

EISENHOWER - TAFT [T.P.G.] *News*. May 28-'53.

President Eisenhower split with Senator Taft, today - on Korean policy. His answer to the Senator is - no.

Tuesday night Taft issued a declaration that the United Nations, as it is now constituted, could never prevent aggression. And Taft added: "We might as well abandon any idea of working with the United Nations in the East, and reserve to ourselves a completely free hand."

That's what draws the presidential - no.

The matter came up at the White House news conference today, and Dwight Eisenhower declared: "We have to have friends. Those friends have got to be tied to you in some form or another. We have to have that unity of basic purposes, ^{which} ~~that~~ comes from a recognition of common interests."

He agrees that there are, what he called, "irritations" and "frustrations" in trying to work with other countries. ^{He} But said: "No single free nation can live alone."

This is the first ^{apparent} open Eisenhower-Taft disagreement

since the President entered the White House - though, in their nomination battle at the Chicago Convention, the chief disagreement ^{then} between them was on foreign policy. Since the inauguration, Senator Taft has backed the President all along the line in Congress. Now, the foreign policy issue comes up again. But President Eisenhower ^{added} ~~did say~~ today ^{that} he did not believe ~~that~~ Senator Taft really meant to propose that we should break withour ^{over} allies ~~in~~ the Korean question.

The South Koreans, today, renewed their complaints - and asked that their protests be sent along to President Eisenhower. ~~We have a denial that the President has made an appeal to Syngman Rhee, urging him to accept the latest Allied proposal to the Reds. Word in Korea is, that the President will do just that - although he hasn't as yet.~~

Two South Korean delegations called on Lieutenant General Harrison, our chief negotiator, and stated that the U.N. Compromise was absolutely - unacceptable. "The United Nations has surrendered to the Communists," the leader of one delegation told the General.

The report continues - that the compromise would assign ~~five hundred~~⁵⁰ thousand Indian soldiers to guard prisoners-of-war who refuse to return to the Reds. The other countries on the Commission, Sweden, Switzerland, Poland and Czechoslovakia - to send ^{only} fifty soldiers each. Poland and Czechoslovakia being Communist - that would mean one hundred Reds.

The South Koreans don't want any Communists - and, what is more serious, they object to the Indians. They charge that India would side with ^{the Reds} ~~Communists~~ in deciding questions about captives. One South Korean leader today told General Harrison: "We think the Hindus are Communists."

(This South Korean ^{rejection} ~~reaction~~ threatens to mix things up no end. Unless they ^a ~~are~~ brought around to the U.N. view, the South Koreans might possibly wreck those armistice negotiations.)

Substitute KOREA - WAR

The Reds have launched ~~an~~ an offensive on the central front in Korea - following mass attacks further East, on the road to Seoul. The latest tells of twelve thousand Chinese Communists in an attack that captured five positions from the South Koreans. ~~which~~ following ~~follows~~ the Red capture of one strong point not far from the Truce Tents of Panmunjon.

It isn't clear just what this new Communist offensive may mean. The assaults are described as "full scale." ~~and~~ one supposition is that the enemy may be trying to take advantage of the dissention among the allies - ~~that~~ *such as the* South Korean opposition to the truce compromise.

BRITISH SHIPS

The State Department gives the Senate the names of two British-owned ships that hauled Chinese Red soldiers, after China entered the Korean War. This had been stated previously at a hearing of a Senate sub-committee, which asked the State Department about it. So now the reply - which identifies the two British-owned vessels. ^P One, S.S. "Perico," which was owned by Wallen ^f and Company of Hong Kong. (The "Perico", says the State Department, made a voyage from a Yellow Sea port to the Pearl Harbor estuary, carrying Chinese Communist troops, in July, Nineteen Fifty-One.) The other ship - the "Miramar," then owned by Wheelock, Marden and Company of Hong Kong. (The "Miramar", says the State Department, carried Red soldiers to Shanghai in Nineteen Fifty-Two. The vessel - now in control of the Chinese ships Communists. Both ~~XXXXXXXX~~ were under the Panamanian flag.)

