

EISENHOWER

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(Given by Allan Jackson, L.T.in So.Pacific)

President Eisenhower today kicked off his election campaign - in an Iowa cornfield. And he chose the state where the tall corn grows - as the place to make a vigorous defense of the administration farm policy.

The President flew to Cedar Rapids. From there, he went to the farm by helicopter - to find a crowd of a hundred thousand people waiting for him.

The President's stump speech was fairly moderate - none of the Nixon slam-bang style about it. But he told his audience that his record is a very good one - and that the American people should support his party. He explicitly defended the program of Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson. In particular - flexible price supports. Mr.Eisenhower, declaring that the end of rigid price supports - was the main reason why farm prices began to rise.

The other point made by the President today - concerned foreign ~~man~~ policy. He pointed out, once again, that the free world must stand together - against Communist imperialism.

Which is the ~~the~~ reason why we're doing everything we can - to keep our Allies strong.

INTEGRATION

That Episcopalian statement on race relations - is a blunt call to all members of the church - to abide by the Supreme Court decision. The bishops meeting in Miami consider segregation - immoral and unchristian. And their declaration includes the prudential argument - that unless we have equality for all races here at home - we may lose a lot of friends abroad.

One place where the Episcopalian statement is having little effect - is Little Rock. Today the private school corporation announced that classes will be opened in a privately owned building - on Monday. Only white high school seniors will attend. Classes for the rest of the high school pupils - to be opened later on.

INDICTMENT

The five men indicted today by a grand jury in Fulton County, Georgia - could draw the death penalty, if convicted. The five were indicted on charges of dynamiting - the Jewish temple in Atlanta, last Sunday. Under the state law, dynamite destruction is punishable by execution - unless the jury recommends mercy, ~~farxi~~ or the Governor commutes the sentence.

The Georgia police are still looking for a key suspect. He's said to be the individual - who financed the terrorist bombing.

FLOOD

Tonight the Rio Grande - is on its worst rampage in history. The river is rising at the rate of four inches an hour - in some places. Spilling over its banks in torrents - forcing towns and ranches to be abandoned. Across on the Mexican side - the Rio Grande has covered a hundred miles of farmland - with three feet of water.

DEFENSE

America will have to spend more for defense next year according to ^{Deputy} Defense Secretary, Donald Quarles. He says the increase should not run more than five per cent - above the estimated budget. But that's bound to be a sizeable sum - because over forty billion dollars have already been earmarked for the Army, Navy, and Air Force.- in the fiscal year of Nineteen Fifty-Nine.

RUSSIANS

More than twenty Russian sailors were drowned today in the North Sea - all because they refused a rescue offer from a British ship. A Soviet trawler, fishing off Lerwick, Scotland - ran into a storm, that threw it onto the rocks. A British trawler nearby - immediately radioed an offer to take the crew aboard. But the Russian skipper refused the offer - and kept all of his men on his ship. He claimed he could stay afloat all night - but the Soviet trawler went down in less than an hour.

This morning, a lifeboat from Lerwick put out toward the scene of the disaster - and rescued three Russian survivors who were clinging to the rocks. The rest of the crew of the trawler - apparently went down with her. Tonight, the three survivors are in Lerwick - in spite of demands from other Soviet vessels in the area - that no Russians should be put ashore on British territory.

MISSILES

The missiles we are sending to Formosa - are ~~Nikes~~ Nike-Hercules. The type used - to knock down planes. A full battalion of these missiles will soon be in the hands of Chiang Kai-shek's men - who are being trained by American experts. But it's emphasized that the missiles - will not carry nuclear warheads.

There seems to be a lot of ~~mystery~~ mystery surrounding today's explosion - at the Wichita Airport. Engineer Forrest McCuiston was carrying the bomb wrapped up in brown paper - when it went off, killing him instantly. A few minutes before, McCuiston had told one man - that he found the package in a telephone booth. But according to Police Chief, Eugene Pond - "the evidence is piling up - that he carried the bomb off the plane with him." If that's true, a major disaster was narrowly averted - because there were twenty-three persons aboard the plane on which McCuiston flew in to Wichita.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Tonight's report from Lowell Thomas out there in Pago Pago - has overtones of Somerset Maugham and, oddly enough, the Kaiser.

L.T.

The Pago Pago Inn, setting for Somerset Maugham's South Sea Island tragedy "Rain", now belongs to a European who "went native". Max Haleck's principal hobby is catching butterflies.

The German Kaiser's empire once included part of Samoa. And the Kaiser himself owned stock in the South Sea trading company that sent young Max out here as its representative. During World War I, Max's business was confiscated by our people. But because he had married a Samoan belle he was allowed to stay. Today he is rich, has a number of stores. Also all the movie theatres. He and his Samoan wife have a large family. And Max, a man of many hobbies, spends most of his time working in his own private natural history museum, where he has his unusual collections of butterflies, minerals, sands from the beaches of many islands, and so on. He says chasing butterflies has kept him young. Although in his seventies,

he is vigorous and powerful.

His chief rival for more than forty years has been an ex-American sailor. Skinny Kneubuhl came here in 1911, married a Polynesian girl, drank a quart of whiskey a day for more than thirty years, and in his seventies too, looks about as fit as his rival Max, the giant Prussian.

Kneubuhl is in everything - trading, shipping, aviation. He says he worried - and drank - for all those years. Then his Polynesian wife got him interested in metaphysics. After a few years of reading about what man can do with his mind - if he will - he quit drinking and smoking.

No wonder he worried. He had a big family, and although he had come here as a sailor he wanted his many 1/2 Samoan children to have the best of education. So he sent them through Leland Stanford, Wellesley, and Yale!

Trader Skinny Kneubuhl of Pago Pago, is quite a

man. He says:- "If I hadn't drank that quart of liquor
a day for so many years, I'd have owned the entire South
Seas!"

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ARCHEOLOGY

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Japanese archeologists claim they've just unearthed -
the oldest clay jars in the world. The place - just outside the
city of Chiba . The experts have already salvaged eight
earthenware receptacles - that may date back ten thousand years.
That would make them three thousand years older - than the
oldest known Egyptian ~~pottery~~ pottery.

These Japanese relics of ancient man are crudely
made - compared to the work done later on the banks of the Nile.
But the Nipponese archeologists don't care about that / not if
they really ^{do} have clay jars that were baked / around eight
thousand B.C.

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