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Today President Eisenhower sent an anxious Mother his ~~an~~ personal assurance that we are doing everything we can to free those Americans now in Red China jails. The President saying, "we're doing everything short of war."

The Eisenhower message went to Mrs. Hurley Baumer, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Her son, Major William Baumer, is one of the thirteen Americans ~~who were~~ sentenced by the Chinese Reds on what our government calls "trumped up spy charges."

~~Mr. Eisenhower's message was passed on to Mrs. Baumer by White House Press Secretary, James Hagerty. According to Hagerty, "Mrs. Baumer thanked me, and asked me to thank the President for that assurance."~~

Meanwhile, in Geneva, Switzerland, our Consul General is demanding a meeting with Red China's Consul. Franklin Gowen, hoping to deliver our protest in person. The Gowen demand, *indicates the importance we attach to this.* ~~showing the intense feeling aroused in this country.~~ Because

we have no diplomatic ties with Mao Tse-Tung - and usually deliver communications through some third party.

This time, ~~we are not so interested in~~ <sup>disregarding</sup> diplomatic procedure, ~~etiquette~~ <sup>this</sup> Our Consul General wants to deliver ~~our~~ protest - ~~and do it~~ in a face to face meeting with his Communist Chinese ~~counterpart~~ <sup>opposite number</sup>, at Geneva.

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French imperialists are reported angry at reforms proposed by the Mendes-France government, for Algeria and Tunisia. Also the matter of European union - which many deputies oppose.

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Vishinsky's successor has already arrived at the United Nations. Jacob Malik, flying in from London to take over as head of the Soviet delegation,

At the airport when reporters asked Malik to say something, he did. He said, "nyet, nyet, nyet." Then, a limousine, whisked him off to the swank Soviet headquarters on Park Avenue.

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President Eisenhower gets a "new look" for our entire Foreign Economic Policy. The "new look" coming from former budget director, Joseph Dodge. For two months, Dodge has been working quietly in a White House office. And now his results are presented to the President.

No details announced. But we hear that Dodge's program would overhaul our economic policy toward our allies. And that it would make provision for nations that have been neutral - in particular, India.

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Governor Dewey's mother passed away early today, at the family home, in Owosso, Michigan, at the age of seventy-nine. I had been thinking of her yesterday afternoon as I drove south from Flint, and passed a sign, pointing down a road to Owosso. To know the elder Mrs. Dewey was to know whence came much of the ability and strength of her son who came within a few votes of being President, and who has been Governor of New York State longer than any other man.

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## REMINGTON

The men who murdered William Remington in the Lewisburg, Federal Penitentiary - George McCoy of Grundy, Virginia, and Robert Parker of Washington, D.C. Both serving time for transporting stolen cars across state lines. Their motive for assaulting Remington? This we don't know. Only that the end came today to what had been a promising - and tragic - career. William Remington, a Phi Beta Kappa at College. Then, an honor student when he went on to do graduate work at another university. Entering government service - he rose to prominence in the Department of Commerce; called the "boy wonder".

Then, in Nineteen Forty-Eight, ~~Elizabeth~~ Elizabeth Bentley in testimony before a Senate committee, confessed that she had been a member of a Soviet spy ring - and charged that Remington gave her secret ~~saxa~~ data, and said he was a Red.

In Nineteen Fifty, indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on charges of perjury, he was convicted.

But the conviction was reversed by a court of appeals.

Later he was reindicted, retried, and again convicted.

He was condemned for having lied during his first trial - in particular, when he denied giving secret ~~documents~~ documents to Miss Bentley.

A Federal Judge refused to give Remington the maximum five years for perjury. Judge Vincent Leibell saying that Remington's career was ruined - which was <sup>heavy</sup> a punishment in itself.

So ~~William~~ Remington went to prison - the same one holding Alger Hiss who, ironically, is to be discharged from Lewisburg on Saturday. William Remington, <sup>to yesterday</sup> ~~will never get~~  <sup>fellow prisoners</sup> ~~out.~~ He was assaulted by George McCoy and Robert Parker - ~~and died today, of his injuries~~

CATS

A new political lobby. Against cats. Announced by Gertrude Charney, President of an organization called "Friends of the Birds." Mrs. Charney, from Chicago, announced a prize of a thousand dollars to anyone who will put through "a cat control bill", to anyone in any legislature - who induces the lawmakers of that state to pass a bill to control cats.

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Mrs. Eisenhower amashing a bottle - of water- across the bow of the plane. The water, taken from the headwaters of the Platte - one of her husband's favorite Colorado <sup>trout</sup> ~~trout~~ streams.

Mrs. Eisenhower used a two-handed swing to crack the bottle. As it broke, it sprayed water across her face.

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The authorities say they'll make sure he learns how

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they'll let him go on to Urbana, Illinois, Wed., by train.



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