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The White House makes public -- the agreement between President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon, In case -- of Presidential disability. That arrangement -- which the President mentioned at a White House news conference last week. And which - has aroused no end of curiosity, especially in Congressional circles.

The statement is given out - under three headings!—

Number one - If the President should become unable to fulfill the duties of his office, he will inform the Vice President - and Richard Nixon would then serve as Acting President. Exercising - the full powers and duties of the Presidency.

Number Two - If the disability were of such sort as to ~~prevent~~ prevent the President from communicating with the Vice President -- then Nixon himself would decide whether or not to take over as Acting President. But he would make the decision - only after "such consultation as seemed to him appropriate under the circumstances." There's no

precise definition of exactly what sort of consultation would be required. That point left ~~xxx~~ uncertain.

Number Three - In either case, <sup>when</sup> ~~xxx~~ <sup>^</sup> the Presidential disability has ended, the President would make the decision - about resuming his duties. Taking his position again - as President.

Both Messrs Eisenhower and Nixon believe that this procedure is in accordance with the Constitution.

The declaration tonight was given out by White House Secretary ~~xxx~~ Hagerty who stated that the President and Vice President have <sup>been</sup> ~~discussed~~ <sup>ing</sup> the disability problem ever since that Eisenhower heart attack in Nineteen Fifty Five.

Talking about it - repeatedly. But the arrangement made public today was "crystalized" only within the last month.

The news reporters asked Hagerty whether Nixon would have taken over the Presidency if the agreement had been in force at the time of the heart

attack. He replied that he didn't know. But added - that a more logical example would be the President's ileitis operation. When the Chief Executive was unconscious - on the operating table for some time. As a patient is normally - under anesthetics. The time - ~~xxxxxxx~~ to be measured in hours. <sup>IF</sup> But, in these days, a desperate ~~an~~ emergency might come up - within the space of hours! With a President - under anesthetics for surgery. <sup>And</sup> The Eisenhower - Nixon arrangement might apparently cover such a case as that.

The President while making the agreement with Nixon continues to insist that there should be a constitutional amendment covering the question of Presidential disability.



## EISENHOWER SOVIETS

President Eisenhower, today, had a forty minute conversation with Russian Ambassador Menshikov. No details given, but the report is - that the Ambassador told the President that Moscow "urgently" wants a summit conference, and is willing to take a ~~firm~~ "flexible" attitude toward conditions on which the United States has been insisting.

For example - <sup>B</sup><sub>A</sub> meeting of the Foreign Ministers to lay the ground work for the meeting of the heads of state. The Soviets have been opposing that, but now will be "flexible."

Another point of difference - the size of the conference of the foreign Ministers. Moscow thinks of including twenty-five to thirty nations. The United States - wanting a much smaller get-together.

On leaving the White House Ambassador Menshikov told newsmen - his conversation with President Eisenhower ~~is~~ had been "friendly and useful".



A dispatch from Moscow gives an indication of dates favored by the Soviets. The conference of the Foreign Ministers -- in April. To be followed by a top level meeting in June.

The Russians made the suggestion on March First in a letter to the French Foreign Minister. The contents made public today.

## KOREA

More sharp wrangling at Panmunjom, Korea.

~~XXXX~~ Where American representatives, today, charged the North Korean Communists - with using two kidnapped Americans and two West Germans as "political hostages."

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The <sup>Reds</sup> grabbed them last month, when a South Korean airliner was "hi-jacked", forced - to land in Red Korea. The Reds - promising to return them.

But now making such conditions - as would imply a formal recognition of the Communist regime - which the United States, West Germany and South Korea - refuse to do.

## FOREIGN AID

The administration - making a study of the possibility of increasing foreign aid purchases in this country. Right now, eighty percent of the military equipment sent abroad to our allies - is produced in the United States, providing jobs for some six hundred thousand workers. Twenty percent - purchased in countries where it can be procured more cheaply. So says the administration, which now tells Congress the government will try to increase the percentage of American-made foreign aid material.



## SUPREME COURT

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The Supreme Court has dismissed a fifty million dollar lawsuit brought by twenty-three Hollywood actors and writers who claim they were blacklisted from the motion picture industry. Following the congressional investigation of Communism in Hollywood. The twenty-three - refusing to answer questions about Communism. Taking - the Fifth amendment.

They entered suit for fifty million dollars in the California courts. Their claim rejected - by the Los Angeles County Supreme Court. Then - up to the high tribunal. Which accepted the case for review. Today, however, the Justices decided they should not have done so. The decision of the California court - in accordance with California law. Case - dismissed.

## LEAD INVESTIGATION

Tonight, Richard Mack resigned from the Federal Communications Commission. President Eisenhower immediately accepted the resignation. Mack stepped out as proceedings against him were threatened in Congress.

