

L.T. - DELCO. TUES. AUGUST 27, 1957.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

America is almost certain to get the first federal Civil Rights law in eighty-two years. This is what they are saying in Washington tonight - following passage of the Civil Rights Bill by the House; by an overwhelming vote of two-hundred-and seventy-nine to ninety-seven.

There are two key parts to this compromise bill. First, a Civil Rights Commission will be established - to protect the voting rights of Negroes. And the Attorney General will have the power to seek court injunctions - when he finds that any voting rights are being violated.

Originally, this Civil Rights Bill did not mention a trial by jury - for defendants. But the Southern members of Congress - threatened to filibuster the bill to death - unless trial by jury was made part of the bill.

President Eisenhower asked Congress for a much stronger bill. But today Congressman Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, told the House that the President will sign

the
/ bill as the best he can get at this session of Congress.

P All that remains ^{now} is for the Senate to pass the measure -
and send it on to the White House.

~~How do the opponents during the debate feel now?~~

~~They're both moderately satisfied. The~~ Supporters of Civil

Rights say they wish it was stronger - but they think it's a

step in the right direction. Southerners charge that the bill

may not be constitutional - but they feel they can live with it.

Congressman Charles Diggs of Michigan - one of the three

Negro Congressmen - called the bill a significant starting

point - and said that both Parties helped get it past the

House.

DISARMAMENT

The Disarmament Conference in London almost collapsed today.- all because of the new Soviet claim to have tested a workable ballistic missile. The Soviet delegate virtually rejected every proposal made by the West. Valerian Zorin, delivering a tirade lasting ninety minutes - containing obvious references to the Moscow announcement. The Soviet delegate, rejecting almost every clause of the "open skies" inspection plan proposed by President Eisenhower. The only concession - Zorin refused to say whether his rejection included a plan for a survey of the Arctic in both Russia and America.

Tonight American Delegate Harold Stassen says he's still hopeful - of salvaging something from this Disarmament Conference. ~~But~~ Both Russia and the Allies have often accused Stassen of over-optimism. ~~And the~~ Feeling in London is that the Russians may offer a little hope - because it suits them now. ~~And~~ ^{Alas} that Khrushchev may order his delegate home - at any time.

MISSILE

Meanwhile Mr. Dulles says he doesn't doubt - the general truth of Khrushchev's latest boast. Referring to the Soviet ballistic missile. Khrushchev saying Russia now has a missile capable of hitting a target anywhere in the world.

Mr. Dulles told his news conference today - the Khrushchev claim may be true - in a wide sense. Then he explained by adding that he doubts the Russians have made any dramatic break-through in the missile field. He pointed out that most of what Khrushchev said yesterday - has been known for some time. And, that the Soviet boss did not speak in precise terms. For example, we don't know yet whether the Russian missile hit a small, medium or large target. Maybe any target with an atomic bomb or missile is enuf!

One thing Secretary Dulles flatly rejected - the Moscow claim that bombers are now obsolete. Secretary Dulles retorts that bombers will be the most effective means of hitting targets with atomic bombs - for a long

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time to come. So he
/doesn't expect any big shift in the balance of power - even if

Khrushchev is telling the truth about the new Soviet missile.
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Meanwhile, there's ~~a lot of~~ skepticism in Congress.

Senator Wiley of Wisconsin ~~spoke for the others - when he~~

ⁱⁿ called the Khrushchev statement - a mixture of fact and

propaganda. ^{And then} ~~Senator Wiley~~ ^{that} adding - whatever the truth, the

American missile program will have to be pushed - full speed
ahead.

MALENKOV

Tonight Western observers in Moscow believe - Malenkov, *who succeeded Stalin - briefly -* is headed for the firing squad. This, following the publication of three speeches by Khrushchev. In those speeches, the new boss - attacks Malenkov as a henchman of Stalin, who took advantage of the dead tyrant's weaknesses.

