

CABINET

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The Senate has okayed the Cabinet. The vote was unanimous today - approving the list of eight members handed in by President Eisenhower. Senator Wayne Morse, of Oregon, who held up the confirmation yesterday - said he had studied the appointments over night - and they were okay. So he voted - Yes.

The list, of course, does not include Charles E. Wilson, named Secretary of Defense. His case is held up by the fact that he owns ^{that} two-and-a-half million dollars ~~worth of~~ ^{stock - G.M.} ~~stock~~ in General Motors - which does an enormous business with the Department of Defense. That seems to conflict with the federal law, and today Senator Taft of Ohio said the nomination is, in his words - "up in the air." Another prominent Republican Senator says he now believes that the President will have to withdraw the nomination. "I don't see how Wilson can possibly be confirmed," said he.

NEWS CONFERENCE

Here's our answer to the much debated question - will President Eisenhower continue the White House news conferences in the free-and-easy way of the past? The answer is - yes, plus. The new President will meet with reporters in that old give-and-take style. That - and more.

This is announced by White House Press Secretary Jim Haggerty - who denies all reports that the Eisenhower news conferences would be on a basis of written questions. Not at all. The routine will be - verbal questions back and forth.

President Truman had news conferences once a week. President Eisenhower will meet the newsmen two or three times a week. At least, during the early days of his administration. Later, the average may be reduced to - one a week.

Furthermore, some of the news conferences will be put on radio and television - which has never been done before. About once a month, the get-together of the President and the reporters will be broadcast and televised.

~~That answers the much debated question. President Eisenhower will hold news conferences - plus.~~

ADD NEWS CONFERENCE

The response of radio and television is immediate -- three cheers. Tonight Frank Stanton, President of C.B.S. stated "the proposal is a logical development of news coverage."

HUSBAND

(At Cambridge, Massachusetts, the case of a man, who lives at home with his wife and six children - but he hasn't spoken to them for ten years. Why not? You'd think that a husband and father couldn't find any possible excuse - not an answer. ~~But he has.~~

Today in court, Arthur Rice told the judge that he didn't even speak to his son, when the latter came home from World War Two. He just kept on preserving his silence.

Judge Joseph Monahan demanded sternly: "What reason have you for not speaking to your wife and children for ten years?"

To this the storekeeper answered: "They don't speak to me."

Well, there wasn't much the judge could say to that.)

WASHINGTON

Washington, today, was a woebegone, bedraggled city. Yesterday, a scene of glory, grandeur, jubilation. Today - the dregs of the morning after. The weather - turned gloomy and wet. Everything - a mess. The beautiful grounds of the Capitol - littered with trash. The streets - cluttered with half dismantled grandstands. All - depressing, with shabby rubbish left by the milling, cheering, celebrating crowds. By the time the morning was over, today, the Sanitation Department had collected twenty thousand cubic feet of debris, and was still going strong.

That "morning after" feeling was most painful of all - perhaps, at the headquarters of the Inaugural Committee. One official said: "We really are getting it!" Telephone calls by the hundreds, bitter complaints - Republicans, large and small, ~~howling~~ ~~at the~~ ~~Committee.~~ bawling out the Committee.

Which is only to be expected, after the way the Inaugural Balls got snarled up. The Committee had sent out invitations to thousands of Republicans all over the country -

many, too many, accepted. They couldn't get their tickets.

Some stood in line at the National Armory. Told, finally -- their tickets were at Georgetown. So they went to Georgetown, through traffic jams, and got their tickets. Only to find - they couldn't get into the ball at either place. Over-crowded. The Armory ~~has~~ ^{with} a legal capacity of five thousand, ~~Ten~~ ^{with} thousand jammed in - other thousands left outside. Same story at the Georgetown Gym - and it all added up to a lot of blazing mad Republicans.

WASH-MISCELLANEOUS

(~~A few Washington notes — perhaps quite unimportant: The Inauguration, thanks partly to the weather man, was a ~~an~~ huge success. However, on all sides there were complaints about the way tickets were handled.~~) The Republican party, of course, includes many of the ablest executives in this or any other land. But, many who went to the Inauguration came away with the feeling that someone fumbled. ^{All of which} ~~But that~~ will be forgotten quickly.

