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INAUGURATION

I'm in Washington tonight and all the reports are correct - - about the National Capital being in festive mood for the Inauguration tomorrow. Flags and bunting everywhere. Hotels and restaurants mobbed by visitors from every part of the country.

The weather bureau adds to the gala spirit - - promising good weather for tomorrow. It won't all be brilliant sunshine - - much of the day cloudy. But fair enough, with mild temperatures.

The President-elect stuck to his Headquarters today ^{here} at the Statler Hotel, ^{where I am broadcasting now.} ~~a visitor who chatted with him states~~ "He's full of life and drive, and ready to go."

Mrs Eisenhower is ^{still} troubled with ^{that} a cold, which she has been trying to shake off. The Doctor told her to take it easy to-day. But she's expected to be her cheery self to-morrow, when she becomes the First Lady of the land - - that same Mamie who smiled her way through those long campaign tours.

~~Am covering the Inauguration with something of a handicap - a broken ankle, which I got while skiing. But that's not much - not beside these complicated fractures over in Tibet.~~

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TRUMAN

The Trumans spent the day - packing. The President was busy with personal belongings - to be sent back to Missouri. And , as for Mrs Truman - you know how it always is for the lady, even the First lady, on moving day.

This is the last night for the Truman family in the White House. After attending the Inauguration to-morrow, they'll head for - Independence. Which Missouri town has a most appropriate name for Harry Truman right now. "Independence," freedom from all the burdens of the Presidency . He carried the load for seven years and nine months, and was eager to give it up. Heading for - Independence.

The President leaves the White House full of hope and ^{re}belief, with which we are all familiar. Today's United Press Dispatch from Washington puts it in these words ; "Mr Truman hopes that historians will forget the mink coats and deep freezers," he believes they will concentrate on the Foreign Policies of his Administration -- in the peril of a Third World War"

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TRUMAN SHEET TWO

Which is likely enough to be the case - Harry Truman having had the guidance of his Country during those fateful years. The Soviet Ally in the war - turning immediately into a bitter enemy - American policy - reversing from its Pro Soviet wartime angle.

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CABINET

Senate Committees have cleared the way for the New Cabinet - - all the members except Charles E Wilson, named Secretary of Defense. To-day, Committee approval was voted for Secretary of Commerce Weeks, Storney General Brownell, Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey. Also Mrs Ovita Culp Hobby as the Security Administrator. Other nominees were okayed last week. So all that remains is the debated case of Charles E Wilson.

The question of his ratification will have to go over until after inauguration day. -- he'll appear before a Senate Committee again - and there's talk of a compromise.

The dilemma, of course, lies in the fact that he owns two and a half million dollars worth of Stock in General Motors, ^{of which} ~~and which~~ he was the head. The Department of Defense to which he is now named, does an enormous lot of business with General Motors. And there's a law forbidding any Federal Official to preside over deals with any firm in which he has an interest. That's the contradiction--and we hear that it might ^{be} resolved by a statement from Charles E Wilson. He might pledge that as Secretary of Defese, he will stay out of any Defense Department ^{more} business with General Motors.

CABINET Sheet two

Today, George Humphrey, named Secretary of the Treasury, told the Senate Finance Committee that he intends to retain the stock in a huge industrial concern, which he formerly directed. He assured the Committee that, if there are any Treasury decisions involving his old firm, he will take no part in them. So he was okayed on that basis - - which might set a pattern in the case of Charles E Wilson.

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GERMANY

In West Germany, Chancellor Adenauer makes an angry protest - - against a report issued by the United States High Commission. A report - - stating that there is a resurgence of Nazism. This is the result of a ² straw vote, in which German youth was queried. Showing that about sixty-per cent believe there was more good than bad in the Hitler regime.

Chancellor Adenauer charges that the report endangers German participation in the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance. To-day he spoke indignantly to news-men, saying : "I simply can't understand why the High Commission didn't tell me, before publishing the report."

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anti-SEMITISM.

There was a stream of refugees into West Berlin today - -
Jewish refugees. Fleeing - - to escape arrest as " Zionist Spies".

This follows anti-semitic moves in the Soviet zone - - the arrest
of the Jewish Foreign Minister and other officials. Accompanied by
Police raids into Jewish homes and headquarters - - the Red Police
hunting for evidence of Zionist or Western espionage.

We hear that six hundred Jews remained in East Berlin - -
nineteen hundred others in Various parts of East Germany, all in fear
of mass arrests. They may be herded into concentration camps,
remiscent of the Nazis.

To-day, the Communist authorities took measures to stop the
flight of refugees. They closed down one elevated line into Western
Berlin, and threatened to isolate the Allied sector completely.

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BULGARIA

Red Bulgaria began a purge trial to-day - - another spectacular prosecution behind the Iron Curtain. Ten men face a Red Court - - charged with espionage. The names are given , but it isn't clear what their status may have been. As usual they're accused of plotting with American intelligence.

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ROME

From the Italian Parliament, in Rome, a word familiar to Americans - filibuster. The Communists - - resorting to tactics for talking a bill to death.

The Roman Parliament is in process of passing an "electoral reform bill"

The Communists, who would stand to lose, and they're bitterly opposed.

So they're staging a filibuster - - Red orators talking and talking. Their opponents paying no attention , many of them asleep. However, each orator has only a limited time - - and , eventually, the Reds will run out of orators. Whereupon , the Bill will be passed.

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SUBSTITUTE LEAD TOKYO

A late dispatch to-night states that search has been
abandoned for nine men missing from two American planes that
crashed off the China Coast. Twelve had been rescued.

