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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

From Los Angeles, a story about - the little woman, wife, the better half. Another example - of the weaker sex.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smallfield had a domestic argument, and the Mrs. was really getting mad. Whereupon Mr. Smallfield walked out of the house, got into his automobile, and drove off. But there were two family cars, and wifie took the other - in hot pursuit.

Hubby had to stop at a traffic light - whereupon wifie ranned his car.

"I knew she was out for blood," Mr. Smallfield explained today, "so I stepped on the gas."

But so did the little woman - and, at the next traffic light, she ranned him again. Screaming: "Turn around, and fight like a man. You coward, come back and have it out."

Hubby then drove speeding around the block - the Mrs. chasing him. Finally, he jumped out of the car and fled on foot. The little woman ran after him - swinging a club. Until, finally, Mr. Smallfield called a cop.

Today, charged with assault, Mrs. Summerfield explained: "I just wanted to scare him." Well, she sure did.

ROBBERY

The annals of prison life record the story of - the "lawyer of the Rock." Cecil Wright - who, while a convict at Alcatraz, studied law, so that he could appeal for freedom - pleading his own case. Which he did so well - that he was released from the Rock.

Today, at Charleston, Illinois, Cecil Wright was in a local jail. The "lawyer of the Rock" - charged with a series of burglaries over the weekend. The robbery of two stores, an automobile agency and a post office.

Sounds as if the "lawyer of the Rock" will need his legal learning, all over again.

RING

Now, let's all wish the best of luck - to Barbara Summers of Philadelphia. Talk about hunting for a needle in a haystack - Barbara is hunting for an engagement ring in seventeen tons of straw.

She's to marry Airman David Fleming, stationed at Topeka, Kansas, who gave her a handsome diamond engagement ring. Then, yesterday, Barbara visited the farm of a cousin of hers at Hallam, Pennsylvania. Where - there's a huge heap of straw, seventeen tons of it. Somehow, in enjoying life on the farm, Barbara dropped her engagement ring in the straw. The gold band with the diamond, sinking deep down in the huge tangle.

Yesterday, Barbara spent twenty hours, looking for the ring. Even using - a mine detector. No luck, and she had to return to her job in Philadelphia today. She says, she'll go back to that straw pile next weekend, and keep on hunting for her engagement ring.

Barbara, we hope you'll find it.

PHILADELPHIA

In Philadelphia, today, a magistrate liberated thirty men, arrested last night. Another thirty, who might have been arrested, got away before a fleet of patrol wagons arrived.

All this - in the break-up of an old Philadelphia institution. Also called - the largest.

Last night, a couple of cops in a patrol car were passing the Graduate Club, a highly respectable institution. When people on the sidewalk told them - of strange doings inside. Whereupon the two policemen entered the Graduate Club., and found sixty men, with no trousers. There they were - in that humiliating condition

There had been a hold-up by five robbers - who compelled their victims to take their trousers off. thereby - hampering alarm and pursuit. One of the robbers, however, was caught.

Such was the break-up - of Philadelphia's oldest and largest floating crap game. The dice shooters -

robbed of as much as fifty thousand dollars.

The cops declare that, for a year, they've known about the big money crap game, but could never discover its places of meeting. The robbery, finally - tipped them off.

It seems that the Graduate Club sub-let its third floor to a society called - "Friends of Italian Culture." Which, in turn, rented the floor to gentlemen who said they wanted it - for a Sunday "wedding reception."

The "wedding reception", the final and fateful meeting of Philadelphia's oldest and largest floating crap game.

SKELTON

Comedian Red Skelton makes a bitter charge against the British press. Following a visit in London, by Skelton and his family. The charge - based on a tragic situation.

His nine year old son has leukemia - the doctors giving the boy not more than a year to live. So Skelton took the lad on a trip abroad - to show him the wonders of the world. During the time - left to him. Then, in London, British newspapers intimated - the trip was a Hollywood publicity stunt, and ran - "take the boy home" campaign.

Skelton says - that nine year old Richard knew nothing about his illness and the hopeless medical prognostication. But the hullabaloo in the London press compelled the family to tell him the truth. Informing him - of his tragic plight.

Arriving at New York today, the nine year old was in high spirits - smiling and telling of the sights he saw abroad.

INTRODUCTION TO L.T.

On his trip to the jungles of New Guinea, Lowell Thomas has stopped off in Australia - and gives us a report on the Land Down Under.

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L.T.: - You of course have heard how unpopular Americans are around the world these days. But Harrington Brownhill, an Australian newspaper editor, assures me this is not so, in Australia. And that's good news. Why do the Aussies like us? He says one basic reason is because they are financially independent of us; not indebted to us for any of the foreign aid we have been giving so freely to nations outside the Soviet orbit.