Washington, as we all know, was designed ^{as} to be the perfectly laid out city. But, since the days when the returning legions of the Caesars had their traffic snarls on the Imperial highway outside ancient Rome, on down to Armistice Day in Paris, at the end of World War One, never has traffic been so badly handled as it was in Washington. Just to get in practice for further investigations concerning more important matters maybe the ^{new} Administration ought to investigate why the ticket confusion and why the traffic control of the world's capitol ~~completely~~ collapsed ^{so completely}.

And ~~is~~ one more thought: Black homburgs ~~are~~
much more
~~may be~~ informal. But, they are infinitely more
somber than the silk hats that were traditional
until now. At the moment I personally am for almost
anything that General Eisenhower wants to do. Ike
and Mamie can do no wrong. But Inauguration Day, is
the day of a great national parade. Silk hats lend
tone to an occasion. But black homburgs ~~are~~ by the
thousands, well, the way they handle Coronations, and ~~the~~
pomp and circumstance in other lands, ~~has something~~
~~to be said for~~ *have their* good points.

ROSENBERGS

President Eisenhower is withholding a decision in the case of the Rosenbergs. Retiring President Truman left him with the question, what to do about the clemency appeal of the two atomic spies. Today, the word from the White House is that the new President is asking a recommendation from his Attorney General, Herbert Brownell. The execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg has been postponed, until there's a decision from the White House.

COMMUNISTS

A New York jury has convicted the thirteen
second-string Communist leaders. This - after seven days of
deliberation. Seldom has a jury taken so long to reach a verdict.
The defendants were a second-string team of Red leaders, which
took over - after eleven members of the Politburo of the
Communist Party were sentenced to prison three years ago.
This "junior command" now convicted of conspiring to go
underground - in preparation for a Communist overthrow of the
United States Government.

RUSSIA - ANTI-SEMITISM

Soviet Russia defines its attack on Zionism - in a precise anti-Semitic statement. Published in The New Times, today - official magazine of the Moscow Foreign Office.

The statement is made that Premier David Ben-Gurion of Israel and Foreign Minister Moshe' Sharett are tools of American espionage. That the medium of this espionage is the American Joint Distribution Committee. Operating - under what the Soviet magazine calls - the "Morgenthau-Acheson" Plan. We are told that, in Nineteen Forty-Seven, David Ben-Gurion and Moshe' Sharett ~~met~~ met American Secretary of State Dean Acheson and former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, and - formed an agreement, under which the Zionists undertook to handle espionage in Eastern Europe for the United States. The Morgenthau-Acheson Plan.

The New Times summarizes a series of diatribes in these words: "Zionism serves American aggression and the preparations for a new imperialist war."

Substitute B-29

The Air Force has no comment on the Chinese Red announcement - of the shooting down of a B-29 over Manchuria. But the Communist report gives precise detail - stating that the super-fortress was flying north of a Manchurian/^{air}base, ~~base~~ American planes, we are told, are forbidden to fly above the Manchurian border, but the Red statement placed it well to the north of the Yalu River. The Chinese announce that the B-29 was shot down by fighter planes, and that, of a crew of fourteen, eleven survived and were captured.

From our side, there is no confirmation of this - although the Air Force had previously announced that several super-fortresses had been lost during the past couple of weeks. The Communists give the date of - January ~~twelfth~~^{the} - ten days ago.

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Chou-en-Lai,

~~says~~ the Red Government is making a protest - claiming
the B-29 violated Chinese territory. ~~It~~ ^{Which} sounds impudent
since the jet planes of the Communists are all based
inside that Manchurian sanctuary.

In Korean skies a young West Pointer, who scored a triple, today. Which is about as rare as a triple play in baseball.

Twenty-six year old Captain Olphine Overton of Andrews, South Carolina, a veteran of one-hundred-and-forty aerial missions over Korea. He started in with fighter bombers, then switched to the jets.

