

EISENHOWER L.T.-Older. Thurs, Dec. 10 59,

President Eisenhower, today, gave his major address. The most important speech - in his eleven nation tour, thus far. Which was natural enough - considering the fact that ~~was~~ he was talking to the Parliament of India. The vast sub-continent of Hindustan - so vital in the affairs of Asia.

The President set forth two main points. One - a call for controlled universal disarmament. With a warning that atomic war might bring annihilation to all concerned. His other point - a pledge that the United States is ready to defend its friends against the aggressions of Communism. He didn't ~~even~~ mention Communism outright, but it was clear what he meant. All the more cogent in India - which has been enduring aggressions from Red China.

The reception he got from the Parliament of India - a continuation of the public ovations. Applauded - time and again, as he spoke.

Before that, President Eisenhower performed a ceremony - at the tomb where the ashes of Gandhi lie. On the banks of the Ganges - a monument to the sage, regarded as the creator of Indian independence. The President placed a wreath of flowers - and planted a tree. A sapling - from California.

Other dignitaries have planted trees there - like British Prime Minister MacMillan, and former Soviet Premier Bulganin, before he was ousted by Khrushchev, - when he was a member of the partnership of B and K.

A grove of trees - growing, as a memento to Gandhi.

HERTER

Secretary of State Christian Herter - making an effort, which will draw an all-American cheer. Trying to get our allies - to bear a larger part of the burden in financing Nato. The Secretary - to bring that up at a nato meeting, ~~when~~ which opens in Paris on Tuesday. He says - the United States will honor its commitments, ~~but~~, the free countries of western Europe are flourishing, ~~they~~^{are} in good economic shape. ~~So~~ why shouldn't they pay more than they do - in supporting Nato?

ICELAND

All U S Army troops - to be withdrawn from Iceland.
Twelve hundred - brought home. However, four thousand Navy
and Air Force men will remain -- on that northern island.

The Defense Department says - the taking out of the
Army force has nothing to do with recent friction, ~~Trouble~~ -
between American soldiers and the people of Iceland. The
withdrawal called "normal redeployment."

PRISONER

The Cuban police have recaptured - Austin Young.

The American who escaped from ^{prison} ~~prison~~ at Pinar Del Rio, yesterday. After being sentenced to a prison term of thirty years - convicted of having joined anti-Castro insurgents. Young found in Havana.

Together with a Cuban prisoner, he made a daring jail-break, but seems to have been - a bit ~~naive~~ naive, afterward. He was caught, after a Cuban taxi driver informed the authorities - that, at Pinar Del Rio, an American and a Cuban had engaged him to drive them to Havana. That brought about a quick search by the Havana police, and they found Young registered at a hotel - under an assumed name. His Cuban fellow-fugitive -- still missing.

FIJI

Disturbances - out in the Fiji Islands. Where a strike has taken a turn of - anti-white. New Zealand authorities - calling in troops to reinforce out-numbered police.

The rioters - local Fiji Islanders, ~~Plus~~ - Indians.

There being many immigrants from India - ~~in~~ there in the South Seas. Both elements - uniting in attacking property. Crowds shouting: Down with ^{the} whites!
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STEEL

The government has halted its ~~own~~ efforts - to settle the steel strike. Mediator Finnegan, today, stating - "no progress of substance has been made." So he suspended the talks.

Meanwhile, the union calls for company by company bargaining. Instead of negotiating - with the industry as a whole. The steel workers would like to try for separate settlements - with ninety-five steel producing firms. Hitherto, they've been ~~in~~ dealing with a negotiating team representing the eleven largest companies.

DRUGS

At the Senate investigation of the high price of medicines, the charge was made - that the Merck Company has departed from its old slogan. Its founder - having proclaimed a ~~pi~~ policy in these words: "Medicine is for the people - and not profits."

Today committee chairman Senator Kefauver of Tennessee - said to John Connor, President of the drug manufacturing firm: ~~"Franklin"~~ "Frankly, I don't think you're following - Mr. Merck's policy." *Which Connor vigorously denied.*

~~This followed a statement - that the Veterans Administration paid one hundred and thirty six thousand dollars for "wonder drug" pills. Which, under competitive bidding could have been had for about thirty-eight thousand.~~

~~Then, later, the inquiry got around to the subject of - "detail men." Who are employed by the companies - to contact doctors. Promoting - company manufactured medicines.~~

CHICKENS

A few weeks ago - cranberries. Now - chickens.

The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare - announcing a plan to stop the sale of ~~the~~ chickens, which have been treated with a synthetic sex hormone. ^{Arthur} Dr. Flemming says the hormone, ~~is~~ the purpose of which is to ~~make~~ fatten the birds has caused cancer in experimental animals.

But only a small percentage of chickens are affected, and his department has ~~ask~~ asked the poultry industry and food retailers to discontinue sales. Which they can do - because it's easy to detect chickens that have been ~~used~~ treated with the hormone. All withdrawn from sale - ^{but, to} be purchased by the Agriculture Department. Also - the sale of the hormone is being suspended.

Secretary Flemming says the plan ^{now} enables the housewife to buy chickens, without any risk whatever.

COMMUNISTS

I wonder what's happening - to the American Communists? Are they becoming weak-kneed, conservative, timid? Where is that old revolutionary ardor?

The American Reds are holding a party convention - in New York. Delegates assembled - in a Harlem Hotel.

Today, the Red keynote speaker, Gus Hall, met with reporters, and said: "We are not for a Soviet America." Adding - that the Communists only want social reform.

"Soviet America" used to be the revolutionary slogan. So, are the Reds, now, slipping? Becoming little more than Democrats - or ~~even~~ Republicans? Or are they talking mild as deception - trying to fool people?

However, Communist leader Gus Hall went on ~~to~~ to compare Khrushchev and Eisenhower. You might have expected him to say - Communist angel and capitalist Demon. But he called Nikita and Ike - "equal symbols of peace."

Which certainly sounds tame and mild. Or are the American comrades - following the Khrushchev party line?

FIGHT

The first indictment - in the scandal connected with the boxing bout for the heavyweight championship, in which - Swedish Ingemar Johansson won the title from American Floyd Patterson. Lawyer Vincent Velella - arrested on two counts of perjury.

The business aspects of the championship fight were all mixed up in peculiar deals. Promoter Bill Rosensohn - having got ^{ted} money from Velella, and there was talk - that underworld money was involved. Velella, later, taking over a contract that Rosensohn had, for the promotion - of a second Johansson - Patterson bout.

The complexities of all this were investigated by the New York Boxing Commission ~~and~~ and a Grand Jury. Velella - testifying, ^{— so says} falsely - ~~saying~~ today's indictment.

And now [^] Bill Gilliam, setting in for Dick Noel!

DRIVER

In Indiana, ~~the~~ the question is raised - will John Scott retain a five hundred dollar scholarship, which he won - as the Indiana champion teen-age driver? The seventeen year old winning the honors - in a contest held by the Indiana Junior Chamber of Commerce, for - safe, sound and sensible driving. Conservative - cautious.

But ~~the~~ why the question - of his retaining the prize? Well, Johnny was arrested on the charge - of driving one hundred miles per hour. Not - so cautious! Hitting it up at a hundred.