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Today Vice President Nixon performed his first official action - as ~~the~~ stand-in for President Eisenhower. He signed - a series of documents.

What kind? Why, greetings. The ~~ma~~ kind the President has to be signing all the time - messages of salutation to conventions, associations, meetings and what not.

One that "Acting President" Nixon got off today - was a greeting to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, meeting in London. ^{Vice Pres.} Nixon signed -- "in behalf of the President."

The doctors, today, decided - to put President Eisenhower on a diet. Not that they want him to reduce - they ~~sm~~ simply want to keep him from putting on weight in the hospital. But the Presidential appetite is excellent-favorable sign. (He's out of the oxygen tent completely now, in the daytime. No longer needing it - in his ~~wake~~ waking hours. They're using the tent - only at night.)

Today the President was allowed to listen to soft music - and he asked for recordings of reading matter. The kind used for blind persons - adapted, also, to patients who must remain prone and quiet in bed. So what kind of ~~lit~~ literature did the President request? Western novels, mystery stories - and selection sfrom Shakespeare - an odd combination. Cowboy and sleuths and the Bard of Avon.

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Getting off the plane at ~~the~~ Washington, Major

Eisenhower was questioned by newsmen ~~and~~ who asked -- if he thought his father should run for President again. The major replied -- "that's no question to ask." Well, we can all agree with him - it's a question, strictly for President Eisenhower, himself.

HUMPHREY

Senator Humphrey of Minnesota declares himself in the race for next year. But not - for President. He'll be content with second place on the Democratic ticket. At Los Angeles, today, ^{the Minnesotan} ~~he~~ said - he would consider it a "signal honor" if the party nominated him for Vice President.

But what about the Presidential outlook? Senator Humphrey says he considers Adlai Stevenson to be the leading prospect, now. But he thinks Governor Harriman of New York - is coming along rapidly. Senator Kefauver of Tennessee -- also strong.

"We're loaded", said Humphrey. Which might sound alcoholic. ^{that} But the Senator meant ~~the~~ the Democratic Party is loaded with possible Presidential timber. And he added; - "our convention in Chicago next summer will be a real donnybrook."

(Well, those Donnybrook fairs in old Ireland were famous for a knock-down drag-out brawling. But they ^are second only - to ^{our} Democratic National Conventions.)

EGYPT

A "trouble shooter" left Washington, today, for a quick trip to Egypt. Assistant Secretary of State George Allen - on an urgent mission that is quite obvious. That business of Egypt planning to purchase ~~arm~~ armament from the world of Communism.

(We hear, today, that a top official of the Cairo Ministry of War is leaving for - Red Czechoslovakia. In connection - with a deal for armament. The Czechoslovakian ~~armament~~ communists - having agreed to ship military supplies to Egypt, ~~in~~ in return for agricultural products.)

(If Egypt were to stock up with Iron Curtain armament, it might make matters perilous for the State of Israel - upsetting the balance of the Near East. Our own country

might have to provide Israel with weapons. Bringing about - a Near East ~~a sort of~~ armament race ^{that} ~~which~~ could be mighty dangerous. ^{and} get us even deeper in trouble with Arab countries on which we rely for oil.)

News from Hong Kong states that Nationalist airplanes attacked a Norwegian freighter - bound for a port along the Chinese mainland. Jet fighters blazed away with machine guns. Two persons killed aboard the ~~Norwegian~~ *freighter from Norway.* Seven wounded - including the Captain.

The Nationalists on Formosa are blockading the Red mainland, more or less, -and this is the latest incident.

INDONESIA

The Republic of Indonesia will have its first election tomorrow -- and, today, the government sent a couple of Cabinet Ministers to Western Java. To determine - can that section be included in the election? Or - would there be too much violence?

Western Java is a hot bed of Moslem fanatics, the Darul Islam Terrorist organization. Election activities in that area - might have to be postponed.

MOROCCO

(From Paris, a dispatch ~~for~~ saying - that Premier Edgar Faure has ordered the resident General of Morocco to settle the Moroccan crisis peacefully within six days.)

Which sounds like a tall order.

(General DeLatour - to accomplish this by persuading Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Moulay Arafa to quit his throne. *Do it*)

Before the French National Assembly convenes, October Fourth.

At which time - Premier Faure will face a political crisis, unless there's an answer to the Moroccan question.

The only answer - the departure of the Sultan. / On which - the Nationalists of Morocco insist.)

On this program, from time to time, we've had stories of swindles in the realm of romance. Now - the meanest and lowest of all.

