

EISENHOWER

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(Here is ^{the} financial statement from General Ike.)

Late this afternoon, the news wire gave the figures, and (the only ~~real~~ real point of interest concerns that Eisenhower book, "Crusade in Europe.")

Suppositions had been that he might have got as much as three-quarters of a million. There was even talk of a million - the book having made a huge amount of money, serial rights, radio, television, motion pictures. Actually, (the publishers paid the General six hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars. He sold the book outright, as, an amateur author, and his tax came under the heading of capital gains. Amounting to - nearly one-hundred-and-fifty-nine thousand dollars.) which left him a net earning of - four hundred and seventy-six thousand.

The rest of that Eisenhower financial statement is hardly news. It's broken down into two periods, in ten years. (During six years, which would include the time of World War Two, the General got a total of fifty-one thousand dollars in salary.)

which, after taxes, came to a little less than eight thousand dollars a year - ~~noted much~~ ^{Army pay} for the Commander of Allied Victory on the Western Front.)

For the past four years, during which he was President of Columbia University, General Eisenhower had an income of one hundred and nineteen thousand dollars, after taxes.

Something less than - thirty thousand dollars a year. ~~Not~~

These figures do not include, ~~including~~ of course, the sum derived from the book.

Altogether, it shows the small Army pay for so high an officer - in active service. Which increased a lot - after the war, with civilian earnings, the proceeds of the book.

~~Reporting, of course, the vast proceeds of General Dwight Eisenhower.~~

In the political scene, tonight, the General is in Texas, where he certainly must have got tired of hearing, "Happy Birthday to you!" His sixty-second birthday, and he was on a speech-making tour in the state where he was born.

~~Yes, playing that same old tune.~~ Birthday cakes at every stop. Crowds thronging, bands playing.

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The climax came at San Antonio (tonight, when General Ike spoke in front of the Alamo - the venerated symbol of the Texas fight for independence more than a hundred years ago. The celebration was fantastic - the blaring of bands, the whirl of Mexican dancers, the singing of negro spirituals. In his address, the General said of his opponents: "They shrug off moral laws as platitudes."

~~NOTE~~

~~The best stories to drop would be DEWEY and~~

~~MARINES~~

STEVENSON


(Governor Stevenson is making his bitterest attacks tonight. At Salt Lake City - condemning General Eisenhower as one who has welcomed "character assassins and slanderers." Adlai referring, of course, to Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin and his thundering charges of Communism.) Stevenson exhausts the vocabulary of invective, slamming at the Republicans and their leader, General Eisenhower.

Tonight he ~~seems~~ accuses the General of following, what Stevenson calls - the "kremlin" line. That, he applies to Eisenhower's description of the present boom time as a result of war and threats of war. The "kremlin" line, says Adlai - and he takes the Truman line in excoriating and belittling Eisenhower.

Today Stevenson was asked for a reply to the ~~in~~ Nixon speech of last night. The vice-presidential candidate accusing him of using poor judgment - when he acted as a character witness in the trial of Alger Hiss, ~~with whom he worked as a government official.~~ Stevenson says he was only

doing his duty as a citizen - when he testified to the good reputation of Hiss. Nixon said that was bad judgment - in view of the testimony against Hiss at the trial.

Today, Stevenson said - he would make no reply to Nixon.



ADD STEVENSON

(In New York, twenty-two prominent lawyers, Republicans as well as Democrats, "deplore" the Nixon charge that Adlai Stevenson is unfit for the presidency, because he testified in behalf of Alger Hiss.) They say that Stevenson did - what, "any good citizen should have done under the circumstances." Nixon declared that Stevenson acted voluntarily. The lawyers contend, that this gives a "slightly twisted" implication. They say the facts are that the lawyers for Hiss asked Stevenson to testify, and he agreed to do so. But, they say, he could have been subpoenaed, if he had refused - in the Hiss case.

TRUMAN - EISENHOWER

We're seeing a strange turn of history nowadays, in the feud that President Truman is waging against General Eisenhower. Their famous friendship, based on the highest admiration, now turning to bitterness and enmity - the President assailing, belittling, trying to tear down one of the greatest reputations in this world. Surely an oddity in American politics - a campaign to overthrow one of our top ranking war heroes.

It makes one think - of famous broken friendships in the past. We recall the rift between Franklin D. Roosevelt and Jim Farley. But that was a minor affair - Jim Farley never having had anything like the standing of the Commander of the Victory in the West.

All of which suggests - a look back across the grand span of history. Which was the most famous broken friendship of all? Well, a historian could make a number of suggestions. But the one that comes to mind is that grandiose tragedy of medieval England - King Henry the Second and Thomas a'Becket.

Our school books tell of the King and his intimate friend and adviser, Minister of State, the churchman, Thomas a' Becket. King Henry raised him to the highest honor - and made him Archbishop of Canterbury. The King was having a quarrel with the Church, and expected his friend to serve his cause. But, when Thomas a'Becket became the Archbishop, he supported the Church, and opposed his friend, the King. Henry the Second was astonished, enraged - and waged a bitter feud. It all ended when henchmen of the King murdered Thomas a'^{right}Becket at the altar of Canterbury Cathedral.

Likely enough, that was the most famous broken friendship in all history; Long ago! but it comes to mind - as we see the President of the United States in his bitter political feud with the General who ^{led us in winning} ~~won~~ our European victory in the Second World War.

Well, I don't suppose you can campaign against a national hero, without trying to tear the national hero down.

