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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles held a news conference today - at which he gave some further comment on the Geneva Conference. This following - President Eisenhower's television-radio report, last evening.. Secretary Dulles used the word - "brittle;" saying - that the Geneva talks have made American-Soviet relations "less brittle."...

The way things were, previously, - it was always possible to start a war, merely in the course of Diplomatic negotiations. Secretary Dulles thought - this danger had not, really, been very great; but it did exist. Negotiations tricky, when relations were so "brittle."...All of which goes back to some very simple human ways and habits. Two characters - in such a state of suppressed anger that, even when they talk things over, trying to settle the quarrel - they may

get into a fight. It sure helps - when they cool off enough to hold a reasonable discussion, without the danger of hostilities breaking out...

This is the reasoning behind a Dulles declaration, today, that - as a result of the Geneva Conference, the danger of war has receded. The two sides, at least, can talk things over - without a danger of coming to blows...

Secretary Dulles also discussed the forthcoming talks with Red China - beginning at Geneva, on Monday. Yesterday we heard - it would be a meeting at the level of the foreign ministers...But now the word is - that ambassadors will meet, the ambassadorial level...

Yesterday, the State Department said - the meeting next week would confine itself to the subject of American prisoners held by the Chinese Reds. Secretary Dulles, today, indicated - that the scope of

the talks with Red China will be broader. The American prisoners held by the Chinese Reds. Secretary Dulles, today, indicated - that the scope of the talks with Red China will be broader. The Americans will try to find out if there is any possibility of arranging for a cease fire in the Formosa straits...

Back in April, the Secretary of State was cool and reserved - in talking about the chances of a conference, with the Chinese Reds. He didn't think so much of it then. But now, as he points out, several things have happened... For instance the Reds did set free some American prisoners - fo r airmen, whom they had convicted of espionage. Also - they stopped a lot of their war-like gestures against the Chinese Nationalists, in the Formosa sector. Moreover, they eased up in their vicious Anti-American propoganda - taking a less hostile tone...

The result was - a change of mind on our side.

Today, Secretary Dulles revealed that - on July Eleventh, the State Department proposed negotiations, direct talks, with Red China. Which resulted quickly in arrangements - for the ambassadorial conference, next week.

CORDELL\_HULL

The stately Episcopal Cathedral, in Washington, was crowded with a distinguished throng, today. Two thousand people - including high-ranking officials of government - and diplomats representing fifty countries. Attending - the funeral of former Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Who died over the weekend - at the age of eighty-three. Cordell Hull - who was our Secretary of State, in the administrations of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

CITIZEN

An American ambassador - trying to help an American citizen in prison. Sounds like some place behind the Iron Curtain - but it's London...

William John Hurst, called a Harvard student, is being held in Brixton Prison. "Under the Alien Act," say British officials. The U.S. Embassy thinks this means - illegal entry. Anyway, Hurst called the Embassy asking for help. So an Embassy official will go to Brixton Prison, tomorrow, to see what it's all about.

## CONGRESS

President Eisenhower's road-building program - went rolling through the House of Representatives today. This - in spite of the objection by Congressman Howard Smith of Virginia.

Chairman of the Rules Committee - a Democrat in a key position, Congressman Smith urged the house - to put off the measure until next year. Saying - the law-makers could not give sufficient attention to the multi-billion-dollar program for highway construction. Congress - in a rush to adjourn for a vacation. "We're all in a state of confusion," Congressman Smith argued. But he argued in vain. Congress voting to take up the giant road-building measure at once. The vote - 274 to 128. So now they'll go ahead with it - in the rush and confusion.

## RESERVES

Congressional action has been completed on President Eisenhower's sweeping military reserve plan. Requiring - compulsory reserve training of youths. A joint committee of the House and Senate agreed on a final version of the bill - which the Senate promptly okayed.



## TALBOTT

A Senate Investigating Subcommittee is hearing testimony - from Air Force Secretary Harold Talbott. Whose business affairs are the subject of the inquiry. The Secretary of the Air Force - a partner in an engineering firm. Which - has been doing business, and seeking business, with concerns that have defense contracts...

The Subcommittee has likewise called representatives of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation. Which, of course, does a huge lot of war plane construction for the Air Force.. All this follows evidence, today, given by John A. Johnson, general counsel for the Air Force. Who told the Subcommittee that the private business firm, with which Secretary Talbott is connected - sought a contract with RCA, which does a ~~g~~ huge lot of defense work.

Johnson says - the matter was taken up with

Attorney-General Brownell - who was informed of the proposed business deal. The verdict was - that there was nothing illegal about the transaction. But Brownell advised that it be held up. So the whole thing was delayed - and, eventually, nothing came of the proposition. Delay - and then no action..

Testimony before the Subcommittee, has been that Air Force Secretary Talbott has received a hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars in profits from the firm in which he is a partner. That much - during the time since he became Secretary of the Air Force.

This afternoon, Air Secretary Talbott appeared before the Subcommittee, and said he had "a statement" to make. But he postponed making the statement - until tomorrow.

