

DISABILITY

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We do not need a constitutional amendment to settle the problem of presidential disability. So rules the House Judiciary committee in answer to President Eisenhower's suggestion that there be such an amendment. The House committee is backing a democratic proposal - for a special disability bill, so that Congress alone would make the decision. A constitutional amendment would have to get passed on Capital Hill - and then be ratified by thirty six states.

The Democratic bill would set up an eight member commission - including the Vice President, the Secretary of State, the President of the Senate at the time, the Speaker of the House, and majority and minority leaders from both Senate and House. The commission to make the final decision - on whether a President is incapacitated - that the Vice President ought to take over.

BENEFITS

The Democrats in Congress, getting the jump on President Eisenhower - with a plan to aid the unemployed. A bill, sponsored in the House by McCormack of Massachusetts and Mills of Arkansas. By this bill, sixteen weeks of unemployment benefits, would be added to the usual twenty weeks. Cost - eight hundred million dollars.

President Eisenhower is due to submit his own plan tomorrow. It's believed he'll suggest thirteen additional weeks of relief payments - three less than the Democrats are calling for.

WATER

Our western states will have plenty of water for irrigation next summer. So says Secretary of the Interior, Fred Seaton, who points out that rain has been heavy in California and the Pacific Northwest. Reservoirs full - ready to be tapped when farmers need water. Western rivers at a high level - especially the Colorado, with its vast storage lake behind Hoover Dam. So Interior Secretary Seaton feels sure - there will be no crisis in the seventeen states that depend on irrigation.

STRIKE

The strike just ending in the garment industry - may ^{not help} ~~push~~ the recession. Because wage increases will be passed on to the consumer - which might cause consumer resistance to the market. ~~The~~ union President, ~~David~~ Dubinsky, says his union will try to prevent this - by spending a million dollars a year. But economists are afraid, this won't be of much use - if ~~the~~ customers remain dissatisfied.

Anyway, the six-day strike is over. A hundred thousand workers - going back to their jobs. They didn't get ~~as~~ everything they wanted - in their bargaining with management. But in Dubinsky's words, 'we got more than we ever got - in the history of our union.'

MACMILLAN

In the London House of Commons - reference to a summit conference to arrange a summit conference. Back benchers, challenging Prime Minister MacMillan - to hold a preliminary meeting with Khrushchev and Eisenhower. This, to draw up that controversial agenda - for the real get-together. An interesting idea - a summit conference to prepare a summit conference.

What does the Prime Minister think of it?

He said in reply - he doesn't reject the proposal.

But he still believes the proper way to work ~~it~~ out an agenda - would be through a meeting of Foreign Ministers.

SEATO

In Manila, at the Seato session the Asian members, are asking for more money, and quickly. Afraid they'll fall into the chaos that leads to Communism.

Secretary of State Dulles mentioned the fact that we have already given six hundred million dollars to the nations of the area. But he went on to say that we intend to contribute a lot more, and are especially interested in raising the level of their scientific knowledge. So, we will set up a school for technicians in Thailand, and so on.

INDONESIA

Tonight the situation in Indonesia - is confused. Reports of many more government landings on the islands near Sumatra. Sukarno, claiming quick victory everywhere. The rebels, replying that they're just getting fix set for the showdown.

Apparently a ~~big~~ battle is shaping up - at Pakanburu, ~~where~~ where Cal-Tex has its big oil installations. The rebels describe themselves as digging in at Pakanburu - waiting to throw back the Nationalist invaders. The rebels, scoffing at reports that they're about to surrender.

Meanwhile, westerners are running for cover - getting out of the area - out of Sumatra, ~~where~~ ^{if} they can. Fifty Americans ~~have already~~ ^{ing at} arrived in Singapore - telling newsmen, ^{that} more ~~will be~~ ^{are} coming. They feel ^{that} Sumatra will be ~~in~~ ^{an island of} chaos for a long time, ~~to come~~.

CUBA

The chances for a quick peace in Cuba, vanished today - with the arrival of Fidel Castro's reply to the commission set up by the Catholic Bishops. Castro refusing to have anything to do with Batista. The rebel leader, saying he has been struggling for six years - and intends to go on, until the dictator is overthrown. Castro, concluding his reply with the words, "no self respecting Cuban - can sit down with Batista."

