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(President-elect Eisenhower had his conference today with Congressional leaders, headed by Senator Taft. After it was over, Taft told newsmen that the General had invited the G.O.P. lawmakers to discuss legislative matters, and promote harmony.)

The Ohio Senator then expressed his political philosophy:

"I think you can say," he declared, "That there will be no difficulty in working out a legislative program -- to put the country back on the track that we abandoned twenty years ago, when the 'New Deal' came in."

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He stated further that there was an understanding that members of Congress would be consulted on federal appointments that concerned them.

(But what about the Cabinet nomination that drew *that* blast of criticism from Taft? newsmen asked him →

was he still dissatisfied with the appointment of Martin Durkin, Democrat of the A.F. of L. as Secretary of Labor? Taft replied -- "Yes." He said he still thinks the appointment "Incredible."

~~(But there was one disagreement about a nomination that seems to have been straightened out at the luncheon conference.)~~ One of the Republican leaders attending was Senator Milton Young of North Dakota, ranking Republican member of the Agriculture Committee of the Senate. He was doubtful about the nomination of Ezra Taft Benson as Secretary of Agriculture, ^{mainly because of} ~~Disagreeing~~ with Benson on the subject of farm policy, the support of agricultural prices, parity.

Before ~~going to~~ the meeting, the North Dakota Senator declared that General Eisenhower, during the campaign "Virtually committed himself" to ninety percent of parity as a basis of price support; ~~While~~ Benson had been identified with groups opposing that policy. So that question was thrashed out at the luncheon.

Upon emerging Senator Young declared that, during the conference, he talked with Benson over the telephone and the Secretary - designate said he wanted to restudy the whole question of -- ninety percent parity. (Young said that was okay with him, and told the newsmen how General Eisenhower felt about it. He quoted the President-elect as saying that he had a "Completely open mind" on the subject.)

The net result, Senator Young said he is now ready to support Ezra Taft Benson, as Secretary of Agriculture.

CONGRESS - KOREA.

(A Congressional sub-committee criticizes the Truman administration for not using more South Korean troops in the war. The opinion is given that South Korea could supply most of the troops needed to hold the line.) And -- that the outgoing administration failed to make "Maximum" use of ~~the~~ South Korean manpower. The sub-committee also calls for a transfer of Chinese Nationalist forces to Korea -- to join the fight against the Chinese Reds.

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TRUMAN.

The President is setting up a new program to check on Americans employed by the United Nations. So announced in Washington - President Truman ordering the F.B.I. to investigate, for the purpose of weeding out Communists and other subversives.

But, at the same time, Secretary of State Dean Acheson refuses to give Congressional investigators the names of State Department officials who "Screened" Americans hired by the world organization. The refusal is - "On instructions from the President." So there's no answer to the question - who okayed individuals charged with being Reds.

~~This follows more testimony today that the State Department did clear Americans for employment, etc., etc.~~

~~(Pick up the story headed "Communists.")~~

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COMMUNISTS

Which follows (more today
in Washington) testimony that the State Department cleared Americans for employment at the United Nations - although it had information indicating that they were Communists. So stated by Roy Cohn, a special assistant to Attorney General McGranery. Previously, he was U. S. Attorney at New York - and played a part in the Grand Jury investigation, which handed down a scathing report about Communists in the U. N.

His declaration was made before a judiciary sub-committee of the House, and he named a U. N. official whom he called - a "Most flagrant example:" - David Weintraub, now Director of Economic Stabilization and Development for the U. N. Cohn said that Weintraub admitted to the Grand Jury that he was responsible for hiring persons accused of Communist associations. And Cohn added that many "Dis-loyal" Americans are still on the payroll of the U. N.

SOVIET TRADE

President Truman today told of West European countries shipping strategic merchandise behind the Iron Curtain. Which, under a law called the "Battle Act", would seem to require that those countries in question should be deprived of American aid. But the President, thinks - no. And, under the law, he can exercise his own discretion.

Two and a half million dollars worth of goods were sent. The shipments did not include arms, ammunition or anything atomic - though they did come under the heading of "Strategic materials."

Great Britain sold locomotives, forging machines, and other mechanical equipment. France - electronic and chemical material. Italy - rolling equipment and ball-bearings.

The President explains that these shipments were under contracts that had been made with Iron Curtain countries - before the law was passed in this country. So Britain, France and Italy were obligated to go through with the deals they had made.

ALAN NUNN MAY

Over in England, the news reporters, today, located Dr. Alan Nunn May, the scientist atomic spy, who was released from prison yesterday. Set free under conditions of deep secrecy; and the wonder was - where he had gone.?

They found he was at the home of his Brother and Sister-in-law - at the Village of Chalfont St. Peter, twenty miles outside London. We hear that other relatives refused to have anything to do with the physicist who handed atomic secrets to Red spies.

But his Brother and Sister-in-law gave him hospitality.

The Sister-in-law spoke to the news reporters, receiving them in a small dining room - still decorated with Christmas cards on the mantel-piece. The scientist was in a bedroom upstairs - refusing to appear.

She was asked how he was, after six and a half years in prison. "He looks ill," the Sister-in-law replied. "He has aged a lot, his hair is greying, and he is hollow-eyed. It has been a great mental strain for ^{him.}

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Then she went upstairs, and returned with a typewritten statement - from Dr. Alan Nunn May to the newsmen. In this he stated that he still believes he acted "Rightly," in helping Soviet Russia get the atomic bomb. He expresses no regret - no repentance, hasn't changed his mind. He says that during his imprisonment, he received fair treatment from officials and fellow convicts - and asks for the same fair treatment now, as he begins life anew.

