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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In the Senate, the Republican leadership agreed to a "full dress debate" on the subject of Senator McCarthy. Debate - on the resolution, introduced by Senator Flinders of Vermont, to censure McCarthy and his methods of investigating Communists. The matter comes up, tomorrow, for a vote.

Previously Republican leader Senator Knowland of California had wanted to avoid a full scale discussion. But now he says, the Senate can plunge right into the issue of McCarthyism.

A compromise move is proposed by Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey, who suggests that the Wisconsin Senator and his methods be investigated. Senator Smith proposes a bi-partisan committee headed by Vice-President Nixon, which would make a report next February. That would put the issue off

until after the November elections. Which would suit a number of Senators, who don't want to get into the McCarthy controversy, with elections coming up.

Senator Flanders declares he will support the proposal for a Committee investigation, as a follow-up. But, not as a substitute for his resolution of censure. He wants a Senate vote on McCarthy, tomorrow.

The United States offers to send food relief, behind the Iron Curtain. So announced by President Eisenhower, today. Aid offered to countries that are suffering from disastrous floods. The deluge - along the Danube and its tributary streams. The Iron Curtain countries involved - East Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. They - to share American food relief, if their Communist authorities will permit it.

This action by the President is under a law passed by Congress earlier this month, for the disposal of huge stores of surplus food.

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The Navy to build another super aircraft carrier, and two more atomic submarines. Which would give the Navy four of those atom age carriers and four atomic submarines. The announcement was made in Washington, today. Construction, to begin in the next twelve months.

SYNGMAN RHEE

In Washington, it is being made clear that this country will not back Syngman Rhee - in his demand for a renewal of war in Korea. Addressing Congress yesterday, the South Korean President advocated an eventual war of liberation. Which might, he admitted, become an all out atomic war.

Today Administration leaders and Congressional spokesmen expressed admiration for Syngman Rhee's determination to free all of his country from Communists, but they don't agree with him on the subject of starting a war.

Last night, President Eisenhower attended a dinner for the nation's guest at the Korean Embassy. There was an exchange of amiable remarks, but the President made no reference to that address before Congress. Instead, he noted that we have occasional differences with the South Korean government.

Today, Congressman James Patterson of Connecticut, member of the Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, declared: "Much as we sympathize with the problems of the

Republic of Korea, the free world cannot allow itself to be led into an all out atomic war at the wrong time and in the wrong places."

Democratic Senator Humphrey of Minnesota, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said he was shocked, hearing a visiting head of state issue a call for war, while addressing the U.S. Congress.

Other Senators are saying, privately, that the Communist propaganda will make use of Syngman Rhee's belligerent remarks. Use them -- in the Red campaign to picture the United States as a war monger.

SOVIET SHIPS

The Chinese on Formosa have a report that a Soviet Naval squadron is on its way to Haiman Island. They say they have the information from underground sources on the Communist mainland. Which states - that the Russian warships left the Siberian port of Vladivostok, and put in at the Chinese harbor of Tsing Tao to refuel. The squadron - consisting of a cruiser, four destroyers and two mine sweepers.

The latest being - that the vessels are steering south via the Straits of Formosa, to Hainan. To reinforce Communist naval power in that area, where the recent crisis occurred.

LONDON - PLANES

A series of denials - in Lond. Where - newspapers have been publishing headline stories about the attitude of the British government toward the United States in the crisis off the South China coast.

The London Daily News prints a dispatch -- that the London Government refused an American suggestion that Britain join the United States in a condemnation of the shooting down of that British airliner off Hainan.

The London Daily Mail prints a dispatch that American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles asked British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden to join him in a public statement.

All this is denied by the British Foreign Office and by the U.S. Embassy in London. They say the United States made no such request and Britain made no such refusal.

There's another report - that the British government was uneasy, when the American aircraft carriers were sent along to the Hainan area. U.S. carrier planes, aiding in the

rescue work. Which led to the clash - two Red fighter planes shot down.

Yesterday, President Eisenhower noted that in France, there was an opinion, that the United States' action may have been dangerous. Now in London, the rumor that the British Government thought so, too. And - asked the Americans to go easy.

That slo is denied - by a spokesman for the British Foreign Office. Who states: "Nor is it true that the British urged calm on the United States Government". The spokesman adds that the prompt action in sending rescue planes had saved lives off Hainan.

CHURCHILL

Prime Minister Churchill, today, won out in the settlement with Egypt. Parliament - giving him a vote of confidence on the decision to withdraw from the Suez Canal. The vote -- two hundred fifty-seven to twenty-six. Which means that, while a few diehard Conservatives may have opposed, the Labor Party backed that agreement with Egypt. Britain - to leave Suez.

