

L.T. - Deleo. Wed. Apr. 17 - 57.

When President Eisenhower appeared at his news conference, today - he was all set for one question, <sup>that was</sup> Sure to be asked - right off the bat. Nothing like a family argument - to liven things up a bit.

So what about the blast hurled by Presidential brother Edgar Eisenhower? Who took a highly critical view of the seventy-one billion, eight hundred million budget. Saying - he couldn't guess whatever got into Dwight. Asking - for all that money.

The Presidential comment on that was expressed in one comprehensive sentence. "Edgar," he smiled, "has been criticizing me since I was five years old."

Edgar, a banker - two years older than brother Dwight. And it's an old story - criticism you can get from an elder brother. Sometimes <sup>accomp</sup> a smack <sup>by</sup> in the nose, when you're five.

The Eisenhower family history shows that Edgar has disagreed with Dwight from boyhood on. Da before yesterday, there was an example - at the ball game. The President -

rooting and cheering for the Washington Senators. Brother Edgar,  
on the other side of the park - whooping it up for the  
Baltimore Orioles. Who, by the way - won the game.

Tonight, Brother Edgar <sup>5</sup> ~~is~~ attending a stag dinner  
given by the President at the White House. Where, possibly,  
their arguments may be resumed. About the seventy-one-billion-  
eight-hundred-million-dollar-budget - or the ball game - *or both,*

C-20

The House of Representatives, today, completed action on a bill - cutting the money for the U. S. Information Agency by twenty-six per cent. All - part of Congressional moves to trim the budget.

The House acted in spite of strong advice from the White House. President Eisenhower telling his news conference, today - that he can't over-emphasize the importance of the Information Agency, in explaining to the world the policies of the United States. But, shortly after that, the Congressmen made the cut final. Voting - one hundred and six million, instead of the one hundred and forty-four million which the President asked.

(The bill now goes to the Senate - which, however, may also ignore the President's advice. His own Republicans - not so responsive. Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, says - the Senate may restore part of the cut. But the White House will not get - the full one hundred and forty-four million.)



SUEZ

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At ten o'clock this morning, a statement was to have been issued in Washington - saying that the United States was handing the Suez Canal problem to the United Nations.

Negotiations between Washington and Cairo - not having got anywhere.

Ten A.M. however, brought an explanation that there had been a change of plans. Negotiations with Cairo - still going on. The talks - at a delicate stage, which would not be helped by proceedings at the U N.

Later on, President Eisenhower told a news conference - that some progress had been made in dealing with Egypt. Our government, said the President - "has not completely given up hope on those conversations."

All of which leads to the supposition that Egypt may have made concessions - at least minor concessions, To the western demand - for international control of Suez.



*Qnd,* President Eisenhower made a declaration, today - on the subject of Jordan. Which small <sup>semi-desert</sup> mid-Eastern country is having plenty of trouble - even threatened with dismemberment. Suppositions being - that other Arab states might partition Jordan among themselves. With Israel - stepping in to get a share.

The President stated - that the United States would help Jordan. If - attacked by Israel, ~~or~~ - by the Communists. He gave no indication that any such aggression might be imminent - merely referring to two American declarations of policy, <sup>TP</sup> which - would apply. )

First - the British-French-American agreement of Nineteen Fifty. Pledging to come to the aid of either Israel or the Arabs. If either side - was the victim of aggression by the other. This, the President indicated, would apply - if Jordan were attacked by Israel.

The other declaration - the "Eisenhower Doctrine", which was okayed by Congress earlier in the year. Providing

for American military help if necessary - should any mid-Eastern nation be the victim of Communist aggression.

(These points were set forth in today's news conference. The President - pointing out the relation between the two American declarations and the crisis in Jordan.)

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## DISARMAMENT

The United States, today, accepted - a Russian disarmament offer. A Soviet proposal - for a partial "open skies" inspection plan. Which amounts - to a fraction of President Eisenhower's original scheme for aerial inspection.

Moscow rejected that, but came back - with a proposal for a partial zone of "open skies." On both sides of the Iron Curtain - five hundred miles wide.

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The London Admiralty has ordered a warship - to protect the British against the Russians. Which, however, is not so dangerously warlike - as it may sound. The British and Russians, in question, being - herring fishermen. The warship - a mine sweeper, ordered <sup>to</sup> ~~in~~ Norwegian waters.

Last night, British herring trawlers came back to port - with loud demands for protection. Telling - how they were fishing in waters off Norway, <sup>— along with</sup> ~~where - there were~~ fifty to sixty Russian trawlers at <sup>those same</sup> ~~the~~ fishing grounds. The Russians - wrecking the nets of the British. Throwing their own nets - on top of British nets. Or - just hauling along and fouling fishing gear all over the place. The British - losing a hundred nets.

So now - a vessel of the Royal Navy will escort the trawlers, to give protection.

FRANCE

France - having a nationwide strike of transport workers. Three-hundred-and-sixty-five thousand - in a forty-eight hour walkout, demanding higher pay. Railroads, buses and subways - tied up for two days. Tens of thousands of Parisians getting to work, today, by passenger car, truck, motorscooter, bicycle, or on foot.

KOREA

Over in Korea, today, the death sentence was pronounced by a court martial - a military tribunal consisting entirely of Generals. Dooming - a Lieutenant General, *and* Sentencing four other high ranking military officers - to terms in prison.