Here I am back in Australia for the first time since shortly after World War I. How much has it changed? Population then around six million. Now it's ten. Many of the newcomers although Europeans, are non-British. That's new.

Just as they did those years ago, the new Australian settles in the cities and towns. Unwilling to put up with the rugged life in the out-back country.

There's a wide search on for minerals - the new rare minerals. Oil too, they hope, but they haven't found it yet.

Although wool is still the number one export they are fully aware that synthetic materials may play havoc with sheep raising - already is cutting in.

Much of Australia is arid. Some day it may be possible to bring water up from subterranean depths. But so far that is too costly.

All is confusion with the railways of this topsy turvy land. Always has been. Because they started off with different gauges in different states - three gauges. At long last the two most populated, Victoria and New South Wales, are about to correct this.

Because most of the coastal areas have a mild climate, Australia is a paradise for children - and adults. Where not many overwork. In this connection, along the Queensland coast there is a boom. Handsome seaside luxury hotels going up. One new town has the alluring name of Surfers Paradise. This I am told is going to be the Australian riviera.

What about the countless millions of rabbits that threatened to devour nearly everything green on this far off southern continent? Some years ago they spread a disease among them that quickly reduced the rabbit population. But now the Aussies are worried again, because the rabbits are developing an immunity to the disease. And then the Kangaroo and wallaby devour much of what the rabbit doesn't get.

So, no wonder the people gravitate to the cities.

BUDGET REFORM

The White House refuses to believe that Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson came out in opposition to a measure - strongly advocated by President Eisenhower. A plan for budget reform - proposed by the Hoover Commission.

Secretary Wilson testified before a Congressional Sub-Committee, giving his opinion of the budget reform - according to which Congress would vote funds for government agencies on a year-to-year basis only. The purpose - to give Congress a greater control over government spending. At present, some federal departments receive money years in advance. The Defense Department, for example - which is voted funds for complex new weapons, which may take years to build.

Secretary Wilson pointed out that, if funds were not voted in advance, it would impede the development of the military program. "And possibly risk the security

of the nation," said he.

Today, however, Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty said - the Wilson statement did not constitute opposition to the plan. "I think you will find that there is a misinterpretation," said Hagerty. Adding - it was only one possible phase of budget reform to which the Secretary expressed opposition. "We are strongly for the bill," declares the White House Secretary. "The President is on record, and the President has so informed the Defense Department."

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CIVIL RIGHTS

The controversy over the Civil Rights Bill brings an attack - by Lyndon Johnson, of Texas, Democratic leader in the Senate, against Vice-President Nixon. Because of the Vice-President's disapproval of the "jury trial amendment", which the Senate voted into the measure. Johnson calling the Nixon declaration "political propaganda." Reports are that President Eisenhower will veto the bill, if it ever comes before him - with an amendment guaranteeing jury trials in racial cases in the South. Asked about this, the Senator from Texas said: "It looks like a concerted propaganda campaign headed by the Vice-President."

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without any jury trial proviso. The routine calls for some sort of compromise to be hammered out, but it seems quite certain - that the House will reject the Senate amendment. So it's likely enough that no Civil Rights Bill at all will be passed during the present session of Congress. But if one should be passed, jury trial and all - a presidential veto looms.

MOSCOW

The international wise men are saying - Bulganin is on his way out. Nikoyan - on his way in. As Premier - of the U.S.S.R. The Armenian trade expert - soon to become the titular head of the Soviet government.

What's the basis of the prognostication? Well, here are the signs and omens.

When big boss Khrushchev met with Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, last week, Bulganin was not there. The team of Bulganin and Khrushchev - apparently broken up.

Moreover, Khrushchev is to make a visit of state to East Germany - and, again, Bulganin will stay home. Although -he was invited, originally, by the East German Communists. Instead, Nikoyan will accompany Khrushchev.

All - part of the old guessing game trying to figure what goes on in the land of the Soviets.

CONGRESS - TAX

The House of Representatives, today, voted a bill to cut the federal night clubbing tax - from twenty per cent to ten per cent. The argument being - that the high cabaret tax is curtailing employment of musicians and entertainers.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where it doesn't stand much chance of being acted upon this year. The Senate - facing a jam of work, delayed by the fight over the Civil Rights Bill.

EISENHOWER DOCTRINE

President Eisenhower, today, gave Congress his first report on the operation of that Eisenhower Doctrine - of backing Mid-Eastern countries with American aid. He says - it has cost one hundred and seventy-four million dollars, since it went into effect in March. And it has played, what the President calls - a "major role" in helping those countries against Communism.

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GERMANY

U.S. Army authorities in Berlin are protesting against the actions of Russian border guards. Who turned back a convoy of American trucks - on its way from Berlin to West Germany. There were twenty-eight trucks and jeeps, and the Russians demanded that every soldier display his identity card. There were eighty-two soldiers in the convoy.

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