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EISENHOWER - MACARTHUR

A crowd was gathered, this afternoon, before a Red brick house on New York's East Ninety-first Street. Fifty news reporters and Cameramen - and a throng of neighbors, attracted by the excitement. They waited until nineteen minutes after three, when the door of the house opened - and out came President - elect Eisenhower. Followed by General of the Army Douglas Mac Arthur. So that was the big news - the much debated headline meeting had taken place.

It had been a secret until after the two Generals were actually in the conference. General Ike had left the Hotel Commodore at about a quarter to one. The newsmen, covering Eisenhower headquarters, not knowing his destination.

Then, a few minutes later, a spokesman announced - that (the President-elect was meeting General MacArthur at the home of John Foster Dulles, named to be Secretary of State in the Eisenhower Administration.) You can imagine the rush - as reporters and photographers made a bee-line for the red brick house on East ninety first Street.



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→ Where they waited.

The crowd raised a cheer, when Eisenhower appeared, followed by MacArthur. The cameras were in action, and the two Generals spoke to the reporters.

(The President-elect said: "We had a very fine talk on the General subject of Peace.") It was satisfactory in every way. I hope that my old and respected commander will say a few words to you. "

General MacArthur did. Speaking to the newsmen as follows:

"I've just had a meeting with an old friend and comrade" he said.

"We discussed problems of Peace in Korea and the World generally.

I joined him in hoping that it will bear fruit."

That's virtually all we know about the famous conversation - which lasted for three hours and a half. Later, it was announced - there would be no formal statement. So we'll have to be content with those remarks by the two Generals. They talked about Peace in Korea, and discussed the general subject of Peace.

(There's no indication of the plan General MacArthur said he had for ending the Korean War, with "a clear and definite" solution.)


But then , you'd hardly expect anything like that to be given out for publication END

PHILIPPINES

In Manila, the word is that the President of the Philippines has received an American Report on land reform, a drastic warning that the very existence of the Philippine Nation is in danger, unless there's a change in the land system, big estates broken up, fields distributed among farmers.

President Quirino is told that landless peasants may go Communist. There's chronic rebellion in central Luzon - the Huks under Red leadership. Sedition - which is likely to spread throughout the Philippines. Unless - there's land reform.

The word is that this report is not getting a welcome reception. President Quirino holding - that it is incorrect. The recommendations - unworkable.

The document was prepared by the United States mutual security Agency, and submitted to the U.S. Embassy in Manila. The key to it all being - American Military and Economic aid. Which, says the report, will be wasted in the Philippines - unless there's  land reform. . . .

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~~Lowell Thomas~~

(india)

The city of Madras in Southern India, is the scene of strange agitation, as millions of Hindus hail-a new saint. But this religious angle is all tied in with politics-- even Communism.

The new saint is Potti Sriramulu, who starved himself to death - succumbing yesterday. Creating-a situation loaded with political dynamite for the Government of India. All-with rich possibilities for the Reds.

A dispatch from Robert Trumbull, correspondent of the New York Times, tells us how the Government of India is dividing the great sub-continent up into districts- according to language. Many tongues are spoken in Hindustan, and there's trouble with the Andhra people. They number twenty-two million, and have a language called - Telegu. But they're not given a district of their own. They're included in the teeming state of Madras, in which a majority of the people are Tamils, who speak the Tamil tongue. So the Andhras are staging an agitation.

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Their leader was Potti Sriramulu - a follower of Ghandi during the Mahatma's own religious - political campaigns against the British. Ghandi used fasting - as a weapon of propaganda. So now, his disciple, Potti Sriramulu, in the cause of the ^{Telegu speaking} Andhras, went on a fast. But he played it out to the bitter end - going without food for fifty-eight days.

To-day his funeral was held - forty thousand people at the burning ~~ghat~~, where he was cremated on a pyre of sandalwood and ~~sacred cow dung~~ ^{ordure of the sacred cow}. His bier - heaped with flowers. The vast multitude chanting and hailing him as a saint.

The Government of India hesitates to give the Andhras a separate language - district - partly because of Communism. The doctrine of the reds has made headway among the Andhras - and , if they had a separate state, the Communists might have a majority, and get control.

Hence, the political dynamite, the combination of Hindu mysticism, centering around the new saint, mixed with Marxism and proletarian revolution. A strange blend - but it can happen in India.... *Anything can happen in India,*

YUGO SLAVIA

(The Yugo Slav Government has broken diplomatic relations with the Vatican. This - in reprisal for the elevation of Yugo slav Archbishop Stepinac, named a Cardinal by Pope Pious the twelfth.)
The Archbishop was in a Communist prison for five years, and is now prevented from performing his Ecclesiastical duties.

Yugo Slavia, though Communist, has maintained diplomatic relations with the Vatican until now - though these have been strained. Rome charging - religious persecution. . . .

BRINKS

In Boston today, ~~the~~ more witnesses were cited for contempt of court - in the case of the Brinks' robbery. A grand jury is taking evidence in the case - and it seemed as if there might be a solution of that championship hold-up. The biggest of all robberies in terms of cash loot.

