

EGYPT

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Anglo-Egyptian relations reached a new low today - when a Cairo newspaper said the Nasser government will ask the death penalty for three Britons accused of espionage. Egypt charges that they were involved in a conspiracy to overthrow Nasser. An appeal for the death penalty would be based on the charge that Egypt is in a <sup>(state)</sup> ~~state~~ of war - war with Israel. The ~~prosecution~~ prosecutor General of the Nasser Government refuses to comment on the newspaper report.

## SUEZ

Britain and France are still rushing troops to Cyprus. Around twenty thousand British troops are already on that island - less than ~~for~~ four hundred miles from the Suez Canal. They have been joined by two French divisions - one parachute and one mechanized. Paris, to keep moving her soldiers into Cyprus - because the Suez situation is deteriorating. A spokesman for the French government says France is not trying to put any ~~press~~ pressure on Egypt - the troop movements, merely intended to protect the lives of French citizens, if anything happens.

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Meanwhile, Nasser's bid to hire pilots from abroad has run into a rebuff - with a British merchant marine union ordering its members not to accept employment by the now nationalized Suez Company.

CANAL FOLLOW EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower came to his news conference with a prepared statement about the Suez Canal dispute. <sup>Q</sup> ~~Mr.~~ <sub>1</sub>  
*statement in which he tries*  
~~Eisenhower saying~~ to soothe ~~the~~ international tension - with a moderate statement of our policy. As we know, Cairo has protested a statement by Secretary of State Dulles - who referred to the Canal as an "internationalized" waterway. The Egyptian government, claiming that the canal belongs to Egypt ~~and~~ under the treaty of Eighteen Eighty Eight.

Today President Eisenhower clarified our position - by defining his terms very carefully. His view is that the Treaty of Eighteen Eighty Eight did not give other nations ownership rights in the canal. But that treaty provided that ~~Egypt~~ Egypt should never be allowed to jeopardize the use of the canal by other nations.

President Eisenhower summed it up by saying - the dispute has been a matter of words - ~~Semantics~~ - which is just what he has said before.

## EISENHOWER

At his news conference today, President Eisenhower was questioned about his plans for the coming campaign; in particular - will he tour the country - speaking in behalf of Republican candidates? The President's answer - adds up to, yes and no. Meaning, it won't really be a "whistle stop" campaign - and he won't travel as much as he did in Nineteen Fifty Two; but he will deliver as many election speeches as he thinks necessary to keep the record of his administration before the American people. And he'll make these speeches in different parts of the country.

Mr. Eisenhower told his news conference that details have not been worked out; so he's not sure where he'll speak. But he said he had been invited to appear in Oregon, Washington and Ohio. Will he accept? He doesn't know - yet.

One thing he made clear, he intends to carry on a high level campaign. Hit hard on fundamental issues -



but stay clear of what he calls "petty name calling."

Asked how he felt about the A F L - C I O Council endorsement of Adlai Stevenson, he replied that the two great labor organizations endorsed the Democratic ticket in Nineteen Fifty Two. The implication being, that he won then without the support of some union leaders, and feels he can do it again.

## STEVENSON

Former President Truman will campaign for Adlai Stevenson. So announced by the Democratic nominee at a press conference in Chicago. Stevenson, revealing that the national committee of the party is working out Mr. Truman's schedule right now. And Stevenson adds, he'll approve anything the committee decides.

This was his first full dress news conference since he won the nomination in Chicago over Mr. Truman's strong opposition. Apparently, the Democrats have ~~not~~ decided to let bygones be bygones - to concentrate on fighting the Republicans rather than feuding with one another.

## BYRNES

The South's most famous living statesman - former Cabinet Officer - Secretary of State, and a former Governor of South Carolina - joins a new independent political movement in the South. James Byrnes, signing a petition - that would place unpledged electors on the ballot in November. Former Governor Byrnes told the press today that he does not plan to enter the campaign. He just wants to see voters in the South have a chance to accept or reject any candidate. In other words, if the petition succeeds - the South could ignore both Eisenhower and Stevenson - in favor of a state's right's candidate - as has happened before.

NIXON

Vice President Nixon broke off his labor Day vacation in New Jersey - to fly to Los Angeles - where his father is sinking rapidly. The Vice President looked tired when he spoke to newsmen at the airport. He merely told them that the outlook for his father in his words "is not hopeful."

He added that his parents will be pleased to receive <sup>the</sup> best

<sup>he is taking to them</sup>  
wishes from President Eisenhower.



# AGRICULTURE

Today's report by the <sup>Dept. of</sup> Agriculture ~~Department~~

is sure to have political repercussions. The report reveals that farm prices - dropped three percent in the month ending August Fifteenth. This leaves farm income at eighty-two percent of parity - compared with ~~Eighty-five percent~~ <sup>for</sup> July. ~~It was~~ the sharpest decline in many months.

The political implications <sup>by</sup> ~~are~~ obvious in an election year, nothing is more important than the farm vote. So the Democrats are sure to use this decrease as a talking point during the campaign. And it takes some of the force out of the administration ~~in~~ contention - that farm prices have risen ten percent since December.

ATOMIC

The Kremlin announces - the end of a new series of nuclear tests. We <sup>had</sup> ~~was~~ already <sup>heard from</sup> ~~had~~ President Eisenhower ~~the~~ <sup>these</sup> ~~declaration~~ about Russian atomic blasts in Siberia. Now, the Soviet Union admits that the explosions were ~~RE~~ carried out - although the place is not mentioned. <sup>^</sup>All we are told is that radio active substances were touched off at great heights - which suggests guided missiles with atomic warheads.

