

SUB HERBERT HOOVER JR. L.T.-K. Tues. Aug. 17 - '54.

President Eisenhower nominates a ~~man~~ new Under-Secretary of State. His name - Herbert Hoover Jr. The son of our former President to replace General Bedell Smith, who retires on October First.

For the past year, Herbert Hoover Jr. has been a special consultant to Secretary of State Dulles. He played a major role in settling the oil dispute in Iran, one of the thorniest problems of this post-war period. Right after that he was mentioned as a possible successor to Bedell Smith. But the report was that he declined on the ground that he is an engineer, not experienced in statecraft. But he is a man of wide experience in dealing with foreign governments and evidently the President has convinced him he is ~~man~~ needed.

So ~~man~~ now it's official. President Eisenhower wants Hoover Jr. as Under Secretary of State. The President has sent a special letter to Vice President Nixon - asking for Senate confirmation ~~man~~ of the nomination, before Congress adjourns.

Tonight, the capitals of Europe are seething with speculation over the European Army plan. Because representatives of the member nations are to meet tomorrow in Brussels. And the new French proposals are unsatisfactory to the rest. Premier Mendes-France, asking for revisions that his colleagues will not be able to accept.

The Netherlands has already denounced the French scheme. Belgium and Germany, cold to the Mendes-France proposal. So urgent consultations are going on at The Hague, and Brussels, and Bonn.

In London, Prime Minister Churchill has called in his experts on Russia, France and Germany. Churchill, said to be standing with America - in warning Mendes-France that no new negotiations with the Kremlin can be carried out until the European army plan is ratified.

In Washington, President Eisenhower stated his opposition to any change that would call for re-ratification of E D C, by the countries that have already approved it.

But the President added that he doesn't believe Premier Mendes France intends to demand anything like that. In Europe, they are not so sure. That's why the Brussels meeting tomorrow will get under way in a tense atmosphere.

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CONGRESS

The ^{Administration} ~~Eisenhower~~ administration wins a victory ~~and suffers a defeat~~ in Congress. The victory ~~on~~ price supports for basic crops. The House, agreeing to flexible price supports - instead of the rigid ones that have been in effect.

This is something ^{Pres.} ~~the~~ Eisenhower has insisted on. And the House gave him overwhelming support today - the vote over

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^{Tenn.} ~~Kentucky~~ The bill went to the House, ^{where it was} ~~which~~ turned ~~it~~ over to a committee, with instructions to okay the Senate's amendments.

~~So the President is defeated on that issue and may have to veto the bill to stop it.~~

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower believes that all contracts between the government and private business, should be open to the public - except where the national security is concerned. The President made his position clear at his news conference today. The reference being to the contract with the Dixon-Yates Utilities Syndicate, for the construction of a power plant at West Memphis, Ark.

The National Chairman of the Democratic Party, Stephen Mitchell, has called this contract, irregular - charging, that it was awarded at the personal order of President Eisenhower - and without competitive bidding. Also pointing out that the President is a good friend of the famous golf champion of champions - Bobby Jones - who has an interest in Dixon-Yates.

Answering Mitchell, the President said that when he went into politics, he realized he would be subjected to innuendos. But he added, that he was astonished at this attack on the character of the immortal Bobby Jones.

Concerning the question of the Dixon-Yates contract, he agreed that he approved the contract. And said, the transaction can be examined by anyone who cares to go either to the Budget Bureau or to the Atomic Energy Commission. Nothing to hide. Also he is willing to have all contracts investigated publicly - except where it would be harmful to the nation.

ADD EISENHOWER

Later, tonight, Mitchell issued a formal statement. He says he's glad that the President is willing to make public the Dixon-Yates contract. And he proposes ten questions - which he says would have to be answered to satisfy him that ~~everything~~ everything was legitimate in the awarding of the contract.

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PRESIDENT

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The President and the First Lady posed for the usual picture, rushed back to the airport, and were in Washington at eleven forty. Gone only three hours and twenty minutes.

COFFEE

Is dollar-a-pound coffee on the way back? The question arises, because the price is already falling ^{- dropping} ~~down~~ from two to ten cents a pound - with the belief that it will continue to fall.

The reason - devaluation of the Brazilian currency. The new rate makes it cheaper for us to buy Brazilian goods - including coffee. We all know how the price went up so rapidly last year. Now it's possible that we'll have a real cut - down to around a dollar a pound. ^{That would please} ~~which should be very good~~ news to the American housewife ^{of course.}

CHURCHES

Today, a Bishop from Communist Hungary told the World Council of Churches at Northwestern University - that all Christian creeds should be independent of the state. Bishop John Peter, declaring for the rights of the churches against social systems. As he put it, "The existence of the church is not bound up with any social system."

The Hungarian Bishop's address is regarded as important by his colleagues of the West. For they had been afraid that clergymen from the Iron Curtain countries might use the platform of the Council for propaganda purposes. Eleven representatives are attending this World Council session from lands behind the Iron curtain. And their travel in this country is severely restricted. That is thier visas allow them to travel to Evanston, Illinois, by the most direct route. They must stay right there all through the conference -

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and then go directly to the port of embarkation.

