

EISENHOWER

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Today's hospital report on President Eisenhower, gives us some information about <sup>the</sup> ~~his~~ Eisenhower's taste in music. So what does he like? Well, today he listened to Verdi's opera "La Traviata." After that, some symphonies - and Strauss waltzes. Finally, some American music, - Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and then some of <sup>ageless,</sup> the rousing marches by John Philip Sousa. All of which means, that President Eisenhower may not be a long-hair where music is concerned - but he certainly likes good music.

The medical bulletin is the "most optimistic" report to date. It says the President had a very good night - with almost eight hours sleep. During the day, he received liquid nourishment - and had his usual walking exercises. And he transacted <sup>some</sup> official business ~~for fifteen minutes~~ with Presidential assistant Sherman Adams.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

President Eisenhower's supporters in the House - predict an early passage of his civil rights legislation. Mr. Eisenhower is asking for a bill that would create a civil rights division within the Justice Department. The President also wants to appoint a <sup>special</sup> commission on civil rights - and provide new legal safeguards for minorities.

Today, the House rules committee agreed to vote on the <sup>is</sup> legislation next Thursday. That means, the committee will clear the bill for action on the floor of the House. And it's agreed that the bill will pass easily.

But there's a catch to all this. Civil rights ~~is~~ legislation has often passed the House before - only to die in the Senate. And that's what observers in Washington believe will happen this time.

WILSON

Secretary of Defense Wilson is opposed to the merger of our armed forces. He announced this in a speech before the graduates of the air-war College at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

Criticizing those who think that complete unification would remove differences of opinion - Secretary Wilson pointed out that such differences of opinion are a good thing in the services. The Defense Secretary, summing up his position by calling the demand for complete unification, a "magic formula." A magic formula that he apparently doesn't think would work!

H\_BOMB

The government declines to discuss a rumor - that the hydrogen bomb dropped in last month's test at Bikini missed target. That is the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Defense Department.

But the official statement issued at the time - called it a success. So it could hardly have been too far off target.

## STEEL WORKERS

The United Steel Workers have rejected the industry's latest proposal for a five year contract, with an increase of about fifteen cents an hour in the first year. The union says it isn't enough. That only five cents of it would be take-home pay. The rest, fringe benefits. "Too little, too late, and too long," said the union president.

## SUBWAYS

Twenty seven men have been suspended - for  
New York subway  
yesterday's/walkout. Twenty five of them officers of  
the striking union. The other two, motormen - who refused  
to run their trains. They are charged with "irresponsible  
action" in disrupting the entire transit system of the  
world's so called largest city.

And, at the worst possible time - the hottest  
day of the year.

Today things were getting back to normal after  
one of Manhattan's wildest traffic snarls.

## FOREST FIRE

Arizona's most destructive forest fire of the year-  
is still raging tonight. It started in the Sitgreaves forest,  
on Wednesday. <sup>Fourteen</sup> ~~Sixty~~ hundred fire fighters are struggling  
with it -including Indians and members of the National Guard.  
More men and equipment are coming from California, and New Mex.

Sixteen thousand acres of timber have been  
destroyed - costing three and a half million. And tonight,  
a pall of ~~sk~~ smoke, visible for more than a hundred miles,  
~~hangs over the Sitgreaves Forest,~~ *an east central*  
*Arizona.*

MAYOR

Des Moines, Iowa, is going to have a visit from  
Nicholai Respopov, Mayor of Dniepropetrovsk, ~~that town~~  
(nee prp pa trovsk)  
home  
/ ~~is the site~~ of the famous hydro-electric works - Russia's  
greatest dam.

Sometime ago, Mayor Ray Mills of Des Moines invited  
his opposite number in Dniepropetrovsk to pay him a visit.  
Today he received an answer. Mayor Respopov, saying he's  
grateful for the invitation - and hopes a date can be set  
for the near future.



The testimony of a former Soviet pilot, sounds like something out of Edgar Wallace - with a touch of P G Wodehouse. It's a story of Russian agents - also, of how two groups of American counter-espionage men - got in a fight with one another ~~and~~ without realizing it.

Here's the story <sup>told by</sup> Peter Pirogov. He says his friend ~~friend~~ Anatoly Barsov, asked him to come to a restaurant in Washington not far from the White House, and not far from the Russian Embassy.

As they stepped into a corridor they ~~were~~ were attacked by a group of men. One slipped a handcuff on Pirogov - and they started to drag him away.

But he managed to kick a door open - and that brought another group of men on the run. The ironic thing ~~is~~ is -- both groups were Americans. Both believed the others were Russian agents - trying to kidnap Pirogov.

In a moment there was a big ~~fight~~ fight - and it went on, until finally someone realized that no Russians were

involved.

We are 'told that there definitely were Russian agents in that restaurant while all this was going on. They must have had a good time watching the Americans fight among ~~themselves~~ themselves.

Anyway, Pirogov and Barsov were both saved from being kidnapped. But Barsov later decided to go home - did so - and hasn't been heard from since.

The whole ~~episode~~<sup>episode</sup> is tragic enough - but it ~~certainly~~  
we has <sup>its</sup> comic side - American counter-<sup>P</sup>espionage agents slugging  
one another under the impression they were dealing with  
Russians, and foiling a kidnapping plot.

FAITH HEALER

The latest on the Dutch Faith Healer, Greet Hofmans. She denies flatly that she has any influence whatsoever over Queen Juliana. That her efforts to cure the Queen's daughter have caused no trouble at all between the Queen and Prince Bernhardt. That she - the faith healer has no interest in public affairs.

