

The Senate decides to begin formal debate - on President Eisenhower's Civil Rights bill. The vote, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ overwhelming - seventy-one to eighteen. The bill, including the four basic clauses - on which Mr. Eisenhower has insisted all along. First, a bi-partisan Civil Rights commission to be set up. Secondly, the Justice Department to create a Civil Rights division. Third, the government to use court injunctions to prevent the violation of Civil Rights. And fourth, all citizens to have greater protection in voting.

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During today's debate, Senator Byrd unleashed a terrific blast against Chief Justice ~~Earl~~ Warren and Attorney General Brownell. ^{Sen.} Byrd charging that Warren has harmed America more than any Chief Justice in history.

^{Whereupon}
~~At that~~ Senator Knowland, who introduced the bill - jumped to his feet, ~~knowland~~ saying, Byrd's language was so strong - it might be an obstacle to cooperation between both sides in drafting possible amendments.

The first Southerner to announce his support of

the Knowland bill - Senator Kefauver. The Tennessee Democrat, giving his opinion - that the time has come to consider Civil Rights legislation - with the country sufficiently alerted to its significance.

~~But the bill faces one special hurdle. Senator Morse of Oregon wants it sent back to the Judiciary Committee - for a report, in seven days. ^{And Majority Leader} Senator Lyndon Johnson is Morse supporting the motion.~~

SENATORS

There was a verbal free-for-all in the Senate today - over one remark about President Eisenhower. Yesterday's remark by Senator Kerr of Oklahoma; that President Eisenhower doesn't have any brains. The Oklahoma Democrat explaining afterward - he meant financial brains. That the President doesn't understand the budget.

Senator Capehart of Indiana rushed to the President's defense, declaring that Senator Kerr's tongue, "runs away with his mind." That brought a retort from Senator Kerr - that anyway, President Eisenhower is a lot smarter than Senator Capehart.

To which the legislator from Indiana replied that he isn't a bit frightened of his colleague from Oklahoma. To which Senator Kerr retorted, "Them that know nothing, fear nothing."

Heated words in the Senate - but nobody threw any punches they way they do in European parliaments.

BUDGET

Budget Director Brundage spoke today before a closed session of the House Appropriations Committee, **Brundage**, explaining why the administration hopes to save a billion dollars from the budget. According to the Budget Director, the Administration has not worked out just where to make the reduction. But he feels sure that President Eisenhower is right - in saying that many federal agencies should be able to hold their spending down to what it was last year.

DULLES

At his news conference today, Secretary of State Dulles revealed we may set up special stock-piles of atomic weapons overseas. The point of having such stock-piles -- to give our allies striking power, if they should be attacked. The Atomic weapons, to be placed under the control of the Commander of Nato - to be turned over to our allies, ^{- in a hurry -} if a shooting war should start.

One newsman wanted to know - wouldn't that cause Russia to build up atomic stock-piles in her satellites?

To which Dulles
~~He~~ replied ~~that~~ the Kremlin doesn't have enough loyalty in the captive nations. Khrushchev doesn't know whether any arms given to the satellites - might not be used against Russia.

~~Our~~ ^{The} Secretary of State also announced - he has no intention of touring Eastern Europe, behind the Iron Curtain,

~~That~~ ^{as} proposal ^{ed} was made by Senator Mansfield of Montana.

Secretary Dulles sounded out our diplomats on the spot, and ~~he~~ said their replies are - unfavorable. They don't think a visit by the Secretary of State -- would do much good, at this time. So he ^{has} decided not to go.

The two Rover Boys of the Kremlin ^{have returned to} ~~came back home~~
~~Moscow -~~ today looking just about the same as when they left.
Khrushchev beaming - ^{and} ~~very~~ valuable. Khrushchev was,
Bulganin - reserved,
~~standing~~ in the background.

