

L.T.-DELCO. FRI. MARCH 15, 1957.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Eisenhower tonight - on the High Seas, off the Virginia Carolina Coast. The President's cruiser, doing only about twenty knots - because of weather. All day, overcast sky - and rain. The Presidential cruiser bouncing up and down in a choppy sea.

Doesn't sound like the kind of weather Mr. Eisenhower went looking for - does it? He wants sunshine - to help get rid of that lingering cold. Maybe he should have gone to Florida. The latest weather report is - the "Canberra", that's the name of his Navy cruiser - will encounter clear, sunny weather as it moves down toward the Caribbean.

Today the President relaxed in the Flag Cabin of the ship. And - receiving special radio reports from Washington twice during the day. In that way, keeping in touch with the world situation, leisurly as he sails

towards his Bermuda rendezvous with Prime Minister
McMillan.

BUDGET

Today President Eisenhower's request for funds was cut by more than eight percent. The House Appropriations Committee - ^ereducing the figure by that much. This part of the budget includes money for a number of government agencies. The biggest reduction made by the Committee - concerns the Civil Defense Administration. Mr. Eisenhower asked for ^{this the sum of one} a hundred and thirty million dollars. The Committee ^{says make it} ~~allows only~~ thirty-nine million.

ECONOMY

America's business is levelling off - according to a report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Americans, spending less - during the past few weeks. The slow-down caused by a lot of different factors - from smaller bank loans to a cut in home building. But the report ~~says~~ *goes on to say that* business is "basically strong" - with an upswing predicted during the Spring.

GAZA

The Civil Administration of the Gaza Strip - is now under the complete control of Egypt. At least, so says the new Egyptian Governor, General Hassan Abdel Latif. The Governor told newsmen in perfect English, "the Egyptian Administration was in power in Gaza - effective from my arrival last night." Then he added - you reporters can write that statement in capital letters!

General Hassan Abdel Lafif says that the U.N. troops in Gaza - are only there now to patrol the Armistice line. In fact the Egyptian Governor referred to the U.N. soldiers as: "Our guests."

The population of Gaza agrees with him - about Egyptian control. They milled around his office in a mob - shouting "Long Live Nasser!"

ISRAEL

Israel's Foreign Minister, Golda Meir, is in the air tonight - on her way to Washington. That simple statement is regarded as significant - because Mrs. Meir is violating the Jewish Sabbath. According to her orthodox religion she should rest during the Sabbath Holiday as decreed by Jehovah.

But Prime Minister Ben Gurion says the Gaza situation is now so "grave" that he wants his Foreign Minister to get to Washington as fast as possible - for talks with Secretary of State Dulles. And so Mrs. Meir breaks the Sabbath - to fly to Washington.

Meanwhile, Israeli sources in Tel Aviv repeat that they'll drive the Egyptians out of the Gaza Strip again - if any more suicide squads from Gaza bases violate the Israeli border.

KASTNER

A leader of Hungarian Jews during World War Two - died in Tel Aviv today. Doctor Israel Kastner - who was accused ~~km~~ of turning thousands of Jews over to the Nazis - in return for the freedom of his family and a few other Jews. ~~in the nation conquered by Hitler's army.~~ Kastner, was told by a Jerusalem Court - that he had, in its words, "sold his soul to the Devil".

The Kastner ~~case~~ ^{was} still pending before the Supreme Court - when he was shot down outside his home in Tel Aviv. Gunmen, spraying him with bullets - then speeding off in a jeep.

HUNGARY

In Budapest, Soviet troops and Hungarian Communist Police roamed the streets all day today. The Reds, ready to put down any uprising - on the hundred and ninth anniversary of Hungary's revolt against Austria. March fifteenth, a national holiday - celebrating the eighteen forty-eight rebellion. Now, *of course,* Hungary has just been through another *her most recent* revolt - this one against Communist tyranny. And the Kadar government is afraid of more violence by the workers. So Budapest was ~~in~~ full of police and Russian soldiers today.

~~The city was quiet - according to reports~~
From we hear that
~~reaching~~ Vienna, *are* The leaders of the Freedom Fighters -
urging all Hungarian Rebels to stay underground -
because Communist Agents *a* were scattered through the
population, *to* act *ing* as informers.

ATOMIC

American troops in West Germany are equipped with "Live atomic ammunition." That is a spokesman for the West German Defense Ministry in Bonn, says we have six battalions armed with atomic cannon. Also, eleven battalions armed with atomic rockets. But not equipped with any H-bombs.

KRISHNA MENON

India's controversial diplomat - has just won re-election to the Indian Parliament. Krishna Menon stood for Bombay. Prime Minister Nehru had said that a victory for Krishna Menon - would be a victory for the Nehru Foreign Policy. With only a few votes to be counted - the Premier's right-hand-man has a landslide majority over the nearest candidate.

Some observers attribute the Krishna Menon triumph to the fact that feeble candidates were put up by the other parties.

