

HUMPHREY

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The resignation of George Humphrey as Secretary of the Treasury - was expected. For weeks, Washington has been buzzing with rumors - that Humphrey would step out of the Eisenhower cabinet. In today's letter of resignation, he gives his reason; he wants to return to private life, because of his business interests. Humphrey, expected to become Chairman of the Board of the National Steel Corporation ■■ in Pittsburgh - which he helped to organize in Nineteen Twenty Nine.

President Eisenhower promptly named ^{as his} a successor to ~~Humphrey~~ - former Secretary of the Navy, Robert Anderson. The new Secretary is one of the original "Texas Democrats for Eisenhower", who helped carry the Lone Star state for Ike in Nineteen Fifty Two.

In a newsreel interview, after his resignation - ^{Yes,} Humphrey said he suggested Anderson to the President. ■■ And Anderson says he will carry on the financial policy that Humphrey started when he held the job.

The first cabinet officer to resign since President Eisenhower began his second term in January, Mr. Humphrey is the fourth to leave since Mr. Eisenhower became President. The others resigned during the first administration. Martin Durkin, Secretary of Labor, Douglas Mackay, Secretary of the Interior - and Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Welfare.

BUDGET (new lead - sub for first paragraph)

President Eisenhower suffers/~~a major~~^{another} defeat in Congress. The House, passing a defense appropriations bill - of thirty-three-and-a-half billion. Mr. Eisenhower had asked for more than thirty six billion. Republicans in the House put up a ~~last-ditch~~ fight - to restore some of the cuts, ~~But they~~ were voted down - two-hundred-and-forty-two to one-hundred-and-fifteen.

After which, the bill passed ~~was~~ easily in a roll call vote - three-hundred-and-ninety-three to one. The sole objector - Canfield of New Jersey. The administration still has a chance - because the bill now goes to the Senate - where Republican leaders promise a hard fight to give/~~Mr. Eisenhower~~^{the President} what he wants.

BUDGET

Today the Senate also - slashed the budget.

Voting ninety-six million for the U S Information Agency; thirty-three percent less than the budget called for.

The vote on this was overwhelming - seventy-five to two.

The objectors - Javits of New York and Neuberger of

Oregon. Since this bill was also passed by the House,

it now goes to the White House. The question is - will

President Eisenhower sign it or will he use the veto?

DULLES

At his news conference today, Secretary of State Dulles gave as the cause of those anti-American riots on Formosa - too many American troops stationed on the island. The same explanation we had last night, in a dispatch from Taipei. Secretary Dulles agrees - adding, that some of our troops probably will be pulled out.

Secretary Dulles also said that the government of Chiang Kai Shek may have been negligent - during the attack on our Embassy. But that there is no evidence of the Nationalist government encouraging the outbreak. Secondly, he has no evidence that some of the Chinese broke into the code room of the Embassy, under the leadership of political agitators. Mr. Dulles summed up by saying that he does not think the demonstration will have any big effect on our policy toward Nationalist China.

TOKYO

In Tokyo today, a big crowd stood in front of the American Embassy, chanting, "we want MacArthur." Sounds like the old days - when General ^{Douglas} MacArthur was ⁱⁿ ~~running~~ Japan. But this shout was for his nephew - U S Ambassador, Douglas MacArthur the second. And it wasn't a friendly shout. The crowd, composed of leftist students - demonstrating against our atomic tests.

More than a hundred students tried to force their way into the Embassy. It took Japanese ~~pi~~ police, standing in ranks three deep, to keep them out. The crowd, only dispersed when the police charged them - and pushed them ^{back.} ~~at least back yards~~ A sudden downpour of rain also helped - most of the students running for shelter.

Tonight the ~~pi~~ police are on guard around the Embassy - in case of any more demonstrations.

Meanwhile, we hear ~~is~~ from Formosa that the situation in Taipei has become quiet. Americans ~~is~~ Moving

MISSILE

America's first intercontinental ballistic missile to be launched next month. The missile - the Air Force "Atlas," designed to travel for over five thousand miles - crashing down on targets at a speed of fifteen thousand miles an hour. Fired like an artillery shell - and able to span oceans or continents in a matter of minutes - carrying an atomic warhead.

The first Atlas will be launched at Patrick Air Force base, Florida - where the firing range extends for thousands of miles out over the Atlantic. Developing this missile was given top priority by the Defense Department when we got into a race with the Soviet Union - to see who would be first to develop this type missile. Khrushchev has been boasting that Russia has already tested intercontinental missiles. American experts doubt this - but they do know that the Russians are working on them. One reason why our own program was pushed full speed ahead.

Experts say the "Atlas" may not be an ultimate weapon - with no defense against it; but they are sure it will become one of the key weapons in our arsenal - if it passes its test at Patrick Air Force base next month.

ATOMIC

In California, a shower of atomic dust following yesterday's atomic explosion in Nevada. After the blast, a cloud soared ^{some}/thirty-five thousand feet into the sky. The test director, James Reeves, announced immediately afterwards, that only light fall out would ~~be~~ touch any occupied town. However, today the atomic Energy Commission reports - the winds did not blow as expected. One gale, carrying fallout across the Sierras toward the Pacific. Radioactive dust, showering down on the little town of Quincy. A geiger counter recording ten thousand ~~times~~ clicks per minute - instead of the normal forty. Atomic ~~tests~~/experts are now in Quincy - measuring the radioactivity.