They flew ~~into Moscow~~ from Prague aboard a jet
airliner, ^{and} ~~then~~ they went directly to the sports stadium -
to speak before a roaring crowd. The ^{main} ~~biggest~~ speech, ~~of~~
~~course~~ ~~made~~ by Khrushchev. He said ~~that~~ relations between
Czechoslovakia and Russia - are very good. But he admitted,
there is ~~some~~ ~~what~~ some of what he called, "anti-Party
agitation" among the Czechs. Meaning, old-line Stalinists are
struggling to stay in power. But Khrushchev says he told the
Czechs about the way he ousted the "anti-Party leaders" in
Russia. The guess being, he may have told his supporters in
Prague - he'll help them get rid of their Stalinists too -
as soon as the Red Army lets ^{them.} ~~them.~~

ZHUKOV

The boss of the Soviet Army - continues to be the fallen Stalinists. Marshall Zhukov, speaking in Leningrad -- attacking Malenkov, Molotov and Kaganovich. The Marshal says they exceeded their authority when they were in power - and violated Communist law. He even accuses them of not wanting Russia to catch up with America in farm production. Marshal Zhukov, suggesting that all three be kicked out of the Party.

What's the purpose of all these ^{continuing} attacks on the Stalinists? You'd think the case could be forgotten, now that all three have been degraded. Western diplomats in Moscow believe the point is - Zhukov wants to put specific charges against them in the record. The charges, to be brought out any time in the future - if the Red Army decides their ^{punishment} hasn't been severe enough. The Zhukov charges, are strong enough to be grounds for executing Malenkov, Molotov and Kaganovich.

AMBASSADOR

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~~Our~~ new Ambassador to Moscow - submits his ~~credentials~~

credentials. Llewellyn Thompson, paying his first formal

visit to Soviet President Voroshilov, at the Kremlin. Our

Ambassador made a few brief remarks during the ceremony -

pledging ~~American~~ to work for good relations between the two

countries.

WILSON

Our Secretary of Defense orders the armed forces - to be cut by one hundred thousand men. The reduction, to be made by the end of this year. Secretary Wilson says we will save two hundred million dollars - and still have enough men, to meet all of our military commitments abroad.

PRICE SUPPORTS

Benson
~~Our~~ Secretary of Agriculture asks Congress for

authority to revise price supports on corn. The government is required to support corn up to ninety per cent of parity.- for *in 24 states* growers who accept acreage allotment, ~~in twenty four states~~

~~Secretary~~ Benson wants ~~to put~~ corn in the same class with

~~grains like~~ oats and barley, - which have no production curbs.

He says that a vote by the corn growers of those states - shows more than sixty per cent in favor of this new plan.

SMOKING

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A bill introduced in the Senate - demanding that

every package of cigarettes carry the warning that prolonged

smoking could cause cancer. The bill, proposed by Senator

Bennett of Utah - who doesn't smoke. Senator Bennett, saying

that cigarette smoking - is one of the ~~worst dangers in~~ *most serious of*

all hazards of life, in
America. The Senator adding, we should devote less of our

time to producing a "clean bomb" and more to producing a

"clean cigarette."

Senator Bennett's colleagues doubt that his bill

will get passed. *However some say* ~~But~~ a milder one might be more successful.

There's a bill before the Senate now, requiring that every

package of cigarettes list the contents of the cigarettes.

SHEPPARD

A dispatch from Deland, Florida - reminding us ^{of} ~~MAN~~
a notorious murder, committed two years ago. Remember when
pretty Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard was beaten to death in her
Cleveland home - on July Fourth, Nineteen Fifty-Four? Well,
today in Deland, an ex-convict named Joseph Wedler, confessed
committing the crime. *This by the way is* ~~it was~~ ^{/so-called/} the twenty-fifth "confession" -
In this case
although Dr. Samuel Sheppard was found guilty, and is serving
a life sentence.

Still this new
~~But the Wedler~~ confession is something special -
the Wedler
because some of ~~his~~ statements match the circumstances of the
murder. ~~For example~~ ^{Another} thing, he has a ~~very~~ bushy head of hair.