But witnesses called before the Grand Jury have balked - seven ~~altogether~~ ^{nine} altogether. One, for example, a Mrs Hooley, whose husband and brother figure in the investigation. She was asked had she ever seen, at any time, seventy thousand dollars in cash? The seventy thousand, presumably, being part of the one million, two hundred thousand stolen from the Brinks armored car nearly three years ago. She refused to answer - on the ground that it might incriminate her.

To-day, a witness, Adolph Maffle, was asked what he did for a living. And replied: "I refuse to answer that question." He was promptly cited for contempt, as was another witness.

All this obstruction of justice occurs, as the Grand Jury tries to make haste - or the whole case will vanish, under the Statute of Limitations. After three years - no prosecution. So says the Statute.

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The three year period ends next month, January seventeenth.

Indictments will have to be handed down before that date -- if the Grand Jury is to do anything about the biggest of robberies...

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Killer

A Halt has been called - to grotesque scenes at the town of Comanche , Oklhaoma. There, they've been having what is called a "Roman Holiday" of a ghoulish kind. Thousands flocking to see the body of Billy Cook, the mad dog killer, who murdered six persons, including three children. And was executed in the gas chamber in California.

Comanche has a population of thirty-eight hundred, but fifteen thousand people have gone filing past the casket in a local funeral parlor. People - from thirty-nine states. The town crammed with visitors, business booming. The undertaker said he expected ten thousand at the funeral - for a climax of the morbid carnival.

But all that was called off to-day - when the family of the executed killer put a stop to it. They said they had no idea the proceedings would be so weird, and garish. So they've ordered a private funeral - after a fantastic display of morbid public curiosity. . .

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ANNIVERSARY

A celebration, for a whole year, began to-day - hailing the fiftieth Anniversary of man's first flight. On December seveteenth, nineteen hundred and three, Wilbur and Orville Wright performed their historic achievement, at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and the first airplane - flew. Actually - forty-nine years ago to-day. But it happened near the end of the year - and nineteen fifty - three is dedicated to the commemoration.

In Washington, President Truman launches the celebration with an address - calling for American armed strength in the face of the Red menace, and emphasizing the role of aviation. He presents Lieutenant General James H. Doolittle with the Wright Memorial trophy - for outstanding contributions to the advancement of aviation and aeronautical engineer, Jimmy Doolittle - the great stunt flyer, who led the first bombing of Tokyo, and commanded the Eighth Force in the air assault on Nazi Germany.

Other awards go to John Stack, Assistant Director of the Langley ~~aeronautical~~ *aeronautical* Laboratory, ~~and~~ *The Collier Trophy*, And - to General Lucas Bean, in behalf of the Civil Air Patrol, which he commands, *goes the Brewer Trophy.*
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Capitol

Hope was expressed in Washington that the new Republican Congress will do something about - the Capitol, that Stately edifice with its majestic dome. Which, however, wouldn't be so majestic, if it fell down on the heads of Congress. The architect of the Capitol, - David Lynn, thinks the G O P Majority may put up eight million dollars - to fix up the building.

He's not so much worried about the dome falling down - although President Truman has expressed the fear that the mighty structure might topple, crashing on the Senators And Representatives. H S T has had his troubles with Congress - but he wouldn't want anything like that to happen. The Architect says the cupola is, for the time being - safe. Although it does overhang the East portico - the dome sticking out about fifteen feet.

The present Capitol dome goes back to the end of the Civil War. Previously, the building had a cupola - made of wood. Which was replaced by one made of cast iron. Which, however, didn't quite fit the building - sticking out that fifteen feet. But the plan was to remodel the building, enlarging it - to fit the dome. ~~But~~ However Congress never did authorize the project.

So now architect David Lynn wants to extend the East front by forty feet. Which would fill in the space beneath that overhang - and provide some extra Congressional offices. The architect says, moreover, that the present east front is - ~~stark~~ disintegrating. Made of soft sandstone, which threatens to crumble away.

Nelson,
So, the new Republican Congress will be faced with a problem of - keeping a roof over their heads. Or rather, keeping the dome over their heads.

~~(Note: Nelson could surely get a pun out of the dome and their dome.)~~

BRITAIN

London expects Prime Minister Churchill to go to the United States, ⁱⁿ February or March, to confer with the new President. Word around Parliament is that Churchill can hardly wait for a meeting with General Ike - though, obviously, he'll have to wait until after January twentieth, if he wants to talk to President Eisenhower. They say the Prime Minister will be accompanied by top members of the London Cabinet - for extended discussion of World Problems all along the line.

~~In the meantime, the British Government has asked the United States for a full report about the deadly riot on Pongam Island, where eighty-four mutinous prisoners were killed. This was brought up in the House of Commons to-day, by the labor Party - with special emphasis on the ^{word} ~~report~~ that machine guns were used in suppressing the outbreak. The Churchill Government replied - that it has asked the United States for a full report on that latest episode of violence in Korean prison camps . . .~~