That's why no representatives from the Communist countries have been able even to attend meetings held in Chicago, only one hour from Evanston. So, a number of meetings have been shifted to Northwestern, for their benefit. And Evanston is a suburb of Chicago.

It was feared that these stiff restrictions might cause the eleven Iron Curtain clergymen to speak against the democracies.

But the address of Bishop Peter from Red Hungary has calmed a lot of the fear. He simply stated what many representatives of the churches believe - that their groups should remain independent of political ideologies.

IRAN

A former Foreign Minister of Iran - goes on trial for his life. A dispatch from Teheran, stating that the prosecution will demand death for Hussein Fatemi.

Fatemi was Foreign Minister in the Mossadegh government. He was the weepy Premier's right-hand man in nationalizing the oil industry. Fatemi, also prominent in the move to exile the Shah.

It was just a year ago that the Shah fled from Iran. The Teheran Radio quoted Fatemi as calling the monarch "a traitor." According to the radio, Mossadegh's Foreign Minister demanded a regency - with the Shah to remain in exile permanently. The Foreign Minister demanded nationalisation of the oil industry - and got it. He was regarded as the power behind Mossadegh - and the most feared man in Iran.

But three days later Mossadegh fell. The Zahedi government took over. Mossadegh, thrown into jail - and then condemned for treason.

All the while, Hussein Fatemi was in hiding.

He avoided arrest for nine months - before he was picked up by the police in March.

Now he's to go on trial - with the possibility that he will be executed. What does Fatemi say to the charge?

Oh, he says Mossadegh was to blame. He says that he never attacked the monarchy - it was all Mossadegh's ^{idea.} ~~work.~~

All of which probably will cause Mossadegh to again burst into tears.

SOLDIER

Tsun-Hsien Chang, a Chinese Communist who fought in Korea was one of the many Chinese who refused to go home. Now in San Francisco, on a tour of this country, he says he saw so many Russians in Korea that he and his buddies got the feeling they were working for the Soviet Union. He said that the morale of the Red Army was very low; not enough food. Casualties high - especially from American air attacks.

He also says that the people on the Chinese mainland are living, in what he calls, "utter misery." Largely because of the Five Year Plan Mao-Tung is pushing through. The Reds, making the people suffer as they build up the strength of their armies.

MERGER

The latest big news from the automobile industry - Two of the oldest and most famous companies are merging. Packard and Studebaker. Stockholders of those two great Companies, have now voted overwhelmingly to join forces.

The reason - the fierce competition in the automobile market. Studebaker and Packard were the last of the independent manufacturers. But business has been bad for each of them. So now they unite in a move to meet competition. Speaking of the merger, says the President of Packard, James Nance: "We don't know that this is the answer - but we can't go it alone, selling high priced cars exclusively."

So the last of the automobile independents now disappear from a field in which some Sixteen Hundred different auto manufactures have operated during the history of the industry.

A.W.O.L.

Down in Cracker's Neck, Tennessee, they're saying that they have the soldier with the longest A.W.O.L. record in history. He's U.G.Mains - who left his company before Pearl Harbor. On June 8 eventh, Nineteen Forty-One, Mains was at a military camp in Georgia. Then he heard that his father was ill. So he left for home - without troubling himself about a leave-of-absence. And he never came back. His commanding officer wrote to him, but Mains stayed where he was.

No one seems to know why the case was not followed up. Someone suggests - it may have been because Cracker's Neck, Tennessee, is not on the map. It's just not big enough.

Anyhow the Army forgot about Private Mains. Until, a couple of officers appeared in Cracker's Neck, looking for another man. And then the inhabitants told them about Mains. A.W.O.L. for thirteen years.

The peculiar thing is, that everybody knew about it. Stranger still the Cracker's Neck soldier didn't realize he had done anything wrong - and never tried to hide the fact that he was A.W.O.L.

Now the Army says it's going to discharge Private U.G. Mains. Make him an authentic civilian - instead of a soldier absent without leave - absent since before Pearl Harbor.

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That American schooner drifting about a hundred miles off mysterious Easter Island - has been sighted by a ship of the Chilean Navy. Which reports that it's apparently still in good shape - even though there has been no contact with the crew.

The story of the ship came first from a "ham" radio operator. An amateur on Easter Island - who identified himself as a Chilean doctor.

His message was picked up by two "hams" in California, Peter Folini, and Morris Greer, who passed the information on to the authorities and then Chile sent a vessel to search the area.

In Santiago, Chile, the owner of the schooner is identified as Miss Peggy Poor, one time reporter for the New York Orleans "Item". She sailed from New Orleans, through the Panama Canal, and Santiago authorities say Miss Poor is ashore on Easter Island now. While her crew of four is aboard the "windjammer."

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And now, from Easter Island to Miles Fitz Newber