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Today's News Conference in Washington was the second largest - of the Eisenhower years. *Also it was* Number one-hundred-and-ninety-three of the series - with three-hundred-and-five newsmen on hand. The only time there were more than that - February twenty-ninth, Nineteen Fifty-Six, ~~That was~~ when three hundred and eleven crowded in - to hear President Eisenhower announce his candidacy for a second term, *his decision to run again in spite of* ~~in spite of his recent~~ the illness *he had just gone thru.*

The reason today - nostalgia. The news corps, paying their respects to the man they've been following - for eight years. The President, obviously pleased - by his reception. Oh, yes, - he did make points - of national interest. Like his suggestion about an overhaul of the Presidential Time Table - to get the new President into the White House more quickly. *→* And his admission that he was not consulted - about the Nixon-Kennedy debates.

But, in general - this was simply a farewell News Conference. *his eloquent and moving* Following ~~President Eisenhower's~~ farewell address to the nation *↑* last night. As he

finished speaking to his News Conference - ^{there was} ~~a scattering of~~
~~applause broke out.~~ ~~Quickly rising to~~ a thunderous
ovation. President Eisenhower, smiling, - raising his
arms in acknowledgment of the accolade. Then - striding
quickly ^{from} ~~out~~ the room.

HOUSE

Today's caucus on Capitol Hill - is a victory for a Texan over a Virginian. Sam Rayburn, ~~winning~~ ^{gaining} enough votes to beat Howard Smith.

Subject - membership of the Rules Committee. Chairman Smith, leading the Conservatives - arguing that the Committee should be kept at its present size. Speaker Rayburn, leading the Liberals - demanding that three more seats be added. This - to break the stalemate that so often has tied up legislation in the Rules Committee.

By raising the membership from twelve to fifteen - Sam Rayburn is hoping to get Kennedy legislation out of the Rules Committee and onto the floor of the House. Even Howard Smith admits - "Mr. Sam probably will have his way in this. As he has - so often in the past.

STRIKE

The crisis in New York City ^{grows more serious} ~~is worse~~ tonight - with food stocks dwindling, traffic in and out of the city snarled, and no end of the strike in sight. The men who work the ferries and tugboats - are still out. The railroads that use their facilities - grinding to a halt. The giant New York Central - cancelling its entire train schedule ^{today - with the New Haven going out tonight,} ~~this way~~ & ~~Hundreds~~ thousand commuters - looking for alternate transportation, and furious about the whole thing. Mayor Wagner, holding emergency sessions - with representatives of labor and management. So far - no progress. The Unions, standing pat - on their demand for higher wages and fringe benefits. Also, insisting on their right to approve reduction of crews - aboard the tugs in New York Harbor.

LAOS

The thunder of field artillery is echoing across the hills of Laos - tonight, ~~Marking~~ - the Laotian Army's drive northward beyond the captured city of Vang Vieng. The Communist Rebels, ^{are} said to be fleeing in disorder; ~~Every~~ man for himself - in a race to the jungle; ~~Leaving~~ many prisoners - in the hands of the Loyalist forces.

The Communists are facing - a new problem. Tribesmen from the Laotian hills - coming down to join the anti-Communist drive. They say they've had enough - of the Red occupation of their villages, ~~And~~ want to help - drive them out of Laos.

BURMA

The situation in Northern Burma is confused - following reports of Red Chinese troops crossing the border. ^{Ever} Since Mao Tse Tung's victory ^{in China a few} ~~some~~ Nationalist Chinese contingents have been hiding out* in Northern Burma. Earlier this week we heard from Rangoon - of a government mopping-up expedition against them. Now, from pro-Western ^a Thailand - word of more Chinese in the area. This time, Red Chinese. Who is fighting, or collaborating with, whom, in Northern Burma - isn't exactly clear.

Castro's Cuba - more executions. Revolutionary Tribunals ordered to clear the court dockets; decide cases of those accused of counter-Revolutionary ~~xxxxxx~~ activities; decide them - in a hurry. Three death penalties - were demanded by the State Prosecutor today; and three were executed.

Many of the so-called Terrorists - are former Union members, who once belonged to the Cuban Electrical Company - and the Cuban Transport Workers. The leadership of both Unions, booted out - because they protested against Castro's Communism. Those who didn't escape in time - now indicted for terrorism.

SOVIET

Agriculture is going to be de-centralized - in the Soviet Union. A plan similar to - the de-centralization of industry, a few years ago. Party functionaries, ordered out of Moscow - and into the Provinces. Who is ordering them? Nikita Krushchev. Why? Soviet agriculture is far behind schedule - and that's something Comrade Krushchev doesn't like.

SUBMARINES

Two strange submarines have been spotted off the Fiji Islands - in the South Pacific. The subs, suddenly breaking the surface - near a Fiji fishing fleet. The skippers of the undersea boats, obviously unaware that anyone was in the vicinity.- because they crash-dived as soon as they saw the men from the islands with their nets.

The subs were equipped with - long antenna attached to their conning towers. Evidently part of - a radar system. Nationality? The guess is - Russian. The subs, probably assigned to track a space shot from Siberia - along with the file of Soviet ships now strung across the Central Pacific.

PACIFIC

A British scientist has come up with ~~a~~ ^{an} ~~aspectacul~~ ^{an} ~~fa~~ theory - about the Pacific Ocean. Professor Eric Harrison, trying to account for the origin ~~of~~ ^{of} the biggest single phenomenon on our planet. The bed of the Pacific forms - more than ^{half} the earth's surface. So - what caused that massive depression between the Americas and Asia?

Professor Harrison's theory goes back - ten million years; Back to the time when the earth was young - and had a pair of moons. One moon too close - zooming through the sky in an unstable orbit. Moving faster and faster - spiraling closer and closer under the pull of gravitation. Then falling like a shooting star - headlong to earth.

The result - a cataclysm like the explosion of a thousand million hydrogen bombs. The moon - plunging through the soft crust ~~for~~ ^{for} about ten miles. Gouging out a titanic crater - that filled with water during the geological eons when our atmosphere was developing.

~~The earth, creating~~ ^{Dick} ~~The Pacific Ocean~~ ^{created by} ~~with the~~ ^{help of} a run-away Moon.

HALDANE

Here's a story - with a familiar ring. A
hunger strike in India. ~~Used to be an every day~~ *Once a common*

occurrence - in the great sub-Continent of Hindustan.
Remember how Mahatma Gandhi used to fast - during his
campaign against British Imperialism?

Well, there's a new twist - in today's despatch
from Calcutta. The hunger striker - an Englishman.
J.B.S. Haldane - one of the most celebrated biologists of
our time. Also, often accused of - Communist
affiliations. Professor Haldane left Britain to live in
India - in protest against the Suez invasion of Nineteen
Fifth-~~Five~~ ^{-Six.}

Here's another twist.- in the story. The
biologist is fasting against ^{no,} not the Indians or the
British - but against the Americans. Specifically - our
Information Service in Calcutta. Professor Haldane
complaining - that our officials prevent^{ed} a couple of
American students from visiting him. Hence - the odd
~~xxxxxxxx~~ spectacle. An Englishman, fasting unto death
against the Americans - in India.