But one spokesman said ^{the amount}/~~the radioactivity~~ would be much less than an individual is exposed to when he is having a tooth

x-rayed. ^{Altho'}/~~The~~ Geiger counters may react strongly to the

Atomic dust - ~~but~~ ^{is} there ~~is~~/no great danger to the town.

RADIOACTIVITY

Today the Congressional Atomic Energy Subcommittee was warned - that we have come close to overloading the atmosphere with radioactive strontium-90. This the cancer producing by-product of nuclear fission. The warning comes from Dr. William Neuman, of the Rochester University Medical School. He testified that we may already have passed the danger point set by British authorities - in estimating how children react to radiation. Dr. Neuman adding, that atomic tests should be strictly regulated in the future, to avoid putting too much radioactivity into the atmosphere of the world.

However, experts disagree about this. Two other scientists testified that the amount of strontium-90 in the atmosphere - is not near the danger point.

BIG FOUR

Britain accepts West Germany's proposal - for another four power conference on German reunification. The Foreign office in London, reacting to yesterday's White House communique when Chancellor Adenauer and President Eisenhower said they would like to have more talks with the Russians - about ending ~~the~~ partition of Germany. The two leaders added - they would ask Britain and France first.

Now we have the British reaction - favorable.

The London communique adding, that Britain also agrees that the Kremlin must first demonstrate its good faith - by accepting at least a preliminary arrangement on disarmament.

SPAIN

A Soviet ship docked at the Spanish port of Castellon de la Plana today. The story, a reminder that relations between Spain and Russia were not always as ^{chilly as} ~~solid~~ they have been in recent years. The ship, bringing back more than a hundred Spaniards - who fled to exile in Stalin's domain during the Spanish Civil War - when the Reds made their big attempt to take over Spain. These former Spanish Reds, have been in Russian exile since then. Now they return home - to find ^{quite a} ~~very~~ different Spain from the one they left. Then it was a nation wracked by civil war. Now, peaceful under the dictatorship of Franco.

From Buckingham Palace in London - an announcement that Queen Elizabeth has ordered one of her own planes to meet her former Prime Minister - when he docks in Liverpool on Monday. Her Majesty's order, part of a campaign by the British nation to let bygones be bygones - with Sir Anthony Eden.

The point is, of course, that Eden has been the scapegoat ever since the Suez attack. He was forced into retirement by the fiasco, ~~and~~ ever since ~~he~~ has been blamed by many Britons for ever getting ~~us~~ involved in the drive to occupy the Canal Zone by force.

But now Sir Anthony is returning - as a convalescent. And we hear that his opponents are gradually changing their mind^s - regarding their former scapegoat, ~~with sympathy~~. Eden's successor, Prime Minister MacMillan - has appointed a delegation to meet ~~Eden~~ *Sir Anthony*. And now the final touch of reconciliation - Queen Elizabeth commanding one of her own planes to fly Eden from Liverpool to his home in Wiltshire.

HOLIDAY

With Memorial Day tomorrow - and many Americans taking a long weekend of four days - we get the usual prediction from the National Safety Council! that thirty-five million cars will be on the road - and about a hundred and twenty Americans will die in traffic accidents during the thirty-four hour period from six P.M. this evening to midnight tomorrow. The fear is that during the four days - the fatality total may hit four-hundred-and-fifty. As usual, the Safety Council asks everyone to drive more carefully than usual, as the nation celebrates Memorial Day - with parades and ceremonies throughout America - and, a special tribute at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington.

SATELLITE

Economy minded members of Congress are about to be jolted - by a problem that has cropped up in the defense department. The problem - financing that earth ~~is~~ satellite - the man-made moon, which is to be launched into space during this geophysical year.

When the White House announced the project two years ago - the estimated ~~cost~~ cost was ten million. Now the Defense Department estimates the final cost at - more than a hundred million. ~~The cost~~, **T**en times as great as expected.

So how is the money to be raised? We are told that the Defense Department will probably ask Congress to vote extra funds for the satellite - so that Secretary Wilson *will not* ~~have~~ *the* have to dip into *the* military appropriations.

ADD BASEBALL

The Mayor of New York today appealed to the Dodgers and the Giants to reconsider. He has asked the Presidents of the two clubs to meet him on Monday.

Brooklyn Dodgers move to Los Angeles, and the New York Giants to San Francisco.

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BASEBALL

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Dodgers and the Giants do move to his state. He's confident they will. But - Henry - there are many who still doubt that it will happen.

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls

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My face is red, as I recall - numerous blunders I've made, during many years on the air.

I have a letter here from Lewis Bernard of New Iberia, Louisiana, who writes: As a long time listener I found myself shocked to hear you make a typical land-lubber's faux pas, when in reference to the voyage of the Mayflower Second you said: "Three to four knots per hour." Sir, - he writes - you should know better!

Of course I do know better. But I've never gotten over being a land-lubber altho' I have spent a lot of time at sea. In fact I'm often at sea, in another sense, when I'm on land - and solong until tomorrow.