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(Given by Larry Le Sueur)

SENATE

The Senate debate on Cuba became more heated today - following Senator Smather's accusation that Washington is about to capitulate - to Havana. The Florida Democrat, basing his argument on a report - that the State Department will soon send Ambassador Bonsal - back to our Havana Embassy.

Senator Smathers wants Congress to ~~not~~ block - any such move. He thinks the Castro government is - Communist controlled. And has no desire for - better relations with this country.

But several of Senator Smather's colleagues on Capitol Hill - are taking an opposite position. Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa - in particular. Senator Hickenlooper noting - Castro may ~~not~~ not be in power for long. Which means that our strategy should be - to wait and see.

The State Department refuses to comment - on this Senate debate. But we're told Ambassador Bonsal himself feels - our national interest ~~will~~ <sup>would</sup> best be served - by his returning to his post in Havana.

## ASYLUM

Two Cuban officials have asked for political asylum - in the United States. Commander Miguel Pons - and Captain Angel Saavedra. Both of whom - resigned official positions yesterday. Commander Pons, leaving his post of - Cuban Delegate to the Inter-American Defense Board, in Washington. Captain Saavedra, stepping out as - Military Attache at the Cuban Embassy.

These defections - are hurting Castro. Pons and Saavedra were among his staunchest supporters - until he began his wild anti-American campaign. And started to flirt with - Russia.  
~~Commander~~

BISHOP

Today's report from Peiping sounds like something from the days - when Stalin was sending waves of terror through the Communist world. The Chinese Reds, sentencing - an American ecclesiastic. Giving Bishop James Walsh - twenty years. Bishop Walsh is accused of - espionage. Peiping, charging that he ran a spy ring - in Red China. Taking his orders from - Cardinal Spellman. Who in turn - got instructions from the Vatican.

Well, this kind of stuff was <sup>common</sup> ~~prominent~~ - in Stalin's time. So it's not surprising that Red China - has picked it up. Mao Tse-tung, being - a diehard Stalinist. Bishop Walsh, caught in the iron grip - of Red China's Stalinism.

## SIT DOWN

In Tallahassee, Florida, eight Negroes have chosen - jail. Sit-down demonstrators -- who tried to break the color bar - in hitherto-segregated lunch rooms. They were convicted of - disturbing the peace. Given the choice of - jail, or three hundred dollar ~~in~~ fines. Choosing - to go to jail/.

The Congress of Racial Equality - supports their decision. Secretary Len Holt, describing the eight as ■ "sacrificial lambs". Predicting, their example - will inspire Negroes throughout the South. Secretary Holt denies any intention of - putting restaurants out of business. Today he remarked - "all we want is to put justice - into business."

## CRASH

Near Tell City, Indiana, state troopers and federal investigators are sifting the debris in - a large crater. It's the spot where the Northwest airliner crashed yesterday.

Sixty-three ~~persons~~ persons aboard - hurled to their deaths.

~~It~~ One of our worst plane disasters.

The crater where the plane fell is black and charred - and still smoking. The investigators, attacking it first - with picks and shovels. Then calling for - a steam shovel. Grabbing at every possible clue - in their hunt for the cause of the tragedy.

The <sup>turbo</sup>~~turbo~~-prop jet liner - worth almost a quarter of a million dollars - disintegrated in the air. Plunging down eighteen thousand feet - in a shower of debris. The first guess was - that a bomb may have torn the plane apart. But there's also the possibility that the cause was - metal fatigue.

## FLOOD

Water from Florida's Lake Magdalene - is still seeping into - Tampa. Getting through the levee - hastily reinforced after a dam burst up ~~on~~ the lake. Three square miles of Tampa - inundated. Over a hundred families - evacuated to higher ground. Work crews - feverishly trying to shore up the levee - before the flood crest hits ~~it~~ on Sunday.

and high winds - are  
Meanwhile, pelting rain - ~~is~~ still battering ~~the~~  
central Florida. Carrying off - roofs. Turning over -  
automobiles. Knocking down - telephone lines. And - ruining  
crops.

