

EISENHOWER

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President Eisenhower will meet with Negro leaders -
to discuss the school integration crisis. This was proposed
by Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, the Harlem Negro pastor,
who bolted the Democratic ticket in Nineteen Fifty-Six to
support the President.

At the Newport, Rhode Island, vacation White House,
today, the President wired the Congressman, saying: "I have
directed my staff in Washington to confer with you for this
purpose." They'll arrange the time of the meeting between the
President and Negro leaders.

LITTLE ROCK

The Department of Justice, today, reinforced its legal staff at Little Rock - sending two lawyers from Washington to help the government case, when Governor Faubus of Arkansas appears before Federal Judge Davies on Friday. The Governor to show cause - why an injunction should not be issued against him. Ordering him - to stop using National Guard soldiers to prevent integration at the Central High School. If an injunction is issued, Faubus would have to give in, or face the charge of contempt of court, with possible arrest.

One report from Little Rock is that Governor Faubus is thinking of taking his integration fight all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Making a test case - of state's rights versus federal authority.

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INTEGRATION - DEMOCRATS

A storm has arisen in the Democratic Party - because of the school integration issue. An inevitable point of controversy between Southern and Northern Democrats.

Today, Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler said:

"I will not resign, and I don't believe they're going to fire me!"

Which was in answer to the Democratic State Chairman in South Carolina, Nevelle Bennett. Who took ~~xx~~ issue with a statement the National Chairman had made previously - that the Democratic Party would insist that the Supreme Court decision, outlawing school segregation, should be obeyed. The South Carolina Chairman demanded the ouster of Butler, and ^{RAISED}~~made~~ the threat of a third party.

So now Butler retorts - that the Democratic Party will not be deterred by any threat of ~~secession~~ Southern secession. Pointing out that Harry Truman won in Nineteen Forty-Eight, in spite of a third party in the South.

TEAMSTERS

The Ethical Practices Committee of the AFL-CIO, today, hurled a blazing attack at James Hoffa, Vice-President of the Teamsters Union. Hoffa - the favorite candidate for the presidency of the nation's biggest union. The Committee charges him with promoting the interests of racketeers in the Union. Putting it in these words - "the list of many of Hoffa's proteges and friends reads like a rogues gallery."

The Committee finds, likewise, that the teamsters Union has not cleaned house but continues to be dominated or affected by corrupt influences. Adding - that, if the Union does not mend its ways, it will be expelled from the AFL-CIO.

LEGION

The American Legion, today, called for a revision of the "status of forces agreement." Meeting at Atlantic City, the delegates voted a resolution - that no American serviceman **should** overseas/~~xxxx~~ be tried by a foreign government for offenses committed while on a military post, or in the line of duty. Which, of course, stems from the case of Private William Girard - now on trial in Japan for the death of a Japanese woman.

PASSPORTS

The State Department announces that it will seize the passports of the forty-two American students who accepted an invitation to Red China - in defiance of a ban by the U.S. Government. When they get back, their passports will be seized. One has already returned - and his passport was taken away from him. Also the passport of a newsman, William Worthy of the Baltimore-Afro American, *WHO VISITED CHINA DESPITE THE BAN.* will not be renewed - says the State Department.

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THAILAND

The new regime in Thailand gave a pledge, today - that the military group, which has taken power, will stick to a pro-Western foreign policy, and hopes for stronger ties with the United States.

The coup d'etat, which overthrew the previous government, was - bloodless, and a curious air of reasonable mildness continues - with an invitation now to the deposed Premier, Pibul Songgram, to come out of hiding. This invitation is made by the Army Commander-in-Chief, who asks Pibul Songgram, to come forward - and live "happily" in Thailand.

VLADIVOSTOK

London discloses - that the British government refuses to recognize the Soviet closing of waters around Vladivostok. On July Second, Moscow ordered foreign ships to stay away from "Peter the Great Bay", and forbade foreign airplanes to fly over it. Doing this, the Soviets drew a deadline on a hundred miles in length, and this the British now challenge.

In a diplomatic note, they claim that the area called "Peter the Great Bay" has never been recognized, historically, as a bay at all. Never even claimed by Russia - as internal Russian waters. So Britain does not consider the order to keep shipping out - as binding.

There have been rumors that the Soviets may be using that Vladivostok area as a testing ground for ballistic missiles.

NORWAY

The kingdom of Norway was plunged into gloom, today, by a medical bulletin. Stating that King Haakon - has little chance of recovery. The eighty-five year old monarch, the world's oldest reigning sovereign - so ill the doctors have little hope.

Haakon became King, when Norway became independent, in Nineteen~~F~~Five. And few Norwegians remember a time - when he was not their King. He broke a hip in a fall two years ago, and has been ailing ever since.

The bad news, today, caused a run on the florists in the capital city of Oslo. Hundreds of people - sending flowers to the royal palace.

HURRICANE

The tempest called Esther, came roaring on to the Gulf coast, on a front three hundred miles ^{wide} / today. The wind - causing the lesser part of the havoc. They're not saying - Hurricane Esther. ~~hurricane, this time.~~ Because the winds, at sixty-four miles an hour, are less than hurricane force. But the storm brought a deluge of blinding rains, and the tide came in five feet high. Which caused flooding - all along the coast. Canals and bayous - surging with innundations. Three lives lost, at least. In New Orleans [^] ~~there's been a tie-up~~ tied up - as Esther brought waters worse than wind.