The interesting thing about these Khrushchev speeches - they were made before the fall of Malenkov, Molotov and Kagonovich. Khrushchev, attacking ~~1~~ all three for "anti-party activities", when they were supposed to be his colleagues in the "collective leadership."

Khrushchev points out that Malenkov, was Stalin's Secretary. So Malenkov was in a position to influence the tyrant - which he did. Khrushchev saying, ^{that} "in many cases, Malenkov incited Stalin to take action."

~~At the same time~~ ^{Also -} Khrushchev connects Malenkov with ~~Beria~~ Beria, Stalin's Chief-of-Police, who was later executed by the "collective leadership", when Malenkov was Premier. Now Khrushchev says that Malenkov was under the influence of

Beria. In Khrushchev's words, "Malenkov was Beria's shadow."

So Malenkov is tied in with both Stalin and Beria - implicated in their crimes. No wonder ~~the~~ Western observers in Moscow say - it looks like the firing squad for Malenkov - who was given the milder sentence of banishment after his fall.

He was sent to take charge of a power station in central Asia - near the Chinese border. But tonight the question is - will Khrushchev let him stay there in peace much longer? Or is Malenkov, once one of the most powerful men in Russia - marked for execution?

DOCUMENTS

The Soviet Foreign Ministry in Moscow announces⁵ - publication of all correspondence between Stalin and the Allied leaders during World War Two. The correspondence includes letters written and received - by Stalin, Roosevelt, Truman, Churchill and Attlee. The Russian text, now published, with an English language version to come. The Russians say the reason for publishing the documents ~~not~~ - is to show the truth about what was said by the heads of government during the War. The Russians claiming that the capitalist world - is distorting the record - lying about relations between Russia on the one side - Britain and America, on the other.

DULLES

At his news conference today, Secretary of State Dulles said - we allow some Chinese Communist newsmen to come to this country. The question, came up because of those twenty-four American reporters who were all set to visit the mainland of Asia. Then - radio Peiping broadcast a demand - for reciprocal treatment. The Chinese Reds to send twenty-four of their people over here.

Secretary Dulles, while ruling that out, told his audience that we will not trade newsmen with Red China; but we will consider any applications by Chinese newsmen. These to be considered on their merits. Which doesn't mean, that permission would necessarily be granted.

JORDAN

— the old walled city —

In the Jordanian section of Jerusalem [^] twenty-three
accused Communists went on trial today. The Communist Party ^{is}
outlawed in the domain of young King Hussein. ^{The 23} ~~But these~~
~~defendants~~ are charged with being members of the Party - and
taking part in the Leftist plot to overthrow the King last
spring. Seven of the ~~twenty-four~~ were not actually in the
courtroom today. They fled from Jordan - after the revolt
collapsed. But, ~~anyway~~ [^] they are on trial - along with the other
^{will be sentenced}
seventeen - and ~~they will be tried~~ [^] in absentia.

SECURITY

President Eisenhower wins ^{another} a victory in the House.

This time on
~~The subject~~ national security. The House voting
overwhelmingly - to protect the files of the F.B.I. The vote -
three-hundred-and-fifty-one to seventeen.

This bill, a follow-up to the Supreme Court ruling
of June Third. *The Court*
~~Our highest tribunal~~ decided that a defendant
had a right to examine F.B.I. files - when witnesses testified
against him. As long as the witnesses furnished the material -
the defendant could demand to see it - no matter how secret it
might be.

(that has now) ~~to day~~
The bill passed ~~by~~ the House ~~to day~~ would limit such
material ~~to~~ to statements actually signed by the witness, or else
formally approved by him as correct. This is the biggest step
Congress has taken yet - to by-pass the Supreme Court ruling -
and ~~the~~ safeguard the files of the F.B.I.

