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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Eisenhower is still hitting hard - in his political campaign through California. The chief executive flew from Los Angeles to San Francisco - where he delivered an address, concentrating on the Unions. He attacked corruption in Labor leadership - and demanded that Congress pass proper legislation to make the unions more democratic. He blamed the Democrats in the last Congress - for killing administration proposals. And the President again denounced the Kennedy-Ives Bill - a measure, in his view, "insipid and wholly unsatisfactory."

What about the "right to work" issue - which has split the GOP in California? Well, President Eisenhower still is mum on that. The word from California is that his efforts to patch up the feud between Governor Knight and Senator Knowland has failed, and that, the White House said, was the principal purpose of his West Coast trip.

NIXON

On the other side of the continent, Vice-President Nixon was much more critical. Speaking in Baltimore, the Vice-President criticized the Democrats - for what he called - "weakness and vacillation." But he did say:-

"There is only one party of treason - the Communist Party.

BUTLER

That controversy between some Democrats and the National Chairman of their Party - has taken a new turn. Senator George Smathers, of Florida - stepping in as a mediator. Senator Smathers sent Chairman Paul Butler a letter - appealing for a "cease-fire" within the Party.

Dixie

A few/Democrats have been calling for Butler's resignation - following the Chairman's statement that Southern Democrats should support civil rights - or else leave the Party. Senator Smathers is against ^a~~the~~ Butler resignation. But he does ask the National Chairman of the Democrats - to stop raising issues that may be important - in Nineteen Sixty. In his letter, Senator Smathers tells Paul Butler - "let's concentrate on winning the election of Nineteen Fifty-Eight."

REPUBLICANS FOLLOW BUTLER

And the Republicans are having a little in-fighting of their own. Congressman Richard Simpson of Pennsylvania - rejecting a proposal by Secretary of Commerce, Sinclair Weeks. Secretary Weeks wants a national sales tax. With Congressional elections only two weeks away - that plan is giving a lot of Republicans the jitters. And Congressman Simpson, who represents the GOP on the House Ways and Means Committee - says flatly that he has no intention of recommending a national sales tax.

FORMOSA

This may have been a day of critical decisions - on the Formosa crisis. Secretary of State Dulles met with Chiang Kai-shek for two and a half hours - in the afternoon. And tonight, they had dinner together. We're not given any details but we know, of course, that the two statesmen are going over all the great problems of Formosa. They're touching everything from American aid - to the fate of Quemoy and Matsu.

Some diplomats on Formosa believe - Secretary Dulles today sounded out Chiang about a compromise for the off-shore islands, ~~area~~. According to this plan, the Chinese Nationalists and the Chinese Communists - would both pull back their military forces in the Quemoy area. Chiang Kai-shek would cut the number of his troops. And Mao Tse-tung would withdraw his garrisons - from Amoy on the mainland. If Chiang should be willing to accept this compromise - presumably it would be passed on to Mao Tse-tung, by way ~~of~~ of the Warsaw talks.

In the meantime, the guns are still sounding in the Formosa Strait. Communist artillery, shelling Quemoy and Matsu.

FORMOSA

for the second straight day. Still no explanation of why they ended their cease-fire.

THAILAND

The new revolutionary government of Thailand - has become an absolute military dictatorship. Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat is running the country under martial law. Today, he banned political parties - and sent his police patrol fanning through Bangkok - in a search for Leftists. The patrols rounded up more than a hundred politicians and newsmen. And Marshal Thanarat declared - he and his military junta will rule Thailand - indefinitely.

BOLIVIA

The planned uprising against Bolivia's revolutionary government - has failed. Right Wing opponents of President Hernan Siles Suazo - intended to begin with a mass escape of political prisoners - from the LaPaz penitentiary. Leaders of the uprising drove to the prison, knocked on the front gates - and shouted, "Open, in the name of the fatherland!" The guards inside - simply ignored the command. Which apparently left the rebels - bewildered. They had no strategy for storming the walls - since they had expected that the gates would be opened to them. They disappeared into the city - and tonight, government police are looking for them.

ECONOMY

The nation's economy looks like this - according to the President's Council of Economic Advisers. During Nineteen Fifty-Seven, this country produced goods and services - running to over four hundred and forty billion dollars. This means that we've bounced back three-quarters of the way - from the lowest point of the recession. And we could soon be hitting an all-time record -- of four hundred and fifty billion dollars.

Here are some typical items. Corporate profits before taxes -- are up. Business men are putting money into factories and equipment -- at a steady rate. And the construction of homes and apartments -- is higher than ever.

NIMER

Eight year old Melvin Nimer probably never will be called on - to testify about ^(IN NEW YORK LAST MONTH) the murder of his parents. The psychiatrists describe Melvin as - "emotionally disturbed."

Although he's well enough to live with his grandparents in Utah.

The point is, that no court is likely to allow

testimony about a murder - from an "emotionally disturbed"

eight-year-old boy. Especially when the victims were his

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The British Overseas Airways Corporation - has its jet passenger planes back on the Atlantic run again. The eleven day strike of engineers - ended today as unexpectedly as it had begun.

The Union, asking ^{its} the men to return to their jobs - ^{when} after the Company agreed to renew negotiations for pay increases.

Soon after the agreement was announced - forty-five hundred engineers were back on the evening shift. So BOAC can go ahead - competing for trans-Atlantic travel with their famous ~~jet-atomic~~ jet Comet.

DULLES

Here's a story that links John Foster Dulles - with the moon. No, he hasn't gone there, but in one sense he could have. When our Secretary of State landed at Taipei - he had covered enough territory - to reach from the earth to the moon. His mileage now reads - better than five hundred and twenty-two thousand miles - since he took office in January of Nineteen Fifty-three. A round trip to the moon would measure - only about five hundred thousand miles. It's a unique record for the Secretary of State, don't you think so, Don.

from one to another."

And as she who has felt the power of it, I can say they probably will.

Good night.

KHRUSHCHEV

The Soviet Union's most celebrated drinker - doesn't like the way his countrymen handle their fire-water. Nikita Khrushchev insists he's not in favor of prohibition - as if we didn't know. He just thinks too many Russians have a habit - of becoming drunk and disorderly. So he's making it a rule - that a restaurant can serve just one vodka to a customer, from now on.

What about Muscovites who go from place to place - downing a shot of liquor in each? Khrushchev says that's okay. In his words - "They will sober up - as they go from one to another."

And as one who has felt the Moscow chill, I can say they probably will.

Good night.