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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Today brings the end of the Dixon-Yates affair - that power contract that caused such a political storm; the Democrats - assailing the administration bitterly; the Dixon-Yates argument - just about the largest political controversy in the Eisenhower administration.

Today, President Eisenhower ordered - immediate steps to terminate the Dixon-Yates contract. This has been indicated for days, and now it is official. The Dixon-Yates business - a thing of the past.

The plan grew out of problems in the Tennessee Valley Authority. Electrical power there - needed for Atomic Energy developments. So there wouldn't be enough to supply the city of Memphis. Which has been getting its electric power from - TVA. So, the proposal was - for the Tennessee Valley Authority to build a new plant, which would serve Memphis. Which, however,

didn't suit the ideas of the Eisenhower administration.

That was where Dixon-Yates came in. The company, private industry, to build the power plant to supply Memphis. President Eisenhower says - that this was projected, because it didn't seem as if Memphis could build a power plant of its own.

## IRELAND

News from Dublin, in old Ireland - news that may make you weep. They are having a heat wave, and on top of that - a strike of bartenders. Dublin has 650 pubs, 2/3rds of them were closed today - not a drop of beer or stout. A state of affairs that might be too much even for that famous Irish wit and humor.

## RUSSIANS

A delegation of Russian churchmen is visiting London, and announce - that they want Billy Graham to come to the land of the Soviets. The Reverend J. I. Zhidkov, head of the Russian Baptists, declaring: "It is quite possible there will be a formal invitation to Dr. Billy Graham - to visit our country."

In times past, it would have been the last thing you could imagine - the Communists inviting an American evangelist to conduct revival services in Russia. But things have changed a lot. - That "new look" certainly does look new.

The Russian churchmen in London also say - they hope for a visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury. One of them, the Orthodox Metropolitan Minsk declaring: "We would be happy if the head of the Anglican church, himself, visited our country."

Well, from Billy Graham and the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Soviets will be sure to hear some

pulpit oratory the like of which they haven't heard for nearly 40 years!

But Memphis responded that it could - and would. All - culminating in a White House conference today. Mayor Frank Tobey gave the President personal assurances - the city of Memphis will do the job. And President Eisenhower now states that the Dixon-Yates contract is not necessary.

However, the whole thing might cost the government a bit of money. The Dixon-Yates company hold - that it should be reimbursed for expenses to which it may have been put, in the course of making plans, under the contract.

Attorney General Brownell says - he is making a study to see - what is what. Can't tell, yet, whether the government will have to pay anything.

LONDON

In London, over the weekend, British Prime Minister Eden talked world problems over with Indian Premier Nehru. Who, we hear, told Eden that the Soviets will raise the problem of Formosa, at Geneva. So Eden will querry President Eisenhower about possible moves for a Formosa cease fire.

## EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower, today, received a petition - from fifty-four Republican Congressmen. A petition - urging him to run for a second term.

The document was presented by Representatives Curtis of Massachusetts, Avery of Kansas, and Frelinghuysen of New Jersey; who chose today, as a proper time for the presentation, this being - the third anniversary of General Ike's nomination for the presidency.

The petition was in two parts. The President - giving a particular response to each.

Part one praised the Eisenhower administration for tremendous accomplishments, and so on and so on.

To this the President replied: "I am very much complimented by the first part of your statement."

The second part expressed the hope that the president make a favorable decision - about a second

term. So what was the response to that? Presidential  
chuckles - and that Eisenhower grin. But again no  
answer.



## TURNCOATS

Those three American former prisoners of war, who preferred Communism - are on an American steamship, tonight. Having changed their minds about the Marxist Utopiaism, the Reds finally handed them over at Hong Kong - where they boarded the U.S. liner, President Cleveland. They refused to see news reporters and photographers. But, yesterday, after emerging from Red China, they said: "Even death is better than Communism!" They prefer the prospect of punishment - back home. In Hongkong they didn't seem worried about their future. At the Blue Ballroom known for its attractive hostesses, they danced and celebrated until 2 a.m. then with 3 Chinese girls continued the party at their hotel.

William Cowart of Dalton, Georgia, Lewis Griggs of Jacksonville, Texas, and Otho Bell, Hillsboro, Mississippi - are now civilians. They have been dishonorably

discharged from the Army. So now the ex-GIs will be subject to American civil law - the GI's who have ~~find~~ had enuf of whatever they found in Red China. So much so that they say "even death is better than Communism."

