

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Eisenhower calls on the American people - to back his budget. This, a counter-attack against those who criticize it as "unrealistic." The President taking it now to the court of public opinion.

At today's White House meeting of GOP leaders, Mr. Eisenhower told his guests that all of us must be convinced of the need for a balanced budget. Which he believes we can have - if Congress okays his figure of seventy-seven billion.

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Before the White House meeting got under way this morning, an old question arose:- "Where's Elmer?" But this time it was Congressman Elmer Hoffman. President Eisenhower missing one of his guests. So, they began without him. The Illinois statesman arriving ten minutes late. Said he couldn't find a taxi. And Washington usually with a surplus of cabs.

Anyway, when Congressman Elmer finally found one, then the cab was held up by nine consecutive red lights. As the Congressman put it:- "After the third one, I started counting 'em. Nine!"

Even then he did better than Congressman Robert Barry of New York - who forgot the White House breakfast - and never did arrive!

## RUSSIA

All day long, there <sup>has</sup> been a stream of somewhat boastful talk - coming out of Moscow. Marshal Malinovsky, Soviet Defense Minister, speaking about Russian rockets, claiming they can hit - any target on earth. Also - better than anything the West has.

Next, atomic scientist Ivan Kurchatov announced that Russia has a whole arsenal of - nuclear weapons, including hydrogen bombs smaller and more reliable - than America's. These to be used as rocket-warheads - in case of a shooting war.

How much truth is there - in all this? Experts in Washington say we don't know. But General Twining points out that our own rocket program is moving ahead, and Defense Secretary McElroy calls the Malinovsky pronouncement - boastful.



## MISSILE

Meanwhile more news from Cape Canaveral. Where an Air Force "Titan" - didn't even get off its launching pad. The intercontinental ballistic missile produced a cloud of gray smoke, whereupon the missile engine cut off automatically.

But the scientists at Cape Canaveral are confident that the "Titan" will fly, as soon as they get a few more bugs out of it. When? Soon, they say.



## SOLDIERS

The five American soldiers who drove their trucks a hundred miles - from West Berlin, where they were stopped near the border - by Soviet guards, are still there - at the border. The G. I's, refusing - to let their convoy be searched, are now being held - at the check point. From West Germany, they can be seen - huddled in their trucks, to keep warm. They're said to be in good spirits, and say they have enough food - for several days.

## CONFESSION

The Congress of the Soviet Communist Party - isn't satisfied with the confession of a former Deputy Premier. Pervukhin, going through the motions - in typical Communist style; beating his breast, confessing everything, telling the Congress, how he committed an appalling crime - by siding against Khrushchev, during that fairly recent struggle for power in the Kremlin. He told how he joined the "anti-Party group", along with Molotov, Malinkov and Kagonovich. Then Perukhin, apologized to his comrades and promised, in his words, "to atone for my guilt."

Whereupon some of his comrades - promptly denounced his confession. Charging, the former Deputy Premier with covering up, trying to hide - his anti-Khrushchev crimes. Then demanding that he be punished as a traitor.

CUBA

Fidel Castro announced his plan today<sup>with</sup> Four main points:- elections as soon as possible; public works projects; a stronger merchant marine; and, Havana's gambling casinos, to be reopened.

Castro told his news conference that he expects ~~this~~ program to be achieved in two years. And - "within five years there will be a new Cuba."

He also promises the Cuban people that there will be no unemployment.



## VENEZUELA

A Caracas newspaper says - the Dominican Republic is about to break diplomatic relations with Venezuela. The reason - Venezuelan criticism of Dominican dictator Trujillo. All this involves fourteen Dominicans who were given diplomatic asylum - in the Venezuelan Embassy, in Ciudad, Trujillo.

DULLES

Our rugged Secretary of State off on another trip.

At the Washington airport Mr. Dulles told newsmen that Germany will be the main subject at the Paris talks. He says he is not carrying any specific plan for Berlin, but hopes to discuss the whole German situation - with our Allies, and work out some new approach - some new way to deal with the Russians.

## GATES

The new Secretary of the Navy will be - William Francke, who has been serving as Under-Secretary. President Eisenhower today named Francke - to succeed able and well liked Tom Gates - who steps out after six years in the Navy Department. Two - as Secretary of the Navy.



## LITTLE ROCK

The public schools of Little Rock will not be allowed to reopen temporarily - on a segregated basis. So ruled by Federal Judge, John Miller.

The Little Rock School Board requested - that both white and negro pupils be put back in their original classes. The Board, asking for - a little more time. Pointing out - that all the students are being hurt.

Judge Miller <sup>replied that</sup> ~~under~~ under existing court orders, he cannot approve <sup>that</sup> the request. Little Rock ~~public~~ public schools <sup>must</sup> to be integrated, if they open at all.

## BASKET BALL

An issue on the floor of the Senate today - basket ball. Senator Homer Capehart, of Indiana - referring to the team we sent to that international tournament in Chile. The team, losing to Brazil - and Russia. *overwhelmed by*

The Indiana Republican wants to know - why America wasn't more strongly represented. He calls our method of choosing players - "haphazard." Charging, this country was "humiliated" *by the way* ~~then~~ the Russians won. Senator Capehart, demanding that the best players be chosen - before we send another basket ball team abroad.

## WAGES

Wages in the steel industry - still ahead of the cost of living. So reported by the Iron and Steel Institute. The figures, showing - the consumer price index has doubled since Nineteen Forty. Steel workers' wages - three times what they were.



## KIDNAPPING

In Catanzara, Italy, Domenico Sano is in jail tonight. The girl he kidnapped - back with her parents. The point of the story - the young lady in question was about to become his sister-in-law.

Domenico<sup>is</sup> supposed to be in love with - Clara Martini. The wedding - set for today. Domenico, deciding at the last moment - he preferred Clara's sister, Anita. He offered to drive Anita to the church - but sped off as soon as she entered his car.

So there was the situation! - Clara - waiting at the altar for Domenico. The bride's parents, expecting Anita to join them at the church. The parish priest - ready to tie the knot.

But Domenico and Anita - never showed up. The police, starting a search - finally catching up with Domenico's car. He says he drove around the streets Catanzara - trying to figure out how he could marry Anita instead of Clara. Anita - objecting. Clara - waiting. Domenico, racing around corners and through

stop-lights - until the gendarmes ran him into a ditch.

And now where is this mixed-up Lochinvar - Domenico of Catanzara? Why, Don - he's in the Catanzara callaboose.