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EISENHOWER - INDO CHINA

President Eisenhower, today, made a statement that this country "will not use force" to upset the truce in Indo

China. In saying this, the President merely anticipated the declaration that this country agreed to make - at Geneva.

We don't approve of the truce terms, but

we won't do anything to <sup>them</sup> disrupt, } Uncle

Sam standing coldly aloof. The

President added that our statement was

being issued at Geneva, as the conference

ends.

IP He went on to say →

(~~He added~~ that the terms contained what he called - "features which we do not like." He didn't name the "features." But, obviously, one of them ~~would be~~ - the turning over of northern Indo China to the Communists.)

Speaking to a White House news conference today, President Eisenhower said he does not believe the Red powers want an all-out war. Not ready to challenge the Free World to an ~~any~~ A-Bomb, H-Bomb contest. Not now, at any rate. The immediate threat, according to the President, is

Communist aggression by subversion and propoganda. In other words - world conspiracy to disrupt the free countries from within. With the President adding - the free nations must unite, must get together, to resist the conspiracy.

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## INDO CHINA - AID

The United States, today, stopped the delivery of military material to Indo-China. At the Defense Department, in Washington, a spokesman said: "All shipments (of military aid) that have not been delivered - have been stopped." # At the same time, the U. S. Air Force is withdrawing its maintenance men from Indo-China. Some two-hundred-and-fifty - who had been taking care of United States planes used by the French. Our technicians are being taken out, and the word is - they won't be replaced.

Altogether, this country sent military assistance to Indo China to the tune of about two billion three hundred million dollars' worth. At least, that much money was appropriated by Congress to aid in the defense against Communism out there. ~~But~~ In Washington, it is estimated that, during the past year, the United States paid about sixty-six percent of the cost of the Indo-China war.

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## ARMISTICE DELAY

A dispatch from Geneva explains why the signing of the armistice did not meet the deadline set by Premier Mendes-France. The documents pertaining to Viet Nam and Laos not signed - until several hours after midnight. The job of typing had not been completed. A number of pages - having to be re-typed.

Today, a spokesman stated what we can easily guess. Premier Mendes-France had promised - to ~~xx~~ resign, if he didn't

have an armistice by midnight. But, of course he won't step out  $\leftarrow$  because of the technicality of a mere few hours. The spokesman said: "The Premier does not intend to ~~r~~esign, because of the simple delay in typewriting."

Oddly enough, there was <sup>another</sup> ~~xxxxxxx~~ delay in the signing of the final agreement on Cambodia - which had been put off until today. That ceremony was to have been held at noon - but, at the last moment they couldn't find an official seal, which was necessary. So the agreement

on Cambodia was delayed for more than half an hour - while they hunted for the seal.

~~There was also a small disagreement at the last minute, about a minor detail. But the hunt for the missing seal was the odd point. The Cambodia document - signed at thirty-eight minutes past noon, Geneva~~  
~~time xxxxx~~

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## INDO CHINA - CEASE FIRE

In Indo China, today, contending forces fought ~~what~~ what seemed to be - the last battle of the war out there. The Reds - launching a violent attack on the seaport of Chu Buoï, thirteen miles to the south of the Tourane naval and air base. That's below the truce line, on the French side. Sixteen hundred Red assailants charging forward - only to be beaten back in a five-hour battle.

A battle - after the conclusion of the armistice. But that is not surprising in Indo-China. Today, we hear, the Reds asked

for three to ten days' delay - requiring that much time to transmit cease-fire orders to Communist~~S~~ in xxx jungle areas. They say that in places, like the Red River Delta, they can circulate the armistice news in three days. But, in southern Viet Nam, they may need as much as ten days to communicate with Red guerrillas.

Hanoi, meanwhile, is getting ready for - evacuation. There is no panic, we hear - the city having resigned itself, days ago, to a Communist occupation.

Most of the native population saying:

"Anything is better than war."

