

EISENHOWER

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President Eisenhower held a press conference today - the biggest since his illness. And it really was big - a record number of reporters on hand, almost three hundred of them. The reason for the crowd, the hope that Mr. Eisenhower might give some hint about his intentions, ~~for this year.~~

Newsmen say it was a very pleasant session - the President in good spirits, and looking very fit. ~~He~~ Obviously enjoyed <sup>ing</sup> the session - ~~several times~~ <sup>and</sup> joining in the laughter.

What about that second term issue? The answer is - ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ <sup>He</sup> has not made up his mind yet.

About that New Hampshire primary, he said he had no objection to his name being entered - but he emphasized it had no bearing on the question of whether he would run again.

Mr. Eisenhower made public his telegram to Harry Jackson, Deputy Secretary of State of New Hampshire - where Mr. Eisenhower's name has been filed. In that telegram, the President says that it's all right with him to have his name down for the primary - but he adds immediately that he reserves

the right to turn down a second term if he wants to.

The telegram mentions ~~Mr. Eisenhower's~~ health,  
*that* he ~~says~~ he knows ~~that~~ he cannot be restored to <sup>*(Quite the)*</sup> sound physical  
condition ~~that~~ he enjoyed before his illness. At the same  
time, his doctors are sure that he's getting back to a  
reasonable ~~condition.~~ *state of health.*

In other words, there are arguments on both sides -  
in the view of the President. And he's still thinking about the  
whole problem. The only thing Mr. Eisenhower did assure his  
audience today - when he has made his final decision, he'll  
let the country know about it right away.

PRESIDENT FOLLOW EISENHOWER

During his news conference, President Eisenhower referred to Secretary of State Dulles - and the furore over that Life Magazine article - which quoted Mr. Dulles as saying that the Eisenhower administration has three times been close to the brink of war. <sup>The President</sup> ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ began by saying that the Secretary of State is devoted to peace - an obvious rejection of Democratic criticism. And he added that the Dulles foreign policy is based upon the principle<sup>i</sup> - that we must not permit any "Munich defeats" in dealing with hostile nations. That's why it's necessary to take the chance of war - to prevent it.

President Eisenhower summed up his estimation of Secretary Dulles by saying, "To my mind, he is the best Secretary of State, I have ever known."

~~Mr. Eisenhower also referred to another magazine article - one by General Ridgway, in the Saturday Evening Post - our former Chief-of-Staff, saying that the cut-back in the ~~militar~~ military was "political".~~

~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ <sup>He</sup> avoided the question of personalities -

FRANCE

The French National Assembly convened today, in its traditional pomp and ceremony. But there was little celebrating - except by the Communists. A Communist Deputy opened the meeting - as Dean. And, he devoted his speech to attacking Secretary of State Dulles - ~~and~~ asking for a Popular Front French Government - which would include the Communists.

( Observers believe the Reds won't get their wish - the feeling still is that the Socialist factions will form a ministry between them - with either Mollet or Mendes-France as premier. )

UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations Security Council condemns Israel - for last month's attack on a Syrian outpost in the hills above the Sea of Galilee. Today's vote, unanimous. Russia joining the West at the last moment - after holding out for a stronger motion.

The resolution admits that Syrian troops did fire on Israeli fishermen. But it goes on to say that this does not justify the reprisal. So Israel is condemned - for the third time in a little more than two years.

## BRITISH

The British government issued a White Paper today - on the question of surplus war material being sold to nations of the Middle East. The Eden government states that some tanks, armored cars and planes - have gone from Britain to Belgium and France - and from those two European nations to Egypt and Israel. But the Eden government insists that the material was bought as scrap - ~~and~~ the amount involved, ~~is~~ too small to disturb the balance of power between Egypt and Israel. However, the White Paper goes on to say that the selling of scrap will be watched more closely - to make sure that no big shipments of war material get through to the tinder-box of the Middle East.

MALAYA

Conferences are on in London -- between British and Malaysians. The Malayan delegation -- demanding immediate self government. And -- independence within a year.

The chief Malayan delegate is Prince Abdul Rahman chief minister of the Federation of Malaya. His political party, in a recent election, won every seat in the Malayan parliament-- except one.

So he represents what would seem to be a United opinion -- that Malaya should become independent of Britain. And -- in ~~a~~ year from now. Which might indicate -- the dropping off of another branch of the far-flung British Empire as it once was.

CHINA

The news, ~~the news~~ <sup>today</sup> ~~gives~~ gives us an inkling of what has been going on in Geneva, the talks between envoys of the ~~the~~ United States and Red China. Negotiations -- that have been dragging out interminably. They were called, of course, to procure the liberation of Americans detained in China. Which purpose has not been altogether accomplished. Some Americans released. But, fifteen -- still held by the Reds.

Now, we find -- that negotiators have been palavering about a "renunciation of force." Which is a thing talked about in public discussion -- a year or so ago, when the crisis of the Formosa Strait was flaring dangerously. Our government insisting -- that the Reds should ~~pledge~~ pledge themselves -- never to resort to war-like means.

So that's what has been under debate at Geneva. We ~~are~~ -- trying to get a pledge for peace in Formosan waters.

The Chinese Reds now disclose that they were willing



to make a ~~form~~ renunciation of war -- in general terms.