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BOMB

Don't be alarmed, folks, by this next bit of news. But, an atomic bomb fell -- on South Carolina, tonight. Dropped from a war plane -- high in the sky. But -- an American plane, an American atomic bomb. Which got loose by accident when something went wrong with the locking system in the plane. The nuclear weapon hit a farm house near the town of Florence, South Carolina. Six people injured. There was an explosion -- but not atomic. The bomb carried some sort of explosive, which detonated, blowing a hole in the ground next to the farm house, a hole thirty-five feet deep, seventy-five feet across. Quite a blast, even if not atomic.

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GUARD

The House Armed Services Committee votes against - a slash in the National Guard and the Reserves. The vote - unanimous. Turning down a Defense Department proposal - for a reduction of ten percent.

The National Guard now has four hundred thousand men. The Army Reserves, three hundred thousand. The proposal to lower the figures - due to a shortage of funds. But today, the Committee votes to keep the present enlistment - and to appropriate eighty seven million dollars to pay for these forces. The money to go into salaries - also into modernizing arms^s and equipment. Also →

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→ ~~and~~ the committee put its okay - on a plan to spend four million dollars for the Winter Olympics of Nineteen Sixty. These Olympics, ^{Games,} set for Squaw Valley, California. The Defense Department, to ~~be allowed to~~ help build a sports arena - at a cost of three-and-a-half million. The other half million - to pay for Army and Navy personnel on duty at the Olympics. The money, to be added to eight million already appropriated by California. The purpose, to give a proper reception to one thousand athletes ^{as} who will be coming from abroad, - ~~the best in the world at skating, skiing, bobsledding, and so on.~~

AUSTRIA

Austria is annoyed with Hollywood. The

Vienna government announcing plans - to prohibit many of our films. In an attempt to cut down juvenile delinquency among Austrian teen-agers. Sociologists in Vienna say the number of youngsters who turn up in court - has tripled since World War Two. The experts, blaming it on what they call, "the bad influence of thrillers, westerns, films on crime" and what they term "other trashy movies." The villain - Hollywood.

Austria will first try a system of self-censorship by the movie industry. If that doesn't work - the Vienna government threatens heavy censorship.

INFERNO

Just about the most thrilling race in the world has been run only once. A ski race called The Inferno, from the summit of Mt. Washington, highest mountain in New England, the only mountain in eastern America Alpine in character. I believe more lives have been lost on Mt. Washington than on any other peak in the western hemisphere.

The Inferno, in modified form has been run, several times from the summit to the floor of Tuckerman Ravine. In Nineteen Thirty-five, it was won by a daring young Bostonian named, Alex Bright.

On several other occasions they ran the race down an old fire trail. But, Joe Dodge of Pinkham Notch, the man who knows the mountain better than any one says the full Inferno was only run once, in Nineteen Thirty-Nine. Won by Toni Matt. The distance three-and-a-half miles. His time six-minutes-twenty-nine-and-two tenths seconds. The remarkable part about it was that he cut the previous

record for running the mountain from top to bottom,
in half.

When The race starts, at the Summit House, ^{the} ~~which~~
mountain
at this season of the year is coated with ice, and
swept by winds up to more than two hundred miles an
hour; ^{Then} down the cone, and ~~then~~ over an almost sheer
precipice called the Tuckerman Headwall, a thousand
foot nearly vertical drop. Toni Matt was the first
to take this precipice straight. Then ~~you run~~ through
Tuckerman Ravine and on down the Sherbourne Trail to
Pinkham Notch.

A committee is now working on a plan for
the running of the Inferno ^{this year?} ~~again~~. The date ~~they hope~~
~~to have the race~~, Saturday, March twenty ninth or
Sunday the thirtieth. The unofficial committee ~~that~~
~~is~~ working on this ~~is~~ made up of Joe Dodge, Herbert
Schneider, Mrs. Carroll Reed, Walter McGuire, and
Herman Ostermeyer. The whole thing ^{to} ~~will~~ be formalized
at a meeting tomorrow, and then the date fixed.

Conditions are not usually right for running

this race. But this year, the whole Eastern Slope region is buried deep in snow. As for Mt. Washington, Joe Dodge tells me that right now, at the foot of the Tuckerman Headwall, the snow is seventy-five feet deep. Deeper than usual because more ^{than usual} snow has been avalanching down from the top of the mountain into Tuckerman Ravine. So much snow that the Little headwall for the first time in many many years is so buried with snow that it is like a gentle ramp.

