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(Given by Chas. Collingwood)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Senate has all but approved a compromise farm bill that President Eisenhower is expected to feel he can sign. Working late on technical aspects of the price support system, the Senators have hammered out a measure that provides for a soil bank, but does not give the President his controversial plan for election-year advance payments. One of the features of the Senate bill is a scheme to dispose of up to 100 million bushels of government owned wheat at cut rate prices. But even this compromise bill coming out of the South will not end this year's squabble over farm legislation.... There are differences between the Senate and the House bill that will still have to be thrashed out in conference.

MOSCOW.

Moscow, today, produced a climax in the Anti-Stalin campaign - with the publication of the far-famed last testament of Lenin. In which - the founder of Bolshevism gave warning against the character of Stalin. Then - a secondary figure in Communist hierarchy.

The Lenin "testament" had long been unofficially circulated and most scholars thought it authentic, and the reports now turn out to have been correct. The importance of today's news is that the Kremlin now reveals what so long was kept a sinister secret from the Russian people.

The published article states that, shortly before his death, Lenin recognized the "negative characteristics" in Stalin. The article expresses Lenin's judgment of Stalin's defects in these words: "Rudeness, lack of respect for his comrades, capriciousness and the inclination toward the abuse of power." In those terms, he warned the other bolshevist leaders against the

danger of that evil which presently came to pass - the blood-thirsty-tyranny of Stalin.

Naturally, Stalin sought, by every means, to keep the Lenin "testament" from being known. Now his Kremlin successors publish it.

## DISARMAMENT

Harold Stassen takes a rather optimistic view of the Soviet announcement - that Russian military manpower is being reduced by one million two hundred thousand. President Eisenhower's Disarmament Advisor says - it indicates that the Reds want to continue "serious negotiations" on disarmament.

Stassen is the first Administration leader to take a hopeful view - the Moscow announcement having been belittled by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson. However, Stassen admits that Soviet war-making power would only be increased - if the million two hundred thousand men were shifted over to the production of armament. Big bombers, for example.

Defense Secretary Wilson said tonight that we are going to maintain our armed forces at their present 2 million, 800 thousand level - for the immediate future

- "No clear indication, he says, that the world situation has improved to the point we can modify our policy".

ISRAEL

The State Department reveals - the blocking of a shipment of surplus Army vehicles to <sup>Israel</sup>~~Egypt~~. Twentyone half-tracks, purchased by the Israeli Commission. Earlier this week, Customs Officials found the unauthorized cargo aboard a freighter in New York Harbor. The State Department spokesman says - a license had been issued for spare parts, but not for the assembled half-tracks. So Customs Authorities had no alternative but to order the removal of the vehicles from the ship/

## COMMUNIST ARMAMENT.

The State Department expresses concern about rumors that Communist China is ready to ship arms to Egypt. Today, the spokesman said: - the Department is checking on the reports. He pointed out that similar rumors had cropped up in advance - when Communist weapons were shipped from Czechoslovakia to Egypt and Syria. Which produced a new Israeli-Arab crisis.

FOREIGN AID.

House  
The/Foreign Affairs Committee reversed itself, today -

on the question of American aid to allies engaged in "strategic" trade with Communist countries. Previously, the Committee had voted - to deny foreign aid to countries that sell "strategic" material to the Communists. But the Administration was much opposed - arguing that this would be dangerous to American foreign relations. Heavy White House pressure was brought to bear and, today, the Committee voted to kill the proviso.



CYPRUS

The British have blockaded the northwest coast of Cyprus - to stop gun-smuggling. Along this part of the shore the Anti-British Rebels, they say, have been getting secret shipments of weapons. So now British warships have been ordered to stop all shipments in that area, except vessels carrying copper ore from British and American mines.

## INTRODUCTION TO RECORDING

Last night we left Lowell Thomas at a Royal banquet, a climax of the ceremony attending the coronation of the King of Nepal. Tonight, Lowell continues his account of that festive affair in the remote city of Katmandu.

FOLLOW RECORDING

You may have noted that Lowell said "tomorrow" -  
although this program won't be back on the air until Monday.  
But, then, during twenty-five years on the radio he's had a way  
of getting mixed-up about "tomorrow" and "Monday."

TRUMAN

In Rome, today, the shout was "Evvia Truman". Crowds hailing Mr. and Mrs. Truman on their arrival from Paris today. The former President called it - the "biggest reception since I returned to Washington after the election of Nineteen Forty-Eight." In Rome, today, HST delcared - he still favors U.S. representation at the Vatican. During his tenure as President, he named an Ambassador to the Vatican, but it didn't work out. But he still thinks it an excellent idea saying: "I am a good Baptist, but I think it would help the peace of the world."

In New Orleans, the Acting Police Superintendent has ordered an investigation into what he calls - "a possible re-birth of the Klu Klux Klan in New Orleans." This follows the burning of a fiery cross near the home of Archbishop Rummell, an opponent of racial segregation. Recently, the Roman Catholic Prelate declared that segregation was morally wrong and a sin. The fiery cross, emblem of the Klu Klux Klan, was burned on the grounds of the Notre Dame Seminary, a block away from the residence of Archbishop Rummel/

DOCUMENT.

The latest espionage sensation seems to be - a laugh.

Four men arrested by the F.B.I. - for the theft of a "classified" document. Two of them are <sup>New Jersey</sup> business men. ~~of ~~xxxxxxx~~, ~~xxxxxxx~~~~

The military secret now turns out to be - a list of names of service men of the Armed Forces. The lawyer for the business men says - they wanted it to promote the sales of military emblems and insignia. Intending - to send circulars to military personnel. They wanted the "classified" document as a mailing list.