CHINA

The Chinese Reds report something really revolutionary - and not in a Marxian way. They're introducing a Western-type alphabet in China.

They have no intention, apparently, of abandoning the ancient Chinese method of writing, with ideographs - thousands and thousands of characters. The innovation applies to^a people - who have no kind of writing at all.

On the island of Hainan, there's a primitive nationality called - "Li". Whose language - has never been reduced to writing. So now, for the benefit of the Li people, an alphabet of thirty letters has been devised, for writing their language. Most of that alphabet consists of Latin characters - the familiar letters of our own Western alphabet. And the Chinese Red Radio says that using it - students among the Li people now learn to write fluently in seven weeks.

EXPLOSION

Disaster, ~~which and complete~~ - struck off the Mediterranean coast of North Africa, today. At the port of Casablanca, Morocco, a two French salvage vessels were working, when the waters erupted, and a shattering explosion destroyed both ships. Nine crewmen aboard - killed.

On the bottom of the sea was a freighter sunk in World War Two. Divers - cutting their way into the hulk, with blow torches. These, apparently, detonated ammunition in the sunken vessel - and the explosion at the bottom ~~detonated~~ touched off ~~detonated~~ dynamite aboard the salvage vessels on the surface.

ENVOY

Word from the hospital is favorable - in the case of the Nepalese permanent delegate to the U.N., Ambassador Rishikesh Shaha - who was attacked, last night, while returning from a walk in Central Park. He was mugged by two men, who robbed and beat him - and stabbed him. But the stab wound is found - not serious.

DAILY WORKER

One of the best known newspapers in this country may have to go out of business - but few tears will be shed.

Today The Daily Worker in a front page editorial told how the Communist publication has been declining along with the Communist Party. In twenty years the circulation has dropped from forty thousand daily to ten thousand.

The paper is running with deficits of ten thousand dollars a month. A Spring drive for funds - yielded forty-five thousand dollars, instead of a necessary hundred thousand.

So the Daily Worker, today, announced - a cut in publication. The Communist newspaper - to appear four days a week, instead of five. And - only half the size.

Even so, they'll have to raise a hundred thousand dollars in new subscriptions - or go out of business

entirely.

All of which is a vivid reflection of the decline of Communists in this country - following the downgrading of Stalin, the Hungarian revolt, the Soviet anti-Israel policy in the Middle East, and Congressional revelations of the Party's subversive intentions.

INTRODUCTION TO L.T.

Tonight, Lowell Thomas continues his report from the Far North, and includes a story of wedded bliss in Eskimoland.

L.T.: The minimum wage for a laborer, up here on the Dew Line is \$1000 a month. It has cost us - you and me - one and a quarter billion dollars - just so we can be warned in advance if an enemy decides to take the short route over the Arctic, to bomb us.

If a man stays for a second year he gets a 15% increase. What can he spend? It's difficult for him to spend anything - unless he gets a short leave and flies 500 miles across the icy Brooks Range to Fairbanks in the Yukon - Tanana Valley. There they have ways to help him get rid of his money in a hurry - liquor, gambling, women. There of course are experts up here who have been engaged in this ever since the days of the Gold Rush, the Trail of '98 -- the days of Jack London, Robert Service and Rex Beach.

As Bob Hope said:- if you put a roof over Main Street

in Fairbanks you would have the longest bar in the world.

One of the heads of the Dew Line construction and maintenance told me of one of his common laborers who flew out to Fairbanks and got rid of \$1600 in three days.

The radar plants look like something out of Buck Rogers - spheres, angles, weird shapes. The buildings that house the instruments and electronic paraphernalia and the men who work with them - these buildings look like oversized streamlined trains - except that each section, each car, fits snugly to the next one. Like a streamlined train with a corridor running through them all.

Each section encloses something different - a superintendent's office, one for generators, two for radar equipment, one for a library, others for living quarters, ~~lun~~ lounge, dining rooms, kitchens, storage and so on. Personnel of up to fifty in one train - or a double train. If they don't want to they needn't go out of doors for weeks.

The meals? It costs a lot to fly everything up from the States, so they might as well have the best. This means that if you work on the Dew Line you can live like a king - in an all-male world, and save all you earn - except what Uncle Sam takes in taxes.

Speaking of kings, the man who for decades ruled over this Point Barrow Arctic empire was Charlie Bower, a trader, whose biography is entitled "Fifty Years Below Zero."

Charlie opened his trading post here among the Eskimo in 1886 and was known as King of the Arctic. He was here nearly 60 years. We spent part of today with ~~na~~ one of his sons, Tom Brower, $\frac{1}{2}$ Eskimo, who still runs the store. Charlie married a full blooded Eskimo and had fourteen children. He traded in whale oil, ivory and furs, and became wealthy - and known far and wide. Close friend of nearly all Arctic explorers.

Sir Hubert Wilkins has been telling us how he and his well known pilot, Ben Eilsen, slept on the floor in the

restaurant that was a part of Charlie Brower's trading post.

The cook, a long time pal of Charlie's, was Fred Hopson.

One morning when an Eskimo woman came in, Hopson called her every name he could think of. Swore at her for several minutes, using some words Wilkins had never heard before.

When he stopped, Wilkins, shocked, said: "Why do you do that?"

To which Hopson replied: "I've been married to her for twenty years, and we have sixteen children. But she doesn't understand a word I say!"

So long.