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produced. That's based on the best intelligence our

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EISENHOWER EAGLE

Over in Germany, an eagle once owned by President Eisenhower - has been located. Which is a source of worry for former heavy-weight champion Max Schmeling. The run-away or fly-away, Eagle has been sighted on a telephone post near Schmeling's place. The former ~~champion~~ champ - running a mink and chicken farm. You can imagine what a hungry eagle might do - among the chickens.

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COMMUNIST

One of the eleven leaders of the American Communist party, convicted and sent to prison - has been given permission to go to Red Poland. Irving Potash, a member of the American politboro - who served a prison sentence, and was released in December.

He had still another indictment against him, as a Communist. Also - deportation proceedings. In the fact ~~of~~ which - Potash asked authorities in Washington for permission to leave the country and - take refuge behind the Iron Curtain. Today, this was granted. Communist Poland- his destination.

Potash, fifty-five years old, is a native of Russia, who became a Communist in this country as far back as Nineteen Twenty. Prominent - in labor circles. Once - ~~the~~ Vice-President of the fur and leather workers union. Which was ousted from the C I O on the charge of Communist domination.

let If Red Poland wants him, Red Poland can have him. *Wp's*

~~let~~ *him so!*

That's the view of the U.S. Government.

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TRADE

Memphis, Tennessee, today - threatened to "secede" ---
President Eisenhower's reciprocal trade bill ran
into a storm - today. The House of Representatives - in
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DIXON YATES

Memphis, Tennessee, today - threatened to "secede" -- from the T.V A. Rather - than purchase electric power from a Dixon-Yates plant.

Under the controversial Dixon-Yates contract, a great plant would be built in Arkansas - just across the Mississippi River from Memphis. All - part of Atomic developments connected with the Tennessee Valley authority.

Memphis draws its power from T V A - and the Dixon-Yates plant would be the logical source, in the future. But Memphis rebels! - echoing the violent, angry Democratic opposition to Dixon-Yates.

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EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower, today, talked about Republican prospects for a presidential candidate in Nineteen Fifty-Six. But ~~man~~ don't think he gave away - the big secret. He said the G O P can elect the next President - if they pick a candidate with ideals and personality. But he didn't give any hint of ~~what~~ whether or not it would be - himself.

The statement was made at a luncheon of the Republican National Committee, which today, voted okay - for San Francisco as the site of the G O P National Convention, in Nineteen fifty-six. To begin - August twentieth. Chairman Leonard Hall denied that San Francisco had been selected, ^{it} instead of Chicago, ^{it} because of the strength of ultra-conservative Republicans in Chicago. Where ~~there~~ there was a rally of an anti-Eisenhower faction of Republicans last week.

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billion dollars worth of life insurance. Bringing the total
cable cars - to be sold. With inquiries pouring in - from
in force to nearly sixty billion dollars. In that one year,
prospective purchasers.
the company paid one billion and one hundred thirteen million

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them. Should you like to have a cable car in your present
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SAN FRANCISCO

Here's an auction, at which you might suppose -
very few bidders would show up. But you don't know San
Francisco, with ^{its} ~~the~~ nostalgic traditional past. A public
auction - of cable cars. Those dinky rattlers - which have
been climbing the San Francisco hills for generations. Twenty
cable cars - to be sold. With inquiries pouring in - from
prospective purchasers.

Actually, the San Francisco cable car system is
obsolete - and there ~~was~~ was a proposal to abolish it. But,
the public protested - nostalgic San Francisco. So the
cable cars kept on running. However, the city reduced
the number. ~~They~~ There were sixty of them - pulled along
by cables under the street. Now, only thirty are in
operation. Ten are to be kept - as spares. The other
twenty - to be auctioned off.

It looks as if those cable cars will sell - like hot
cakes. Though it's hard to guess - what people will do with
them. *Do you want a cable car? If so take*
~~Should you like to have a cable car in your parlour?~~
the next plane to San Francisco.

MUSIC

New York is having a ten day festival - and it's enough to test all the qualities of the human ear. Sweet sounds, with lilting ~~and~~ melody. Some sounds - like torture for the ear drums. A festival of American music, all the way from the tuneful songs of years ago - to the latest in ultra-modern composition.

There's a concert directed by Leon Barzin - who can penetrate ~~of~~ the most abstruse complexities of musical notes.

The soloist - Valarie Lamoree - a soprano from Kansas.

She's a young artist from the corn belt - able to hit the right note in the middle of the wildest panedmonium. She says the songs she'll sing, written by Hugo Weisgall, are

~~just about~~ the last word in the super ~~and~~ ultra-modern.

*Whatever that is,
Very different from the old time songs in Kansas,*

from Tokyo. She - providing Japanese melodies, which the composer put into the score of "Madama Butterfly."

All that was long ago - and now the tragic note, added to the Butterfly story.

OPERA

Japan reports a terrible fire disaster - and, in it, there's one particular note of tragedy. A musical note - with a reminiscence of famous melodies. Madame Butterfly.

At Yokohama, a Catholic ~~mini~~ mission - a home for aged women. Ninety-nine lives lost - fifty survivors. Among the victims of the fire - the Japanese woman who helped in the composition of the opera Madame Butterfly.

Hisako Oyama, eighty years old, was the widow of a diplomat - Japanese Minister to Rome, at the turn of the century. At which time - the composer ~~was~~ Puccini was working on his opera. Based on an American stage hit, by David Belasco. The subject - Japanese. So Puccini wanted to give the music - a Japanese flavor.

In this he was helped by the wife of the diplomat from Tokyo. She - providing Japanese melodies, which the composer put into the score of "Madama Butterfly."

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FOREIGN LEGION

The smart set in London is toasting - a deserter from the French Foreign Legion. An aristocratic playboy, who found life in North African barracks - boring. So, the gilded youth of Mayfair - rescued him.

Richard De Went Fenton - heir to a landed estate in Yorkshire, ~~who~~ last May, enlisted in the French Foreign Legion. Lured by romantic tales of adventure, and dancing girls in Africa.

Today he said: "I found nothing but boredom". He found nothing but severe discipline and gruelling marches under the hot sun of the desert.

So he smuggled out a letter - to his aristocratic friends in London, asking them - to get him out. They arranged a cocktail party, and plotted - a rescue. The conspirators being Lady Marye Rous, daughter of the Earl (not Flat broke - the Earl of Stradbroke); also of Stradbroke, Michael Alexander - relative of Field Marshal Earl Alexander. And - Nicholas Mosley, son of the former

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British Fascist leader, Sir Oswald Mosley.

Lady Marye and Michael Alexander flew to North Africa, and picked up ^{the} ~~his~~ trail of the London play-boy, whose outfit was being moved along from one post ~~in~~ of the Foreign Legion to another. Lady Marye gave up, and went back to England. But Alexander located De Went-Fenton.

They arranged a clandestine meeting, with an ~~in~~ ~~an~~ automobile waiting - and off they went, speeding.

At a point on the coast, a boat was waiting. A boat - belonging) ~~belonging~~ to Sicilian smugglers, who knew - how to get in and out of places.

So, they sailed ~~with~~ ^{with} the smugglers, ~~to~~ ^{to} Sicily. Then on to London - where they arrived last night. Today - attending Mayfair parties for the home-coming fugitive.

The French government seems to be taking it all with patience. At the French Embassy in London, today, a spokesman said - France would probably not ask for the extradition of the playboy of London, who deserted ~~in~~ from the French Foreign Legion. ^{Hugh} Sailing away, with the smugglers ~~to~~ ^{to} Sicily