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MIDDLE EAST

Tomorrow, President Eisenhower will meet with leaders of Congress - to discuss one of the hardest questions to face the United States government in a long time. The question - ~~the~~ ^{of} sanctions against Israel. ^{If} Israel refuses to withdraw her troops from Egyptian territory. The deadlock has now come to that point.

Today, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, at a news conference, said - the sanctions' issue will be debated in what he called "an open minded way." He didn't say whether or not the Administration favors an imposition of sanctions. Merely ^{telling} ~~that~~ the news conference - the government still hopes Israel will change its mind, And accept - the proposals made by the United States.

Today, Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban took a plane at New York - bound for Jerusalem, Israel. To consult - with Premier Ben-Gourin concerning the crisis . The word at the U. N. is - Ambassador Eban, himself, favors an acceptance of the American offer. Which would back up Israel's claim to free navigation through the Gulf of Aqaba. And - security from Egyptian attacks, based on the Gaza Strip. Premier Ben-Gourin has rejected this, ^{and} the _✓ supposition is - that Ambassador Eban will try to persuade him to change his mind.

There might be some possibility of this, because a dispatch from Jerusalem, Israel, today states - that the Israeli government would like to re-open discussions with the United States. Some Israeli sources feeling - that the ^{negotiations} ~~discussions~~ were broken off "pre-emptorily" by President Eisenhower, _✓ In the strong statement - he made on Sunday.

(At the Israeli capital, the word is - that the Cabinet, in an emergency session yesterday, discussed two ^{new} American suggestions. One, made by Henry Cabot Lodge, United States Ambassador to the U. N. Who, thought a solution might be found, whereby the soldiers of Israel would hand over positions they now hold in Egyptian territory, to the emergency forces of the U. N.

The other suggestion - made by Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles to Ambassador Eban, - in talks they had. The Secretary of State ^{thinking -} ~~raising~~ the question of the Gaza Strip might be reviewed by the General Assembly of the U.N. Israel getting guarantees - from the General Assembly.

A dispatch from Jerusalem, Israel, says - the Israeli Cabinet proposed a resumption of negotiations on the basis of those two American suggestions.)

(This is accompanied by word that Israel is coming forward with new proposals. Which announcement ~~saying~~ from Jerusalem - is welcomed by the State Department at Washington. However, officials in Jerusalem are quoted as saying that the "new proposals" are little more than a restatement of Israel's demand for guarantees.)

All this may have a sound of confusion, but it seems to be the best information available, at the moment. As President Eisenhower breaks his Georgia vacation - to confer with leaders of Congress, tomorrow. *And the Israeli ambassador flies home to Jerusalem,*

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QUEEN

Queen Elizabeth - in scenes of splendor at Lisbon.
Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh - given a state
banquet last night. Dining - off solid gold plates.
The Queen - glittering with the crown jewels of England.

Nevertheless, there was a sour note - the Sues note.
This morning, ^{the} Lisbon diplomatic corps - paying its respects
to the Queen. One diplomat - conspicuous by his absence.
The Egyptian Ambassador staying away, because of relations
between Egypt and Britain following the Sues Canal invasion.

But, otherwise, it was a stately affair. Diplomats,
in formal morning dress - paying their respects to
Elizabeth II.

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EDEN

Former Prime Minister Anthony Eden - falling ill
aboard the ship that is taking him to New Zealand.
Suffering - two attacks of fever. The ship's doctor -
sending a radio message to the Port of Auckland.
Arranging - for immediate medical treatment.

When Eden stepped out as Prime Minister, the word
was that he had been ill. His doctors - ordering him to
take a long rest. Now - a recurrence of that same illness,
during the voyage to New Zealand.

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MOSCOW

In Moscow, the great reversal on Stalin - continues.

Khrushchev - taking back uncomplimentary things he said about the tyrant of the Kremlin.

At a big vodka banquet, last night, for a Bulgarian delegation - Khrushchev hailed Stalin as a conqueror of Hitler. Stalin - the victor in the war against the Nazis.

Which reminds us forcibly how, a few months ago, Stalin was being denounced - for failing to prepare against the German attack. Blamed - for early Russian defeats in World War II. Called - a military bungler.

Well, the next thing you know, they may have Stalin - back on his old pedestal.

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CFRB RADIO STATION

In Toronto, tonight - a celebration of a 30th birthday. Commemorating - some real pioneering.

Ted and Ellsworth Rogers brought about a change - which certainly does sound like ancient history. Time was, you had to have a storage battery alongside your radio set. The two Rogers' brothers - inventing a method which no longer made that necessary.

Then, back in 1927, they started Station CFRB, Toronto - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and it wasn't long before they brought ^{about} ~~about~~ another innovation. Engaging Henry Sedgwick as an entertainment expert. Ted knew nothing about radio, but he did know about professional talent. ^{And} ~~So~~ that was the beginning of modern systematic programming.

So, Happy Birthday - to CFRB.

UNION

Four officials of the largest labor union in the country - cited for contempt of Congress. Two vice presidents of the Teamsters' Union - Einar Mohn and Frank Brewster. Together with two local officials - of the union, which has a million and a quarter members.

All four - cited for refusing to answer questions concerning labor racketeering. Their answer being - the ~~six~~ Senate Subcommittee had no business to investigate labor unions.

