

CONGRESS L.P.-K. Fri. Aug..20-'54.

The Eighty third Congress <sup>ending its session</sup> ~~adjourning~~ tonight. In

the House of ~~representatives~~ ~~SENATE~~ courtesies exchanged  
between Republicans and Democrats, <sup>and</sup> Then ~~the House~~ adjourned  
sine die. The Senate has just ~~also~~ followed suit. Voting  
to adjourn. <sup>R</sup> The final score is excellent for the Eisenhower  
administration. Most of the President's domestic program --  
enacted. The final important measure -- a bill increasing  
Social Security benefits. Also Social Security taxes.  
Bringing ten millions more persons, including farmers, into  
the Old Age program. This was the last on President Eisenhower's  
list of "must" legislation. Rounding out -- that Eisenhower  
domestic program.

POST OFFICE

The Senate has approved of a pay raise for postal workers, and other federal employees. The vote - sixty-nine to four. In spite of a warning - that President Eisenhower will veto the bill in its present form. Administration forces tried to tack on an amendment raising postal rates, which would help to pay for the wage hikes.

The amendment, however, was rejected by a vote of fifty-five to sixteen.

PRISONER

An Army officer was brought before a court-martial today - charged with collaborating with Communists, when he was a prisoner in Korea. Lieutenant Colonel Harry Fleming of Racine, Wisconsin, accused of leading Communist discussion sessions and of making ~~propaganda~~ propaganda-broadcasts for the enemy. At Fort Sheridan, Illinois, the first case of an officer brought up on such charges. The defense is - not guilty.

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FOLLOW CHURCHES

Before a congressional committee today, there were bitter attacks on a Bishop of the Reformed Church of Hungary, who told the World Council, at Evanston - that there <sup>is</sup> religious liberty in Red Hungary. Hungarian churches -- free.

Representatives of the Hungarian National Council, an anti-communist group, ~~said~~ <sup>today said</sup> that all religious freedom in Hungary has been wiped out. They denounced Calvinist Bishop Janos Peter - as a communist agent.

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At the World Council of churches, a clergyman from Syria says - that Christian missions in the Near East are threatened by the rise of extreme nationalism.

Missionaries regarded by some as "agents of western imperialism.

The Reverend Dr. Farid Audeh, President of the Supreme Council of Evangelical Churches in Syria, explained - that much extreme nationalism has grown out of the crisis with Israel, and the problem of Arab refugees from Palestine. This has created what he ~~said~~ <sup>s</sup> called "more fear, more frustration, and more hatred in the Moslem World than has been found since the end of the crusades."

A methodist Bishop from Argentina, decried religious intolerance in Latin-America. He blamed the Roman Catholic church for, what he called - "The religious unrest and prejudice that crops up."

Dr. Rubin E. Nelson, General Secretary of the American Baptist Convention, said - threats ~~to~~ to religious


liberty have arisen in this country, during the past year.

The danger, he declared, comes from, what he called - a

"religious conservatism," which confuses christianity with  
reactionary political views.

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## INDO CHINA

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with food - fattening them like prize geese. Their appearance - much in contrast to the prisoners handed over immediately after the fall of Dien Bien Phu, <sup>who were all</sup> ~~they were~~ skin and bones - survivors of "death marches."

Today's news dispatch says the Communists realized - the pitiful state of those former prisoners had been bad propaganda. So now they ~~are~~ were making - good propaganda. Fattening up the captives - then handing them over with a brass band accompaniment, and a female chorus!



Belgium has proposed a compromise - in a desperate effort to save the European Army plan from collapse. Foreign Minister *Spaack* submitting a plan for dealing with French revisions.

At the Brussels conference, today, he proposed that France ratify the European Army plan - with all the changes demanded by Premier Mendes-France. The other five

E D C countries - to submit the French alterations to their parliaments, after France has ratified. Which would seem to be a way of saving face - putting off of the whole question.

## **EISENHOWER**

President Eisenhower, today, deplored the failure of France and Italy to ratify the European Army plan. Saying it was the "most serious single obstacle" in the way of the defense of western Europe. The President added that such defense could not be fully effective, without the rearmament of West Germany.

DEGASPERI

Italy is giving solemn funeral honors to former Premier DeGasperi - whose body is being taken to Rome from the DeGasperi home in the mountains of the Tyrol. A funeral procession with one hundred automobiles. Great crowds - in solemn mourning. On Monday - a state funeral. Messages of condolences from far and wide - praising the statesman who led Italy from the collapse of fascism into the ways of liberal democracy.

Among these messages are two - perhaps the most eloquent of all. Eloquent - simply because of the ones who sent them. Communist Leader Tolliati - and the number one pro-Communist Nenni. Those big bosses of the Reds had never anything but bitter words - ~~at~~ for DeGasperi, alive. Now - they join in the expressions of mourning.

