

PRESIDENT

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President Eisenhower has ceased to be a heart patient and begins to look more and more like a candidate for the White House. That's the opinion of United Press correspondent Lyle Wilson - who points out that yesterday's announcement by the President's doctors - has changed the whole political picture.

Not long ago, many observers close to the President were convinced that he would not run again. They thought he was afraid of a physical collapse - that would make him an invalid. And Mr. Eisenhower himself has repeatedly indicated - that he would not want to leave the country facing the critical difficulties that would arise - if he should die in office.

But yesterday's announcement - makes the chance of a collapse very remote. According to the doctors, Mr. Eisenhower is physically able to continue as President. So opinion in Washington has swung around - to the belief that

Mr. Eisenhower will accept the Republican nomination again.

Then there's the political argument. The campaign for the Democratic nomination, as we know, is well under way. Stevenson, Harriman, and Kefauver - all attacking the administration. Lyle Wilson says it's obvious that President Eisenhower resents some of the things that are being said about him. He believes that his administration has been good for the country. Moreover, G O P leaders feel sure they could win again with Mr. Eisenhower. They're not so sure, that they ~~would~~ could win with any other candidate. Which means just one thing - if the President wants to be certain of a continuation of his policies - the safest thing would be for him to run again.

So Washington opinion looks like this. There is no medical reason for President Eisenhower to reject a second term. There are strong political reasons for him to run again. So the belief is - he will.

STOCK MARKET

The stock market is booming - all because of the news about President Eisenhower. After the President's illness in September, ~~his~~ buying slipped - traders ^{they} ~~were~~ ^{at all} not optimistic about the future. But they are now, as a result of the medical word that the President is in fine shape - okay for ~~five~~ more years of full scale activity. ~~This~~ ^{that has} news ~~seems to have~~ ~~brag~~ brought a nationwide wave of optimism - which has affected that economic barometer, the stock market.

EISENHOWER

The President ~~Eisenhower~~ flew south to Georgia today - for a few days, during which he may make up his mind about a second term. The Presidential plane, Columbine the third, landed at Spence Air Force base near Moultrie, Georgia. There it was a sunny day, as the President and First Lady were greeted by a crowd of several thousand at the air field. Among them the famous speed pilot, Dick Merrill, who remarked that they ~~was~~ were greeting a man who would go down in history as the greatest President. To which Mr. Eisenhower replied: "Well, it won't be for lack of trying."

From the base, the Presidential party drove out to visit Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey. All along the way, there were school children, let out for the afternoon. Shouting greetings, and waving flags. The President smiling, waving back.

The treasury Secretary was all set to take him quail hunting. Within a few minutes they were off on that mission.

The dispatch notes that the Humphrey home is called "Milestone." Surely an appropriate name for the place where the President is to make one of the momentous decisions of his life. A decision that is discussed tonight from coast to coast. A decision that dominates the headlines.

SEATO

The maneuvers of the southeast Asia Treaty Organization moved into high gear today. More than fifteen thousand men, from six nations - carrying out exercises on land, sea and air. ~~around~~ ^{took to the silk} 2 thousand American paratroopers ~~jumped~~ over the airport at Bangkok, Thailand - along with other paratroopers from that country.

~~Also~~ ^{When} There was a bit of a scare today ~~British~~ British destroyers sighting a strange submarine close to the Gulf of Thailand.

The entire Seato task force went on the alert. - ~~But~~ the sub did not appear ^{again,} ~~after that.~~ Apparently, it left ^{at top} ~~the area~~ -

^{speed} because it was not discovered after a long search by Seato ships.

ALLEN

Today's statement by Assistant Secretary of State George Allen - is the most pessimistic that any of our leaders has yet made. George Allen, telling a group of British, French and American newsmen - that the danger of war in the Middle East has become serious, ^{indeed.} He denied that a shooting conflict is inevitable - but, ~~he~~ added, that both sides are tense - and even a minor incident might touch off war.

Asked about the Israeli appeal for American arms, ^{Russia.}

^{Sec.} Allen said that there are arguments for and against; ^{Iran and} ~~then~~ ^{then} ~~but~~ went on to point out that since Egypt has received arms, Washington is more favorable than it was to the Israeli request.

