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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Some interesting late news from Washington. In the next day or two, President Eisenhower will tell the nation how he feels about having his name entered in the New Hampshire Primary. This has just been announced by White House Press Secretary Hagerty. The President knows that he has to withdraw his name within ten days - or else it must be presented to the voters of that state. In Washington tonight, the guess is that we'll hear about it during the President's News Conference on Wednesday.

Does this mean that the President will disclose his views on a second term? Even if he does not want the nomination again - he could still let his name be used in New Hampshire. There is a precedent for that. In Nineteen Fifty-Two, former President Truman was entered in Primaries, before he announced that he would not run again.

ILLINOIS

The filing period for the Illinois primary began today. And at once there was an announcement - that the name of Senator Knowland will be entered along with that of President Eisenhower.

Governor Stratton had already ~~announced~~ ^{stated} that he would file the President's name. But it was something of a surprise when Mrs. Marian Cleveland revealed that she has the signatures necessary to enter Senator Knowland's name - and she will ^{enter it.}

Said Mrs. Cleveland: "We're for Knowland - regardless of whether Eisenhower runs." But the Illinois housewife added quickly that she hasn't talked with the ~~California~~ ^{leader of the Senate - and} Republican, doesn't know how he feels about running in competition with the ~~Presi~~ President.

Quite a number
Today was a day that ~~a~~ lot of people - had been waiting for. People - in industry, who have to deal with economics in this country. Two top leaders of American production - giving their predictions for Nineteen Fifty-Six.

If you were to select the two top figures in American industry, you might well name - the President of General Motors and the President of the Iron and Steel Institute. Yes, the forecast is from them.

The occasion - the annual G.M. "Motorama" luncheon. Attended - by top ranking personalities. I noted Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, who had flown in from Washington. And former Governor Tom Dewey of New York - who recently had occasion to make some study of world economics, while on a trip around the globe. They, and others of similar stature, were vastly interested - in what they heard.

President Harlow Curtice of G.M. stating - that Nineteen Fifty-Six would be the record breaker for American prosperity. Adding - that, for the automobile business, it

would be the second best year. Second - only to Nineteen Fifty-Five. All this confidence - backed up by a huge figure. General Motors - to spend one billion dollars for new plant facilities, in Nineteen Fifty-Six.

President Benjamin Fairless of the Iron and Steel Institute, declared - that the steel industry, in Nineteen Fifty-Six, will expand its production program by one billion, two hundred million dollars. During a three year period - steel production to be increased by fifteen million tons.

All this - based, not only on the technical facts and figures, but also - on public confidence. Which G.M. President Curtice analyzed in these words - "the favorable and economic climate in which industry is now able to operate. Due - to the outstanding leadership of the Eisenhower administration.

"That leadership," he went on, "has produced widespread public confidence, not only in this nation, but throughout the free world. The importance of public confidence," he added, "cannot be over-estimated."

DULLES

~~Our~~ Secretary of State ^{Dulles} was attacked - and ~~then~~ defended - today. ~~Yes, it's~~ all because of that controversial story in Life ~~Magazine - which~~ ^{the one that} quoted ~~Mr.~~ ^{See,} Dulles as saying that the Eisenhower administration had three times been close to war. The Secretary, saying afterward, that he was correctly quoted.

Today's attack comes from Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn - who told reporters that the quotes from ~~Mr.~~ ^{See,} Dulles amounted to, as the Speaker put it, "a pitiful performance." Then Sam Rayburn went on to add, "The brink of anything - is too close for me." He believes that our position in the world is being hampered by that Life article.

But Senate Republicans immediately jumped to the defense of Mr. Dulles. Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey, ~~spak~~ speaking for the rest - when he said that the dangerous thing in international relations - is appeasement. And Mr. Dulles has never been guilty of that - which is one reason why our position in the world is so strong today. The Smith statement,

echoed by Senator Saltonstall, of Massachusetts - who pointed out that the Dulles policy has maintained the peace.

BULGANIN

Here's a sinister story from a land famous for them - ~~is~~ the Soviet Union. Premier Bulganin, proposing greater Russian influence in Latin-America.

The Bulganin statement claims it's all a matter of trade - Russia anxious to get things like leather and livestock - in exchange for things like agricultural machinery and chemical products. The idea, a straight barter - with no money involved. Bulganin said that Russia uses this kind of barter trade with other nations - and hopes to do it with Latin-America.

But he added that the Kremlin's interest in nations south of our border - is not entirely economic. He proposed establishing diplomatic relations with all of them. He says that, of course, the Soviet Union would not interfere in the internal affairs of any other country - he'd just like to have direct diplomatic relations. Which sounds straightforward enough - until you think of how Bulganin and Company have been trying to increase their prestige all around the globe. Now, Latin-America is on their list.

FINLAND FOLLOW BULGANIN

And here's a story from another part of the world, that shows how interested the Kremlin is in other countries. Finland is in the midst of a presidential election - and a Red Army general chose this moment to call a news conference in Helsinki.- to describe Soviet relations with Finland.

General Kabanov is commander of the naval base of Porkkala, on the Baltic. Last October, the Russians announced that they were handing that base back to the Finns. That was the subject of General Kabanov's news conference today. He said the Kremlin is being very generous in handing over this base - along with it a power plant, a railway depot, a hospital, and various other buildings. The Soviet General, obviously anxious to impress the Finns.

Why? Well, the Kremlin would like to see a pro-Soviet Finnish president - and Kabanov was suggesting to the Finnish voters that they ~~could~~^{can} be sure of Soviet friendship if they elect ~~the~~ the right candidate.