Lieutenant General Kang Moon Bong - convicted of masterminding the assassination of Lieutenant General Kim Chang Wong, the Counter-Intelligence Chief of the South Korean Army. The murder - plotted by a clique of Army officers, *who* are said to have been jealous of Lieutenant General Kim Chang Wong - because of his great influence with President Syngman Rhee.



## TROTSKY

The widow of Trotsky - is in the United States.

Having entered from Mexico - where she has lived since the assassination of her husband some years ago. Trotsky - Lenin's partner in the Bolshevik revolution, the foundation of Soviet Russia. Believed to have been murdered - on orders from his bitter enemy, Stalin.

Mrs. Natalia Trotsky - in this country, temporarily, to testify before the Congressional Committee on un-American activities. To be questioned - next week. Probably - on what she knows about Communist activities in the United States.

TEAMSTERS

President George Meany of the AFL-CIO says -  
there will be no "negotiation or bargaining" with the Teamsters  
Union. In the forthcoming trials of the Union and its President  
Dave Beck - on charges of corruption.

Yesterday, meeting in Galveston, Texas, the  
Executive board of the Teamsters voted - a boycott of the  
A F L - C I O hearing. Unless Beck and the Union are assured  
"fair procedures". But that's brushed aside, the trials to be  
held.

RACKETS

The Senate Rackets Investigating Committee - had a vivacious witness, today. Helen Canfield, a slender brunette. Good looking - and full of lively conversation. Who told- of union violence against non-union places at Scranton, Pennsyvalania.

Miss Canfield - a <sup>member</sup>~~member~~ of the Teamsters Union. Her profession - ~~that of~~ an egg candler. Testing - the age and quality of eggs. Just how that makes her a teamster, wasn't clear - but the subject of eggs provided a laugh.

In her chatty testimony, she told - how a stink bomb was thrown into a pizza factory. Which made her laugh. The stink bomb - and the pizza pies.

"I thought," she giggled, "it was very amusing. I have smelled rotten eggs - that's just what it ~~smelled~~ smelled like."

Well, the lady ~~sm~~ should know - being an egg candler. Testing the age and quality of ~~egg~~ eggs.



WRECK

A sea-going oil drill - capsized near the mouth of the Mississippi River, today. Six of the crew - rescued. Ten men trapped under the hull, which is floating upside down.

The rig, with a derrick one hundred feet high, was being towed - in stormy weather, when a ~~as~~ high wind swung the derrick so far to one side that the barge turned over, suddenly.

The Coast Guard says - there's a lot of air in the heavy barge, keeping it afloat. Giving cause for hope - for the crew members trapped under it.

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BARONET

*Camp*

News - about the Baronet of New York. Which might sound like a gag in a musical comedy.- but is, actually, something for Burke's peerage. In London, Major John Paley Johnson succeeds to the title - Baronet of New York.

Which goes back to the days before the American Revolution - when General William Johnson won victories against the French in the colony of New York. Battles - at Niagara and Crown Point. In recognition of which - he was made a Baronet.

One of the last of the titles created by British Royalty - in the thirteen colonies, just before the Revolution.

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Here's a news item - to suggest a philosophic thought. If honest men were as alert and resourceful as crooks, there'd be no doubt - about honesty being the best policy.

Down in North Carolina - a con-man trying to collect money from local farmers. To pay - for a resumption of rural mail delivery on Saturdays.

The curtailment of postal service began on Saturday - and has ended now. But - fast work by a swindler picking farmers as the victims. Reminding us how George Ade wrote a classic story called, "once a farmer, always a sucker."

However, it isn't clear how far the North Carolina con-man got. At Clinton, North Carolina, farmer P. H. Rose tells how the city <sup>S</sup>licker asked him for fifty dollars - "To keep the post office running on Saturday." But it didn't work.

"I told him," says farmer Rose, "that I didn't have fifty dollars to give him - and, besides, I thought I'd paid enough taxes to take care of the mail service.

Once a farmer - sometimes a wise man!



Today, Charles Van Doren answered another question. He was asked, "Do you take this woman for your wedded wife?" and answered, "Yes." I'll leave you husbands to decide - if that was the correct answer.

The wedding grows out of those famous appearances of the fountain of knowledge on the quiz program. During which time - he got a lot of fan mail. Which needed answering - so Van Doren hired a young woman secretary, *with the poetic name of* Geraldine, ~~Ann~~

~~Bernstein~~

She wrote replies to the letters, many of which were from women. Who suggested - that they'd make the right kind of wife for the eligible bachelor. So Geraldine Ann was inspired - with the same idea, apparently. She, as the secretary - being in a better position to make it come true.

Anyway, the walking encyclopedia and the girl made a quiet trip down to St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands - where, today, they got married. *It Young Chas. Van Doren, as we know,* ~~he~~ has a lot of knowledge - but now, getting married,

he'll learn ~~a few~~ things he never knew before! Eh, Henry?

END

ANNOUNCER: - And now Lowell Thomas recalls...

L.T.: We will all recall an invitation extended a year ago today - an invitation that was accepted. A year ago, President Eisenhower made his first address - campaigning for re-election. In this, he issued an invitation to Democrats - to vote for him in the November election. We know now that when the November vote was counted - the Democrats had a nationwide majority in the Congressional contests. And, G.O.P. President Eisenhower was voted in - with a majority of nearly ten million. So a lot of Democrats - accepted that invitation.

And so long until tomorrow.