ALGERIA

The news from Algeria of fighting, between Army and rebels, as the politicians in Paris talk over the problem of a settlement. Terrorists ambushed two convoys - killing one French soldier, wounding others - and then getting away. At another place passengers of two busses robbed, and then both set on fire.

PARIS

The biggest free-for-all that the Paris Assembly has had in several years, - ^{that's} how they're describing the fight between Communist and Poujadist deputies. The violence broke out when the Assembly was debating whether to un-seat one follower of Poujade. His colleagues immediately began to scream that the speaker should resign. The Communists came to ^{their man's} ~~his~~ defense. And in a moment, the two parties were involved in a battle royal - punching one another, and ^{hurling the} ~~throwing the little~~ wooden stools that stand around the speaker's ~~in~~ desk.

At one point, somebody fired a cap pistol ^{- whereupon} ~~and~~ ^{many} ~~a lot of~~ Deputies jumped for cover, under the impression ^{it was the real thing.} that ~~someone was spraying bullets around.~~

FINLAND

The Finnish Assembly elects a new Premier - Urho
Kekkonen, an anti-Communist ⁱⁿ ~~who had~~ a close fight with a
Leftist. The final margin, just two votes - one-hundred-and-
fifty-one to one-hundred-and-forty-nine.

Although Kekkonen is anti-Communist in his domestic
politics - he is called Pro-Russian in his foreign policy. But,
in Finland, that merely means that Kekkonen is ^{supremely} ~~very~~ conscious
of ^{the} ~~that~~ Russian bear just across the Finnish frontier. ~~He~~
~~Doesn't~~ ^{to tangle again with that} want ~~any aggression from the~~ Bear. And so he
advocates a policy of trying to get along ~~with the~~ with the
Kremlin - trying not to antagonize Khrushchev.

A report today ~~we hear~~ that our State Department has not uncovered any evidence that the ~~km~~ Two British ex-diplomats - tipped off Red China to our plans during the Korean War; as charged by General MacArthur. The General said he was convinced that Red China intervened in the Korean War after getting inside information that the U N forces in Korea would not be allowed to counter-attack beyond the Yalu. Mao Tse Tung sure that his "Manchurian sanctuary" would not be hit by MacArthur's planes.

General MacArthur believes Mao got this from MacLean and Burgess when they were fairly high up in the British diplomatic corps.

We hear however that the State Department doesn't believe the charge - Secretary Dulles, holding there's no evidence of this. ~~Last year, Dulles testified before a Senate sub-committee and he was asked at that time if a spy ring could have been operating during the Korean war. The~~

MUSEUM

A dispatch from Cleveland has a story that sounds like something out of a ~~time novel~~ ^{thriller}, it began when the director of a history museum, Colton Storm, was found lying in the Museum, ~~in~~ with a Nineteenth Century Knife in his back. ^{the} ~~knife~~ ^{knife that} had been taken from a display ~~that~~ he was preparing for an exhibition.

Storm told Police that he was attacked by a mysterious stranger - as he was working in the Museum after hours. But the police found scratch marks of a swinging door - just about the height of the ~~mk~~ knife wound. And then they confronted the director with their evidence - he broke down and confessed that he had done it himself.

He said he was despondent about the burdens of his job. ~~So he~~ decided to kill himself in ^{this weird} ~~a very strange~~ way. ~~He~~ Took the knife from the exhibition, placed it against his back - and then swung the door against it, attempting to stab himself to death.

But, at the last moment, he lost his nerve - and tried to check the door. The result, a superficial wound in his back. After that, he cooked up the story about the mysterious ~~intruder~~ intruder.

A strange story, that would have come from Conan Doyle or S. S. Van Dyne.

QUEEN

In Ibadan, Nigeria, the Queen of England today shook hands with a tribal chief. Which doesn't sound like much of a story - except that this chief ~~six~~ claims to be one-hundred-and-thirty-seven years old.

It happened after Her Majesty had formally opened the Parliament buildings of West Nigeria. After the ceremony, the Queen received tribal leaders from all over that part ^{of} ~~west Africa.~~ ^{west Africa.} ~~of the country.~~ And among them was one who says he's one-hundred-and-thirty-seven. Whether ~~that's~~ true or not -

it's certain that he travelled ^a ~~one~~ hundred-and-twenty-five miles ^{thru} ~~across~~ the bush to shake hands with the Queen. ~~He~~

^{ing} Turned up resplendent in a long robe of orange and black.