In Calcutta, India, the police have arrested four members of a crooked gang - who ran a phoney match-making racket. In India, the match-maker is a traditional character - arranging marriages. ~~And~~ ^{four} these rogues victimized gullible parents - by offering to get their daughters married to wealthy husbands in other parts of India.

They produced a prospective bridegroom - a member of the gang. The parents would ~~pay~~ ^{the} wedding performed.

Whereupon, the crook posing as the bridegroom, ~~would~~ would take the bride to another part of India - and sell her.

This game was worked over and over - the swindling of parents and the selling of girls.

ARGENTINA

(In a fashionable residence of Buenos Aires, the police have uncovered a fortune of twenty million dollars in gold and bank notes. You guessed it ^{- more of} Peron's hidden wealth. Stowed away, in strong boxes ~~found~~ in his home.) The latest - in the news of treasure accumulated by the fallen dictator.

Tonight, Peron still remains aboard the ancient Paraguayan gunboat in the harbor of Buenos Aires. Delayed from going into exile - while the new regime dickers with the Paraguayan government. They want Paraguay to restrict his ~~ms~~ movements - so he won't be plotting trouble for next door Argentina.

HURRICANE

(Hurricane Janet now turns out to be - the worst of
the ~~se~~ series of tropical storms ~~the~~ this year. Raging across
Yucatan, wrecking two towns, at least. Latest report - 200 dead
~~Taking "many lives"~~.
Now howling across open water and threatening the Mexican port
of Tampico.)

BASEBALL

In the World Series, the same old picture - the Yankees beating the Dodgers. It could have ~~been~~ been a repetition of many another game those two teams had played in the classic. The Yankees - having just a bit the better of it. Winning six to five.

A free hitting game, with shakey pitchers. Neither Whitey Ford nor Don Newcombe going the distance. The nearest thing to a hero was Joe Collins of the Yankees - who blasted a couple of home-runs. Carl Furillo was a hero - until the lastinning. Having made three hits, including a homer. But then he fanned, and ended the game.

(For the Brooklyns, it was bad enough to ~~lose~~ lose, and worse to have their star pitcher batted out. Newcombe blasted from the mound in the sixth. A single, a homer, and a triple - and that was all for the big right-hander.)

KIDNAP

The Chicago police believe the Greenlease kidnap money has brought about - an underworld war. So far, sixty-seven bills of the three hundred thousand dollars, which vanished a couple of years ago - have turned up. Mostly - in Illinois. But another sort of evidence - has also been found.

Today, the news tells - of a body discovered in the trunk of an automobile. A murdered hoodlum, Michael DeStefano. Who, by the way, had a city job, although he had a long police record.

Ten days ago, a close associate of this underworld character - was killed in gangster style. Both - suspected in the disposal of the Greenlease ransom bills. So we hear.

The police have thought, all along, that the missing three hundred thousand ~~dollars~~ had been peddled in gangland. A mob - now in the business of getting rid of the cash. Getting into an underworld feud about it - with ~~the~~ two suspected characters found murdered.

The Stockton, California, kidnap case ends with a five word explanation: "I just wanted a baby," says Mrs. Betty Jean Benedicto. Which five words are a summary of the following story:-

The young wife pretended she was going to have a child and went away for a while. Then she kidnapped the infant from a hospital maternity ward. Returning to her husband - the editor of a Philippine newspaper, ~~T~~elling him - it was their child.

Last night, she and her husband went to a prize fight and she took the baby along. A policeman off duty noticed them, grew suspicious - and questioned them. ~~After~~ After which - he reported to his police officer superiors.

Mrs. Benedicto was frightened by the questioning,

and vanished. ~~She took~~ ^{Taking} the baby to the Reverend Allan McCoy, pastor of a Franciscan Church in Stockton, ^{she told} ~~T~~elling the priest the whole story. On his advice, she telephoned the parents,

Dr. Sanford Marcus and his wife. Confessing to them - and begging their forgiveness. Assuring them - that she had taken good care of the baby. Which, indeed, she had.

Today, the parents had their child back. And Dr. Marcus declares: "We feel no rancor toward ^{her.} ~~the woman. We~~ ~~feel~~ Only a great pity."

A ~~do~~ kidnap case that ends happily; - and with pity.

SURVIVORS

One of the most harrowing of stories - told by survivors of a plane crash in mid-Pacific. A cargo plane forced down at sea on Saturday. Members of the crew - drifting in life jackets. In shark infested waters - for forty three hours. Battling against man eaters. ~~Five~~ Five men - and two survived.

