

*L.T. - Deles. Friday, Feb. 18, 1955.*

President Eisenhower scores a major victory in Congress. The House putting its okay on his liberal trade ~~na~~ program. The vote, overwhelming -- 295 to 110. The opponents of the bill attempted to ~~cut~~ the President's power to cut tariffs. But that was defeated by seven votes. And then followed the approval of the Eisenhower program, intact.

In a special message today, Mr. Eisenhower promised that none of our industries would be hurt by that power - because he would make all reductions gradually, with no big slashes. He noted, what he has said so often in the past, that his program is intended to help our allies -- and they have to be able to sell in the American markets if their economies are to stand up under Communist pressure.

## ATOMIC

The atomic bomb ~~that was~~ touched off today at the Nevada proving grounds, was one of the smallest of all - only equal to about five thousand tons of T N T., which makes it one fifth as powerful as the first atomic bomb dropped on Japan in World War Two.

Observers on Angel Peak, thirty five miles away, say the bomb exploded about a thousand feet above the desert. The fire ball lasted about two minutes - compared with the five minutes of flaming horror thrown up by the larger bombs. The explosion was visible in Las Vegas - a bright flash in the sky. But the sound of the blast could not be heard in the city.

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## TAI ISLAND

The Chinese Nationalists report a major battle in and around Tai Island - ~~about~~ a hundred and twenty miles northwest of Formosa.

Tai is ~~very small. But it's~~ only sixty miles from Matsu, and thirty from Nanhi - so it's a threat to both of them. That's why the Chinese Reds are holding it as a key point. Today they attempted to reinforce Tai. A Red armada set out for the island - fourteen landing craft, escorted by gunboats.

Nationalist air patrols picked up the armada just after dawn. And bombers were ordered from Formosa. Returning pilots report that within two hours they sank or damaged eleven Communist ships. Then the Reds attempted to flee -- but were overtaken by Nationalist warships. And the final total is - twenty-one Communist ships sunk, and about sixteen hundred troops lost.

After the sea battle, the Nationalist Air Force

turned to Tai Island itself. Bombers smashed at the Red stronghold - and latest reports indicate that much of Tai Island is now rubble.

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in the cold war. Also a parliament without parties - something like Mussolini's corporative state. The Zurich dispatch ~~describes~~ describes ~~Otto~~ Strasser as "cocky" ~~and~~ ever.

~~remarked~~ <sup>he said!</sup> To reporters, "all's well that ends well."

But officials in Bonn believe ~~that~~ he'll get the cockiness knocked out of ~~him~~ <sup>him</sup> -- when he goes into politics in post-war Germany. ~~That feeling being~~ That Adenauer is much too strong <sup>for anyone of the</sup> ~~to have any fear of~~ Otto Strasser <sup>type.</sup>

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Tonight we have ~~the full story~~<sup>may</sup> about what happened  
to Hermann Field, when he was ~~a prisoner~~<sup>returning from</sup> in ~~a Red Polish jail~~<sup>Poland</sup>.  
Field ~~gave the facts~~<sup>at</sup> to a news conference in London, ~~Field~~<sup>Field</sup>

~~said~~<sup>said</sup> ~~he says~~ he was held for five years in a secret  
interrogation center near Warsaw. His home during that  
period was a basement cell just six feet by twelve. During  
those five years, he was never allowed outside. He even wore  
the same suit in which he had been arrested.

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settle Czech refugees fleeing from the Nazis. Apparently the Reds were not in sympathy with that.

When they finally decided to release him last year, they suddenly became kind, and even agreed to pay him an indemnity of fifty-thousand dollars.

Field says he intends to return to America. Asked if he was a Communist he replied "no". And refused to say whether his brother is or not --. Noel Field who has decided to stay in Red Hungary.

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FRANCE

Melancholy news from France tonight. They have failed to get a new Government. In the French parliament Pineau is the latest to go down to defeat, he failed to get a majority. So once more they must start all over - trying to find a Premier. A desperate hard thing to do in France.



## PRINCE ALI

In Rome a struggle has been going on between the Shah of Iran and his sister-in-law. The Persian Monarch with Princess Christiane Pehlevi over the future of her seven year old son, Prince Ali.

