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NATIONAL DEBT

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President Eisenhower, today, asked Congress to raise the limit of the national debt - so as to enable the government to pay its bills in the months ahead. Right now the national debt is limited by law - to two hundred seventy-five billion dollars. The Administration wants an increase of about fifteen billions. Which would bring the ceiling to about two hundred ninety billions.

The Presidential request was backed by Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey who puts the matter in blunt words, "If Congress refuses to raise the debt ceiling, "he says "We'll just run out of money, and we can't pay our bills. If this country didn't pay its bills", he adds, "It would cause a near panic."

The message from the White House threw Congress into confusion today. The law-makers - in a hurry to clean up legislative business, and go home for a summer vacation. But now - the question of raising the ceiling of the national debt. That, probably, cannot be disposed of in a hurry - it's much

too controversial.

There is no end of opposition in Congress. Republican Senator Hugh Butler of Nebraska, promptly states, "I hope we don't have to do it, and I don't think we will". Senator George of Georgia said he is "Not persuaded". Williams of Delaware declares - he'll "have to be shown". Senator Byrd of Virginia has declared himself, all along, in opposition.

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey says - it has been "perfectly obvious for some time" that the national debt would have to rise above the limit, late this year. He explains that the administration didn't ask for a hike of the ceiling until now - because it wanted to wait until Congress had passed the final appropriations, putting up money for expenses. That gave a clear idea of what the financial situation would be. So, now, at the last minute, the recommendation to raise the limit of the public debt.

UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

There was a stormy committee hearing in Washington today - with the appearance of the Reverend Jack Richard McMichael, accused of being a Communist. He denied that he ever was a Communist; but that was as far as the peaceful proceedings got.

The Methodist Clergyman from Upper Lake, California, was asked about his alleged connection with the American Youth Congress and other organizations called Communist fronts. That brought on the noisy dispute - the clergyman declaring the committee on Unamerican Activities was trying to "trick" and "trap" him.

He made scornful remarks about the committee, and addressed Congressman Clardy of Michigan as - "brother, whatever your name is". He refused to answer questions, saying he'd have to consult his diary. Sometimes, when a question was asked, he'd leave it unanswered - while making a lengthy search of his brief case.

The committee got so angry that, at one point the chairman, Congressman Velde of Illinois, roared, "We've been insulted by better men than you". It sure was tempestuous - the preacher and the committee.

TAFT

The medical report on Senator Taft is grave. This afternoon the doctors issued a bulletin saying - he has taken a "turn for the worse". He was breathing with what the report called - "marked difficulty". Earlier in the day the Senator was visited by President Eisenhower's personal physician, Major General Howard Snyder. The President sent him, expressing - "extreme concern and anxiety".

Three of the Senator's four sons are with him. His oldest son, Ambassador William Howard Taft, the third, having arrived from Ireland today.

CLARK

General Mark Clark had his big welcome in San Francisco today -- greeted by the Mayor and cheered by huge crowds along the streets.

Our Far Eastern Commander-in-chief was asked about report that the Communists have been flying war planes into North Korean air bases, in violation of truce agreements. He said -- it wouldn't surprise him, but, if there were any such violations, they might be uncovered by the neutral truce commission, assigned to make inspections in North Korea.

Add 1st lead plane Moscow xxx Vladivostok.

Russia charged that when two Soviet pursuit planes approached in order to point out that the American plane was flying over Soviet territory and "propose that the American plane leave the air space of the Soviet Union, the American plane opened fire, seriously damaging one of the Soviet planes

"The Soviet planes were forced to reply after which the American plane left in the direction of the Sea."

In concluding, the Soviet note said: "The Soviet government declares a decisive protest to the United States Government against this gross violation of the Soviet border by an American military plane and demands that the persons responsible for this violation be strictly called to account, and expects that the United States government will immediately take measures preventing future violations of the Soviet state Border by American planes."

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Add plane Moscow (SX19W) x x x United States.

(In Tokyo, it was announced yesterday that an American B-50 Bomber with 17 officers and men aboard has been "lost" off the Soviet coast near Vladivostok, where other American planes have been shot down.

"The Far East Air Forces said the co-pilot of the plane had been rescued from the Japan sea, but did not say whether the plane was shot down or developed engine trouble.

(" The co-pilot is being returned to Japan immediately so that the reason for the loss of his aircraft may be determined," the brief air force announcement said.).

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BOLLETIN

Ist Lead plane

Moscow, Friday, July 31 --(UP)-- Russia disclosed today that Soviet fighter planes fired on an American B-50 Bomber which "violated" Soviet territory in the far east on the morning of July 29.

EAST GERMAN

In East Berlin the Reds are confiscating "Eisenhower food packages" by the thousands. Today, they sent what some reporters called "terror squads" into West Berlin - to intimidate the huge throngs. The Red Radio blaring threats against the food seekers, telling them they'll be thrown in jail, as spies and saboteurs.

But the food rush continues, and increases. Today, another two-hundred ^{and} fifty-thousand East Germans defied the Communist menace, and got their "Eisenhower food packages". The total for four days of distribution is now some seven hundred thousand. This week-end, the number is expected to go away over the million mark. There's a report that East German workers, who were in the anti-Communist revolt last month, are planning a week-end food march on West Berlin.