Pledging -- peaceful means for a settlement of disputes with the United States. But they would not have any - Formosa angle. Contending -- that Formosa is none of our business. They speak of "defense" in connection with the United States. But hold -- that this defense does not include Formosa.

( We, on our part, have been demanding specifically -- a "no-war" commitment with respect to Formosa.

These have been the secret negotiations. Which the Reds now make public -- for some reason of their own. )

WEDEMEYER

Another article in Life Magazine is causing international repercussions. First it was that one about Secretary of State Dulles - his "brink of war" remarks. Now it's the latest part of the memoirs of former President Truman.

The point about Mr. Truman's memoirs that is causing the trouble - what he has to say about his China policy. Mr. Truman writing, that General Albert Wedemeyer and others led him to think that a union between Chiang Kai-shek and other Chinese leaders was possible - just before Mao Tse-tung and his Reds took over that country.

General Wedemeyer retorts - he never said any such thing. The General admits that he worked with General Marshall and did everything he could to make the Marshall Mission a success. But, General Wedemeyer goes on to say: "I expressed my doubt - about his ability to do the job."

And there's a rejoinder from Formosa. A diplomat close to the Chiang regime denouncing Mr. Truman's handling

I had an experience this morning that I will not soon forget. <sup>Telling</sup> ~~It's~~ a joke - all imaginary, not a word of truth in it. But, you tell it with a straight face, and if someone hasn't heard it - he'll get a real shock. Followed by a big let-down and a laugh.

Yesterday,  
^ Coming away from the Preview of the General Motors Show called Motorama, I walked up the street with one of this country's foremost lawyers. Hold onto your chair, while I tell you -- remember it isn't true! He said to me: Have you seen your press wire in the last hour? I replied, no, I've been over here with the General Motors crowd, with Roland Withers of United Motors and Hi Dawson of Delco. So, I haven't heard any late news.

"Well," he continued, "I heard some news a few minutes ago. A flash from Washington - saying that President Eisenhower has definitely decided not to run. And he suggests that the Republican ticket be headed by - Nixon and Ferris."

I bit .. and asked the obvious question. "Nixon and

Ferris? Who is Ferris?" To which he replied: "Ferris? Oh, he's the big wheel out at Coney Island!"

Shock -- laugh.

Today, I spoke before a great crowd of United Motors Service people, A.C. Spark Plug executives and dealers, and our own Delco ~~Battery~~ Battery people from various parts of the country -- and their wives. So I repeated the story, with a straight face -- little realizing ~~that~~ the shock it would cause.

For, when I repeated the line, about President Eisenhower deciding not to run, a groan went up from that great audience that almost bowled me over. Actually, I had a little difficulty getting on with the rest of the yarn about Nixon and Ferris -- and Ferris being a big wheel at Coney Island which of course quickly turns it into a laugh.

The shock when you tell that Eisenhower line to one person is one thing, but when it is multiplied a thousand times, well, it is something I can't describe. And I wish that I had played the joke on only one person, not a thousand.

It indicated vividly, if I needed any such indication - that there are millions and millions of Americans who are hoping and praying that the President will run again.

By the way - today's Presidential news conference - at which he said he hasn't yet made up his mind, was followed quickly - by a statement from 52 Republican Congressmen. It reads: "We earnestly urge the President, health permitting, to become a candidate for re-election."

BOMBAY

American Evangelist, Billy Graham, toured Bombay this afternoon. But it wasn't much like a guided tour - because that great Indian city is still in the grip of rioting. Today, seven killed and twenty-four injured - when police fired on the mob.

Billy Graham told newsmen he was delighted to be in Bombay - although he admitted that the circumstances were, as he put it, "abnormal."

ANTARCTIC

News from the Antarctic -- flights across the  
~~South~~ South Pole. ~~Flights plural~~ Many of them.

A dispatch from the Byrd expedition in Antarctica  
tells of four South Pole air voyages in twelve days. ~~xxxxxx~~  
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

Well, it's <sup>so</sup> mighty different <sup>from</sup> now days than it was

back in Nineteen Eleven, When Amundsen and Scott both reached  
the South Pole -- in terrifying journeys on foot. British  
Captain Robert Falcon Scott -- perishing, in a tragedy of  
Antarctic exploration.

## SHOVEL

The biggest piece of mobile machinery ever built in the United States- that's how they<sup>a</sup>re describing the new power shovel put to work in Cadiz, Ohio, by the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company.

The shovel has been christened the "Mountaineer". It's fifty per cent bigger than any other - one hundred and forty-seven feet tall, as high as a twelve story building. The operator rides to the control room - in an automatic elevator. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ But this giant can swing from one side to the other, with a full dipper - in fifty seconds. The dipper itself, swinging from a boom one hundred and fifty feet long - scooping up sixty cubic yards of earth each time. It can move coal at the rate of thirteen million pounds an hour - more than twice its own weight.

The "Mountaineer" ~~cost~~ cost two and a half million dollars to build - but the Company says it will repay the cost many times over before it's through.



ADD SHOVEL

But the great power shovel didn't behave when it was tested today. A clutch slipped - and the operator had to let the bucket drop with a crash - to avoid carrying it over the heads of a crowd of spectators. The thirty tons came crashing down - as bystanders screamed and scattered. Fortunately, no one was hurt, <sup>Henry,</sup> - but the Company says it will take a couple of days to repair the "Mountaineer".