But there's desperate fear among the Indo Chinese, who <sup>have been</sup> ~~are~~ actively anti-Communist. They may be - marks for Communist retaliation. So they are getting out. Today, the Mayor of Hanoi told news<sup>-</sup>reporters that least one hundred thousand people must abandon their homes quickly, or run the risk of Red vengeance.

All of which adds to the problem of evacuation. The French population - to leave, civilians as well as military forces. Also - hosts of native refugees.

## INDO CHINA - EMPEROR

The news from Indo China <sup>gives an</sup> ~~is an~~ indication - <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>what</sup> ~~what~~ individual is likely to lose the most by the armistice. The Emperor, Bao Dai - <sup>may</sup> ~~likely~~ lose his throne. He remains the sovereign of southern Viet Nam - the small part that's left. - But he may not remain Emperor for long.

Well, Bao Dai may not care too much about that. He is in southern France, right now, occupying a luxurious villa on the Riviera. He's been there all through the peace negotiations at Geneva -

while the fate of his country was decided. Last night, it was noted that Bao Dai drove home to his residence in a big black Rolls Royce. He has seventeen expensive cars, as he lives a playboy life in southern France.

Maybe he won't go back to Indo China.

~~He may be he may not go back.~~

through the war, all through the nightmare of his kingdom, Bao Dai preferred - the luxury of the Riveria. Back in Indo China, his own subjects noted that - and they don't approve.

## COMMUNIST PARTY

A Congressional subcommittee, today, voted approval for a bill - that ~~will~~ would outlaw the Communist Party <sup>in</sup> ~~of~~ the United States. Under the measure, any one remaining a Communist Party member, thirty days after enactment of the bill ~~to be~~ <sup>would be</sup> given ten years in prison. (If it were proved - that he knew the revolutionary aims of Communism.

This subcommittee action is contrary to the advice of Attorney General Brownell - <sup>who</sup> ~~he~~ opposes the outlawing of

the American Communist Party. Arguing -  
that this would make the Reds go further  
underground, taking refuge in deeper  
secrecy. Which - would make <sup>them</sup> ~~it~~ still  
harder to control.) (FBI Director J.  
Edgar Hoover is also of this view. But  
the subcommittee went ahead - <sup>though</sup> ~~and~~ the  
bill may have rough going on the floor  
of Congress. Administration leaders -  
opposed.)

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## COMMUNISTS DEPRIVED OF CITIZENSHIP

The House Representatives, today, passed the bill to deprive convicted Communist conspirators of American citizenship.

This was recommended by the administration, and the Congressmen didn't even bother to debate the matter. By a voice vote, they passed the measure, under which any

American, found guilty of participating in <sup>a</sup> Communist conspiracy, will be stripped of his American citizenship.

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## HOOVER

The Senate voted - birthday  
congratulations, today. Expressing -  
"Admiration and Gratitude" for long  
years of service to this country. ~~For~~  
Whose birthday? Former President Hoover's.

Actually, the congratulations were  
a little in advance. The former President  
will celebrate his eightieth birthday on  
August tenth. But the Senate will be in  
adjournment then - so the lawmakers  
expressed their "admiration and gratitude",  
today.

( Well, the ~~Senate's~~ tribute is surely

well deserved. Ever since the days of World War One , forty years ago, when he took charge of Belgian relief - Herbert Hoover has been in public service. Since his retirement from the Presidency, he

has given his time and effort freely to tasks requested by the government. ~~Right~~ <sup>at</sup>

~~now,~~ <sup>present</sup> — as he goes toward ~~sixty~~ his eightieth

birthday, he's on a job of government

re-organization. Which began - in the

Truman administration. } This week he

is camping in the giant Redwood trees #7# Northern Calif. - where I expect to join him on Sat. 3 days from now.

Ex-Tres. Hoover enjoys a few days under those inspiring giant trees. I think it's his favorite spot on earth.

