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President Eisenhower ^{has his way} ~~wins~~ on that military construction bill. Yesterday, ^{the President} ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ vetoed the bill; ~~that had been sent to him~~, because ^{of the} ~~it~~ provided ^{so} that the Defense Department could not spend money for housing projects, or the "Talos" guided missile -- without first getting approval from the two armed services committee's of Congress.

^{Pres.} ~~Mr.~~ Eisenhower ^{such a} ~~the~~ ^{arguing} ~~restriction~~ "unconstitutional" ~~that while Congress votes the money, the president has a right to decide on its actual use.~~ Hence the veto.

~~So yesterday the bill ran into a Presidential veto.~~ Today the House ~~accepted President Eisenhower's point~~ ^{and} ~~passed a new bill~~ ^{one} ~~that does not include any the curb on military housing or the guided missile.~~

SCHOOL

The President ^{met today} ~~Eisenhower met~~ with Republican leaders of Congress ~~today~~ - in an attempt to salvage his Federal school construction bill ^{— get it through} before this year's adjournment. The conference lasted over an hour. The President, urging a bill to take the place of the one that was defeated because of a fight over segregation.

The Republican leaders of the Senate and the House - Knowland of California, and Martin of Massachusetts - agreed to make a last ditch effort to revive the school bill. But both told the President that ~~the~~ chances of getting what he wants - are ^{slim.} ~~very~~ ~~slim~~

The Republicans of Illinois ^{still seemed a bit} ~~are still staggering~~
~~stunned~~ ^{over that} case of State Auditor, Orville Hodge - who
has resigned from his post because of a check scandal
involving around half a million dollars. ^{But Hodge} ~~Naturally,~~
^{is still} ~~he is also out as~~ a candidate for reelection.

The GOP, ~~is~~ afraid that Hodge may cost them the
Key State of Illinois this Fall, ^{has asked} Governor Stratton
~~is moving quickly~~ to handle the incident - ~~but~~
^{and} ~~expected to~~ name a successor to Hodge immediately.
^{Meanwhile} ~~but~~ the Democrats are ~~already~~ attacking the
whole Republican administration in the State. Adlai
Stevenson, Stratton's predecessor as governor - demanding
to know where Hodge got the money for broadcasts in
favor of President Eisenhower during the Primary in
April. Stevenson says he wants a complete investigation
of the Stratton regime.

As for Hodge, he has not made any specific
admission about his handling of State funds. He simply
says he'll pay back whatever he can.

KEFAUVER

Senator Kefauver strongly defended his attempt to get the Democratic nomination - when he spoke before the National Press Club today. ^{Covering} ~~The Senator canvassed~~ a whole series of issues, from Harriman to the ~~Kefauver~~ famous coonskin hat; ~~He~~ ^{and he also commented on Ex-} attacked President Eisenhower for "lack of leadership". ~~He remarked that the former~~ President Truman ^{is} ~~is~~ cool ^{now} to the Kefauver campaign. ~~He~~ ^{said that was} because of an old antagonism. - ^{An} obvious reference to Mr. Truman's feeling about ^{Sen.} Kefauver's activities on the old Senate Crime Committee ^{also} ~~and~~ because Kefauver ran in the Nineteen Fifty-Two Democratic primaries, even before he knew that Truman had decided not to run again.

As for his ^{present} ~~two great~~ rivals - Harriman and Stevenson - Kefauver says they are both claiming more delegates than they really have. He predicts he'll receive at least Two Hundred and fifty on the first ballot - a lot more than they think he'll get.

G.O.P. CONVENTION

Officials of the G.O.P. Convention Committee met in San Francisco today - to discuss details of their Party's convention next month. One member of the Committee is well known to American movie fans - George Murphy, one of the top stars of Hollywood.

A problem facing the Arrangements Committee - we've all talked about this - how lacking in excitement the proceedings are likely to be. Ticket with Eisenhower and Nixon sure to be accepted almost without challenge. So the Committee is trying to think up ways of injecting a little drama - enough to get people to turn on their radio and TV sets.

Once again one of their speakers will be - former President Herbert Hoover. At the Chicago Convention four years ago, Mr. Hoover gave an address, that he called at the time, his "valedictory" to his Party. But since then as we all know, Mr. Hoover has been as active as ever, serving his country, figuring out ways to save millions for the tax payer,

ways of streamlining government.

But that wasn't his "valedictory" 4 years ago. This time we will hear him again. And each year "The Chief" as his friends call him, seems to get wiser and wittier than ever.

DIPLOMACY. Diplomatic relations between West Germany and Soviet

Russia - are ~~getting worse~~ ^{on the decline.} ^{U.P.} So says United Press Correspondent,

Charles Mc Cann, ~~who~~ ^{in the situation} described ~~the situation~~ in a special dispatch from Bonn,

Newsman McCann recalls ~~how~~ last September Chancellor

Adenauer went to Moscow - and established diplomatic relations

with the Kremlin. ^{Whereupon} ~~But~~ Khrushchev repaid the compliment - by

sending to Bonn one of Russia's most notorious hatchet men -

~~V~~alerian Zorin, the agent who went to Czechoslovakia in

Nineteen Forty-Eight, and paved the way for the Communist

seizure of that country.

^{where he} Zorin arrived in Bonn last December, - ~~and~~ immediately

~~launched~~ ^{launched} a campaign to undermine the Adenauer regime. The

Soviet Ambassador, by-passing the West German Foreign Office -

in dealing with officials of the ~~administration~~ administration.

~~He~~ entertained lavishly, and was always seen at public

^{In fact} ^{so called} gatherings. ^{very} the behavior of this Soviet diplomat, ^{was} so impudent,

that Chancellor Adenauer stopped consulting him.