~~The Navy gives no official confirmation etc etc etc~~ →

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TOKYO

~~A dispatch from Tokyo states that nine men are still missing from two American planes that crashed off the China Coast. Twelve have been rescued. The hunt for survivors goes on, with American and British warships patrolling in sight of the coast - - defying Red cannon on the shore.~~

The Navy gives no official confirmation of the statement that its patrol plane was hit by anti-aircraft guns. But that seems to be the fact - - the patrol aircraft shot down near the Communist held coast. A rescue plane flew to save lives, landed, and picked up some survivors. Then the rescue plane crashed. After which life-saving job was taken up by ships.

There's a report that another U.S. plane was fired at by shore Batteries- - also by a Red fighter plane. But the Navy gives no comment on that.

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ADD TOKYO

A late report to-night states that Communist shore batteries opened fire on a United States destroyer which was doing rescue work. No hits were scored, no damage done.

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INDO-CHINA

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Indo-China reports a new Communist offensive - this one in Central Annam. The Reds pushing toward the key city of An-Khe. Which is a dominating point along the highway system in the Valley of the Song-Ba River.

Things had been quiet in that sector, until the rebels made a few attacks more than a week ago. At first, these were thought to be mere skirmishes - but then, a strong French patrol was ambushed. Now followed by news - that powerful Red forces are sweeping down the valley of the Song-Ba. Threatening - the key city on the highway.

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IRAN

FROM Iran, news of an ominous threat - to blow up the great oil refinery at ABADAN, which is the largest in the World. A threat-made by the supporters of Premier Mossadegh.

That emotional statesman is asking the Iranian Parliament for an extension of his own special powers - which are virtually dictatorial. He wants them continued for another year - in the crisis following the Nationalisation of the Anglo-Iranian oil Company. But the Parliament, the Majlis, is in no hurry to let Mossadegh have his way. To-day, the Iranian Legislature discussed the matter, and adjourned without a vote.

Mossadegh has a fanatical following, & mobs gathered in front of the Parliamentary Building, shouting - "Mossadegh or death". In the great Bazaar at Teheran, adherents of the Premier compelled merchants to close their shops, as a demonstration in favor of Mossadegh.

Most ominous of all, the Mossadegh fanatics issued a threat. If they don't get their way, they'll blow up the Abadan refinery.

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IRAN SHEET TWO

which would be a final suicidal act in what already looks like National
suicide.

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ADD IRAN

Here's later news. The Majlis has given in - - voting to give Mossadegh his extension of power. The Parliament surrendering - - in the face of the threats of the mob.

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SUBSTITUTE PRISON

The convict riot ~~is~~ is over at the Western penitentiary in Pittsburgh. Late news to-night states that the mutineers released the remaining three guards, whom they had seized as hostages. This, following negotiations - - in which prison officials promised an investigation of complaints.

So the prison revolt has ended there - - only to be followed by fragmentary reports of a disturbance at the Beckview penitentiary in Central Pennsylvania. There are no details about that - - as yet.

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Churchill

News from London states that Winston Churchill is getting - a case of Spanish wine. His own wine - which he lost twenty-five years ago.

History relates that in Nineteen Twenty-eight, Churchill, then a politician out of office, went on a Mediterranean cruise with Sir Austen Chamberlain, a top figure in British Government - brother of Neville Chamberlain, who was Prime Minister in the days of Hitler and the Second World War.

Cruising around in the Mediterranean, the two statesmen made a stop at the Balearic Islands, the Port of Palma. There, they sampled the wine, and found it excellent. So good - that each ordered half a dozen cases, to be shipped to London.

But , Winston Churchill never got the wine - as is now proven by a discovery at Charing Cross. They're patching up that famous London Railroad Station and, in the basement, found some ^drusty boxes. Addressed - to Winston Churchill. His consignment of Spanish Wine , never delivered, somehow - forgotten for twenty-five years.

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CHURCHILL SHEET TWO

One bottle was opened, and tasted - found all the better after twenty - five years of aging. And one case is being flown to Jamaica, where Churchill is now spending a West Indian Holiday.

So he can drink a toast, and the proper toast would be - to those days of nineteen twenty-eight, before there was a Second World War, before there was even a depression.

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BBC

Over in Britain, people are taking note of a report on -
the Third Program. Which is one aspect of British Radio that will
surprise most Americans. The Third Program on B B C is - high-
brow. But high ! featuring lectures on the most learned of
subjects - by top ranking scholars. And there's always plenty
of argument - should all that culture be continued on the air,
just for the benefit of an intellectual minority ?

I've never heard that Third Program, which began during the
war, but I know a good deal about it. The best of the lectures
are printed in a weekly magazine, issued by BBC- and I get copies
of it. In the latest, for example a series of dissertations by
that fabulous historian, Arnold Toynbee, theorizing on the position
of the West in the present world crisis. Toynbee, presenting
historical ideas that simply dazzle. When you read things like
that, you're compelled to say- it couldn't happen ^{hardly} ~~on the American~~ ^{anywhere but}
in — England.

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But there are also things to be criticized, and these are taken up in the report published today. By noted author, Sir Compton MacKenzie, who gives an appraisal of the Third Program. He complains about what he calls - "The most excruciating precocity in that ghastly voice too often affected by young intellectuals."

Meaning over there -
Oxford accent - Harvard, over here.

But Sir Compton MacKenzie argues that the Third Program, at its worst is better than a lot of the popular programs. He speaks in scathing terms of what he calls "the cheap wisecracks of those pseudo-comic half-hours, heavy as concrete, reinforced by the mechanical giggling of an ersatz audience."

He refers to BBC ^{the} ~~and any~~ ^{which we} American ^{is} ~~will~~ ^{we would not} understand.
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