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The food rush in Berlin is becoming a fantastic stampede. Today, two hundred thousand East Germans streamed into the Western sector to get "Eisenhower food packages". Five pounds of groceries each - out of the fifteen million dollars worth promised by the President of the United States.

The Red propaganda machine of East Germany is trying to stem the food rush. Spies report all names to the Communist authorities. Today, the Reds broadcast and published names - threatening arrest and punishment.

Some were grabbed when they returned to the Eastern sector, their packages of flour, meat, lard, beans, and so on, confiscated.

But the East Germans, with sullen defiance, continue to stream into Berlin to get those "Eisenhower food packages".

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The streams of our trucks running the foodstuffs into Berlin have to cross Soviet-controlled areas, and the Reds have been slowing up the trucks with long inspections.

Today, the stocks of "Eisenhower Food Packages" ran so low that some East Germans were sent to refugee camps for the night -- told to return tomorrow, to get their share.

Pan American Airways began a free food lift, sending planes into Berlin -- each carrying a ton of flour. Pan American announces that, on its regular flights into Germany, it will stock food in all empty passenger seats.

KOREA

Shiploads of Red captives are arriving at the Port of Inchon - to be taken to Panmunjom for the prisoner exchange. The first batch - twenty-four hundred, ~~2~~ Moved along with quick efficiency - so that "operation Big Switch" can begin on Wednesday.

This first consignment of Reds was hand picked - of a sort not inclined to make trouble. The more fanatic Reds will be sent ~~+~~ along later - and they have already started their trouble-making. At one prison, Communists refused to leave their barracks, and had to be persuaded by tear gas bombs tossed inside the buildings. The belief is - they were just following the old Red habit of obstructing - and trying to cause difficulties.

~~Communist armistice officials are displaying the Red habit of making complaints. Today, they charged a series of truce violations - Allied gun fire and war plane flights after the deadline. Our chief delegate on the armed services commission says "nothing serious".~~

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At the South Korean Port of Pusan, today, a fleet of huge transport planes landed one after another - with cargoes of food. Ten thousand tons are being flown - to South Korean civilians. The food stuffs are from Army stock-piles on hand in Japan. Food relief - promised in Washington immediately after the signing of the armistice.

General Clark

General Mark Clark is on his way to the United States - to attend the wedding of his son. Tonite he is over the Pacific, between Hawaii and California.

Our far Eastern Commander-in-Chief will have some interesting reports to make to President Eisenhower in Washington - and to our top political and military leaders. He says the armistice is merely a military agreement to stop shooting!

The signing of the armistice had a personal meaning for Mark Clark. He and Mrs. Clark wanted to be at their son's wedding, scheduled for this week in New Orleans. But he couldn't leave Tokyo until the fighting in Korea had ended. The son, Major William Clark, is a veteran of Korea, saw his share of battle over there, and was wounded. His famous Dad wired him that he would arrive "battered and slightly bent but still the best man." The General's homecoming will include a big reception here in San Francisco before hurrying on to Washington. This city at the Golden Gate is getting

ready to welcome him tomorrow morning. Mark Clark expects to be back in Tokyo to meet Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles - who is flying to the Far East, for consultations with Syngman Rhee and the South Korean government. There in Tokyo they will confer on armistice matters. Dulles will be out there until August eleventh - by which time General Clark will have returned to Japan.

By the way he is going to get a rousing welcome here in San Francisco. He says that in a sense he has adopted this city. And people here feel the same about him. San Francisco claims him as one of its own.

INDO-CHINA

The big French offensive in Indo-China goes on, but is falling short of complete success. The strategy was to trap a large force of Communists along the Coast of Annam. But many of the Reds are able to get away - sneaking through the jungle. Some three-thousand already vanished in the bamboo thickets, getting through to the Annamese Mountains.

Twelve-thousand French Union Sea Commandoes and Paratroops closed the trap, and there was savage fighting in places. The Reds were crushed by tanks, artillery and air assaults. Today, the encirclement had closed in on a small area, where forces of Communists are holding out. Some resisting desperately - to enable others to escape into the jungle.

EGYPT

Egypt reports a new plan for solving the Suez Canal dispute - a plan presented by President Eisenhower. Tomorrow, Egypt goes into new negotiations with Great Britain. The basis will be - a compromise program presented by the President of the United States.

So stated, today by a Cairo magazine, which represents the Egyptian Army. The magazine stating that the Eisenhower plan was handed to the Egyptian strong man, President Mohammed Naguib, last week.

The terms are said to include the withdrawal of British troops from the Suez Canal zone, but ^{with} British technicians ^{to} ~~would~~ remain in charge - their number not to exceed four thousand. In the event of war or a threat of war, the Western Allies would have the right to send military forces to Suez. The question of what constitutes a war emergency would be decided by the political committee of the Arab League.

(That, we are told, is) the Eisenhower plan - to be discussed by the ^{and} British Egyptians, beginning tomorrow.

CONGRESS

Congress, today, completed action on the bill to put up money for National Defense - more than thirty-four billion dollars. The Senate voted its okay, and the House followed suit immediately thereafter.

Earlier, the Senate approved the bill to admit two-hundred-and-nine-thousand European refugees into this country in the next three years.