The Shah has no son, and his brother is dead, killed recently in an air crash, therefore his seven year old nephew is heir to the Iranian throne. The Shah wants the child to be educated for his royal future - at a Swiss school. But Princess Christiane wanted to take him to Paris, saying he was too young to be sent away to school yet.

For four days, young Prince Ali has been in what they call "protective custody" at the Excelsior Hotel in Rome. Italian plain clothes men, guarding his suite, to make sure he doesn't leave. This at the request of the Shah of Iran.

Today the Iranian ruler in London, was asked about this. He is in England on his way home from ~~his~~ America. But he refused to comment. He and Queen Soraya were at Buckingham Palace for lunch with ~~the~~ Queen

Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The last word from Rome is that the Princess Pehlevi has given in, completely, with the X Shah's request. Prince Ali, to be educated in Switzerland - first step towards the Iranian throne.


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## PRINCE FEISAL

The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, gave an interview today to Walter Collins of the United Press. Not in Saudi Arabia. It was at Mena House, a famous hotel - near the Pyramids, just outside Cairo. Reporter Collins describes the Prince dressed in Bedouin costume - a magnificent jet black robe, and golden turban.

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*The handsome Prince from the*  
of the Arab League and the West. ~~Prince Feisal answered~~

*central Arabian desert* replied  
that the Arabs are pretty much in agreement with the aims

of the West -- the only difference being ~~concerning~~ methods.



AGA KAHN

One of the richest men in the world will receive his usual birthday present on Sunday. The Aga Kahn, seventy-eight years old. His present this year - a million dollars, in cash - plus twenty-five platinum coins.

Usually, the Aga Khan gets his birthday present by balancing on a scale - with platinum heaped up on the opposite scale. He gets his weight in platinum. But this time, the aging plutocrat, recuperating in a Cairo Hotel, is too weak to go through the ceremony. So instead ~~the~~ of the traditional weighing in, he'll be handed twenty-five platinum ~~coins~~, to symbolize his usual gift. Coins were minted in London, bearing the inscription "jubilee, eighteen-eighty-five -- nineteen-fifty-five" Referring to the fact that this is the seventieth anniversary of the Aga' ~~Khan~~ Khan's reign. He succeeded his father as head of the Ismaili Moslems, when he was eight.

What will he do with that nine hundred thousand?

As usual, he'll put it into a trust fund for the ten million

Moslems who gave it to him as their spiritual leader. The

trust fund is used to provide schools, hospitals, loans,

and scholarships.

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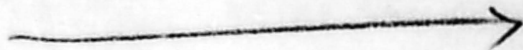
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## LORD

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his eldest son, who is now four years old.

~~And what did~~ <sup>T</sup> the noble Lords on the committee think  
~~of the request? Apparently, they thought it was all most~~  
*were shocked. And it*  
~~astonishing also not becoming in an heir of the Viscount.~~  
~~Stansgate. It~~ took them just twenty minutes ~~to make up~~  
~~their minds.~~ <sup>X</sup> to reject the appeal. Wedgwood Benn - and his  
wife Caroline from Cincinnati, Ohio - will have to be Lord  
and Lady Stansgate, whether they like it or not.



## FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

Wisconsin is trying to persuade a famous native son that he should stay in the Badger State. It all has to do with Frank Lloyd Wright's school of architecture at Spring Green, Wisconsin. Last year, the State <sup>Supreme</sup> Court refused to grant him exemption from property taxes. Whereupon, the famous architect threatened to take his school elsewhere.

Later he relented, at a dinner given by his admirers. And now, the legislature in Madison has taken the final step. Identical bills were introduced into the State Assembly and the State Senate - bills to exempt the school of architecture at Spring Green from property taxes.

There seem to be many Wisconsin politicians who are admirers of Frank Lloyd Wright's ~~architect~~ architecture. They are anxious not to lose him.

In Tokio only a few weeks ago I had reason to salute Frank Lloyd Wright. I was staying at the famous Imperial Hotel - which he built after the great Tokyo Earthquake and fire. Well when I was there the other day Tokyo had the most violent quake in four years.

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The Imperial Hotel swayed, as tho' floating on air - or on water. You could feel it swinging. A real eerie sensation. But, Hugh, the earthquake didn't <sup>faze</sup> ~~xxx~~ it. Due ~~x~~ to the wizardry of Frank Lloyd Wright. Nothing happened except that a beautiful lady fainted in my arms. It was my week-end!