

EISENHOWER

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At any international event, with a lot of speech-making, you may expect - platitudes, oratory filled with admonitions that have been repeated - over and over.

Today, President Eisenhower received an honorary degree at the University, in New Delhi, where - there was an invocation. That certainly would be - platitudinous, except for the fact - that it's thousands of years old. First uttered - back in the dim time. Before platitudes were invented - I suppose.

In front of a huge crowd - the proceedings were begun by a Hindu priest, in oriental costume. Who <sup>recited</sup> ~~recited~~ verses - from the Rig-Veda, Most venerable - of the sacred books of India. The subject - peace. The verses reading as follows:

Meet together - talk together,  
May your minds comprehend alike.  
Common be your actions and achievements,  
Common be your thoughts and intentions.

Common be the wishes of your heart,  
That there may be thorough union among you.

A call -for mutual understanding. Togetherness!

Which is a thing you're likely to hear - in modern <sup>to</sup>verbiage,  
at any ~~time~~ <sup>at any rate</sup> international gathering. The "Rig-Veda" said  
it - back in the dawn of historic time.

In fact, for all I know - the "Rig Veda" might  
anticipate - something President Eisenhower told the gathering  
at the New Delhi University, today, when he called for a  
global ~~in~~ campaign - to free the world from hunger. The cause  
of peace to be served - by "food, family, friendship and  
freedom." Four "F's" - as the basis of a program featuring  
"Food for peace." He said - the United States is prepared  
to devote food surpluses to that end.

That Eisenhower welcome in the capital of India -  
continues unabated. As he drove through the streets, going  
from one ceremony to another, today - the usual jam packed

cheering crowds. The same- deluge of flowers. A little too flowery, in fact - for the President.

As he drove along in an open carriage, he held up his hands - to ward off the bombardment of blooms and blossoms. In spite of which, however, one large flower - stuck to the top of his head. Staying there - when, at the University, he stepped forward to greet Prime Minister Nehru.

The blossom sticking to the top of the presidential pate, made him look a bit like a kupie doll. Until an American Secret Service man advised him discreetly - and the President reached up and removed the rose or carnation, or jasmine, or whatever it was.

(Note for ~~MRX~~ Mr. T -- you know the flowers of India better than I do.)

CUBA

A British news reporter arrested in Havana, today - in connection with the escape of the American soldier of fortune, Austin Young, who broke out of prison at Pinar del Rio - then was recaptured.

It isn't clear why the Castro authorities locked up Ian Aitken, correspondent for the London Daily Express - who covered the trial of Austin Young at Pinar Del Rio. Later, he was turned loose with no charge against him.

But the Havana police are still holding American reporter Frank Buchanan of the Miami Herald. Declaring - that he was involved in Young's escape. The more peculiar - because Buchanan seems to have been in Miami, when that occurred. He arrived in Havana yesterday, and was arrested as he entered the hotel, where ~~■~~ Young hid away, following - the jail-break.

The Havana police accuse the Miami newspaperman of hiding information. They say he knew the fugitive was in the hotel, but did not report this to the police. And add - that he paid Young's hotel bill in advance.

## DRUGS

At the Senate investigation of the high price of medicine, one witness, today - was an official of a small drug manufacturing concern at Hackensack, New Jersey.

Seymour Blackman, who declared - that the large drug companies overcharge the public at the rate of two-hundred-and-seventy-five million dollars a year. The cost of "blitz" advertising and high pressure promotion, Directed - not at the general public, but at the doctors. Persuading them - to name advertised products in their prescriptions.

## STRIKE

At Albert Lea, Minnesota, today - soldiers with fixed bayonets. The town - under martial law; Following - strike disturbances, at the Wilson meat-packing ~~plant~~ plant. Minnesota Governor Orville Freeman - informed that a critical situation existed. Non-union workers, mostly from out of town - in the plant, armed with guns, knives and blackjacks. Menacing strikers - at the gates.

During the last couple of days, a reign of lawlessness. With strikers ~~in~~ hurling barrages of stones - at the non-union workers which the company brought in. Governor Freeman responded - by sending in the State militia to take over the plant.

## FUGITIVE

Today, near Martinsville, Virginia - an automobile, speeding at a dizzy rate, pursued - by two ~~pi~~ police cars. Crossing a bridge - ~~when~~ it went out of control, crashing - through a railing, ~~in~~ The car - rolling down an embankment.

When it hit the bottom, a man dragged himself out of the wreck. He went stumbling to a clump of bushes, where he lay on his back - bruised, cut, exhausted.

So that was how the Virginia police found Yank Stewart, The convict leader - in the sensational prison break day before yesterday, When twenty desperadoes - escaped from a North Carolina prison. Yank Stewart - rated the most dangerous of them all. A long time criminal - ever since his father and brother were executed for the murder of a police man, Back in the nineteen twenties.

Tonight, six of the fugitives remain at large. The other fourteen - have been captured.

At the jail in Martinsville, Yank Stewart spoke freely - to news reporters, Saying - he was trying to make

his way to friends, Hoping - that they would enable him  
to have an interview with Governor Hodges of North Carolina,  
~~So that~~ he could ~~xxxxx~~ complain to the Governor - about bad  
conditions at the prison ~~From~~ which, he, and the others,  
escaped.



SORAYA

Word from Rome - that former Queen Soraya of Iran will marry Italian Prince Orsini. The engagement - to be formally announced on Wednesday ~~next~~ next.

But what about the religious question? Her Ex-Majesty of Iran - a Moslem, Prince Orsini - a Roman Catholic, whose historic family - has given five Popes and forty Cardinals to the Roman Church.

That, they say, has been solved - by conversion. No, Prince Orsini will not become a Moslem. It's the other way round. ~~He~~ Former Queen Soraya - to become a Christian. Baptized in the church - before the wedding.

She was divorced from the Shah of Iran. But that is considered - no problem. Although the Roman Catholic church - does not recognize divorce, The Shah was divorced from a previous wife - still living. Therefore, in the ~~eyes~~ eyes of the church, Soraya was never married at all, *that is* ecclesiastically speaking.

But all this becomes confused, ~~With~~ a report from  
Germany that Ex-Queen Soraya - will marry Harald Krupp.  
Brother of Alfred - head of the great munitions firm of  
Krupp. However, the report from Rome has a definite sound,  
The Ex-Queen to become - Princess Orsini, ~~Not~~ - Frau  
Krupp.

COUPLE

The oldest married couple in the United States - Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson. He ninety nine. She - ninety-eight. Veterans of matrimony - who, today, celebrated their eighty-first wedding anniversary!

They have two-hundred-and-fifty-seven living descendants, including, seven children, forty-seven grandchildren, one hundred and fifty-six great grand children - and forty-seven great, great grandchildren.

The wedding anniversary celebrated - at Fairview, Utah. Mr, and Mrs. Peterson - Mormons.