Hurry-up action on bills labeled by the Eisenhower Administration as - "must". Congress wants to go home by Friday night or Saturday -- summer vacation. So the Legislators are passing those "must" bills.

TAFT

In Ohio, Governor Lausche refuses to discuss the question of whom he would nominate for the Senate, if Senator Taft does not return. Taft is gravely ill in a New York hospital - and his successor to fill out his term would be appointed by the Governor.

The political implications are of major importance. Taft, a Republican - Governor Lausche, a Democrat. So, according to precedent, the Governor would be expected to nominate a Democrat, which might give control to the Democrats -- ~~and they could re-organise the Upper House of Congress, the Committees and all.~~

So you see the importance of a decision - by Governor Lausche. And even though he is Democrat, there's an element of suspense. He might name a Republican, to succeed Senator Taft.

It is pointed out that Lausche owes his job to Republican as well as Democratic, support. (In the November election, the GOP swept Ohio - President Eisenhower carrying the state by half-a-million. Lausche - the only Democrat elected. He won out by

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{ four hundred/ and thirty thousand. Obviously,) many of the people who voted for Ike also voted for Lausche.

The Governor is represented as feeling that the country chose the Republicans to run the national government, and one man should not defy that mandate. He would hesitate to change the political complexion of the Senate - by his own one-man action.

He has stated publicly that he hopes Senator Taft will continue in the Senate. He sent the Senator a warm telegram wishing him a quick recovery.

Meanwhile, in the New York Hospital Senator Taft seemed a bit better today - after a turn for the worse yesterday. His wife is with him, Martha Taft - long considered his chief aid in political progress. She is now an invalid in a wheel-chair. Two of their sons are at the Senator's bedside, and the other son is returning from Ireland, William Howard Taft, the third, United States Ambassador to Dublin.

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No exact description of the Senator's illness has been made public. He has a hip ailment described as a "lesion" which has required X-Ray treatments.

Today, at the White House, the statement was that President Eisenhower was keeping himself informed constantly of Senator Taft's condition. His rival to the presidential nomination - who, after he lost out, - has been a tower of strength to the Eisenhower Administration.

COMMITTEE

The House of Representatives took action, today, in a bitter quarrel in the Committee on Government Operations. The Chairman, Congressman Hoffman, of Michigan, at odds with the other members. They accuse him of "quickie" inquiries without their knowledge, and voted to curtail his authority.

Today, the quarrel came to the floor of the House and a vote was taken - the Chairman losing out. In a decision without precedent - the House voted to deprive him of the control of two-thirds of the funds allotted to the Committee. Money talks, ~~in this case - as in so many others. The Committee wins out -~~
~~against its own Chairman.~~

BREWERY STRIKE

The city of Milwaukee was again itself today - brewing beer. The strike settled - the brewery workers back on the job. The walkout lasted for seventy-six days, during which time the production of the foaming suds was at a standstill.

But now, Milwaukee is Milwaukee again, or even more so - the way the game of baseball has been going. The Milwaukee Braves beating the New York Giants - winning two shutouts on successive days.

So, ~~now~~ with the end of the brewery strike, you can call Milwaukee the city of beer and baseball.

KAISER-WILLYS

It isn't often, on a program like this, that the sponsor is in the news. But it happened today - as you know if you were listening to the opening announcement - or commercial. This is the oil era, the gasoline age, a period when the automobile plays an all important role in world economy - in the life of human beings, almost everywhere.

Well, sometime ago you read or heard how the Kaiser empire had taken over the great Willys-Overland concern. But the real significance of this was not announced until today. Kaiser and Willys now combine for a full line Kaiser & Willys cars, for joint production and sales. This consolidation includes assets of \$200 million, 24,000 employees and 25 plants here and abroad.

General Motors became vast thru the combining of several companies. Likewise, Chrysler - and Dodge. Now Kaiser - and Willys - yes, including the Jeep too -- which comes near being the best known vehicle on wheels.

NEWARK AIRPORT

The Newark Airport celebrated a silver anniversary - today - twenty-five years old. Hailed as - one of the safest. The airport having recovered from a series of blows it sustained - a year or two ago. Those disastrous crashes - which created havoc in nearby cities; With a wrathful popular demand - that the Newark Airport be put out of business altogether.

Residing over today's anniversary, Lt. General James H. Doolittle, Chairman of the Presidential Committee, which made a study of Airport safety. The famous old time stunt flier, ^{— and aeronautical engineer} even more famous as a Commander of U.S. Air Fleets in war - ^{is} ~~was~~ an authority on airbase techniques. Today he called the flying field at Newark "one of the best and safest airports" ^{of them all.} ~~in the world.~~

The climax ^{of} ~~the~~ celebration will come this weekend- which also happens to be the twenty-fifth anniversary of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker's Eastern Airlines. Captain Eddie will stage a flying circus at Newark. One of the planes will be - an old time Spad of World War I. Rickenbacker flew a Spad most of the time -

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in the days when he shot down twenty-six German planes... a top American Ace in the first war of the air, in the days when I first met him as commander of The Hat-in-the-Ring Squadron at the French walled city of Tonl - the one and only "Rick".

And now from Rick to turn to Mike.