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President Eisenhower, today, gave out a special statement - intending to reassure the Senate. He said that he, alone, will decide whether or not American forces, based on Formosa, are used along the China coast - off-shore islands, ~~or~~ or the mainland. Nobody else - to have any such authority.

The statement was issued, as the Senate continued its debate on the resolution to give the President a "blank check" to defend Formosa and the Pescadores Islands. Some Senators in the opposition charge - that this could bring about a "preventive" war. Start a war - so as to prevent the enemy from starting one.

Other Senators are against American defense of such islands ~~as~~ as Quemoy and Matsu, which lie just off the Red mainland. They argue - that, if we got ^(into) ~~into~~ warfare so near the China coast, it would surely bring about a larger conflict.

The Presidential statement won the strong approval of Senator George of Georgia, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. He said the President makes it clear that no vital decision concerning American participation in war would be made by Chiang Kai-Shek, the Nationalist leader. Or - by any American Admiral or other officer on the scene. The President, himself, would exercise the sole ~~and~~ authority of ground ^(concerning) ~~concerning~~ those offshore islands or the Chinese mainland. American activity should be limited to warships and air power.

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that he was not consulted - when the military chiefs backed President Eisenhower's defense plans. The General - not being in Washington at the time.

FORMOSA PLANES

A late dispatch, tonight, states that American Sabre jets are now patrolling Formosa Strait. The planes landed on Formosa yesterday - and now, for the first time, U.S. Air Force planes are patrolling the waters off that island.

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SUB PRISONERS

Tonight, the State Department banned visits to Red China - by relatives of imprisoned airmen. Secretary of State Dulles wrote letters to families, expressing his deep regret. But pointing out - that the belligerent attitude of the Chinese Communists makes it imprudent, for the time being, for the United States government to issue passports for trips to China.

In response to this, most of the ~~ix~~ relatives agree. But there are several, at least, who insist - they want to make the journey.

HAITI

The President of Haiti appeared before a joint session of Congress today. Telling the lawmakers - that "decent" living conditions are the only sure immunity against insidious Communism.

Mal-yore-a

President Paul Magloire and his wife are on a three day official visit in Washington - guests of President Eisenhower. Stopping, last night, at the White House. He is expected to sign a military aid agreement with the United States - before continuing on a tour of the United States.

CANAL

A bill was introduced in the Senate today - looking
for toward the enlargement of the Panama Canal. Or - the
construction of a New Canal. A presidential commission -
to study the matter. The present canal is too small to
permit the passage of the new type of super aircraft
carrier, and the least that can be suggested is to make
that famous waterway - bigger.

As for the construction of another canal, the bill
considers the possibility of - a second Panama Canal.
Another one across the isthmus - of "sea level" design.
Not needing locks, as in the present canal. Or - construct
a waterway ~~through~~ through some other part of Central America.
Reminding us of that old idea - of a ~~Nicar~~ Nicaragua Canal.

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RUBENSTEIN

In New York - a sensational crime. Serge Rubenstein
- found murdered.

The international financier - who at forty-six had
gone through a succession of stormy careers. Now - found
in his luxurious Fifth Avenue apartment, bound, gagged,
beaten, apparently by burglars. The ~~sumptuous~~ ^{sumptuous} apartment,
a shambles - with signs of a wild search.

Serge Rubenstein was the son of a Russian banker -
a financial adviser to the Czar. After the Bolsheviks took
over, the family was able to escape - across the ice of
~~Finland~~ Finland. Taking along a fortune in securities, ~~which~~
~~were~~ ^w sewed inside the clothing of the ten year old boy.

He was educated in England ~~in~~ an honor student in
economics at Cambridge. A banker in Paris in the Nineteen
Thirties. Expelled from France, because of huge speculations.
Which, the government said - were endangering the value of
the franc.

He came to this country from Canada, on a Portuguese

passport - and was charged with immigration fraud. During
the Second World War he was convicted of draft evasion - and
sent to prison. Later - put on trial for a three million
dollar stock fraud. But - acquitted.