Today, the Senate voted unanimously. Sending the case along to the Department of Justice - for prosecution.

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NATIONAL GUARD

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Two Generals of the National Guard spoke out in favor of the Army plan. ^{To} ~~requiring~~ six months of active duty for all National Guard recruits.

Hitherto, the National Guard has presented a solid front - in opposition to the Army order. But, Major General Roy Greene of Sacramento, told a Senate Committee, today - that the present system is "absolutely inadequate."

The testimony was backed up by Major General John Gerard of Fresno, California. Who, likewise declared the present eleven-week training plan is insufficient.

Other National Guard spokesmen have argued - that the mandatory six months training period would scare away recruits. With which the two Generals, today - disagreed.

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VETERANS

More money - for disabled veterans. That's the proposal from the House Veterans' Committee - which voted, unanimously, to hike the benefits for ex-soldiers, who suffer total or partial disability. For the totally disabled - an increase of more than 25%. For the partially disabled - a boost of 10%.

Olin Teague
Committee Chairman, ~~of Texas~~ of Texas - pledging he will do everything he can to get a quick approval on the floor of the House.

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HELICOPTER

A report in Washington - that a helicopter service will be established between the White House and the National Airport. To facilitate - Presidential travel. It's a long drive from the center of Washington out to the airport - and will be longer, when they move the airport to a more spacious area. Hence the utility of the White House helicopter service - which may be extended to reach nearby places, like the Presidential farm at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The United Press says that helicopter pilots are already being interviewed. An ~~fm~~ official announcement - due in the next few days.

So there will be another interesting sight in the National Capital - whirlybirds rising from the White House lawn. The south lawn, they say, is ideal for a helicopter base.

WEATHER

Here in Los Angeles, the return of sunshine is
forecast - ~~backed up by~~ ^{after} several days of cloudy, chilly
weather. ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{Not} been so good for the suntan - but
is part of a weather picture mighty favorable in various
parts of the West.

Rain - in areas hit by drought. Crop conditions
now described - as the best in five years. Thanks - to
water from the sky. Worth millions of dollars, for
example - in the Valley of the Rio Grande.

More to the point, experts believe that the two days
of rain may mean the beginning of the end of drought
conditions. ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^A ~~the~~ return - to better
conditions. ~~xxxxxxx~~

In Texas, Commissioner of Agriculture John White, says:
"The rains are a most hopeful sign of a possible return to a
normal rain cycle."

ENGLAND

If you want to know the name of the most unpopular American in England - it's Hamilton F. Forsythe. Mr. Forsythe - anathema at Eton, historic English school for boys.

A reception held - in his honor. Nearly all the school masters at Eton - attending. Hamilton F. Forsythe - introduced as a distinguished American artist. Who, at the party - held forth on profound questions of esthetics.

Mr. Forsythe - extremely futuristic. Talking about abstract art in a way to make those Eton professors dizzy.

After which Hamilton F. Forsythe sneaked away - and has not been seen since. The secret - coming out. It was all a hoax - arranged by the two daughters of the head master at Eton. Julia and Rachel Birley - introducing a friend of theirs as the distinguished American painter.

So, if you want to make the people mad at Eton -
just mention the name of that most unpopular American,
Hamilton F. Forsythe.

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SPACE TRAVEL

Interplanetary travel - is possible right now.

Scientists could launch a rocket - which would take you right to the Moon or Mars. But don't dash - to buy a ticket. The scientists - uncertain about one thing. Whether you would be alive or not - when you reached your destination.

So stated Dr. Morton Alperin, Director of Advanced Research for the Air Force. Addressing a symposium on space travel at San Diego, California, Dr. Alperin said - they could send out an interplanetary ship carrying human beings. But he added: "Nobody knows whether they would live or not."

Hensy
For the time being, you'd better be satisfied with that humdrum planet called - "Earth."

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: A year ago today - a bombshell burst in the world of sports. Wes Santee, the leading American miler - suspended from competition by the American Athletic Union. Santee - charged with receiving excessive expense money. Competing - in track meets. His loss of amateur status raised an uproar. The contention being - that Santee represented our best hope to win the mile race in the Olympic Games. The demand - that he be reinstated. But he never was. Which may or may not have been the ~~xxx~~ reason why - we didn't win the mile race in the Olympics. *And s-l-u-tomorrow.*

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SUBSTITUTE LEAD -- EISENHOWER

You've all heard President Eisenhower, in his address to the nation -- on just about as difficult a subject as a President ~~has~~ ever tackled. The Middle Eastern crisis -- involving the question of sanctions against Israel. About as delicate a topic as you could find.

It must have taken much reflection and heart-searching for Mr. Eisenhower to have come to his decision -- no choice but, bring pressure to bear on Israel. / Sometimes The U.N. having no other alternative, ^{if it} wishes to avoid utter failure in the Middle Eastern crisis.

The President made an earnest plea for Israel's rights, and urged the small nation to withdraw its forces from Egypt, and let the new United Nations have a chance to work out a settlement with justice.

The President made his decision, after a day
crowded with events. A whole series of news dispatches
came in, giving us the background. ~~This morning the~~ →
~~President had a meeting - etc, etc.~~