Today, the story was related how they were picked up by a steamship. Which spotted them - and a boat went out for them. Boatswain Douglas Claussen tells how they came to Copilot Robert Hightower.

"He was yelling: "The sharks are getting me.

relates the boatswain. We found he had bites on his leg and his foot, and the blood was drawing other sharks. There were four or five sharks around him when we pulled him out and he said he had killed one with a six inch pocket knife that he was carrying."

The sharks were so ferocious the rescuers had to shoot them to get the copilot into the boat.

Three of the airmen perished. One trapped in the sinking plane. Another injured in the crash. A third ~~was~~ succumbing to loss of blood from a shark bite - while drifting - in a life jacket.

The two survivors - rapidly recovering.

PARIS

In Paris - bad news for motorists, who park their cars illegally. They will not get any more traffic ~~xi~~ tickets. That's right - will not.

The city on the Seine is, more and more snarled in a growing traffic jam. The problem - now taken up by the Prefect of Police, Andre Dubois. A hard boiled gendarme who last year, solved the problem of ~~xxxx~~ pandemonium on the Boulevards, ^{by simply} ordering - automobile drivers to stop honking their horns. Which really was a revolution. Parisian motorists and taxicab drivers - having always honked the horn on the slightest provocation. But police prefect Andre Dubois ~~made~~ made that order stick - by having horn honkers arrested.

So now - the illegal parking of cars. Which is against the law - but they do it all over Paris. They get a ticket, and a fine of ~~xx~~ nine hundred francs - two-dollars- and-sixty-cents. Which they ^are willing to pay - for the

privilege of parking anywhere they like. Cheap at the price.

Today, the bad news - n more traffic tickets!

Hereafter, ~~the~~ parked automobiles will be hauled off by ^{the} police.

So, when the motorist returns to his car - it won't be there!

He'll have to go to a police station to get it back, pay ^a ~~the~~

fine, ~~and all~~ plus costs.

^{says}
Voilà, Police prefect André Dubois, ~~says~~ - "this will

discourage the illegal ~~park~~ parking of cars ^{in Paris.} To which ~~the~~ ^{Hugh,}

echo would seem to respond - Oui, Oui, *oui, oui!*

There's one thing missing from the Presidential hospital room - missing in the daytime. The oxygen tent has been taken out. The President - no longer needing oxygen ~~not~~ during his waking hours. They^are using the tent, now, only at night.

Which is a graphic sign - of ~~some~~ continuing recovery. The President, having another favorable day.

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The American Ambassador to London thinks the origin of our National Emblem, the Stars and Stripes - may be found at a medieval castle in England. Winthrop Aldrich - pointing to Hylton Castle. Where there's a coat of arms - dating back to the year twelve-hundred-and-fifty. Which pictures a shield with three stars and two stripes, surmounted by an eagle, with upraised wings. Stars and stripes and an eagle - sure does sound like the U.S.A.

Seven hundred years ago, a daughter of the Hylton family married an ancestor - of our own George Washington. Actually, that emblem at Hylton Castle - was the Washington coat of arms.

Today, Ambassador Winthrop Aldrich gave an address at a ceremony celebrating the ~~new~~ opening of the ancestral home of the Washington family. A Norman Manor house called - "the old hall". Which is not far from Hylton Castle. The ^{home} of the Washingtons - now restored and renovated, as a sort of shrine. ~~xxx"OldHall"xxxWhitexixxxx~~ In his speech Ambass Aldrich

~~He~~ said: "It is surely more than coincidence - that the Washington arms combined the Stars and Stripes and the Eagle, two-and-a-half centuries before America was even discovered." So he thinks ^{this} ~~this~~ may be the true origin of our national flag, ^{as well as the origin of} ~~and also~~ the great seal of the United States.

The "Great Seal" (adds to coincidence. I wonder how many of us could say, off hand - what's on that official emblem of our country? I had to look it up - to note the details.

It) features an eagle - with wings upraised. Above ^{of course is} the eagle ~~the~~ familiar legend - E Pluribus Unum. Above that motto - a circle with stars.

^{And} Here's the most interesting part. In the middle, is a shield - with stripes. And the Washington coat of arms at Hylton Castle presents a ~~the~~ shield.

I don't know how historians will consider this, but one guess would be that, when the flag ~~was~~ and the "great

quite naturally
seal" were devised, the inspiration may have been - the
Washington coat of arms.