Last summer, Serge Rubenstein was in the headlines
again. The story being - that he was the target of a five
hundred thousand ^{dollar} extortion plot.

During all these troubles - he was - nevertheless,
able to win fortunes. Murder - now ending a stormy career.



ADD RUBINSTEIN

Tonight, a business associate charged that Rubinstein was ~~was~~ murdered by a hired killer - working for business enemies of the financial wizard. The associate said - Rubinstein had made more than ten million dollars in the last few years.

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FASHION

We Americans rather pride ourselves on having gifted press agents. But, ever so often, we have a reminder that Europeans know a thing or two about - publicity and ~~Ballyhoo~~.

In the classic city of Florence, there is a fashion designer named Emilio - who ~~is~~ bringing out a new line of styles. Featuring - marine shades of blue and green. So, today, Emilio was telling how he was inspired to create those dresses of sea green and Mediterranean blue. He descended into the watery depths.

"You see" exclaimed Emilio, "I wanted some really authentic marine shades. So I went after them with an underwater color camera off Capri." ~~He~~ He went diving into the depths - for feminine fashion.

"While I was down there, far under the water", Emilio relates, "I was thinking of mermaids."

~~He~~ He might have got a fashion inspiration from a dress worn by a mermaid? - ~~except that~~ ^{ah, but} mermaids don't wear dresses.

FISHERMEN

A tragic story of the terror of the Arctic Sea - comes from waters off Iceland. Two British fishing trawlers - lost, apparently. Victims of - the black frost.

Today, the London House of Commons was informed that the Trawlers Roderigo and Lorella, with forty fishermen aboard, appear to have sunk - off the North Cape. That's the northwest point of Iceland - facing ~~the~~ Denmark Strait, between Iceland and Greenland.

The Black Frost is a dense, murky cloud of icy haze, which moves along the surface of Arctic waters in winter, when it comes in contact with anything it freezes - piling on ice. The black frost will coat the superstructure of a ship so thickly with ice - the vessel will become top heavy, And- capsize, if a heavy sea is running. British fishermen, returning from the Arctic - say - the black frost is the worst in many years.

Yesterday, the British Trawler, Lorella, sent out a ~~an~~ radio distress signal, saying - the vessel was listing dangerously. Soon afterward, a similar message came from the Roderigo. Which added - it was ~~imposs~~ impossible to abandon ship because of the cold.

That was followed by seven minutes of silence - minutes of tragic suspense. Then, from the Roderigo came a message, which was repeated: "We are overturning, we are overturning." After that - silence.

Today, ships in those northern waters were braving the black frost - and seeking for survivors. Three American seaplanes of the Fifty Third Air Rescue Squadron, based on Iceland, were searching in zero visibility. Searching - with eyes of radar.

But there seems little hope for the victims of the black frost.

WEATHER

Extra

It was howling, in New York today - an icy wind whipping around the tall buildings. A great mass of Arctic air reaching the big town. Having swept - out of the middlewest, which had below zero temperatures all over the place. It was ten below in Chicago, today. The coldest January twenty seventh - in Chicago history.

At International Falls, Minnesota - thirty-six below.

Whew! Or spelled another way:-

Hugh!

SKI TROOPS

At Osceola, Wisconsin, lastnight, nine men camped on a local baseball field - sleeping in tents. The temperature thirty-four below. Mighty cold for camping in tents; and *you* ~~you~~ ^{might} ask - why weren't they given shelter in the town?

Well, that would be against the ~~the~~ whole idea. They ^are nine army ski troopers, led by Captain Olavi Alakulpii, a former ski soldier in Finland. They ^{are} on their way from Amery, Wisconsin, to the winter carnival at St. Paul, Minnesota. Making the trip - on skis. As a test - of Army winter equipment.

At last reports, ^{and} the ski soldiers were sliding on cross country, in the frigid cold wave. *led by Capt. Olav.*