PLANE

*Washington*  
~~Our State Department~~

blames Red China - for shooting down our plane off the Chinese coast last week. The Navy patrol plane was on a routine mission -- when Communist fighters opened fire --- and sent it crashing into the sea. So far no survivors have been found - the entire crew of sixteen apparently lost.

*The* State Department calls the attack "unjustified" - and *adds* ~~added~~ that we will claim damages from Mao Tse Tung. The demand, probably to go by way of Britain - since we have no diplomatic relations with Red China.

## DESEGREGATION

In Mansfield, Texas, the Texas Rangers were called out today - to control the crowd at Mansfield High School. The reason - a federal court order - giving negroes the right to attend Mansfield high. A crowd of four hundred gathered at the school to protest. ~~Re~~ Pickets walked up and down - carrying signs attacking desegregation. No one was hurt - but there was a lot of shouting and pushing. Finally, Governor Shivers ordered the Texas Rangers into Mansfield - to make sure there was no violence.

The doors of the school were locked at noon - and no pupil will have a chance to register before Tuesday. The opponents of desegregation say they'll be right back ~~in~~ at the school after Labor Day - to keep Negro children out. The NAACP says it's still determined to follow the court order - it still wants negroes allowed into Mansfield High.



## BRIDGE

Two marvels of American engineering were opened to the public today - on opposite sides of the continent. In Richmond, California, Governor Goodwin Knight dedicated the third bridge to span San Francisco Bay. The Richmond - San Rafael Bridge, taking its place with the San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge, ~~and~~ and the most famous of all, the Golden Gate Bridge.

The new structure cost ~~six~~ sixty-eight million and took three years to build. After Governor Knight performed the dedication ceremony - pedestrians were allowed to use the Richmond - San Rafael Bridge. Tomorrow it will be open to ~~pedestrians and~~ automobiles, vehicular traffic.

There's only one sad note in all this. The new bridge means the end of the picturesque ferry boats - ~~which~~ <sup>that</sup> have been carrying passengers across San Francisco Bay, ~~sine sine~~ <sup>these many</sup> ~~nineteen~~ ~~eighteen~~ long years.

Three thousand miles away, New York State announced the opening of the last three miles of its great thruway. These three miles include Yonkers, and the congested area created special problems in building bridges, moving ~~the~~ homes, and rerouting water mains. ~~These~~ Three miles <sup>that</sup> cost the State almost five million dollars <sup>per mile,</sup> ~~for each mile.~~ But the opening of this part of the ~~The~~ Thruway - makes it all the easier for ~~makers~~ motorists to drive from New York City to Buffalo - four hundred and twenty seven miles of highway, without a single ~~in~~ traffic light.

## NINA

Tonight London is in an uproar over - the case of Nina the lady discus thrower, and the five hats. Nina Ponamereva - one of the U.S.S.R.'s finest athletes. Two hundred and ten pound Nina, who set a record for throwing the discus in the Nineteen-Fifty-Two Olympic Games.

Nina, freed in the custody of the Soviet Consul General, failed to show up in court yesterday, and today the whole thing erupted into an international incident. First a Russian official called at the Foreign office to ask the British to drop the charges against Nina. He was told merely that the lady discus thrower ought to appear in court - because she has nothing to fear from British justice. But the Russians refuse to go near the court and tonight Nina is still holed up in the Soviet Embassy. And, the Soviet team has called off the track meet - in which Nina would have been one of the star performers.



Her comrades have issued a defense of their champion discus thrower - a statement full of words like "blackmail" and "frameup" and "dirty provocation". The British athletic board sent a representative to meet with the Soviet coach - trying to convince him that the shop-lifting charge against Nina, has no political significance. Everything has political significance, replied the coach, who repeated that - his team will not take part in the London track meet. They are getting ready to go home.

And Nina? Tonight Scotland Yard has a close watch on the Soviet Embassy. And detectives are patrolling the docks - to make sure that little Nina doesn't slip aboard a Russian ship in the harbor.

It all sound like high comedy? Scotland Yard trying to arrest a Russian lady discus thrower, who tried to get away with five hats each worth 90 cents.



The irony of it is that Nina probably would have gone free if she had appeared in court.

She doesn't speak English - and the store detective who arrested her, doesn't speak Russian.

The trouble is, Nina isn't telling what she was up to in that London Bargain basement. And the

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A British scientist declares that the <sup>principal</sup> trouble with science fiction writers is <sup>that</sup> they have too little imagination.

Arthur Clarke, one of the world's leading science fiction writers - says his colleagues are too timid when they predict interplanetary travel within twenty-five years. He thinks fifteen years - is more like it.

Clarke is in New York to ~~see~~ attend the annual convention of the science fiction society. ~~He is~~ <sup>he also is the</sup> a scientist as well as a novelist <sup>author of a</sup> ~~sound~~ scientific treatise <sup>on</sup> ~~called~~ "interplanetary flight."

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## SALOON

In Memphis, Tennessee, they are tearing down Pee Wee's saloon on Beale Street - and a lot of old timers are saying - Memphis will never be the same. Because Pee Wee's saloon is where the blues began. Back in Nineteen Nine W. C. Handy was in the bar - when he got the idea for a new kind of song. And on the spot he composed the "Memphis Blues." That song started a trend whole new school of song writing. Many many more were written in the same rhythm - including W. C. Handy's masterpiece, The St. Louis Blues.

In those days, Beale Street was one of the liveliest places in Memphis - and Pee Wee's saloon was the liveliest hot spot on Beale Street. Then, along came prohibition - no more legal booze, and Pee Wee's had to close up. It never opened again. And now workmen are busy tearing the building down - brick by brick. The Emporium of strong drink - mostly bourbon - where W. C. Handy started it all by composing the "Memphis Blues" <sup>at the saloon</sup> there at the bar. So, Henry its farewell to Pee Wee's,