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Sweden reports a freak of aviation, when a jet plane shot itself down. Hit, by a bullet fired from its own guns. It happened at a Swedish Air Force <sup>(base)</sup> ~~base~~ where the pilot was flying a British Vampire jet. Gunnery practice-; making a pass on a target on the ground. - to his fiancée

A machine gun bullet hit the target, and bounced off -flying upward. Striking the plane - as it flew over. The bullet - knocking out the controls of throttle and ignition. the mother of her son's fiancée with supplying her

his with That made it impossible to decrease the flashing speed of jet. So how could the pilot ever land?

He tried it, but the plane, touching the ground - bounced off. Impossible to land at that speed, then he resorted to brakes and wing flaps. The plane, coming in, still at ~~at~~ a terrific speed - was wrecked.

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## SUB THORNE

The battle over the fortune left by Montgomery

Ward Thorne began today. Thorne's mother - filing a suit in court, to break the will left by her son. The will - in which he bequeathed the greater part of his estate, worth a million three hundred thousand dollars - to his fiancée and her mother.

The document was probated in a Chicago court today. But Mrs. Marion Thorne struck back immediately, accusing the mother of her son's fiancée with supplying him with liquor and drugs. Prior to his death, the cause of which remains in dispute.

MISSING

A woman tennis player is missing in Boston -

Joan Ross Dilley, who was playing in the National Tennis

Doubles at the Longwood Cricket Club. On ~~W~~ Wednesday,

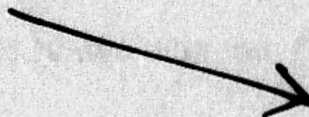
she left an estate where she was living, and hasn't been

seen since. One supposition is that she may be suffering from

amnesia, caused by a head injury when she fell down a

flight of stairs, recently. She was to have attended a

tournament dance at the Cricket Club - but never appeared.



## ADD TENNIS

Here's the latest. A dazed young woman was found wandering on the streets of Burlington, Vermont tonight. The police say she has been tentatively identified as the missing tennis player.

Mrs. Stavig was in her Minnesota farm house, when the place caught fire. So she dashed to the telephone, to call the Fire Department, - ~~before~~ before her house burned down. It was a party line. Busy - as usual. Mrs. Stavig cut in, and said she'd have to make a call - her house was on fire.

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Mrs. Stavig kept insisting, but it was no go. People on the wire just ~~as~~ laughed. Meanwhile, the house was burning.

Finally, she bundled her ~~three~~ three small children into the family automobile, and drove four miles to a branch of the Duluth Fire Department. But, by the time the firemen got there, the house had burned down.

TELEPHONE

Here's one about the party line on the telephone. You know, how the others on the line can keep it busy - while you try to make a call. Mrs. Richard Stavig knows! - and how!

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## **DRIVE**

The man who made the non-stop automobile drive, from Anchorage Alaska, to Mexico City, says - "Never again." Louis Mattar, who runs a garage in San Diego, California, made the trip of more than six thousand miles, in a little more than eight-and-a-half days.

He says: "It was far far rougher than I ever thought it would be."

He drove in a car equipped with all the gadgets, from electric kitchen to a shower bath. Accompanied by a sixteen year old son and another man. The three took turns in driving. - Rolling - with never a stop; -from the far North, the sub-Arctic, down into the sub-tropics.

They nearly bogged down in Canadian mud; and nearly broke down - on steep mountain roads in Mexico. Once is enough! says this non-stop motorist, until they put in an Alaska-to-Mexico Thruway like the one Gov. Dewey has just declared open in N.Y. State - finest highway in the world.

Today, Al Cane, of Los Angeles, declared: "I feel like I've been born again." Well, it must have seemed like a rebirth - ~~is~~ indeed when they pulled him out of a death ~~trap~~ trap in the Grand Canyon.

Al, his brother Don, and Otto Strassberger, were hiking along an old trail. Which - hasn't been used for years.

They got lost, and separated -- trying to explore the way out.

Don Cane and Otto Strassberger made their way to the <sup>Famous</sup> Phantom Ranch, way down by the river, below El Tovar. But, Al Cane encountered a weird misadventure.

Wandering along in the wilds of the Grand Canyon, he spied a water-hole. It looked good. All he had to do was

ten foot drop over a cliff, ~~ten foot high~~ - and there was ~~at~~ water.

So down he went only to find that, on the other side, there was a sheer drop of fifty feet. A ledge - and

now ~~and~~ he couldn't get back up the ten foot cliff, a smooth wall of rock.

So there he was - trapped, for two nights and a day. It looked as if he'd stay there, by the water hole on the ledge - and starve to death. For food, he had a couple of dried peaches and some cough drops. Which he ate - and then gave up. He felt like making an end - by jumping down the fifty foot cliff.

But, meanwhile, a search was on, and two rangers picked up the trail of the missing man, through Cremation Canyon.

Al Cane heard their shouts, and soon they were pulling him up. Which he says was like - being born again.

I just happen to be one who knows a little bit about how he felt. For in August of 1915, making my way back, alone, from the Kaibab Forest on the North Rim, I managed to get lost in this same part of the canyon. And it's not exactly fun says Al Cane. And so say I.

And now Mike let's see what you have to say.