That's the state of mind of the first atomic physicist convicted of espionage - as he emerges from prison.

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CHURCHILL

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill is aboard the liner Queen Mary, beginning his journey to the United States. Today the seventy-eight year old Statesman held a final cabinet meeting at number ten Downing street - for a final discussion of his plans. Then - took the boat - train to Southampton, and went aboard the liner.

Winston Churchill is accompanied by his Wife, his Daughter Mary, and her husband, Christopher Soames, member of Parliament. Arriving in New York, a few days hence, he will confer with President-elect Eisenhower in New York. Then to Washington - for a visit with retiring President Truman. He'll not attend the inauguration. Instead, he'll be enjoying the West Indian sunshine in Jamaica - on January twentieth.

Word from London is that Churchill hopes to establish with General Eisenhower the close collaboration and confidence that he had with President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the second World war. He

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wants to act in concert with the General on such subjects as the Korean war - and a possible meeting with Stalin.

In Britain, the labor opposition has been attacking Churchill - saying that his trip to America was ill-timed. There's talk that it might be awkward for President-elect Eisenhower - so busy with preliminary affairs in advance of his inauguration. Maybe he might not find it so convenient to take time out for talks with the British Prime Minister. But the supposition is that Churchill would not be making the trip without full encouragement from Eisenhower. Anyway, he's our favorite Englishman, always welcome over here.

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MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY.

A citizen of Los Angeles says he finds that he is a brother of the "Man without a country," ^{— the one now} over on the China coast. Joseph Ragan, an employee of the Los Angeles Board of Education, tells how he made a phone call all the way to Eastern Asia, and talked to that unlucky individual, who is in such a strange predicament.

For three months now, M. P. O'Brien, as he calls himself, has been stranded on a ferry boat plying between Hong Kong and Macao - which is just across the bay. Neither the British at Hong Kong nor the Portuguese at Macao will permit him to land. He claims to be an American, but can't prove it - he says he lost his passport in a Japanese internment camp during the war. He drifted to Hong Kong, and went aboard the ferry boat, ^{and} He's been on it ever since - a man without a country.

A story about him was printed at Los Angeles.

Joseph Ragan read it, and said he could tell from the facts that were given - that this was his missing Brother whom he hadn't seen since nineteen-twenty-three. So he phoned.

It was a mighty long long-distance call, but Ragan

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made it, and says he asked the "Man without a country" about their boyhood life in Tacoma, Washington.

"He mentioned things that no one else would know," says Ragan. "Such as - the time I nearly drowned in the river, and the time we ran away from home together, when we were about twelve years old." So he's sure it's his missing Brother - who picked up the name of "O'Brien" somewhere during his travels.

Ragan has written to the authorities at Tacoma - to get a copy of his Brother's birth certificate so that - he can come back to the United States.

Well, if they can show that the birth certificate applies to the man on the Hong Kong - Masao ferry boat, he'll be a "Man with a country," once again.

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HORSE RACE.

The miracle Jockey of the year -- did it this afternoon. Tony De Spirito succeeded in breaking the record. At Coral Gables, Florida, Tony had four winners this afternoon, which gave him a total of three hundred and eighty-nine for the year. The previous mark was three eighty-eight.

A huge crowd cheered the eighteen-year old apprentice with a thundering applause. Only one racing day was left, after today - time running out.

He had a winner in the second race, another in the third, another in the fourth. That tied the world's record. Then, he had to wait until the ninth for his final triumph. Galloping home on "King's Quest", to win the biggest of the big ones.

It was a stirring triumph - and the crowd yelled its head off.

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AFRICA

News of another violent outbreak in Africa. But this has nothing to do with ^{the} anti-foreign terrorism of the Mau Mau in Kenya. The trouble is to the South of that East-African territory. Tribal warfare in - Zululand. Nothing anti-British - the Zulus merely having a fracas of their own. Zulus fighting Zulus.

They haven't forgotten their old war-like traditions - back in the days when the disciplined Zulu companies, the famous Impis, hurled their spears, the ~~Assegai~~ and were the terror of South East Africa.

~~So~~ now feuds have broken out between rival chiefs of the Zulus. One called - Mkanjani, another named - Solomon Zulu. Their tribesmen got into a battle, at a place called Ixopo, ^{and} a number were killed.

The police of Natal intervened, and made wholesale arrests - to stop the war between chief Mkanjani and Solomon Zulu.

From a Zulu to you is quite a jump Nelson. But there it is!

QUEEN

London says that Queen Elizabeth will wear the "Crown of St. Edward" throughout the coronation ceremony. Which means that Her Majesty is indeed, a husky young woman. Because that venerated symbol is heavy - quite a burden to carry around on the Royal head.

The crown of St. Edward is attributed to the last Anglo-Saxon King of England, Edward the Confessor - who held the throne just before the Norman- Conquest. So good, so devout - he was canonized a Saint. It has been among the royal heirlooms for ages, encrusted with diamonds and pearls.

(At the coronation of Queen Victoria, that frail little lady of seventeen, a mere slip of a girl, wore the massive crown of St. Edward for only a few seconds - and then exchanged it for a lighter diadem. At the most recent coronation,) George ~~the~~ sixth wore the heavy crown for forty-five minutes. His daughter now follows suit - as we are told by an announcement in London today. In the act of coronation, the crown of St. Edward will be

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placed on Her Majesty's head, and she'll keep it there
for the rest of the ritual.

She'll carry a bejeweled burden, as they shout
"Long live the Queen."

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