

FILIBUSTER

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In Washington, the anti-filibuster drive ends, as expected - in failure. Tonight the Senate rejected proposals to amend the rules under which the Southerners can kill civil rights bills by talking them to death. The vote was lopsided - seventy to twenty-one.

Republican leader Senator Taft led - in proposing that the change of rules should be "tabled". Put off, at least for the time being. Most of the Republicans, and most of the Democrats - agreed.

TRUMAN

The news wires are calling today's Truman message - a proclamation of the hydrogen bomb era.

The President, in a report sent to Congress, defended the record of his administration all along the line.

But all power of emphasis was on the H-bomb - that new and almost indescribable weapon of devastation.

The President stated:

"In the thermo-nuclear tests at Eniwetok we have entered another stage in the world-shaking development of atomic energy. From now on," he continued, "man moves into a new era of destructive power, capable of creating explosives of a new order of magnitude, dwarfing the mushroom clouds of Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

But this was not stated in any tone of unmixed jubilation. The President pointed out the cataclysmic nature of the H-bomb in these words:

"War, today, between the Soviet empire and the free nations," said he, "might dig the grave, not only of our Stalinist opponent, but of our own society, our own

world, as well as theirs." Strongest of all, was a passage near the end.)

A passage of warning to Stalin. The President telling the Soviet Dictator: "You claim belief in Lenin's prophecy - that one stage in the development of Communist society would be a war between your world and ours. But," adds the President, "Lenin was a pre-atomic^{atomic} man, who viewed society and history with pre-atomic eyes." ^{Then, added Mr. Truman,} "Something profound has happened since ^(Lenin) he wrote. War has changed its shape and its dimension. It cannot now be a "stage" in the development of anything - save the ruin of your regime and your homeland."

^{Well,} History, in the future, may very well say that the most important event in the administrations of Harry Truman was - the development of the hydrogen bomb. Which, is the impression we get from the retiring President's last message to Congress - his valédictory, ^{that} ~~which~~ the news wires are calling - a proclamation of the hydrogen bomb era.

EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower wants his cabinet to be confirmed - on Inauguration Day. So stated by Senator Taft of Ohio - who, today, told newsmen that the President-elect has made the suggestion. The Senate - to put its okay on his nominees, shortly after he, himself, takes the oath of office - January Twentieth. Which would enable the new administration to get on the job immediately.

There's nothing particularly unusual about this. Twenty years ago, the Cabinet of President Franklin D. Roosevelt was confirmed by the Senate, in the afternoon, shortly after the inauguration ceremony.

Washington, ^{indications} ~~indications~~ are that General Eisenhower will have his way. Senator Russell of Georgia, a leading Southern Democrat, says he'll insist that Eisenhower appointees shall appear before Senate committees before they are confirmed. That's usual, and it could be done by January Twentieth. Republican ~~is~~ Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan says

PLANE

There's no word about an army plane missing in the mountains of Idaho - with thirty-seven soldiers aboard. Returning from Korea (and Japan on rotation,) they took off at Seattle, aboard a C-Forty-Six (transport). Nothing heard from the plane for hours - and a search is on tonight.

At Albany, Governor Dewey opened the State Legislature today - with a demand that New York City cut the connection between transit problems and politics. Which was a reference to the bus strike now on in the metropolis. No buses running - though the big town seems to be getting on pretty well without them.

Governor Dewey says the city has sent proposals for a financial program. Which, he adds will get - "most careful study."

The city gets large assistance from the State, and is expected to ask for two hundred and sixty-seven million dollars more - than last year.

GENDARME

From time to time we have occasion to salute that country famous for the gallant gesture - France. So tonight let's repeat the salutation all over again --
Vive La France!

From the old city of Aix-en Provence, we have the story of ^{the} chivalrous gendarme. He nearly froze to death, but - would he disturb the sentiment of the heart, the raptures of young romance? No, a thousand times no.

He was put on the trail of a soldier sought as a deserter - A W O L. private Felix Suffren disappeared from his regiment, and the police guessed the right place to look for him- the home of the girl friend, in Aix-En-Provence. They found she had gotten married that very day, Married - to the missing soldier. The wedding feast was just over - at the home of the bride's mother. The gendarme arrived to make the arrest.

The bride's mother came to the door, and he told her his mission.

"But" she exclaimed, "they have already retired for the night. What would you do?"

Today, the gendarme shook his head and explained: "I was embarrassed. But, after all -- well, I too had been young. So I decided to let them stay there."

But he was a police officer, and his intended prisoner was in the house. So he thought it his duty to stand guard. Which he did - - all night.

The bride's mother was sympathetic, and brought out to him - a slice of the wedding cake. Which he ate.

It has been cold over in France, and the temperature dropped way below freezing. The gallant gendarme shivered, stomped his feet. By the time morning came, he was nearly frozen.

He went to the door and knocked. The bride's mother answered, and said: "They have not yet arisen." So the gallant gendarme stood guard again - until nine o'clock.

By that time, the bride and bridegroom
^{were} ~~had~~ still not ~~yet got~~ up. But, there can be a limit to
gallantry - even in France. The gendarme said: "Enough
is enough." ^{He} ~~Went~~ in - and arrested the bridegroom,
who tonight, faces a court-martial for having gone
A.W.O.L.