FRANCE

In France, ^{those} two minority parties are still trying to line up a government. The Radical Socialists of Mendes-France, and the Socialists of Guy Mollet. Both men say they^are willing to work together, if they can have the job of forming a ministry. But we still don't know who would become Premier - Mendes-France or Mollet. And that could be a troublesome point - personal rivalries, so prominent in French politics.

Meanwhile, we have another pronouncement from one French politician who certainly knows what he wants. Pierre Poujade, leader of the so-called neo-Fascists - the anti-tax movement of the little shopkeepers. Poujade spoke before a rally of his followers today. He told them that one thing is sure - his deputies will refuse to work with any government that does not carry out their policies. Since Poujade is opposed to the income tax - it looks as if there's going to be a lot of obstructionism from Poujade deputies, in the national assembly.

EGYPT

The Premier of Egypt offers his country a new constitution. Premier Nasser, saying that his plan calls for a Socialist republic - including a democratic system of government, headed by a president something like the President of the United States. According to this constitution, Egypt would have social insurance, public health services, and other support from the state. However, private property would be guaranteed.

One interesting point about the Nasser constitution - it specifically states: "Egyptians are of the Arabic nation - and Arabic is their official language."

Who is to be the first president under this system? The Cairo dispatch says - it's almost sure to be Nasser himself. He's willing to give his country a constitution, but he intends to stay in power.

VIET NAM

A dispatch from Saigon states that the Premier of Viet Nam has seized the headquarters of the "Revolutionary Committee" that helped put him in power. Premier Diem, sending police and soldiers at dawn this morning - to occupy the building.

Premier Diem and the "Revolutionary Committee" were allies last year - in the struggle against former Emperor, Bao Dai. Working together, they ousted the Emperor - and proclaimed Viet Nam a republic, with Diem as its first Premier.

But in recent months, Premier Diem has had trouble with the "Revolutionary Committee" - which accused him of stalling on elections for an assembly that would draw up a constitution for the new republic.

The opposition became so strong, that Diem finally announced the dissolution of the "Revolutionary Committee". And today's action is the last step - the Premier, taking over the headquarters of that Committee for use by his government.

ALGERIA

In Algeria, the French army announces the worst weekend since the big uprising of two weeks ago - when ninety-eight persons were killed in a period of forty-eight hours. This time, the toll is seventy-seven.

~~State~~, The result of a French expedition into mountains - a search for the so-called "Army of Allah". A ~~big~~ battle developed in ~~those~~^{the} mountains - and when the smoke cleared, seventy-one terrorists were dead - with fifty-four captured. French losses ^{report their} ~~are~~ three killed and fifteen wounded.

~~These figures, accounting for most of the weekend fatalities.~~

The French army adds that among the captives are several leaders of the "Army of Allah". They're being held for questioning - as the French push on with their drive to mop up the rest of the terrorists in Algeria.

SCANDAL

The Senate Investigating Sub-Committee today handed down its report on the case of Chicago Hat Maker Harry Lev. The witness who enlivened the Sub-Committee proceedings when he testified last summer. Today's report gives the Sub-Committee the last word ~~in~~ with Manufacturer Lev. The report, filled with terms like "flagrant favoritism" and "attempted blackmail" - in connection with government contracts that Lev held, including the largest contract for Navy hats ever issued.

Chairman McClellan of Arkansas said the inquiry showed, in his words, "unscrupulous contractors had bribed both civilian and military personnel".

The Sub-Committee recommends that the government try to recover more than half a million dollars from these contractors - including more than four hundred thousand, from Harry Lev.

BRINKS

The gangster who revealed the truth about the great Brinks robbery - was arraigned today. Specks O'Keefe - who told the authorities everything, after he had been cheated out of his share of the loot. We had that story last week.

Today, Specks O'Keefe pleaded guilty to a charge of armed robbery. It was the only charge mentioned ~~today~~ - although he may face others like conspiracy, burglary and assault.

Meanwhile, Boston police are still looking ~~fr~~ for missing suspects named by O'Keefe. And they say they ^{still} hope to recover some of that million ^{or was it two million} - that was taken by the hold-up gang. Until now, not a cent of ^{it} ~~the money~~ has ever been recovered.

DETROIT

Detroit newspapers appeared on the streets today - and ^{that's} ~~is~~ worth noting, because the ^{1 automobile capital of the world!} ~~great Michigan city~~ has been without its newspapers for forty-six days. Five thousand journalism employees, out on strike, during that time. Detroit, starved for news - bringing in papers from other cities.

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Now the strike is over. And Detroit newspapers are on the streets. Both the News and the Times today devoted space to bringing their readers up-to-date on what has been happening in the world for the last forty-six days. The newspapers, even running a summary ~~refer~~ of the comic strips, to let the youngsters know what has happened to the characters since they saw them last - ^{back at} ~~since~~ the beginning of December, Nineteen Fifty-Five.

MAILMAN

We all know how the mailman always makes his rounds, no matter what the weather? Here's one about a Japanese mailman, Mr. Shigematsu Miyamoto. Last Tuesday - it was snowing, with warnings of a blizzard - when mailman Shigematsu Miyamoto set forth. Four days later he had failed to return. A search party finally found Shigematsu - buried in a snowbank. Trapped by the blizzard, buried under the snow for four days.

Frost-bitten, but still alive. Surely that's an all-time record, Hewy, for a mailman or anyone - buried in the snow for four days and still alive.