The Subcommittee recessed - after summoning aircraft makers Donald Douglas, Senior and Junior, to

appear tomorrow.

There's a report that President Eisenhower will make a statement, regarding the Talbott Affair, at his weekly news conference tomorrow.

## UPPER COLORADO

The Upper Colorado - Echo - Dinosaur Project - will go over to the next session of Congress. Today, both advocates and opponents agreeing - to try nothing further during the rush to end the present session. The highly controversial measure for water power development - in abeyance, until next year.

## BANKER

At Del Mar, California, a season of horseracing - began, today. But - without the presence of Roscoe Coon, operator of the B. and R. Stables. The horse-owner - also a banker. Vice-President and Cashier of the Joshua Monument National Bank, the only financial institution in the town of Twenty-Nine Palms. Which sounds - quite correctly - like the California desert.

Yesterday, the banker-racehorse-owner was at the Del Mar track, preparing to enter several of his thoroughbreds in the races - when he was arrested for embezzlement. A dramatic incident - at the race track.

Today, it develops - that a discovery was made at the bank, while the vice-president and cashier was attending to his business as a racehorse owner. Examiners discovered shortages of more than six hundred thousand dollars. The case - in the hands of the FBI. So that's how the arrest at the race track came about.

Sounds as if the banker didn't have much luck -  
as the operator of a racing stable.

## LAW SUIT

Another law suit against the magazine "~~Confidential~~" "Confidential." Which publishes stories of the expose-type - about prominent personalities. Especially - Hollywood characters.

Actor Robert Mitchum filed a multi-million dollar suit - charging that "Confidential" had libeled him. So did singer Sammy Davis, Jr. Another big money complaint was taken to court by tobacco heiress Doris Duke. So now - libel suit number four.

At Hollywood, today, film star Lizabeth Scott filed a claim for damages - to the tune of two million-five hundred thousand dollars. Charging - that the magazine pictured her in offensive terms.

That publication may pile up more millions in libel suits - than any magazine ever had in circulation.

AIR RACE -

A singular kind of air race is under way - from San Francisco. The rivals - a girl who works for a travel agency, and a man connected with another travel agency. Rival aviators? Not at all. They'll merely ride - rival passengers. Flying around the world - in opposite directions. Each - hoping to make better time.

Last night Andy Lerios took off on a Pan-American airline - flying West. His route of circumnavigation is by way of the Philippines, Southern Asia, the Near East, Europe, New York, San Francisco.

Today, Susan Bryan took an American Airlines plane - Eastbound. Her itinerary - much the same, but in reverse.

Well, we'll see who will make the better time - back to San Francisco. Where, on her return - Susan Bryan will preside as the queen of an air show. A



Flight-O-Rama, with echoes of Cinerama. So many things have been "rama" - this or "rama" - that - ever since that opening nite at the Broadway theater in New York, three years ago, when that giant curtain rolled back for the first time and I said:- "This is Cinerama!"

## BASEBALL

When I'm on a trip to the Pacific Coast, it comes only natural - to keep an eye on baseball affairs in the Pacific Coast League. So here's the latest - a record, set by a second baseman for playing consecutive games without an error.

Curt Roberts is a 25-year-old infielder on the Hollywood Stars. Where is is on option - from the Pittsburgh Pirates. He has played forty games, without a bobble. At second base he has made ninety-two put-outs, and a-hundred-and-one assists. The Pacific Coast League hailing this - as an error-less record at second base.

## BACHELOR

At Sydney, Australia, Mrs. Jean Fox was worried about her brother - Roy. A fine upstanding fellow - with a good job. But - unmarried. Roy a bachelor of 37. Mrs. Fox decided - she'd do something about it. And get Roy - a bride. She advertised in Sidney newspapers, giving Roy's qualifications. Including the fact - that he has an automobile. Her advertisement read, "Good husband material going to waste."

The response was - enthusiastic. Seventeen prospective brides wrote in. So all Roy had to do was - take his ~~pick~~ pick and let the wedding bells chime. Which leaves the question - which one, of the seventeen, did he select for a wife? The answer - Roy disappeared. Upon learning of the matrimonial developments, he left town. Leaving a note saying, "Don't try to find me!"

No wedding bells for Roy!

## LAS VEGAS

Here's my nominee for this year's No. 1 optimist. His name is John Casheu. News from Las Vegas - a new, super-luxury hotel has opened. Of course, they are always opening new multi-million dollar hotels there, but this is unexpected and surprising news. A hotel - without a single gambling room - not a roulette wheel, or a crap table. Not even - a slot machine!

The owner says, "We're catering to people who don't want to expose themselves, or their families, to gambling."

John Cashen operated a swank hotel at Miami, Florida. So he's no greenhorn in the business. He himself invested a million-two hundred thousand dollars in the new Aqua Hotel at Las Vegas, and expects to add a four-story extension in October. He's that confident that the novelty will pay off. A Las Vegas hotel - without the hum of the roulette wheel, the

clicking of dice, or even the rattle and crash, and occasional tinkle of one-armed bandits.

And that's how optimist John Cashen proposes

to cash in - at Las Vegas.