~ <sup>Mississippi</sup>, who adds that the committee has discovered no evidence of Communist influence in the Newspaper world.

MCCARTHY

A federal judge in Massachusetts rules that Senator McCarthy exceeded his authority;— In an investigation two years ago, when he held an inquiry into subversion in privately owned defense plants.

Holding one man hearings in the Boston area, he exceeded the powers granted his committee by Congress. Which were limited to subversion in government.

So says Judge Bailey Aldridge. Adding that the presence of Communism in private defense plants is a subject for concern, But, an investigating committee should have proper authority from Congress.

So <sup>stating</sup> ~~xxxxxx~~ the Judge dismissed charges of contempt against Leon Kanin former professor of psychology, ~~at Hartford.~~ who refused to answer questions by McCarthy.

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Now for the highlights of what has been coming in late press dispatches from abroad:—

FRANCE

Former Premier Mendes-France has rejected the appeal made by the former Premier Edgar Faure. The two split the moderate vote and neither now has a majority to form a government. Whereupon Faure suggested they combine ~~xxx~~ forces so that France may have a ministry.

Today's refusal was made by Mendes France in collaborating with Socialist leader ~~Mr~~ Mollet. The two demanding that a government ~~xxx~~ be formed by a coalition of the Mendes France peo<sup>^</sup>ple and the Socialists. Together they would ~~w~~ot have a majority, but say they should be permitted to forma cabinet none the less.

There is a supposition they might join ~~xxxx~~ forces with the Communists and get a majority that way. But thus far they have refused alliance with the Reds.

Mendes France indicates that there can be no compromise in his differences with Premier Edgar Faure. They split on the question of North African



policy. And are as far apart as ever on that issue.

## EXPLOSION

There was a bomb explosion today at the residence of the Archbishop of Milan. The Prelate often mentioned as the probable next Pope.

The explosive -- T N T. The bomb placed on the window-sill of a ground floor office. That office wrecked. Windows broken for blocks around. Two tons of splintered glass swept up on the streets. Nobody injured. Which say the police is ~~xxx~~ like a miracle.

The bombing is blamed on the Communists. Milan, a center of the Red belt. Archbishop Montini a formidable opponent of the Communists. He assumed the office just a year ago, <sup>and</sup> has been waging a vigorous anti-Red campaign.

So the Reds are blamed for the bombing on his first anniversary as Archbishop. The ~~more~~ sensational because of the excellent chance he's given at the next Papal election.

ADENAUER

President Eisenhower was in complete agreement with Soviet Premier Bulganin, today. And both were in agreement with Pope Pius the Twelfth, Sir Winston Churchill, and Indian Prime Minister Nehru.

Why all the unanimity? well today, was the eightieth birthday of Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany. Heads of Government all over the world - hastening to send their congratulations.

At Bonn, the birthday celebration included the first parade of the new German Army. Including a fifty-six piece military band. Chancellor Adenauer said - his heart "Beat higher" to hear a German Army band once again.

Other music included - singing by ten of the Chancellor's fourteen grandchildren.

## SYRIA

Charges - hurled by the Syrian Government claiming that Iraq and Lebanon have been plotting against the regime in Baghdad. Demands have been made, we hear, for the recall of the military attache of Iraq. For conducting activities against the government.

Newspapers in Damascus declare that the President of Lebanon has been scheming a coup d'etat in favor of former Syrian president, Adib Shishekly, ousted from power - about a year ago.

Syria's two neighbors - making trouble, so says Damascus.



PHILLIPINES

Much excitement in the Philippines today. Distress calls from an island in a state of ~~xx~~ terror. On the tiny island of Babuyan a homicidal maniac on the rampage. Many people murdered. Islanders taking refuge in the jungle. Frightened out of their wits by the mass murderer.

When these alarming reports came in at Manila there was quick action. Two Philippine naval vessels on their way, with a force of Philippine constabulary. <sup>also</sup> American Navy planes ~~xx~~ ready to fly to the scene.

Then the anti climax. |

{ When the constabulary force reached the island the islanders were astonished. Mass murder? ~~x~~ Wholesale massacre? They said they hadn't had a killing since Nineteen Forty Nine. The criminal on that occasion serving a seventeen year term in prison.

The whole thing a hoax, and what a strange hoax. But it had headlines luzzing today.

## MISTINGUETTE

Parisians, tonight will think - that Paris is less of Paris, Without - Mistinguette. She lasted so long, <sup>and</sup> ~~she~~ seemed as necessary to Paris - as the Eiffel Tower. Today, she died at eighty-two. Although - she preferred saying she was sixty-seven.

The idol of the Parisian Stage was considered ageless.

      Nine years ago at seventy-three, she played the part of a girl in a musical comedy. Looking every inch of youthful beauty. Including the famous legs - which, in days gone by, she had insured for a million dollars.

      She made her debut in eighteen-ninety-four, and starred in countless music-hall shows. Her love affairs - were of headline interest for many years. The most famous, the one with Maurice Chevalier, which lasted for ten years. Both appeared in the Follies Bergere in nineteen eleven.

PRINCE

The latest headline engagement. Prince Ranier of Monaco to marry - actress Grace Kelly.

This was no ordinary announcement - given out by the parents of the bride. The statement came from the government of Monaco. Which adds: This news has caused great enthusiasm throughout the principality.

The enthusiasm is - most understandable. Arising from a question of taxes. Right now, the government of Monaco is financed by the famous gambling house - Monte Carlo. The people - paying no taxes at all.

But if Prince Ranier should leave no heir - Monaco would become a part of France. Subject - to French taxes. The tax gatherer from Paris - coming around. So, no wonder the people in Monaco want their sovereign to have an heir.

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In the past few years they've been agitating for him to get married. He's thirty-two. Recently, he came to the United States, and the hope

was that he'd find an American bride. And save his people - from those taxes.

Grace Kelly was in Monaco during the summer and had several dates with Prince Ranier. Then recently, in New York, more dates. Now - the announcement of the engagement.

The Prince and Grace declare they'll get married shortly after Easter. Miss Kelly adding that the Prince came to the United States to propose to her, after he had asked her Father for her hand in marriage. So father knew before she did.

In New York the word is that the couple will make their first public appearance tomorrow evening at a charity ball called "a night at Monte Carlo". They'll occupy the royal box. Prince Ranier and the lady who is to be -- Princess Grace. Or, Hewy, would you say Her Grace, Princess Grace?