HOFFA

Hoffa, Vice-President of the Teamsters Union, was attacked today by the Ethical Practices Committee of the AFL-CIO. Altho' the specific charges are not to be made public - until the present hearing is over, we are told that Hoffa will be asked to explain - accusations brought against him by the Senate Rackets Committee during its investigation. You will recall that the Senators dismissed Hoffa last Friday saying that his memory - or lack of one - made any more questioning - a waste of time. The Senators also accusing the Union leader of, what it called, "conflicts of interest and questionable actions." This refering to loans Hoffa got from his Union - and from businessmen holding Union contracts. Also that Hoffa had teamed up with racketeer Johnny Dio - to control Labor in the New York area through "phoney locals".

The Ethical Practices Committee of the AFL-CIO - says it will ask Hoffa to explain.

WISCONSIN

Today's primary in Wisconsin will send to the Senate - either an Eisenhower Republican, or a liberal Democrat. The Republican, former Governor Walter Kohler. The Democrat, William Proxmire. They are the only two conceded a chance to succeed the late Senator McCarthy.

However there is also a "McCarthy Republican" in the race. Howard Boyle - who has campaigned as a supporter of McCarthy's record in Congress. Boyle, promising to continue - where the late Senator left off. But it is doubted that he will make much of a showing.

Election officials describe the turn-out - as "bigger than expected." They estimate the vote at around eight hundred thousand.

Milwaukee County, with its more than four hundred thousand registered voters, is expected to decide who wins.

OLD IRONSIDES

From Saugus, Massachusetts - a story reminding us of the most famous ship ever to sail the seas ^{— that is} for Uncle Sam's navy. According to the dispatch - the flag of Old Ironsides - may just have been discovered in a Saugus dump.

Everyone knows about the warship "Constitution" - ^{that} ~~which~~ made history during the War of Eighteen Twelve. Cannon balls ~~just~~ ^{— her} bounced off her sides, ~~the~~ timber, that strong. ^{Hence her} ~~and so she got the~~ nickname of "Old Ironsides". Now ~~restored~~, ~~and kept~~ as a national monument.

Well, last week George Lynn found a box in the Saugus dump. Inside the box, an old ship's biscuit - and a note reading, "This biscuit was issued to me, Henry Stone, thirteen Essex Street, in Eighteen Forty-Four." Beside the box, George Lynn found an American flag - with thirty-two stars. The flag is just like Old Glory - in the days when "Old Ironsides" sailed the high seas, looking for enemy vessels.

One guess is - that the flag was presented to the

skipper of "Old Ironsides" by a group of Baltimore
citizens - twenty years after the War of Eighteen Twelve.
The flag has been sent to the Navy Historical Society in
Washington; - they to decide whether it ever flew from
the ^{main} mast of "Old Ironsides."

BEAUTIES

A Florida business man appeals to the State of Iowa. William Sheppard, writing to Mayor Ray Mills of Des Moines - asking for help - that is, for a wife. This suave Floridian says in his letter - that Iowa girls are not only beautiful - but they keep their looks for a long time. And how he has heard they have a surplus of beauties in the state of the tall corn. So he asks Mayor Mills to - here are his words: - "simply shake the bushes". The Florida business man is quite sure he'll get the bride he wants - if the Mayor of Des Moines will "simply shake the bushes."

How does the Mayor respond? He, naturally admits that Iowa is full of beauties - but Joe - His Honor thinks that the lovelorn Florida cracker should come to Iowa and shake the bushes himself.

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: A year ago today, ships were ~~at~~ lined up at the entrance to the Suez Canal. The reason - the Western pilots had walked off the job. Nasser, not having enough experienced men - to take the ships through. One ship reported - waiting for four days.

That was the first trouble after Nasser's nationalization of the canal - not enough pilots. We didn't know at the time that a bigger crisis was coming - the Anglo-French invasion of the Canal Zone, following Israel's attack in the Sinai Desert. Now, a year later - Nasser still controls the canal - and ~~the~~ ships are moving through ^{as they used to do.} ~~on time.~~