A Federal Grand Jury today heard testimony from - Jimmy Hoffa's secretary. Mrs. Dorothy Dobrescu said later - she told everything she knew - answered all the questions about bribery charges against her boss. Tonight Mrs. Dobrescu is back in Detroit. So is Hoffa. The Teamster Boss, free on twenty-five thousand dollar bail.

RACKETS

The Senate Committee investigating labor rackets - did not wind up its investigation of Portland, Oregon, today, *as expected,* The reason - the members of the Committee want to hear more testimony from Frank Brewster, Boss of the Teamsters on the West Coast. ~~THE~~ *Wanting* ~~Committee wants~~ to know if Brewster and his Union are connected in any way with racketeering and vice in Portland. Brewster has denied the connection. But the Senators feel they ought to hear more from this Union leader - before they close their investigation of ~~Portland~~ *corruption in The Rose City,*

LABOR

Meanwhile we hear from the Labor side that the Labor Movement can wipe out corruption in its own ranks. So says William Schnitzler, Secretary-Treasurer of the A.F.L. - C.I.O. Schnitzler, addressing the National Council of Presbyterian Men in Chicago, told his audience that one racketeer in the Labor Movement - is one too many.

When newsmen asked him about the case of Jimmy Hoffa, Schnitzler replied - he's "shocked" by the charges of bribery against the Vice President of the Teamsters Union.

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WEATHER

RETAKE

Old Man Winter struck one more blow at the mid-West today. In Minnesota, heavy snow. Two feet or more. Schools closed - towns isolated - telephone poles down. And - a gale, up to seventy-five miles an hour.

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PILOT

Remember the amateur pilot who "buzzed" Des Moines in a light plane? He's insane. So says a jury of six men and six women - in the case of Roy Soderquist.

Last January, Roy Soderquist drove his flight instructor away from the plane - at the point of a gun, then jumped in - and took off. For four hours, he zoomed over downtown Des Moines. He flew so low - he was beneath the tops of Des Moines' tallest buildings. After giving the city quite a scare - he finally crash-landed in a field.

Now declared insane.

JULIUS CAESAR.

A dispatch from Rome reminds us of another anniversary. Today - March 15th - the Ides of March.

Any student of Roman history knows what that means - the assassination of Julius Caesar in the year Forty-Four B.C.

You all remember the famous line from Shakespeare - "Beware the Ides of March!" And how Caesar ignored the warning - and went to the Capitol? And there stabbed to death by Brutus, Cassius, and the rest of the conspirators. Et tu Brute!

Well, the historians tell us that today - it's exactly two thousand years since Caesar's assassination. Although some scholars think last March Fifteenth - was the two-thousandth anniversary, most experts say today is the day to commemorate the Ides of March.

So tonight, let's salute the memory of one of the great men of all time. Julius Caesar - who conquered Gaul - overthrew his rival, Pompey The Great, made love to Cleopatra; became Master of Rome. Then died violently

- because some Romans were not willing to be ruled by him.

But was Caesar a tyrant - who overthrew the Roman Republic? Or was he a patriot - who laid the foundations for a better political organization - the Roman Empire? Ah, the pundits are still arguing about that. Caesar's career, still a mystery - just as it was on the day of his death - the Ides Of March, Forty-Four B.C. - exactly two thousand years ago today.

IRISH

A story from Grand Rapids, Michigan - has a twist appropriate for St. Patrick's Day. A story about someone from the Old Sod? Well, you can judge from his name - it's Kal-an-ilehua. As you can guess, he's from Hawaii.

What's the story? Well, it seems that his hair is turning green. In fact, they call him "The Man With The Green Hair."

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick claim the reason is - he wants to be an Irishman. So they've begun legal proceedings to make him a member of their organization in Grand Rapids. Naturally, you wouldn't expect anyone named Kal-an-ilehua to be a Friendly Son of St. Patrick. So he's changing his name to ^{Larry}~~Lawrence~~

About as near as he can get to Killarney, - ~~as close as the Irish can get to~~

Kal-an-ilehua, in Irish,

BANKER

The police of New York are searching for - the gunmen who handcuffed a banker to a tree - apparently with the intention of robbing his bank. Gunmen took Augustus Pynn, of the Richmond County National Bank, to an isolated clump of woods - and handcuffed him to a sapling.

A small tree - three-quarters of an inch thick. But it took Banker Pynn three hours to get loose. Which he did by chewing his way through the sapling. Like a busy beaver chomping away for three hours. Then Pynn ran to a highway and hailed a passing car. But - no one had yet broken into the bank. So the police are baffled. Why was he kidnapped and left him to bite his way through that sapling? Tonight he complains that his jaws hurt, Henry. Instead of a steak he's having mush for dinner.

Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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L.T. A year ago today - the Premier of Ireland spoke at the National Press Club in Washington. And - mixed up the scripts. Reading an oration - he intended to give before Congress later in the day. You can imagine his embarrassment. Today, an embarrassment of another kind. Costello losing an election in Ireland. Veteran DeValera returning to power.