This information brought an immediate reply from the British Ambassador in Washington, Sir Roger Makins, who He retorts that, when they carried the Communist soldiers, the

two vessels were not flying the British flag, and were not subject to British law. He says: "These two ships appear to have been under the effective control of the Chinese Communists."

SOVIET - GERMANY

The Soviets made a move in Germany today - which is being studied in all the capitals of the West. Military control in the Eastern Zone is replaced by - civilian control. Hitherto, things have been run by General Chuikov, commander of Russian occupation troops. He is ~~now~~ replaced by a civilian "Supreme Commissar," Vladimir Semenov, who now exercises Moscow control over the East German government. General Chuikov retains command of the Russian forces, which still occupy Communist Germany.

Actually, this is, for the most part, an equivalent of what the Western powers did in Western Germany four years ago. At that time, a civilian High Commissioner replaced the Allied military control. That was followed by the negotiation of a peace contract with the West German government. ~~xxxxxx~~ So now, there's an immediate supposition that the Soviets may do the same. That is, conclude a separate peace agreement with the Communist government of East Germany.

In Washington, U.S. diplomatic officials give the

opinion - that the change from military to civilian control in East Germany - looks like a phoney maneuver for Soviet

~~propaganda~~ propaganda. (President Eisenhower, at his news conference today, declined to speculate on the meanings of the new Moscow move. In Berlin, the opinion is ~~expressed~~ - that the change may be followed by a Russian offer for the unification of Germany. Moscow might suggest a four-power conference - to end the present division of that country.)

FRANCE

France remains without a government. Former Premier, Paul Reynaud, failed to get a majority in the National Assembly - losing out in his attempt to form a new Cabinet. So President Auriol went on, ^[today.] interviewing more political figures, trying to find one who might have a chance of becoming Premier. Several declined to make the attempt.

But there's a prospect in the Radical Socialist leader, Pierre Mendes-France. He's a financial expert, renowned for stern policies, harsh measures to enforce national ~~policy~~ ^{economy.} Which, they say, may prejudice the National Assembly against him.

So it's a dim prospect - as France goes into its second week without a government.

AIR FORCE

General Twining, named to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, declares - that those Eisenhower cuts in the military budget would - "delay" adequate U.S. air power. General Twining has, of course, been nominated by the President - but doesn't agree with him ~~on~~ the proposal to slash Air Force money by five billion ^{5.} ~~dollars.~~

At a Senate hearing, ^{Sen. Stuart} Symington of Missouri, a former Secretary ^{for} ~~of the~~ Air, ~~Force,~~ asked - would the budget cuts hurt the development of the Air Force.

General Twining replied: "It is going to delay the building of the one hundred and forty-three wings."

"Do you believe," asked Symington, "that a one-hundred-and-forty-three wing Air Force is necessary to ^{our} ~~the~~ national security? ^{?"} ~~of the United States?"~~

^{replied}
"I do," [^] General Twining, ~~replied~~

Seems to be some disagreement between the General and his chief. So what has President Eisenhower to say? Well, at his news conference today, the President insisted

that the reduction of military funds will not imperil national security. He said he knew that some of the military chiefs do not agree with him. But added - that you seldom find one hundred per cent agreement among military leaders on money matters of the budget.

(The Twining statement was made as the Senate considers the confirmation of the new military chiefs appointed by the President. One of them - Admiral Radford, named to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. ~~But~~ He, of course, was prominent in that "revolt of the admirals" several years ago, when he assailed the Air Force and its program of building the giant bomber, the B-36. So today Admiral Radford was asked about that.

He said he had since changed some of his views. And gave assurance - that, as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he will not be prejudiced. "I will do my best not to favor any particular service," said the Admiral.)

ATOMIC

Canada reports new discoveries in the realm of the atom. Discoveries called - "important and unique."

At Chalk River, the Canadians have a great laboratory - dedicated to peaceful uses of atomic energy. The Chairman of the Committee running the project, Dr. D.A. Keys, declares that they ^are producing radioactive isotopes that are ten times as active as those turned out elsewhere.