ROOSEVELT

An impressive quotation comes along - which bears on the subject of those political "funds." Like the Nixon Fund, the Stevenson Fund. The authority quoted is - the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In Nineteen Thirty-Two, just before he became President, he wrote a magazine article in which he said - you shouldn't go into politics, unless you're financially independent. F.D.R. put that opinion in the following words: "Either the individual should have enough money of his own, safely invested... or else he should have business connections, a profession or a job to which he can turn from time to time."

All of which is brought out in a ~~big~~ book by a college professor, Harold Gosnell, who analyzes the political success of the four-term President.

U.S.NOTE

(The United States Government rejects, bluntly, the Moscow claim - in the case of an unarmed U.S. bomber shot down by Soviet fighter planes. The Reds declare the B-29 was over Russian territory. The State Department says - No.

Actually, the question boils down to the status of a group of small islands, the Habomais. Which are between Japan and the Kurile Islands. The plane was flying in that area - which is in dispute.)

The Kurile Islands, north of Japan, were awarded to the Soviets at the Yalta Conference - and the Reds proceeded to claim that the Habomais were part of the deal. This has never been conceded - the United States claiming that the ownership of those islands has not yet been decided.

ADD U.S.NOTE

A diplomatic dispute, but the victims are - eight
American flyers, lost with the B-29.

KOREA

(In Korea, the big offensive is pushing forward on the central front. American troops have captured an enemy position called - "Sniper Ridge.") In a six hour battle, Chinese Reds were driven from a strongly fortified summit. But, the conflict is in doubt at another rugged ridge called - "Triangle Hill." There, the attacking forces had to fight their way up a steep slope. They reached a line within seventy-five feet of the crest, but had to draw back, when the enemy sent a barrage of hand-grenades, rolling down the hill.

Dispatches describe it as one of the hardest fights in the Korean War - and some G.I.'s are described as bitter, because of the odds against them. At Triangle Hill, there are new reports of "mongolian giants." Tall Goliaths from Central Asia - in the Red forces.

Follow KOREA

(The latest - heavy Red counterattacks have thrown back the United Nations Forces - both at Sniper Ridge and Triangle Hill)

STALIN

(In Moscow, the Congress of the Soviet Communist Party came to a thundering climax ^{tonight} ~~today~~ when Stalin spoke. Two thousand delegates roared, "Glory to the Great Stalin!") ^{The} ~~7~~ Soviet Chief spoke for only ten minutes, but he was interrupted by cheers so often that he was on the rostrum for twenty-five minutes.

What Stalin had to say will be scrutinized all over the world. He declared that the capitalist classes had changed ~~their~~ their character, ^(and have) ~~now~~ now broken definitely with the masses. So therefore, the Soviets must collaborate with those masses. The Soviets need what ^{Stalin} ~~is~~ called, "the trust, sympathy, and support of fraternal peoples abroad."

This, I suppose, will be taken to mean that Soviet policy will now seek some sort of "United Front," trying - to collaborate with the workers in ^{the} ~~in~~ Western countries. That was the Moscow line back in the twenties.

IRAN

(The British, today, handed in a reply to the Iranian demand for a down payment of fifty-six million dollars. It's a flat rejection,) and this raises the possibility again - that Iranian Premier Mossadegh may break off diplomatic relations with London.

Word from Teheran is that Mossadegh may use an alleged British "plot" as an excuse for a diplomatic break.

In any case, the negotiations for a settlement of the oil dispute have collapsed - unless Mossadegh replies with another demand for money. Iran is in virtual bankruptcy, and all it can think of is - a payment of cash as a condition for negotiations to work out a compromise.

A birthday was celebrated today, and the unexpected thing is - where? At what place? (Irish Premier de Valera is seventy, and he's not in Dublin. He's at Utrecht, Holland - in a hospital there. Little has been heard of this, but specialists are trying to save - de Valera's eyesight.)

Last August, the Premier of Ireland cancelled all public engagements, and flew to Holland - where he has been ever since. His troubles began years ago, and he had an operation in Nineteen Forty, - ~~and there have been recent rumors in Dublin that he would retire.~~

Today, he spent his Seventieth Birthday in a dark hospital room, awaiting the result - of two operations that had just been performed. A new crisis in a life that has had so many critical hours - going back to the time when de Valera was the only insurgent leader to escape the firing squad, after Dublin's Easter Rebellion.

COAT

At Portland, Oregon, there's a furrier, who is getting back - a fur coat. Not that it isn't a good one, it's a beauty - moon glow muskrat. ~~But~~ I never saw a muskrat glow like the moon, but they do think up fancy names for furs nowadays. The furrier is ~~not~~ getting the coat back - because he sent it to Mrs. Nixon.

All of which ^{is a part of} ~~occurs in~~ the large reaction to that famous Nixon radio-television address - in which the Republican vice-presidential candidate gave a financial account for himself and his wife - the money matters of Dick and Pat. In that bit of domestic drama, there was a telling moment when the Senator said his wife does not own a fur coat. Only, what he called - a "respectable Republican cloth coat." All - a reflection of the scandals in Washington, scandals of mink.

That went well with the general public, but the furriers didn't like it. - They thought it was a reflection on the respectability of fur coats. So, at Portland, Fur Dealer

Ed Hamilton thought Mrs. Nixon should wear one - and sent one ~~to her~~ as a gift. No, not mink - that would have been too funny. He sent - moon glow muskrat.

Today he received a letter from Nixon headquarters, thanking him, but saying: "The policy which Senator Nixon has always followed prevents the acceptance of all personal gifts

of this nature." *So - Nelson -* ~~so~~ - back goes the moon glow muskrat.