"But," says the gallant gendarme, "I don't
think the Army will be too severe with him. The
military officers," he added, "they, too, understand."
^{Nelson -} ~~and~~ the echo responds - "Vive La France!"
^{Vive La Aix en Provence!}

OSA JOHNSON

Today saw the end of the career of - Osa Johnson -- who "Married Adventure." With her husband Martin Johnson, the tiny fearless Osa made headline expeditions into the tropical wilds, back in the Thirties. Osa, Martin's companion in endless jungle adventure - ~~when~~ Martin cranked ^{ing} the camera, and Osa coolly ^{bringing} ~~brought~~ down ^a ~~the~~ charging rhino ^{or elephant!} She cut a decorative figure in those famous Martin Johnson motion pictures. Martin featured her so much that another African explorer half-serious and half ^{in jest} ~~hiding~~ made the remark after seeing the latest Martin Johnson epic of wild life in Africa, ~~he~~ made the remark that it was oh-so-Osa!

But what a striking pair they were -- the two young adventurers from Kansas - two irresistible young people who became world famous.

Then - tragedy. Martin ~~was~~ killed in an air crash in Nineteen Thirty-Seven, in Southern California. Osa - gravely injured. She recovered - cherishing to the end ~~of~~ the memory of her husband,

and the safaris they had made together. Today stricken
by a heart attack, at fifty-eight - while planning
another expedition to Africa - an expedition in
memory of her Sir Galahad - Martin Johnson. Instead
~~she~~ Osa has joined him. Fabulous Osa!

occasion.

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CHURCHILL-EISENHOWER

President-elect Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill had another talk today - before Churchill leaves New York, on his way to a vacation in the West Indies. It is obvious that they had serious things to discuss - judging from the social side of the occasion.

The General went to the home of Bernard Baruch, where a distinguished party was waiting. Including Winston Churchill -- and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Those old friends had been having a chat. The President-elect came in, and gave ten minutes to the social amenities, having a few pleasant words, for with the Duke and Duchess.

Then, he and the Prime Minister went off into another room, and for an hour, were deep in conversation. We don't know what they said - only that it must have concerned weighty matters of world policy.

CHURCHILL

There was a pilgrimage - in Brooklyn today. ~~Most distinguished - and very much like Brooklyn.~~ British Prime Minister Winston Churchill went on a visit to the house where his mother was born. She was Jennie Jerome - of an old New York family.

He arrived with a police motorcycle escort and a party of dignitaries, headed by Major Impellitteri and elder Statesman Bernard Baruch. And was greeted by a typical Brooklyn crowd, with a ~~xxx~~ swarm of scampering youngsters. The cheers - worthy of Ebbets Field, when the Dodgers score a scouple of runs.

~~Churchill's American ancestors, the Jeromes, were French Hugonots, who immigrated to Colonial America, and fought in Washington's Army against the British during the Revolutionary War.~~

~~Back before the middle of the last century, Leonard Jerome was a farm boy in Onondaga County. He worked in a village store, saved enough money to study law, and then went into the newspaper business. He owned a paper, the Rochester Daily American.~~

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Progress brought him to New York, where he settled down with his wife in a brown-stone house ^{at 426} ~~at four hundred and twenty six~~ Henry Street, Brooklyn. There, his daughter Jennie was born. Later on, Leonard Jerome was given a diplomatic post by President Millard Filmore, and became American Consul in Trieste. He took his family along - and they became part of the international set in Europe. Leonard Jerome returned to the United States, speculated in Wall Street - and made a fortune. His family - retaining the habit of traveling in Europe,

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This is Winston Churchill's twelfth visit to the United States. The first time - he has ever gone to the house where his mother was born, one-hundred-and-two years ago. Now - a sort of Brooklyn monument and tourist attraction.

After responding to the greeting of ~~the~~ the crowd at the old Brownstone house, he went in- the guest of its present occupants. They are Joseph Romeo and his wife and four children. Romeo is a designer and manufacturer of children's coats.

The Prime Minister was shown the geneological records of the Jerome family, and saw an old picture of his mother hanging over the mantle-piece in the living room. He was asked - how did he compare number ~~four hundred and twenty six~~⁴²⁶ Henry Street Brooklyn, with Blenheim castle, historic seat of the Dukes of Marlborough, where he was born.

The Prime Minister replied with perfect tact: "I'm proud of both."

FRANCE

In France, today, the new Premier was at the task of selecting a cabinet - Rene Mayer, of the moderate party called radical socialists. He got a majority in the National Assembly last night - commissioning him to form a ministry. (One choice, we hear, is likely to be former Premier Georges Bidault, as Foreign Minister. Which is the all-important post - considering the new turn in French Foreign Policy.

Premier Mayer was able to get a majority only by promising to modify the agreement, under which France would participate in the forming of a West European army. He had to pledge himself to reservations against the possibility that French ~~inf~~ forces might fall under German control - in that international army. He's required to get a written guarantee from the other North Atlantic Treaty countries -- that France can withdraw its troops whenever France pleases. Without - anybody's permission. All of which introduces new complications and will slow down the formation of West European defense.

These pledges had to be made to the adherents of General DeGaulle, who had been opposing the West European military arrangement -- in its present form. To get a working majority in the National Assembly, Rene Mayer had to procure votes of the DeGaulle faction. The first time the followers of the General have joined in a majority to install a Premier belonging to another group.

(So now,) Rene Mayer (is the) ^{French} eighteenth/Premier ~~that France has had~~ since the end of World War Two.