ISRAEL

News from Israel tells of an air disaster -- when a stunting plane plunged into a crowd of two thousand. Ten persons killed - ten seriously injured. It happened at a military ceremony, attended by Premier Moshe Sharett. The plane, a light civilian aircraft, was doing acrobatics, when it stalled and crashed into the crowd.

COFFEE

Headline for housewives -- the first drop in the price of coffee in a year. Several of the largest coffee roasting companies announcing - a decline of five cents a pound. This applies to the wholesale price, and coffee dealers declared, the reduction will be passed along, immediately, to consumers.

This will be welcome news in just about every household in the country - the first reversal of the long continued rise of the price of coffee.

NIAGARA

At Niagara Falls, a new collapse is expected -- following the one, yesterday, when one hundred eighty-five thousand tons of rock tumbled into the churning cascade.

Today, new cracks were observed in the rock along the brink of the gorge. Park Superintendent Keith Hopkins describes the fissures as twelve feet long, two inches wide. It looks as they might increase, and if they do - a section of the brim of the Falls will collapse.

The threatened area is on the American side, near Prospect Point which is considered the best place from which to observe the mighty spectacle of Niagara. Today, Chief Engineer A.M. Anderson gave the opinion that, eventually -- all of Prospect Point would fall in the boiling chasm. This, however, could not occur for ten years, at least.

Well, the face of Niagara Falls is changing - with every collapse of the rock. The great cascade moving backward - through the ages. The enormous energy of water -- wearing away the brink, over which it falls.

CHESSMAN

The convict-author, Caryl Chessman, was granted a stay of execution today. California Supreme Court Justice Carter issued the delay, so that Chessman's lawyers may have time to file a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Chessman, whose book is a best seller, was scheduled to ~~exit~~ enter the lethal gas chamber tomorrow, at the California State Prison, San Quentin. So this is a "last day" stay of execution. The third "last day" reprieve that Chessman has had in six years.

Chessman, who was convicted of kidnapping, robbery and sex crime, has been in the headlines the last few days, with a story of romance. Visited in prison by Frances Couturier, twenty-eight years old, who once kept house for his father. She saw him again this morning, and left his prison cell only a few minutes before the news came -- that a stay of execution had been granted.

BRITISH BRIDES

Over in England, we have different explanations to account for some striking figures. There is an average of two hundred marriages a month, between American G.I.'s and British girls. Twenty-four hundred of these American-British marriages a year. Yet, there are only thirty-six thousand U.S. troops now stationed in Britain.

In a dozen years, nearly all would marry local girls -- if, of course, the G.I.'s remained there that long.

This high percentage of marriages is a cause for speculation among American Army officers. How come?

Today, one officer stated, "We think the American boy finds the British girl more domesticated. He doesn't have to pamper her as much as he would an American girl. He finds she can do without a refrigerator, or a vacuum cleaner, or a washing machine. Let alone -- an automobile. She doesn't seem to spend so much time in beauty parlors or so much money on cosmetics."

That's one view, but here's another -- from Major

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James Patterson, who says: "The British girls regard the American men as exceptionally good catches, and go after them."

So there you have two interpretations. One - the British girl is mild and domesticated. The other - that she's a predatory female, capturing the unwary male.

I suppose we ought to consult a British woman on the subject.

BIRTHDAY MEASURE

I learned something at a birthday party -- out here in the California big tree country. Former President Hoover's birthday will be August Tenth, with a big celebration at his birthplace, West Branch, Iowa, but everywhere we go, I happen to be on a camping trip with Mr. Hoover - everywhere people give him a birthday party.

This one was at the Corbel Champagne caves, and after members of our party had tried various types of champagne, since I had a broadcast todo, of course, I had to go easy on that. But there was much speech making, and Dr. Chauncey Leake, head of Texas University Medical, told us the following.

Do you know the origin of the nursery rhyme about Jack and Jill? I suppose I should have known, but I didn't. It had to do with English economics and politics. But let's go way back to the start of it all. Thousands of years ago the ancient Egyptians had a system of measure for volume that went like this:- Measures - it began with that

elemental measure a volume, one mouthful. Which is a tablespoonful. Two mouthfuls a handful; a jigger; two handfuls a jack. There's where jack entered the picture. Two jacks, a cupful, two cups a Jill. See! Two jills a pint, two pints a quart. Two quarts a magnum. Two magnums a gallon. Two gallons a Jeroboam. Two jeras a pail. Two pails a peck. Two pecks a bushel. Two bushels a strike. Two strikes a coomb (or a sack). Two coombs a barrel. Two barrels a hogshead. Two hogsheads are a tun. Spelled T U N - not T O N. This tun referring to the huge corbel champagne Redwood casks.

Anyhow, Ed - that's how I learned about Jack and Jill. In England in the cities, they cut corners; gypped the people by giving them less than honest measurements. Hence the rhyme, Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water. Jack fell down and broke his crown, and Jill came tumbling after --