DROUTH

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President Eisenhower, today, designated sections of Texas as disaster areas - eligible for Federal assistance. Because of the drouth - which has been blighting the crops. The President also named sections of Wyoming - the dry conditions extending that far north.

In three other States, Missouri, Illinois and Georgia, officials have asked for government help. All <sup>a</sup> result of the heat wave that swept <sup>so much of</sup> the nation last week, and still continues - with blazing sunshine.

*southern*  
 In California, where I am tonight *we hear*

more forest and brush fires. <sup>A</sup>~~The~~ big  
 blaze in the Lake Tahoe area ~~is~~ now  
 sweeping eastward into Nevada. Fire-  
 fighting crews declare - there is little  
 hope of controlling it, for the time  
 being. That's the most serious of four  
 fires raging along the California-Nevada  
 border.

Here's a contrast - in the southwestern  
~~story~~ <sup>story</sup> of dry, hot weather. A thundering  
 cloud burst, in Arizona - in one town,  
 three inches of rain in less than two

hours. The water piling up in the streets -  
automobiles tossed around like driftwood -  
a torrent.

In other parts of Arizona - similar  
sudden rainstorms. Freakish <sup>weather during</sup> ~~days - in a~~  
widespread heat wave.

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## WETBACKS

Mexico says - the "Wetbacks" deported across the Rio Grande are getting a proper welcome. There is a shortage of labor on Mexican farms - particularly in the Matamoros area. Where the cotton crop is ready for picking; ~~the season~~ <sup>and there's</sup> a shortage of hands to pick it. <sup>#</sup> The Matamoros farmers, in fact, have been protesting against the legal shipment of workers into the U.S. - on contract. <sup>#</sup> So they have a ready welcome for the deported "Wetbacks." - Numbers of whom have already been sent along - to the

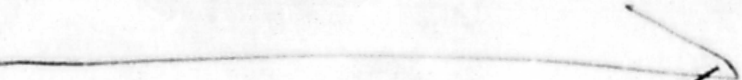
Mexican cotton fields.

A dispatch from Texas states that, in the lower Rio Grande Valley, more than fifty thousand illegal aliens have crossed the border into Mexico. Either deported, or going back of their own accord. A voiding - the roundup conducted by the Border Patrol. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~. Many - swimming the Rio Grande. "Wetbacks", in reverse.

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## ACCIDENT

Today's news gives the explanation of a strange accident at a religious gathering in New Mexico. Where a throng of worshippers were celebrating a feast of the Madonna - at a shrine dating back more than three hundred years. The Shrine of <sup>the</sup> Conquistadora - set up way back in 1625. While the ceremony was in progress, a runaway automobile plunged into the crowd. An eighty-eight year old man, Antonio Lujan - killed. ~~The question is~~ ~~is~~ ~~how~~ The automobile <sup>ran</sup> ~~happened to~~ ~~run~~ amok, when





~~Wallyxxxxxxx~~ a seventy-year old man, an invalid, got into the car, which had been parked by some companions of his. It was night, and he wanted to switch on the car lights. Instead, he switched on the ignition and started the engine. Then, as the car rolled forward, he tried to step on the brake. But he stepped on the accelerator.

~~It's a wonder a number of people were not killed~~ ~~as~~ the automobile <sup>that</sup> ran into <sup>a</sup> the panic-stricken throng.

## FISHERMEN

In Illinois, two fishermen went fishing, and caught - a kangaroo.  
Sounds like a strange fish to catch - especially in Illinois.

Jim Rhodes and Jim Smith of Taylorville, went out with rod and reel, hook and line. Hoping to catch a few black bass, or even catfish. Imagine their astonishment - when, in an Illinois field, they saw a kangaroo hopping around. Like Australia, come to the USA.

They caught the critter, took it back to town. Where they learned - the

kangaroo had escaped from a carnival truck.

That's the latest fish story - from Illinois. And now here's Mike Fitzmorris from - all the way from the other side of this big continent. # #