Meanwhile, the State Department in Washington denies a report that a deliberate effort is being made, on our side, to conceal the fact that it's "American food". ^{- giving the} Credit ~~given~~ to the West German government. American State Department policy - U.S. officials over there aiding in the deception. *The State Dept. says that isn't so.*

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The State Department declares, "No instructions were even given to U.S. officials in Germany to pretend that the food, now being distributed to Berlin, was not part of the food program initiated by the President and Chancellor Adenauer - using U.S. food". However, the packages do not carry American labels. Because American labels might increase the danger ~~of~~ *for* the East Germans who take the food packages home.

It is pointed out that ^{*the*} U.S. Radio in Berlin broadcasts the fact to the far corners behind the Iron Curtain;- it's American food! Which every East German understands.

LONDON REPORT

A London newspaper declares that Prime Minister Winston Churchill has received a startling report about the ~~stage~~ of affairs in Soviet Russia. Information -- that the ruling power had been seized by three top-ranking military commanders. The "real power" in the Kremlin -- vested in Marshal Zhukov, Marshal Vasselevski, and Marshal Dokolovsky.

They are said to be strongly in favor of peace with the West. The London Evening News declares that -- Churchill is so impressed by the reports that he's going to press anew for a top-level conference with Soviet Russia.

MOSCOW

The Soviets are celebrating the fifteith anniversary of the Russian Communist party, founded in 1903. That was an event of enormous importance for the future - but who would have guessed it then.

In those days of the Czar, the leaders of Russian Socialism were exiles - obscure Red Radicals. They held a meeting in 1903 - in Brussels, then shifted the conference to London. Odd-looking foreign revolutionaries.

They got into a bitter dispute - extremists versus moderates. The former led by a revolutionary named Lenin - a bald-headed man with a beard. There was a split between the two factions.

The moderates, in the minority, became known as Mensheviks, Russian for minority. The extremists, led by Lenin, called - Bolsheviks, majority.

People in those days laughed at them. But, fourteen years later, in 1917, Lenin's Bolshevik Party seized power in Russia, and established Soviet Communism.

In the Moscow celebration today, the newspapers printed big

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front page pictures of Lenin. But not one carried a picture of Stalin. Except Pravda, which published an old-time photograph of Lenin and Stalin together. Giving this - an obscure place on page two. Which certainly was in contrast with what went on when Stalin was alive.

Today, no more Stalin worship. The slogan is - the leadership of a group as against the dominance of one individual.

MATHEMATICS

The news, today, brings a headline that mighty few will understand. A mathematician at the University of Indiana has solved the Einstein equations. Which goes deep into fourth dimension mathematics.

Some forty-years ago young Albert Einstein, came out with his theory of relativity. Which mystified nearly everybody, but it asumed an important place in the new atomic science. Einstein producing a formula to show - how matter is transformed into energy. Then recently Einstein brought out another series of equations. Called, the "unified field theory". Having to do with an explanation of gravity. Einstein, himself, called it "gropings in the dark". But now the Indiana mathematician announced^S_A that he has unraveled the fourth dimensional secret.

Professor Hlav^u_Aty (prouded Lavaty) a native of Czecho Slavakia, explains gravity as - electro- magnetism. Which, says he, is the foundation of all the cosmic forces. Another great step forward perhaps in man's effort to fathom the secrets of the universe.

Three cheers for the fourth dimension. Most of us have a hard enuf time understanding 3 D. Now along comes 4 D.

POLYGAMISTS

Here's an odd fact about the polygamist colony at Short Creek, Arizona. The extra wives were listed in the census as ~~boarders~~. ^{boarders.} One spouse -- as the wife. The others -- merely boarding in the house. This, we are told, was arranged by officials of the Census Bureau.

Some of the older Navajos have a couple of wives each -- an old tribal custom.

~~So she asked~~ ^{was asked} a census bureau official how to list those extra wives among the Indians. "He told me", says ~~she~~ ^{one census taker,} "that polygamy is illegal. I told him that polygamy is an old Navajo custom, and that we were bound to run into it. So they agreed to list the extra Navajo wives as -- boarders."

Then, in the nineteen fifty census the same problem came up in the case of the Short Creek colony - and the Navajo pattern was applied to those polygamists who call themselves a sect of Mormons. They've been excommunicated and denounced by the Mormon Church.

FASHION

In Paris today, a small dapper Frenchman beamed at the uproar he has created on both sides of the Atlantic. He announces a revolution. And enjoys the controversy ---and the publicity.

Christian Dior, the Parisian fashion designer, who burst into the headlines a few years ago -- with the "new look", featuring - long skirts. Now Dior commands -- the skirts to go up, way up to the knee. Like the flapper styles of the twenties. A "new old look".

The reactions are angry. In Paris rival fashion designers are afraid that Dior has stolen a march on them. In London the chorus is led by Norman Hartnell, dressmaker to the Queen. He says ---no, Britain will keep the skirts long. Certainly, her majesty will not wear them at the knee.

In Hollywood, the reaction is - cautious. Film stars remark that the short skirt is all right, only if the gams are shapely. Each movie queen thinks hers are shapely, of course.

Today Christian Dior told how he began his new short-skirt

revolution -- with fear and trepidation. He says he was terrified by that inspiration of his -- to raise the skirts to the knee. He couldn't make up his mind -- not until the eleventh hour. "Even the day before I opened my fashion show, I was undecided. But now, "He exclaims, "Now I am just itching to pin up ~~the~~ women's skirts. They seem so out of date to me".

Oui, Oui, Madame -- ~~out~~ of date. So, the Parisian fashion dictator ^{Dior} goes back to an earlier date. He decrees - the "new old look". Will the ladies do as Dior dictates -- or will they just let him itch?
As Mike Fitzmorris will tell you Dame
Fashion is a fickle frail.