## FIRE

That fire on the waterfront at San Pedro, California -  
apparently was caused by a spark from a welder's torch. The  
spark, touching off - the piling soaked with ~~water~~ creosote.  
The blaze, erupting - racing along the dock. Chewing up -  
everything in its path. Dense clouds of black smoke towering  
into the sky - ~~was~~ visible twenty-five miles away, in Los  
Angeles. It took hundreds of firemen seven hours - to bring  
the fire under control. Damage to the San Pedro dock -  
estimated at over two million dollars.

## ETHICS

A Senator from Wisconsin proposes a federal code of ethics - similar to the one his state already has. Senator Proxmire, insisting - officials of government agencies need a hard-and-fast set of rules. Like - the Wisconsin code. Which makes it a crime for any lawmaker to accept so much as a martini - from a man doing business with the state.



## DISARMAMENT

At the Geneva Disarmament Conference today - the Western demand was - "deeds, not words." Britain, France and America, referring to - the Soviet proposal for an immediate slash in each nation's armed forces. Retorting - we still want a foolproof inspection system. A method of making sure - neither side is cheating, after the agreement has been made.

Jules Moch of France - spoke for the West at today's session. Suggesting a precise count of - each nation's armed forces - as a realistic first step toward disarmament. Jules Moch, pointing out - it doesn't make much sense to call for a cut in armed strength - before you know how many men are under arms.

## HANDBOOK

The latest official handbook to cause a controversy - is the one put out by the Narcotics Bureau. The manual - attacking a proposal that addicts be supplied with drugs - at government clinics. In the course of the argument - the Supreme Court comes under fire. The manual, calling the Supreme Court - "almost hysterical" on the subject of narcotics control.

Today the narcotics Commissioner admitted - the remark is objectionable. Commissioner Anslinger, adding - he's ordered the handbook withdrawn from public sale.

## ATOMIC

The Operations Research Office at Johns Hopkins - has come up with a new plan for using atomic energy. Put it to work in battlefield vehicles. The experts of the O.R.O., pointing out that nothing stops an attack as quickly as - a fuel shortage. Tanks, armored cars, trucks and jeeps - grinding to a halt - when they run out of gas. So the latest idea is - fill them up with nuclear power. Which would let them operate for weeks - without refueling, if it can be done.

Dick, can you do it?

## "PIONEER"

Here's a dispatch from Jadrill Bank, England, that ought to be called - "The Princess and the Pioneer." Sounds like the title of - a romantic novel. But the story is more colorful than anything outside of science-fiction.

The Princess - Queen Elizabeth's sister, Princess Margaret. The Pioneer - America's space rocket - "Pioneer Five". The point of all this - our "Pioneer" talked to Britain's Princess - across a million miles of space.

Princess Margaret was paying a visit to - the giant radio-telescope at Jadrill Bank. The radio-telescope, about to tune in - on "Pioneer Five." So the astronomers gallantly rose to the occasion - and asked their royal visitor to do the honors. Princess Margaret, switching on the transmitter. And Twenty-five seconds later - she got her answer. The "Pioneer" saying to the

Princess - "beep, beep." Sounding loud and clear - even though "Pioneer Five" is already a million miles from the earth - and rapidly receding into the depths of outer space.

This is Larry LeSueur, saying as Lowell Thomas would - "So long until Monday."

LATER, THE SENATOR HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THE RELIGIOUS GROUP - AND THEY REPEATED THEIR CHALLENGE.

TO WHICH THE CANDIDATE OF THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION REPLIED... "THESE DEMONSTRATORS ARE ENTITLED TO THEIR VIEWS. I BELIEVE IN THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH. I ALSO BELIEVE IN ARTICLE SIX, WHICH SAYS - THERE SHALL BE NO RELIGIOUS TEST FOR QUALIFICATION FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.