Millions of skiers have heard of this, the original race to be called the Inferno. They will all be interested in hearing that it looks like it will be run ~~approximately~~ two weeks from now, unless a storm interferes.

TAILOR

(Here's the story of a man who finds it easier to get into the Kremlin - than into Number Ten Downing Street.) Angelo Litrico, the Italian tailor who numbers Khrushchev among his clients.

A month or so ago, Litrico journeyed to Moscow to show the Soviet party-boss an overcoat. Today Litrico remarked, "Khrushchev invited me to the Kremlin, slapped me on the back, and handed me a glass of vodka."

And then Khrushchev said he liked the overcoat so much - he wanted three suits by the same tailor. Which tailor Litrico promptly made - and shipped to Moscow from Rome. Then the tailor thought - of trying his luck in London. Figuring, that Prime Minister MacMillan could use something new - in the way of clothes. MacMillan who doesn't worry about how he's dressed - and has been called "Mac the sack."

So to London came Angelo Litrico - bringing a fancy striped waistcoat trimmed in gold. This, just the thing to spruce up the British Prime Minister.

Ah, but in ~~stead of~~ London, they do things

a bit differently. The tailor from Rome - rebuffed at the door of Number Ten Downing Street. He never even got to see Prime Minister MacMillan. So in London, Angelo Litrico says ~~am~~ sadly, "it's easier to get into the Kremlin - than into Number Ten Downing street."

So he's going
~~He's getting ready to go~~ back to Rome - carrying that fancy waistcoat. Maybe he ~~ought to try it on~~ *ll send it to* Khrushchev.

PRISONERS

Five prisoners in a Navy brig, outsmarted the Navy and the Marines and then were foiled by a mere civilian. The five swabbing the decks of the battleship Wisconsin - just put into moth balls at Bayonne, New Jersey. On guard, a squad of Marines.

Suddenly, one prisoner stepped up behind a Marine - and poked a finger into his back, as if it were a gun. Then he seized the Marine's pistol. The other four ~~to~~ joining him, forcing the rest of the guards to give up their pistols.

The five prisoners, sprinted across the Wisconsin - driving a bosun along as a hostage. Forcing a truck driver to drive them through the Bayonne Navy Yard. They found a security watch at the main gate - so they drove to another. This one was locked - with a Marine on guard. They threatened to ~~kill~~ kill the bosun if the guard made one false move. Then, they climbed an eight foot fence, topped by barbed wire.

So they were safely outside the Navy Yard. They stopped a car driven by Robert Mullock of East

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Orange, New Jersey. Ordering him to get out- then ordering him to get back in with them. Instead he ignored their guns - running to a service station giving the alarm. The five prisoners, careening through Bayonne - until they ran into a police road block. Tonight they're back in the brig ~~in~~ of the Bayonne Navy Yard - beaten by a civilian, after getting the best of the Marines and the Navy.

ESKIMO - Bear

The eskimo of Point Barrow, Alaska, report - a giant polar bear, roaming the ice shelf along the coast of the Arctic sea. The bear, so huge - the first eskimo who saw it and told about it was laughed at, by other eskimo. Kalayauk, a seal hunter - spotted the animal last month. He says he lay flat on the ice - and watched the monster for about five minutes. From a distance of several hundred feet. He estimated its length - at thirty feet. The head ~~is~~ alone, about five feet long. A polar bear, much larger than any the eskimo of Point Barrow had ~~is~~ ever seen.

At Point Barrow they ~~xxxxxx~~ all laughed and wouldn't believe it until two other seal hunters came in with the same story. Saying they saw this giant bear emerge from the sea. They watched it for some minutes, and give the same estimate - thirty feet long! So now the ~~xxxx~~ eskimo of Point Barrow agree that there is a giant polar bear living along the shore of the Arctic sea. And now ^{for the Eskimo} ~~they~~ are organizing a hunting party, to go after the ^{at} thirty foot bear.

BULLFIGHTER

In Seville, Spain an American bullfighter got out of jail today. Sydney Franklin, released after serving nine months. He was sentenced for violating ^{certain} ~~the~~ Spanish customs.

Franklin, the only American ever to gain the rank of matador of the Spanish bull rings, ~~he~~ says he had a good rest ~~while he was~~ in jail, And now ^{is} ~~he is~~ ready to go back to bull fighting. ^{and that} ~~adding~~ he'll be very careful ^{not to offend the Spaniards} ~~about the Spanish customs~~, from now on.