Today, he was way up ~~there~~ there, forty thousand feet, eight miles - and went after a Mig. He riddled it, and followed it on down to the four thousand foot level - to see it crash. On his way back up, he got on the tail of another, and scored hits, damaging the Red fighter. Which took him on to number three - and here's how Captain Overton tells it: "I sprayed his plane until every square foot seemed to have a hole in it. Pieces flew off, and he started trailing heavy black smoke and gasoline from his wings."

So he got three for that rare exploit in the war of jet - a triple.

TRAIN WRECK

A Senate Committee heard evidence, today, about the spectacular train wreck in Washington last week - when the Federal Express ran smack into the Union Station. (~~It~~ crashed through barriers and walls, rammed into the waiting room, and smashed through the floor into the basement. Trouble - the air brakes failed to work, and the train hit Union Station at thirty-five miles an hour.)

Testimony today showed that the Federal Express, leaving Boston, had air brake trouble at Kingston, New York. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Repairs were made at New York ^{City,} where the train took on a new engineer - who, however, was not informed about the air brake difficulty back at Kingston.

Today Locomotive Engineer Harry Browder stated that, between New York and Baltimore, ~~the~~ he applied the brakes twenty-two times - and they worked okay. But, having left Baltimore, they failed completely - going into Washington.

In the Committee, today, there was immediate mention of - possible sabotage. There were suggestions that the

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air brakes had been tampered with - at Baltimore. But the fact remains - there had been trouble away back at Kingston, New York, which leads to the supposition that the air brakes may have been tampered with before the Federal Express left Boston. The train crew says - there might have been sabotage, But it all seems - nebulous.

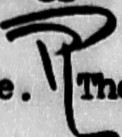
SUNDAE

Cleveland, Ohio, boasts of - the champion sundae.

No, not the Sabbath, ^{It's} the kind of sundae served at the soda fountain. ~~It's~~ Called the "super-duper-whopper-de-luxe."

Price - two dollars and twenty-five cents.

It seems that Morris Strauss has a luncheonette near the St. Vincent de Paul School. The students come in for sundaes - and, says Mr. Strauss, "they like 'em big."

So he kept making them bigger and bigger, and has finally achieved his masterpiece.  The "super duper whopper de luxe" sundae is served in a dish the size of a salad bowl. - ~~It~~ ~~contains~~ - half a gallon of ice cream, in four flavors, nine scoops of hot fudge, a can of whipped cream, a cup of chopped nuts, and a few other ingredients.

Which certainly should satisfy the greediest boy in school.

STRIP TEASE

In Long Island's Borough of Queens, ~~last night, there~~
~~was~~ a stream of telephone calls from anxious wives - trying to
find out about their husbands. All night long they kept
inquiring, by the dozens, by the scores. Hubby had gone to the
club, and had not come home. The answer was - the whole club,
~~had got~~ locked up. Its two hundred and forty members - in the
jug. Because the club had staged - a strip tease.

The police ~~had got word of the festive occasion.~~
~~They~~ won't say who gave them the tip. But the suspicion is -
a club member's wife. ~~In any case,~~ They staged a raid, and found
the club in the middle of a strip tease dance by two brunettes,
a blonde, and a redhead.

Thirty cops and five patrol wagons ran a shuttle
~~emergency~~ service, taking the club members to the hoosgow. ~~There~~
~~were~~ ^{Not} ~~it~~ enough jails in Queens, and many ~~of the husbands~~ found
themselves in the cooler in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

The club members were booked on charges of
Nelson: -
disorderly conduct, and the news dispatch says; ^A "There was a
shortage of dog-houses, husband size, in Queens today."

EAST GERMANY

The alliance between Communists and Nazis in Soviet Germany comes out into the open more clearly than ever today. With former Nazis and militarists - joining the Red anti-Semitic campaign.

In East Germany, under Communist auspices, there's a political party ~~named the National Front~~ ~~nicknamed - the "Little Nazis."~~ They have a newspaper which, today, assailed the Jews. Calling the state of Israel - an "aggressive base" for American imperialism. And warning Jews behind the Iron Curtain - that Western sympathies among them will be punished.

The policy of the "Little Nazi" party is extreme German nationalism. Appealing to former Hitlerites and militarists to join with Communism - in making Germany a world power once again. It isn't hard for the "Little Nazis" to join up with Communist anti-Semitism.