~~was~~ those colors sound familiar? - ~~is~~ the Nigerian

chief ^{the oldest living} ~~might be the eldest~~ Princeton man. ² ~~Anyway, he's~~ ^{No - just}

~~obviously~~ the oldest Nigerian, ^{who wears those} famous colors - orange and black.

SUN SPOTS

The director of the University of Colorado's observatory - warns the owners of television sets that they can expect "ghosts" on their screens over the weekend. Dr. Walter Roberts, saying that these freaks will be caused by sun spots - gigantic magnetic storms on the surface of the sun. Dr. Roberts says that more than sixty sun ~~spk~~ spots have been counted - three of them big enough to swallow the earth. Their temperature - seven million degrees fahrenheit. And they're erupting in tremendous explosions of glowing gas.

Sunspots interfere with radio and television - because the earth is bombarded by x-rays and ultra violet rays. The earth will have a severe bombardment over the weekend - when the sun rotation aims the center of its spots directly at the earth. That's why Dr. Roberts warns us to prepare for

"ghosts" on our television screens. *The scientist's intimation is that instead Messers. Sullivan, Murrow and Godfrey we may get ghosts!*

CADETS

Three hundred cadets at the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York - have invited Prince Rainier of Monaco to pay them a visit - and do it in a hurry. The point is that these cadets have demerits marked against them - and they hope to get rid of those demerits before vacation begins.

It's part of ^{an old} ~~a curious~~ custom - that permits members of Royal families visiting this country - to grant amnesties to students at academies like West Point and Annapolis. The Merchant Marine Academy falls under the same rule - and this kind of amnesty is the only thing the three hundred cadets can hope for - otherwise, they'll have to stay on during vacation, to work out their demerits.

So they got in touch with the State Department in Washington - to find out if any visitor now in America can help them. They got the answer - just one, Prince Rainier of Monaco.

How to get the Prince to visit them? Well, the cadets were cagey about that one. They contacted John Kelly of Philadelphia, who has some influence with the Prince. The cadets, hoping that Grace Kelly can get her fiance to stop off at the Merchant Marine Academy.

And the cadets promise the Prince a real welcome if he shows up - the full treatment with uniforms, bugles and drums. No wonder they're willing to roll out the red carpet for visiting royalty - if he can get them out of such jobs as washing windows, swabbing decks and chipping paint. If he can get them home for the vacation.

BELLEAYRE

Here's an odd bit of information from the Catskills, the mountains associated with the story of Rip Van Winkle. The State of New York has a winter sports development on a beautiful mountain called Belleayre, a short distance West of the Hudson, at Kingston. The Park Superintendent is Arthur Draper, a former New York City newspaper writer and executive, who fed up with the canyons of Manhattan, fled to one of the most beautiful mountain ranges in the country.

You might think that the wild life of the forest would resent the intrusion of fifty or sixty thousand skiers. Arthur Draper tells me it is just the reverse. That the grass covered ski trails actually serve as a veritable wild life super-market.

Deer, a common sight, bear tracks here and there, raccoon, woodchuck, grey squirrel, rabbits, weasles, grouse fairly abundant. With ~~are~~ porcupine too plentiful. In fact, they have a ~~are~~ porcupine problem. They actually

climb the tall steel chair lift towers and gnaw what are called the rubber sheave liners.

WEATHER

The Rhine ⁿ~~River~~ froze today - backing up the river for thirteen miles, near the famous "Lorelei rock." The Rhine, rising fifteen feet in some places. The water rose slowly enough to slow evacuation of the threatened areas - but the police were not able to break the ice jam.

The Kattegat between Sweden and Jutland is frozen *says the dispatch. Seems that ice is too deep!* over - twenty-five feet deep. In Switzerland, thousands of swans, with frozen feathers, had to be rescued from the lakes. A mountain of ice ~~is~~ grinding its way down through the Danube from Hungary ~~into~~ Vienna. And far south, in Sicily- water pipes froze and burst.

Henry -
The whole continent, suffering for the third week -- *European* through the worst cold wave in ~~its~~ history - *so far* as we have records.