Congress to be asked for the impeachment of Richard Mack, the member of the Federal Communications Commission, under such heavy attack. Today the subcommittee chairman, Congressman Oren Harris of Arkansas, stated - he will file an impeachment resolution, as soon as he can get it drafted. Perhaps - tomorrow.

A witness today charged - that Commissioner Mack is being "crucified". So stated by the President of National Airlines - the company that got the award of TV channel ten in Miami.

## PRISONERS

At a California prison, they've been conducting an ~~exp~~ experiment - for the rehabilitation of convicts. By an appeal to the unconscious - while inmates are asleep.

Fifty prisoners - tested. Wearing ear-phones, when they go to bed. During the night - tape-recorded messages <sup>are</sup> transmitted through the earphones, while the men are asleep. Nothing to wake them up -- mere quietly spoken exhortations. Urging them - to ~~have~~ have more self-confidence, <sup>have</sup> a feeling of well being, an improved outlook on life.

So how does it work? "Far more effective than originally thought," says an official. Adding - that prisoners have been greatly stimulated and are thinking more about their lives and their problems, as a result of the appeal to the unconscious.



## VATICAN

The action taken by the Vatican today shows how seriously <sup>the</sup> Pope ~~Pius the Twelfth~~ regards the trial of a Roman Catholic Bishop at Florence. The Bishop convicted on a charge of defamation of character because he declared -- an Italian couple with a civil marriage instead of a church wedding, were living in sin. The Bishop given a suspended fine, ~~of sixty four dollars and fifty cents~~ (And ordered to pay six hundred and seventy two dollars for legal expenses.

The Vatican holds -- that the Bishop's action does not come under ~~the heading of~~ Italian civil ~~law~~ law. The Church - regarding the conviction with "bitterness, sadness, and outrage".

As a consequence of which the Pope has cancelled the celebration of the Nineteenth anniversary of his Pontifical Coronation. Which had been scheduled -- for March twelfth.

## OXFORD

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The University of Oxford is, as we all know - an ancient center of classical studies. So it's not surprising - that, at Oxford, there should be an imitation of a classical master piece. The women students, the Oxford co-eds - doing the imitating.

What masterpiece? The Lysistrata of Aristophanes - that hilarious comedy - about a revolt of Athenian women. Wanting an end to - the war with Sparta. The Athenian wives going on strike - to compel their husbands to make peace with the enemy.

At Oxford, a feminine campaign - against atomic weapons. The girls - agitating against the hydrogen bomb. Indignant - because the male students were not interested in the anti-atomic movement.

So the girls decided - no more dates, until the boys rallied to the cause. No more strolling along - hand in hand. Not a kiss, - ~~not a cuddle.~~

In the Lysistrata of Aristophanes, the revolt of the women - ends when the wives-on-strike

get lonesome, and go sneaking back to their husbands.

But now, in these modern times - at Oxford? Well, the trouble was - the weather. Bitter winter in England - until the last couple of days. Spring-like weather - arriving suddenly, with bright sunshine and balmy breezes. At Oxford - ideal days for sentiment and romance.

So now we have a lugubrious declaration from the leader of the strike. Who, today, stated: "Our noble experiment has failed. The girls are too frivolous. They like men - more than they fear the H-bomb."

Another girl striker says: "As soon as a nice young man appeared yesterday afternoon, one of my best friends turned her back on the campaign."

Alas and alack - we'll still have to get along with the hydrogen bomb.



## CASTAWAYS

Here's a story - of castaways on a remote island. Marooned, unable to get away - and that could sound like a harrowing experience.

Last November, a party of Americans started from Europe - for a round-the-world flight aboard a seaplane. Planning - a leisurely circumnavigation. With stops - at interesting and romantic places.

Everything went well, until they were flying along over the South Pacific, when - one of the engines fell apart. The pilot - having to make a forced landing. Luckily - on a nearby island. Rarotonga - in the Cook Archipelago.

So there they were - ten of them. Marooned on Rarotonga - until a boat came in. Which didn't happen for a week - and then the boat carried them only to Aitutaki, another South Sea Isle. A week there, before they could procure transportation to the Fiji Islands.

Today, an advance party of three arrived in Honolulu. <sup>What</sup> ~~about~~ about the experience of the castaways. <sup>They say</sup> Idyllic, delightful! - ~~they~~ never had a

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better time in their lives. The pilot of the plane declaring he wants to go back. Wants to be marooned again on a South Sea Isle. In other words, Don, he's saying:- take me back to Rarotonga.

## ROBBERY

The news is telling of a robbery at a Miami penthouse sometimes occupied by radio TV star Arthur Godfrey. Arthur - not there at present. The penthouse occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Titus Haffa of Chicago.

The burglars getting away with one-hundred-and-fifty thousand dollars worth of jewelry and cash. The piece de resistance one single bracelet worth one hundred thousand dollars. A bracelet containing five ten carat ~~xxx~~ diamonds, a hundred round diamonds and a hundred square cut diamonds. Sounds like a whole jewelry store ~~ix~~ in one bracelet.