And Dr. Sheppard has always claimed that his wife was beaten
to death by a "bushy haired intruder." So the police of
Cleveland are more interested in Wedler - than in ~~most~~ most of
those who made fake confessions about killing Mrs. Sheppard.
They don't say they believe him - but they want to hear what
he has to say. Unless he comes up with something startling -
the Cleveland authorities will stick to the court decision -
that Dr. Sheppard committed the crime.

CRASH

Aviation experts are on their way from Amsterdam, to
Dutch New Guinea, ~~They will~~ ^{to} investigate the crash of that KLM
Constellation last night. The plane, with fifty-nine passengers
^{plus crew} aboard - taking off from Biak Island - crashing into the
Pacific, just two minutes later. Fifty-seven persons, killed
in the crash. A number of others, injured.

AIR FORCE

The Air Force denies its commanding general ever went on a "lavish hunting safari" in Alaska. A report, put out after a special investigation - of charges made by a former employee of the Air Force.

Keith Hart charges the "safari" took place - when General Twining and other officers were supposed to be holding a conference. Hart claims that while General Twining and the others, ~~were~~ out hunting big game ~~they~~ kept a B-47 jet bomber flying overhead, to relay word about the political convention.

The House Armed Services Committee asked the Air Force Inspector General to investigate. Now we have the final report by General E. J. Rogers, ^{who} ~~according to the reports,~~ ^{that charges} ~~there is~~ nothing in ~~what Keith Hart says.~~ No ~~is~~ "plush safari" at the place where the Air Force officers met. And, ~~there were~~ no B-47 bombers in Alaska at the time. This report, founded on testimony by men in the area. The Air Force, considering the case closed.

RECORD

That new record set by a Navy jet pilot today - almost matched the speed of sound. Major John Glenn of New Concord, Ohio - took his crusader jet up at Los Alamitos, California, streaked east across the continent - landing at Floyd Bennett Field here on the edge of New York city - in three hours, twenty-three minutes, and eight seconds; only nine minutes more than the speed of sound. His average speed, seven hundred and twenty-six miles per hour. The speed of sound - seven sixty.

Major Glenn says he's sure his jet can do it faster than sound; but he bucked a head wind part of the way. With a tail-wind - nothing to it.

HEADHUNTERS

The government of the Philippines issues a special warning - watch out, if you're traveling in the jungle of northern Luzon in the next few months. The reason - the primitive Ilongot tribe is out for heads. The young men of the tribe, using human heads as offerings - when they get married. This being the season of jungle weddings.

According to custom, a prospective bridegroom is supposed to place the head on a pole - in the yard of his fiance. The head on the pole means, his intentions are honorable. Also the bolo used in the decapitation - he throws that at the trunk of a tree and if the tree withers, the soothsayers of the Ilongot - regard the marriage as ideal. Whereupon the ceremony follows and there is much rejoicing.

This story worries me a bit. I'm heading for headhunter country in the islands of the South West

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Pacific in a few days. Joe, I wonder if they'll be friendly headhunters where I go. Well, Joe, I'll let you know - or someone else will!

Floyd Gibbons would have been severely wounded if he had lived. Floyd Gibbons, a newspaperman - who started analyzing the news over the radio back in December 1941. He was the first - on with a regular nightly show - and after 7 months succeeded him.

Some of us who knew Floyd will forget the colorful war correspondent with the patch over one eye. He lost his left eye at Belleau Wood in World War One.

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and a long and happy life.

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: I'm reminded that this is the birthday of an American who has become almost a part of radio mythology. Floyd Gibbons would have been seventy - if he had lived. Floyd pioneer newscaster - who started analyzing the news over the radio back in Nineteen Twenty-Five. He was the first - on with a regular nightly show - and after 7 months/^Isucceeded him.

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And solong until tomorrow.