

Thurs, Mar, 12 - '53.

President Eisenhower plans to transform the Federal Security Agency, and make it a full-fledged department of the government - its head a member of the Cabinet. The new department ~~is~~ to include, not only Social Security, but also ~~xxx~~ health and education.

The proposal sent to Congress today, will go into ~~effect~~ effect, unless either of the two Houses votes against it - within sixty days. It would make Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, the Security Administrator, a full-fledged member of the cabinet. At the present time, she has been sitting in on Cabinet meetings, unofficially.

The Eisenhower plan provides for the nomination of a "special Assistant to the Secretary" to be chosen from the field of Medicine. A prominent doctor - to deal with problems of national health. Also - an advisory committee on education, its members to be selected from the educational world. These health and education sections would be in addition to the

present Social Security set-up -- Old Age Pensions  
and the like.

## AIR ATTACK

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~~The~~ British plane, today, was shot down over an air corridor linking Berlin to Western Germany - a lane along <sup>which</sup> ~~with~~ allied ~~xxxx~~ aircraft fly according to agreement with SovietRussia. But, a dispatch from Germany indicates that the British patrolbomber had flown over Soviet-held territory. That is, a fewminutes earlier, the plane had been over the Red zone. The movements of the bomber are not clear, but it was shot down in the corridor, near the border of the British and Soviet zone.

The attack on the big-four-engine bomber was savage and devastating - Red fighters riddling it, circling around and shooting. They were of a new type - with swept back wings - a design different from the usual Russian jets.

The bomber exploded in the air - scattering wreckage. The main part fell in flames near a village just inside the Soviet zone. The ~~xxxxxx~~ border there is the ~~xxx~~ River Elbe, and the burning

debris crashed just on the other side of the stream.

There were seven men in the crew, and five were killed. One coming down by parachute was attacked by Red fighters - which fired at him, his parachute - riddled by bullets. Most of the crew of the bomber were airmen in training - the plane on a training flight.

The British report that, as the plane was breaking up in the air, one crewman threw out the secret code book - so that it would land in British-held territory. A cool act - at a desperate moment.

The British government is preparing a "strong protest." Today Winston Churchill held an emergency meeting - to draft a diplomatic note. But, ~~these~~ these "strong protests" seem to have mighty little effect on the Communists.

The shooting down of the bomber was only one incident. Today, at another place, far inside the British zone, Red fighters staged a "mock attack"

on a British plane. Nothing came of that - except threatening gestures. But it adds another small bit to an ugly situation that has developed.

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The latest tonight -- a protest. In the case of the British bomber shot down. A protest -- made by the Soviets. Immediately, they placed the blame on the British aircraft -- declaring -- that it was over Soviet controlled territory, violating the border. Such is the gist of the message sent by the Soviet commander in Berlin to the British Commissioner there.

## FOLLOW AIR ATTACK

This is the second case of a western plane shot down over Germany in the last three days, and officials in Washington wonder - does it reflect a tougher Soviet policy since the death of Stalin?

Here's a later opinion from NATO headquarters in France. Military leaders of the Atlantic Treaty powers are holding a meeting, and they express much concern about these Soviet aggressions. But, they are inclined to think it is because of orders for vigilance, an increasing degree of security following the death of Stalin. They don't think it is a case of "tough" policy ~~initiated~~ by Moscow -- but, a worried sort of alert.

## FOLLOW AIR ATTACK

Today, the U.S. Government rejected the claim that the two American jet fighters, attacked day before yesterday were over the territory of Red Czechoslovakia. The Reds are saying they were twenty-five miles inside Czechoslovakia, when the shooting began; one of our jets - shot down. The U.S. government calls the Red statement "a fairy tale".

This is based on definite statements by the pilots - that they did not cross the Czechoslovak border. Also on the evidence of radar. Air Force radar on the ground had the two American planes on the screen, when they were attacked - and shows they were twelve to fifteen miles inside Germany.

**MIG**

We are told that the Russian made jet plane now in Denmark is different from any of the MIGS in Korea. Experts have been studying that aircraft, which was flown into Denmark by a Polish Air Force officer, seeking freedom. They say it is more powerfully armed than the MIGS in Korea. It has two thirty-eight millimeter cannon. They have one thirty-seven millimeter cannon. Moreover, the plane in Denmark does not answer the general description of the MIGs in Korea.



## AMMUNITION

The Congressional Committee, considering the question of shortages in ammunition in Korea - upholds General Van Fleet. Testimony taken in secret hearing, declares the committee, confirms Van Fleet's story of a lack of shells and other material <sup>(at the</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ war front - during the time when he was Commander of the Eighth Army. The condition, however, has improved recently, since the General's return. So says the committee.

Committee member, Senator Byrd of Virginia, calls the ammunition shortages a "national scandal" so the committee will now look into the question - who was responsible and why.

## COMMITTEE

The Committee on Un-American activities, today, voted to curb its chairman - Congressman Velde. A resolution, passed unanimously, forbids him to start any new investigations - without the approval of the Committee.

This follows controversy over a statement by Congressman Velde - that there might be an investigation of Communism in the churches of this nation.

## HALLINAN

The Progressive Party's candidate for President last year, surrendered today on a charge of income tax ~~is~~ evasion. Vincent Hallinan, the labor lawyer, who ran on a left-wing ticket. His party often called - pro-Communist. His wife is accused with him of defrauding the government out of sixty-five thousand dollars.

Today, Hallinan charged the Federal government has been "after him" ever since he defended Harry Bridges, the West Coast Union leader, in a trial for perjury and conspiracy. As a result of the court case, Hallinan served a <sup>6</sup> brief term in prison - for contempt. Now - indicted on a charge of tax evasion.

