

HOUSING

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In Washington - a major victory for the administration. The Senate, approving President Eisenhower's public housing program. The vote, overwhelming; - sixty-six to sixteen.

The bill provides for one hundred and forty thousand housing units, to be constructed during the next four years.

The main opponents of the program ^{were the} Southern Democrats. In Particular, Senator Maybank of South Carolina, ^{who once was} ~~Senator Maybank was once~~ a champion of public housing. But then came the anti-segregation ruling by the Supreme Court. And Maybank reversed himself - became a bitter enemy of public housing. Today, he said that segregation should be a matter for local decision. And so he, along with other Southern Democrats, voted against the bill.

But the other Senators voted them down - supporting President Eisenhower overwhelmingly.

A dispatch from Washington, reveals ^{TP} ~~dis~~ ^{dis} ~~ension~~ -
So says? inside the Atomic Energy Commission. The five members, split
over the authority of Chairman Lewis Strauss.

The dispute came up after a proposal to revise the Atomic Energy Act. The proposal, made by Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa and Representative Cole of New York - would make the Chairman the "principal officer" of the group.

Chairman Lewis Strauss and Commissioner Joseph Campbell are said to be supporting the proposal. They believe that the Chairman should have more authority.

But two other members have submitted statements to the House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee. Henry Smyth says the proposal would wreck the Commission. And there are reports that he might resign if the proposal became law. Thomas Murray says that the result would be a "one-man commission." He wants all the members to have equal authority. A third member, Eugene Zuckert, says he agrees in principle with Smyth and Murray.

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Representative Holifield of California ^{also} agrees with the opposition. He says he'll propose that all members of the Atomic Commission be given equal authority. Holifield says he doesn't know whether the dispute broke out just now - because of the Oppenheimer case. ^{Congressman} The ~~Representative~~ remarking simply, that there are, what he terms, "bad conditions" within the A.E.C.

OPPENHEIMER

The decision on Dr. Robert Oppenheimer - was "unfair", "fantastic", "ironic". So says the Federation of American Scientists. In a public statement, the Federation calls for the full Atomic Energy Commission to review the findings of the Security Board. The Federation also wants a review of the security program itself.

Charging that the Oppenheimer decision was mainly political - the Federation says that the finding is a black mark against the whole security program. And ~~it~~ adds that the Oppenheimer case may discourage other scientists from working for the government.

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ACADEMY

Which state is to be the home of our new Air Force Academy -- the West Point-Annapolis of the Air? The answer is: Maybe Illinois, maybe Colorado; or maybe Wisconsin! One of those three *it will be! Who to make* the final decision? ~~on that?~~ It's up to Air Force Secretary Harold Talbott. Because his special commission failed to agree. Air Secretary Talbott created the commission, composed of five members; including General Lindbergh. The five were instructed to look for a site comparable to West Point and Annapolis.

Up and down the land they travelled; more than eighteen thousand miles. And at the end they just couldn't agree. But we are told they did agree that it should be located at one of three places, Alton, Illinois; or Colorado Springs, Colorado; or Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

So, they passed the buck back to Secretary Talbott. And what a spot he's in now -- to have to make

the decision! Secretary Talbott says he'll have the answer within a month -- after he himself has had a chance to make a personal inspection of the three localities. When he has made up his mind -- the Air Force will get busy and build its academy.

Which do you think it will be? Illinois, Wisconsin, or Colorado?

PLANE

A dispatch from Graz, Austria, describes how a transport plane was shot down over Yugoslavia. The plane, carrying pedigreed pigs from England to Yugoslavia. It was just about at the corner where Hungary, Yugoslavia and Austria come together - when suddenly it was attacked by a jet fighter.

First the fighter tried to compel the transport to land. Then opened up with a burst of cannon fire. The shells, smashing away the brakes and the flaps of the plane. The radio operator, killed instantly. The pilot, seriously wounded.

The co-pilot, ~~was~~ Douglas Wilson of Scotland, ~~he~~ managed to get into the pilot seat ^{and} ~~then he~~ dived into the clouds. ^{They made} ~~and managed to make~~ an emergency landing at the Graz Airport - in the British Zone of Austria.

Wilson says ~~that~~ the jet attacked at an altitude of about eleven thousand feet. When he was asked who started the incident, Wilson replied: "It attacked us without

provocation." And then he ~~explained:~~ ^{added:} "You can't very well provoke a jet fighter - with a transport full of pigs."

There's no official word on the identity of the jet fighter. But unofficial reports indicate - that it was a Soviet built Mig.

OFFICER

Here's the story of the only French officer known to have escaped from Dienbienphu. Lieutenant Raymond Makowiak was part of a parachute battalion. He was assigned to Dienbienphu just after the Reds began their siege. And he was with the garrison all during the battle.

On May 7th -- the day the stronghold fell -- the Lieutenant was in a defense position on the east side of the perimeter. But the Reds overwhelmed the position. The Lieutenant and his men retreated yard by yard. Finally, the Reds brought their artillery up almost to pointblank range.

So the Lieutenant and his men abandoned the position, and retreated to the Command Post of General DeCastries. They stayed there until the Command Post fell. Then they got instructions -- they could surrender if they wanted to. Or else try to escape through the

Red lines.

The Lieutenant was captured, and he started out in a column of prisoners. The Lieutenant says that after he had gone about a mile-and-a-half, he saw a jeep go by carrying General DeCastries. That was the last he saw of the General.