## ARGENTINA

Over the weekend, the quarrel between Peron and the Roman Catholic church - flared up again. Ecclesiastical authorities urged church-goers yesterday, to take things quiet and easy, and accept an offer of reconciliation from the Peron regime. Nevertheless, there were disorders. Trouble broke out, following Sunday services at the Cathedral of Buenos Aires. The police breaking up a crowd; sixty persons arrested.

That was followed by Peron's action today - seems sure to bring about a new crisis and tension. The government - taking possession of two churches, which were damaged in the revolution last month. The Peron people announcing - that the churches of San Francisco and Santa Domingo will be rebuilt by the government. And protected - as national shrines. The prediction is that the Peron people will also take over two other churches - burned in the disturbances.

All of which draws an immediate protest from the

ecclesitical authorities. They declaring - that they  
want to rebuild the churches - themselves. Not wanting  
them - to be turned into government institutions.

## FOREST FIRE

The worst forest fire in the history of Prescott National Forest - still out of control. 17,000 acres of Arizona timber and brush - burnt out. Seven hundred fire fighters in battle against the flames - and, during the night, they held the raging blaze - on the south side. But, on the east, that record breaking forest fire was advancing again today.

It's the usual summertime epidemic of woodlands ablaze - in the west. Including - what looked like a volcano. A huge forest fire on top of a lofty peak west of Cortez, Colorado. The flames - producing a brilliant illumination by night. Fire fighters had - to be mountaineers. But 150 of them succeeded in extinguishing the flames of what looked like - a Colorado Fire Mountain.

## EX CONVICT

There 's a double dilemma at Las Vegas, Nevada - with the authorities, on one hand, and an ex-convict on the other. The police picked up James Ellsworth of Omaha, and found in his possession - \$87,000 in crisp new bills. Ellsworth has a police record for armed robbery, so they suspected - the money was part of the loot from some robbery. Possibly - from a hold-up in New York. Where the Queen's branch of the Chase National Bank - was the victim of the largest all-cash bank robbery on record.

But it all came to naught. The authorities in Las Vegas were unable to produce any evidence that the big bankroll was loot of any sort. So that was their dilemma - no legal cause for holding the ex-convict, or the \$87,000. And all they could do was hand back the money - and turn him loose.

But now - follows the other angle of the dilemaa

- U;S. Treasury officials have stepped in, inquiring -  
is that bundle of cash taxable? They served <sup>a</sup> summons  
on Ellsworth - requiring him to give a financial  
account showing - no tax ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ evasion.

It sounds as if it might be interesting - giving  
the Tax Collector an explanation of the \$87,000, in  
crisp new bills.

## PLANE

At Houston, Texas, a big Pan American ✈  
"Constellation" from Panama was coming into the airport,  
with sixteen passengers. But all was not well - on the  
control board. One light failed to flash - the signal  
light indicating that the landing gear was down, and  
locked. It looked as if the landing gear wasn't working  
right.

The pilot, Captain Floro reported his predicament, by radio - to the control tower. On the field, a couple of crash wagons got ready. Relatives and friends of passengers - were watching tensely.

Then the pilot made a practical working test, coming down on to the landing strip with a bump. And then off again - quickly. The fast bump would indicate - whether, or not, the landing wheels were <sup>locked.</sup> down, and/

It worked all right. The bump showed - the landing wheels were O.K. The trouble - was with the signal light, which had gone out of gear. So - the airliner circled around - and came in for an ordinary landing.



## SHRINERS

They're having a hot old time in Chicago. Not only the weather - but also the Shriners.

Today 90,000 of the fez-wearing fun makers, with their families, are in town - for the opening of a 5-day convention. During the past few days the current heat wave has been bad for business at Chicago's places of entertainment, but the Shriners are taking care of that whooping it up at the gay spots, all over town.

The climax - Wednesday night. "Shrinerama," they call it - an immense pageant at Soldiers' Field. Legions of Shriners marching and drilling. Circus acts - and a 1000 piece band. Plus - \$10,000 worth of fireworks. "Shrinerama," - inspired by that new word CINERAMA.

## MURDER

A few years ago, the world of entertainment had a weird feature - "Arsenic and Old Lace." Which, with an eerie humor, pictured a couple of nice old ladies - poisoning just about everybody in sight. So here's a version, in real life - a story from Cedar City, Utah.

Mrs. Milda Ashdown, is accused of killing her husband with strychnine - and has confessed. Today she remarked: "This will be hard on the folks, because I did the same thing sister did."

Half a dozen years ago, Mrs. Ashdown's own sister, Lottie, was convicted and given a life sentence - for poisoning her husband.

It seems to run in the family - as in the case of "Arsenic and Old Lace."