## FAROUK

It's definite about former King Farouk of Egypt - divorced from the ex-Queen. Today, Narriman left the former Monarch's residence in Rome, <sup>and</sup> took a plane to Zurich, Switzerland, accompanied by her mother.

Farouk issued a statement, admitting the divorce, and, intimating - political angles. He says it was all because of the influence of his wife's mother, who sought to break up the marriage. Narriman's family, back in Egypt, was not happy about their daughter as the wife of the dethroned Monarch - who is decidedly unpopular with Egypt's new government, Headed by strong man General Naguib, who tossed out Farouk.

The belief is that the former Queen, going to Zurich with her mother, will confer with Egyptian political figures there. To arrange - Narriman's return to Egypt. There will also have to be a decision about her infant son - who ranks as the Crown Prince of the dynasty in exile. Narriman may go

to law in an effort to have the child brought back to Egypt.

Well, this break up of the royal marriage has its turn of irony. Narriman, to begin with, was engaged to marry a young Egyptian diplomatic official. Farouk saw her, and ~~wanted~~ wanted her. That was a couple of years ago, when he was at the height of splendor ~~as~~ as the Sovereign of the Nile. Narriman broke with her finance, the diplomatic official - she jilted him for the King.

Her family, at the time, was all for her marriage to the Monarch, and helped to persuade their daughter. That was when King Farouk was on a royal throne. But it's different now that he's in exile ~~and~~ and anathema with the <sup>people and the</sup> powers-that-be in Egypt.

## ASTEROID

Here's news from the starry sky. Astronomers have discovered a new heavenly body - near this earth. An asteroid, a minor planet, which might be too close for comfort, if its orbit should lead in the direction of this planet of ours.

The new heavenly body was discovered at the great Mt. Palomar Observatory here in California. Spotted on a photographic plate - by astronomer, Dr. Albert Wilson. He says the asteroid is moving rapidly. But just where it will go cannot be determined - not at the moment. They'll have to study it some more through the great forty-eight inch telescope. However, Dr. Wilson does not think it is heading this way. Probably it won't travel any closer to this earth.

The newly discovered heavenly body is in the constellation Ursa Major - its position not far from the North Star.

But don't go out tonight, trying to see it. The tiny planet is visible only through giant

telescopes.

The nearest approach of an asteroid to this earth was in Nineteen Thirty-Seven. That is, as far as human records show. Sixteen years ago, the asteroid Hermes passed within four hundred <sup>and</sup> thirty-eight thousand miles from the earth. Which was a safe distance away - for a wanderer through space.

## TRUMAN

We know Harry Truman as an ex-President and a piano player. But now we find him an authority on ancient automobiles. <sup>Some</sup> Forty years ago, he drove a "Stafford." Most motorists nowadays I suppose, never heard of a Stafford - a wonder on the road, back in the days of the horseless carriage.

All of this is revealed by Publisher Floyd Clymer, an historian of the automobile. He tells me he didn't have enough detail about that antediluvian motor car, the Stafford. So he inquired around and found that H.S.T. had owned one - long ago. He wrote to the ex-President, <sup>and</sup> got a reply - in precise mechanical detail.

In his letter, the ex-President states that he remodeled that Stafford into what he calls "a hot sport roadster." A "hot rod" among the horseless carriages. When he joined the army, he drove to training camp in his ~~sm~~ snappy Stafford. "It was used there by Battery F", he writes "for a kind of transportation truck - for ice and whatever was



necessary to be hauled around the Battery."

Sounds like a humiliating fate for a "hot sport roadster."

Before he went overseas with Battery F, he sold that horseless carriage to a Sargeant, and that was the last he ever heard of it.

## BUSINESS

At Effingham, Illinois, two local businessmen ~~who~~ today were praising their wives. In each case, the Mrs. appears to have the business head - although the deal they brought about was decidedly unorthodox.

Luther Fagan was an automobile dealer, while Louis Manis ran a grocery store. Neither was happy about it.

Today Manis<sup>s</sup> explained: "Selling groceries is hard on the feet. I wanted to get into a business where I didn't have to stand all day."

Fagan, the automobile dealer, used to run a grocery store at Opdyk, Illinois - and he had a hankering to get into the grocery business again.

So their wives ~~as~~ kept after them to do the simple, sensible thing - swap businesses. And today, Fagan traded his automobile business for Manis' grocery store. An even swap. Now the one doesn't have to stand on his feet all day, and the other has his wish, selling groceries.

They swapped homes - Fagan moving into the

Manis flat above the grocery store, with Manis taking  
the five-room house where Fagan lived.



**REPLY**

London reports - just about the shortest letter on record. It was received by the British Under Secretary to the War Office, J.R.H. Hutchison. The letter - written by a soldier's wife living in military quarters - and they were trying to get her to move. She was notified she would have to go. Here's her reply.

"Dear Sir,

I remain,

Yours truly".

It is certainly using the old formal style of letters to good purpose. She won't move and she just remains "yours truly."

*That's what she says! What do you say Ivory Girl?*

## POOL

As an old-time pool player, I am particularly interested in one bit of news out here in California - the Pocket Billiards tournament in San Francisco. That championship event won't be completed until tonight, but the big result is already in. The champ - Willie Mosconi of Haverford, Pennsylvania. He's not the new champ - he's the old one. Winning - his eleventh world championship in thirteen years.

He clinched it last night, by defeating Luther Lassiter, of North Carolina. He plays again tonight - ~~but~~ but that won't mean anything, except a chance to pick up some extra prize money. Willie Mosconi won seven straight victories in the tournament, without a defeat.