At Toronto, today, Dr. Keys told how they developed radioactive mosquitoes - as if the ~~mosquito~~ ^{skeeter} isn't bad enough, au naturel. But they could trace the radioactive kind with Geiger counters - and investigate their flight and habits. They developed a radioactive pine weevil, and have been able to study the ways of ~~an~~ earthworms underground, by means of radioactivity.

Well, it's only appropriate that Canada should forge forward in atomic science. The greatest pioneer, in fathoming the secret of the atom, was Lord Rutherford, the New Zealander who did much of his epic-making research at McGill University, Montreal.

MT. EVEREST

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News from the British expedition, high up on the slopes of Mt. Everest, is, that - they made another attempt to reach the summit, and failed. This word arrives in a brief message, with no details. They had another go at it - but once again the unconquered summit of Everest beat them back.

Weather news from out there' is that a monsoon is developing in the Bay of Bengal, moving north. ~~And that would mean a heavy downfall of~~ new snow' in the Himalayas. ~~The~~ monsoon might ~~make~~ ^{ing} another attempt impossible, ~~and~~ ^{so} it seems as if the British climbers will not have their ambition - to conquer Everest for the Queen's coronation.

BIBLE

The American Booksellers Association is having a convention at Chicago, and today there was a discussion of - the best seller. Same old best seller - the Bible. The newly translated edition, published last September, has already sold two-million, ~~three-hundred-thousand~~ copies - at from six to ten dollars each. But there's one sad story - they^{are} trying to get back a thousand copies.

Today, the publisher told how a printer got the plates mixed. Several pages from the Gospel of St. Luke were inserted ~~by~~ mistake - in Genesis! A lot of copies were turned out - before the mistake was discovered. Copies shipped out and sold. These - the publishers have been recalling. But about a thousand are still out, and some Bible students are in for a surprise.

"You'll be reading along in Genesis," says the publisher, "and suddenly you'll find yourself in the middle of Luke." Quite a jump, from Adam and Eve in the Garden down to the Sermon on the Mound or the Miracle of Loaves and Fishes.

Probably, in the future, those mixed-up Bibles will be a collector's item, - becoming rare and valuable like the famous Vinegar Bible, and the "Breeches" bible in which an early translator set down - that Eve took fig leaves, and made a pair of breeches for Adam. Sounds odd, -but so does the mix-up of the Book of Genesis and the Gospel of St. Luke.

CORONATION

In London, Queen Elizabeth has approved of a change in her coronation titles. She'll have the traditional string of them, with something new - "Head of the Commonwealth." When her father, George the Sixth, was crowned in Nineteen Thirty-Seven, the "Commonwealth" was not mentioned. The change ~~that~~ ~~reflects~~ reflects the ~~an~~ political development in the association that once was called the British Empire. Under the new coronation title, each member of the Commonwealth will call Elizabeth its Queen. Previously, their monarch was the sovereign of Great Britain - not, individually, their own.

Tonight, the Queen presided over a meeting of the Privy Council ^{Palace.} ~~at~~ Buckingham, Prime Minister ~~Sir Winston~~ Churchill attended, as did the Prime Ministers of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, ^{and} Ceylon. ^{and} In their presence, she signed the document - changing her coronation titles.

QUEEN - TEXAS

But here's the downfall of a fine coronation story, the one about the lady in Texas, who - needing a hotel reservation, cabled the Queen at Buckingham Palace. And - got a reply, making the reservation. She certainly got a cablegram, signed Sir Allen XXXX Lascelles, the Queen's private secretary. But, in Buckingham Palace today, officials were mystified. They say they never heard of the message from the lady in Texas - let alone any reply sent in behalf of the Queen.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Louis Cochran has started on her way. She arrived in New York today. Told about the disillusioning news, she said, she'll go on to the Coronation anyway, and phone Buckingham Palace when she gets to London. Nelson, maybe I can help her out - I have a room in London she could use, - in return for a Texas oil well.