Zorin finally did call on the Chancellor last

Saturday - but only to announce that he was going back to Moscow, to take up another post. The significant thing is ^{that} Zorin did not tell Adenauer ^{whether} ~~that~~ the Kremlin would send anyone to replace him. So the suspicion ~~is that this U.P. correspondent~~ is that diplomatic relations between West Germany and the Soviet Union - have come close to the breaking point.

~~This feeling is reinforced by an East German~~
~~delegation - that arrived in Moscow yesterday. Some observers~~
~~say this is the Kremlin's first move, in a new anti Adenauer~~
~~campaign.~~

AUSTRIA

The newspaper of the Austrian Communist party - criticizes the Russians - for their behavior during the ten years they occupied Austria. Charges Soviet military ~~commanders~~ commanders - with interfering in Austrian politics; and says the Russians even stole whole factories in their zone - took them apart, and carted them back to the Soviet Union.

All of which sounds as if the Austrian Reds have decided to take an independent line with the Kremlin. But this doesn't mean much to international Communism - because the Austrian Communist party is small - presently holding only three seats in the Vienna Parliament.

The Premiers of France and India failed to agree during their conference in Paris. *This had been*
predicted ~~The failure was~~
~~inevitable~~ because Nehru and Mollet have disagreed so often in the past. Nehru urged Mollet to adopt a more conciliatory policy in Algeria. Mollet urged Nehru to support the West on the reunification of Germany. In each case, the answer was - No.

ASWAN

Egypt has decided to accept Western aid - for the building the Aswan Dam far up the Nile. So announced today by Cairo's Ambassador to Washington, Ahmed Hussein who is just back from consultations with Premier Nasser. The Ambassador told reporters that his country never had any intention of accepting Russian money or technical assistance for the great dam that will add millions of fertile acres to Egypt.

FIRE

New York's Mayor says the transit crisis will be over by the week-end. Mayor Wagner, referring to the tie-up caused by the great Wanamaker fire. Water poured on the blaze - flooded into the subway, leaving half a million commuters to find other means of transportation. Yesterday the rumor was that it might take a month to get that section of the subway going again. But now Mayor Wagner says - all over by this week-end.

Please drop the story slugged FIRE and use the following in its place.

Sergeant.

Sergeant Matthew McKeon pleaded innocent today - that is, innocent to charges of manslaughter and maltreatment of recruits under his control. The Sergeant refused to answer accusations that he was drunk - when he led his platoon on a night march near the boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina - the march on which six of them were drowned.

TIBET

Dispatches coming down to India over the high passes, Nathu La and others, tell of more fighting in Tibet. The Chinese Reds are reported to have sent tanks to Lhasa - the holy city of the hermit theocracy on the Roof of the World. In the Himalayas, Tibetan mountaineers - including thousands of monks, are reported in open revolt. They are described as armed with swords, spears, and their ancient tripod muskets. But they're hard to control - because they know the terrain so well. So, the dispatch says that Communist reinforcements have been rushed there as Red China attempts to destroy liberty in Tibet. Tanks in Lhasa!

KASHMIR

Last night I promised to tell you an exclusive story about the Vale of Kashmir. Well, there is so much news tonight it's crowded out again. But - I'll promise to tell it Thursday night of this week, when I am in Detroit - or Friday night from San Francisco.

LUCE

Our Embassy in Rome confirms a report by "Time" magazine-that Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce is suffering from a form of arsenic poisoning. For a long time no one knew just what ^{it was.} ~~she was suffering from~~ ~~it was.~~ Now we ^are told that arsenic dust has been falling in a fine powder - from the ceiling and walls of the villa Taverna, her official residence in Rome. ^{Although} ~~Strangely~~ no one else in the villa has been effected ^{by it.} ~~in the same way.~~

At the state department in Washington, spokesman Lincoln White points out that there is nothing sinister in what happened to Mrs. Luce - not the slightest hint of intentional poisoning. ~~As White puts it - let me emphasize - this was purely an accident.~~

As for the patient, she is undergoing treatment in this country - but will return to her post in Rome before the end of August.

SUBMARINE

At Groton, Connecticut, they dedicated a million dollar laboratory today - exclusively for research on submarines. The laboratory belongs to General Dynamics, the concern that built the world's first atomic submarine, The Nautilus.

This laboratory contains a sound-proof room where a pin falling on the floor sounds like a pistol shot. Also a deep freeze so cold that pennies can be broken like potato chips.

Two-hundred-and-fifty research people will work there. Investigating underwater vibration - that has been so fatal to undersea craft in the past. They'll look into bombs and torpedoes - searching for ways to make them more effective in atomic warfare.

And the Company has something really spectacular in mind - a flying submarine. They don't claim that we'll soon have a flying submarine. But they are going to experiment on one.

The Danish explorer, who won sixty-four thousand dollars on an American television program went on Danish T V almost as soon as he got back to Copenhagen. Peter Freuchen, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ identifying objects he had seen during his years at sea. Well, we remember how good Peter Freuchen was in this country - and he knew all the answers to the questions fired at him in Denmark too.

For his last question, he was asked to identify a white haired old man. Which Peter Freuchen did. He said he had been "top boy" in his class at school - more than sixty years before. The audience cheered when the peg-legged explorer came up with the right answer for every question. What did he win this time? Why Peter won sixty-four thousand more - I mean ore in Danish money - which comes to roughly one hundred dollars in American money. Which he at once denoted to a Danish charity. Henry, he says he still hasn't decided what to do with the sixty-four thousand - dollars - he won over here. A wise and wonderful man is my old Arctic friend Peter Freuchen!