Finally, he collapsed. When he came to -- he was in a ditch. With three other Frenchmen he decided to make a bid for freedom. They had no map. But they did have a compass. And they used it in their line of flight through the jungle.

The next night, however, they fell into an ambush. The other three were captured by the Reds. The Lieutenant, hiding all night, and then setting out alone through the jungle.

~~Then~~ He kept going for twenty-three days. For twenty days he had to struggle through jungle thickets --

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always on guard for fear he would run into Red guerrillas. For nine days he had no food. He lost more than twenty pounds. At one point he escaped from the Reds by building a raft of banana trees and floating down a river. All told he estimates that he walked about one-hundred-and-eighty miles.

Finally, he arrived at the town of Muong Sai -- in safe territory. Now the Lieutenant is back in Hanoi -- after the ^{no one} ~~greater~~ escape story to come out of the Indochinese war.

EAST GERMANY

Today, thousands of children from East Germany attempted to cross the border. The reason - free movies and free ice cream in West Berlin. The Adenauer government inviting the youngsters to have a taste of life in the free world.

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But a dispatch from Berlin ~~declares that~~ ^{says} not many managed to ~~cross the border.~~ ^{get across.} Because the East German government put special patrols along the roads and railways.

At every subway and train stop, ten to twelve agitators, backed by the "Peoples Police." Loud ^d speakers blared; "Last Stop in the democratic sector! Get off the train!"

Then the Reds went through the trains, ejecting everyone who ignored the loud speakers. ^{So,} Many thousands of East German children were forced to leave ^{and were} kept away from the free movies and the free ice cream of West Berlin.

In the meantime, the Reds announce a Communist rally in their sector. And West Berlin officials predict that the result will be - many persons who come to the rally will cross over to West Berlin, in search of freedom.

ROBINSON

A famous baseball player may find himself in the middle of a lawsuit - all because he didn't like an umpire's decision. Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers was expelled from the game in Milwaukee last night. As he was leaving he slammed down his bat, and it bounced into the stands. There it struck two fans -- a Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wolinsky.

Today, their lawyer said that the bat bounced off an usher, then hit Wolinsky on the forehead, and the other end struck Mrs. Wolinsky in the eye. Said the ~~xxx~~ lawyer: "We've all been baseball fans all our lives - and we don't want to cause Robinson any trouble in the twilight of his career." Then he went on: "But if my clients' injuries prove serious - then there's little we can do."

Jackie Robinson has already apologized for the incident. He says he only intended to throw the bat into the bat rack. But it slipped - and went into the stands instead.

The morale of which I suppose is, that strange things happen when you get mad.

Substitute ADD HEARING

The Defense Department wants that McCarthy list of alleged Communist sympathizers in defense plants. So stated by Assistant Defense Secretary, Fred Seaton - in a letter to the Wisconsin Senator.

In his letter, Seaton declared that he tried to reach Senator McCarthy last night - to arrange for the delivery of the list of one hundred and thirty names. ^{Asst. Def.} The ~~Under~~ Secretary, not able to contact the Senator.

^{Asst. Def. Sec.} Seaton added that he cannot promise that the names will be kept secret. Because the Defense Department wants to be free to act on its own.

To this, McCarthy replies that there is no "insurmountable barrier" - meaning, that it should be possible to come to an agreement between the Subcommittee and the Defense Department - about the handling of the names.

HEARING

The hearing, today, was a bit less acrimonious than usual. Even Army Counsel Welch, in cross-questioning Roy Cohn, was suave and smiling. Yesterday, he lit into Cohn - sardonic and scornful. Today, he reverted to the Old World courtesy of the veteran Boston lawyer.

Well, the amenities were the more appropriate - because it was a birthday. Acting Chairman Senator Mundt - fifty-four years old.

At the hearing, he got a birthday present. Not so flattering - but welcome. There have been remarks about the quality ~~ambix~~ of the cigars he smokes. Senator McCarthy has called them "South Dakota straw." So McCarthy today presented the Chairman with a box of - the real Havana.

During the day-long proceedings, Senator Mundt celebrated his birthday - with a bit of erudition. Actually, Senator Jackson started the classical learning, but Mundt finished it off in style.

They were discussing the matter of the Senate

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Committee submitting names of alleged subversives to the Pentagon, and there was some suggestion - that the Pentagon might not welcome this. If that were true, it would be all wrong - thought Senator Jackson. But he put it in a quotation from Shakespeare, that familiar line about: "Something rotten in the state of Denmark."

Whereupon Senator Mundt chimed in with a quotation from the Roman poet, Virgil, another familiar line: "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts."

Nothing original about those familiar chestnuts. But, later, Senator Mundt got a little deeper into learned erudition.

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The debate was ~~on~~ - about employees of government agencies transmitting secret information to Congressional Committees. The South Dakota Senator thought this might be justified - at times. And - quoted the lines which Hamlet speaks to the ~~murderer~~ ghost:

"If thou art privy to thy country's fate -

Which, happily - foreknowing may avoid -
Oh, speak!"

Well, I wouldn't want to be satirical or anything
like that. But I can't restrain a quotation of my own. A
familiar line from Pope's Essay on Criticism. ^{Harry} I've just sent
a wire to Senator Mundt, with the quotation as follows:

"A little learning is a dangerous thing."

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H - what's your fav.?
Not a horse! a h! My knee