FRENCH COMMUNISTS

~~Tonight~~ <sup>T</sup>he French police are on the lookout for issues of the Communist newspaper "L'Humanite." They've been ordered by the government to confiscate all of today's issue - because of an article praising the Turncoat Lieutenant, who handed over arms to the Algerian rebels, and then joined them.

The French government had reported - the turncoat officer killed in a battle with the rebels. The Communist article says he was captured, beaten, and then shot to death - by the French Army.

The government is allowed to confiscate any newspaper that endangers the safety of the state. <sup>now</sup> And it's doing just that - to the ~~Communist~~ <sup>Samoa Parisien red</sup> newspaper.

## ALGERIA

The French authorities report sixty-five more rebels - killed in a series of skirmishes, <sup>right</sup> ~~all~~ across Algeria. The <sup>heaviest engagement</sup> ~~biggest battle took place~~, in the eastern province of Constantine - where the "army of Allah" attacked a French village. French troops were rushed up - and twenty-five of the ~~re~~ rebels were killed in the battle that followed.

<sup>In western</sup> ~~On the other side of~~ Algeria, a French patrol was ambushed in a deserted village near Oran. Eight ~~of the~~ French ~~troops were~~ killed - before their comrades were able to regroup, and drive the rebels, <sup>off</sup> ~~off~~ And South of Oran, the French surprised a guerilla band hidden in a wheat ~~fit~~ field. The rebels, obviously lying in wait for the harvest workers. Twenty of them ~~we~~ were killed, and forty-two captured.

Meanwhile, French reinforcements continued to pour into Algeria. The number of soldiers in that "overseas province" is getting close to four hundred thousand - the number estimated as necessary to put down the "Army of Allah".

SHEPILOV

The Soviet Foreign Minister is on his way to the Middle East. Smitri Shepilov, who just succeeded Molotov. He'll be in Cairo tomorrow. - Nasser inviting him to attend celebrations that mark the end of British rule in the Suez Canal zone.

From Cairo, Shepilov will go on to Syria and Lebanon - and then back to Athens - before returning home. A trip that will cause a lot of speculation in the West, now that the Russians are trying to break a way into the Middle East.

A dispatch from Colombo, Ceylon, states that government has completely broken down in the Province of Galoya. Last night we had the story about the outbreak of violence - after the Parliament of Ceylon passed a bill making Sinhalese the official language of the island. That bill, *- people originally from India who now constitute* bitterly opposed by the Tamils *λ* a large minority.

The tamils are particularly strong in Galoya. And rioting is going on all over. In the provincial capital of Ampari, most homes have been evacuated, a stampede to the hills. Shops are being pillaged. And the provincial government has fled.

But Colombo acted quickly to restore order. ~~The~~ *Bendereibe* Prime Minister, ordering the provincial ~~xxx~~ governor back to his post - and rushing in police. Tonight, the situation in a *large area of Ceylon* ~~Galoya~~ *λ* is chaotic, with police struggling to restore order.

*Trouble in an Equatorial paradise. On my way home from Nepal, India and Pakistan the other day I heard how British planters and businessmen are pulling out of Ceylon, where they have flourished for 150 years.*

## BURMA

Fighting also on along the frontier of India and Burma - between Indian troops and the Nagas - headhunters of the Burma - India jungle. New Delhi has been trying to stamp out headhunting among these people. But the Nagas are well armed - modern arms too - that they got when they fought in the British Army during World War Two. Stacks of guns and ammunition at that time was left in the jungle, - when the British went home.

Last Monday, the headhunters attacked a truck convoy - killed the Indian drivers, and got away with a lot more ammunition.

Now New Delhi strikes back, sending troop reinforcements to put down the robbers of the jungle - headhunters, who have become more of a menace than ever, since they got civilized weapons - while retaining their old habit of hunting heads.



## TIGER

Today's story from Rome sounds as if it should have happened almost two thousand years ago. It tells of a hungry tiger - at the coliseum - where christians were thrown to the lions in the days of Caligula, Nero and others.

This tiger escaped from a circus. Men, women and children, screamed and ran in all directions, as the tiger loped around for more than an hour. It killed a donkey, clawed a circus pony, and had itself a real carnival.

By this time, the police and the Rome fire department were on the scene - also the tiger tamer. Finally they threw a net over Master Stripes, and using pitchforks, at last got the tiger into a cage.

A crowd of some five thousand watching - from a distance. Cheering wildly as the door of the cage shut on the tiger - that for a time brought to the Coliseum memories of Imperial Rome, in the days of Nerc.

## CONGO

Here's a dispatch about a group of American ~~newsmen~~ newsmen that is quite an adventure story. From Stanleyville, in the Belgian Congo. The American newsmen sailed down Stanley Falls in the Congo River - did it in native dugout canoes.

Stanley Falls are made up of a series of rapids in the heart of at the head of the Congo; /what we used to call Darkest Africa. The natives shoot the falls in their dug-outs - in a race to see who can get to Stanleyville first. This time they several friends of this program - including Frank Bartholomew, President of the United Press. The two dug-outs met in mid-river - at the head of the falls. And then the race began - bumping and twisting down that river. At one place, the two dug-outs were a mile apart - although they were only dividied by seconds at the finish.

Altho they shipped a lot of water, the newsmen say they enjoyed it; Henry. But they'll skip the next race down the Stanley Falls Cataract.