

CONGRESS

L.T.-K. Mon. Aug. 3-53 (Chicago, Ill.)

CONGRESS WAS IN A RUSH OF ACTIVITY TODAY, TRYING TO GET BUSINESS
CLEANED UP - SO THE LEGISLATORS CAN GO HOME. THE HOUSE WON THE
RACE, COMPLETING ITS WORK AT HALF PAST FOUR THIS AFTERNOON .

THEN THE CONGRESSMEN TOOK A RECESS WAITING FOR THE SENATORS TO
CATCH UP. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, BOTH HOUSES WILL ADJOURN FOR THE
REST OF THE YEAR. NOT TO GO INTO SESSION AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY SIX,
NINETEEN FIFTY-FOUR.

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EISENHOWER

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WILL GO ON THE RADIO, THURSDAY NIGHT- AND GIVE THE PEOPLE A REVIEW OF HIS ADMINISTRATION SO FAR. ALL FOUR OF THE BIG NETWORKS WILL CARRY THE ADDRESS. THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS- THE FIRST MONTHS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION IN TWENTY YEARS.

SUBSTITUTE - "Follow Taft"

The policy committee of the Senate Republicans voted, today, to go ahead with the election of a floor leader to succeed Senator Taft. The Caucus, scheduled for tomorrow, roused a flurry of protests. Seven Senators argued that the meeting should be delayed. Let the election of a GOP Senate leader wait until the next session. A hint that there might be a Republican split on the subject.

But the decision is to go ahead - which is believed to improve the chances of Senator Knowland of California. He's been functioning as acting leader. Having been named by Senator Taft to hold the job - temporarily.

There's a possibility that the caucus, tomorrow, may decide to put the selection of a senate leader off until the new session of Congress.

TAFT

TODAY, ^e THIS NATION SAID FAREWELL - TO SENATOR TAFT. THE CEREMONY, ~~WAS~~ IN THE CAPITOL, UNDER THE STATELY DOME. HE HAD WON HIS FAME IN THAT BUILDING, THE HOME OF CONGRESS - THE SENATE.

IN THE ROTUNDA, THE EULOGY WAS DELIVERED BY HIS OLD COLLEAGUE, SENATOR BRICKER - BEFORE A THRONG OF ^{some} NINE HUNDRED, ^{or a 1000,} INCLUDING THE HIGHEST DIGNITARIES OF THE LAND. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR LAUSCHE OF OHIO - WHO, BY LAW, WILL NAME A SUCCESSOR TO "MR. REPUBLICAN". ~~MRS.~~ MRS. MARTHA TAFT, THE SENATOR'S INVALID WIDOW, ^{there} IN A WHEELCHAIR, WITH HER- THEIR FOUR SONS. OUTSIDE, A CROWD OF THOUSANDS. YESTERDAY AFTERNDON, WHILE SENATOR TAFT LAY IN STATE, FORTY THOUSAND FILED PAST THE BIER.

IT WAS SAID OF BOB TAFT * THAT HE COULD WIN THE HIGHEST ADMIRATION OF HIS COLLEAGUES, BUT COULD NOT GAIN POPULARITY AMONG THE PEOPLE AT LARGE. BUT NOW - THE CROWDS MOURNED THE PASSING OF SENATOR TAFT.

In which all Americans unite. Sen. Taft, Mr. Republican? Yes. But it would have been just as appropriate to call him Mr. American. In the public service of our country we have had few greater.

GOVERNORS

THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATES ASSEMBLED AT SEATTLE TODAY- FOR THEIR ANNUAL CONFERENCE. THE KEYNOTE SPEECH WAS MADE BY GOVERNOR ALLAN SHIVERS OF TEXAS, WHO CALLED FOR A STRENGTHENING OF STATE AUTHORITY.

IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR A SOUTHERNER TO TALK UP - STATES RIGHTS.

AND GOVERNOR SHIVERS PRESENTED A TIMELY ARGUMENT. "IN THE WORLD TODAY, WHENEVER A HIGHLY CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT EXISTS," HE SAID,

"THERE IS DANGER THAT COMMUNISM WILL INFILTRATE THE CENTRAL UNIT- AND, BY THAT RELATIVELY SIMPLE PROCESS, CAPTURE THE WHOLE."

THE AMERICAN POLITICAL WAY - IS TO HAVE THE STATES CHECK AND BALANCE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. AVOIDING -- OVER-CENTRALIZATION.

TOMORROW, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, AT SEATTLE, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE GOVERNORS.

IMMIGRATION

A BILL FOR A NEW IMMIGRATION LAW WAS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TODAY- BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE. BACKED BY A GROUP OF CRITICS OF THE MCCARRAN-WALTER LAW - WHICH THEY SAY, IS BASED ON NATIONAL AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

THE NEW BILL WOULD ABOLISH THE QUOTA SYSTEM BASED ON "NATIONAL ORIGINS." WHICH, IT IS CLAIMED, DISCRIMINATES IN FAVOR OF NORTHWESTERN EUROPEANS. THE NEW PROPOSAL WOULD ADMIT A QUARTER OF A MILLION A YEAR, IMMIGRANTS CHOSEN FROM REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PEOPLE- LIKE FUGITIVES FROM COMMUNISM. THEY'D ALSO BE SELECTED ON A BASIS OF OCCUPATION AND TECHNICAL SKILL. THE IDEA BEING - TO TAKE IN IMMIGRANTS OF A SORT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS.

THE SPONSORS ARE EIGHT SENATORS AND TWENTY-FOUR REPRESENTATIVES, WHO SAY THEY'VE INTRODUCED THE BILL JUST AS THE SESSION ENDS- SO THE LEGISLATORS WILL HAVE TIME TO STUDY IT THOROUGHLY BEFORE THE NEXT SESSION IN JANUARY.

PRISONERS

RETURNING PRISONERS-OF-WAR ARE GETTING THEIR FIRST WELCOME. THE EXCHANGE BEGINS TOMORROW-WEDNESDAY, KOREAN TIME; BUT, TODAY, OFFICIALS OF THE RED CROSS PASSED OVER INTO RED TERRITORY, TO GREET THE HOME-COMING CAPTIVES-WAITING ONLY A FEW MILES FROM PANMUMJOM. THE FIRST BATCH-MOSTLY SICK AND WOUNDED-WITH A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF AMERICANS. THE WESTERN RED CROSS OFFICIALS, AMERICAN, BRITISH, AND DANISH, ARE TAKING ALONG - FOOD, CIGARETTES, READING MATTER.

THE COMMUNISTS ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR "OPERATION BIG SWITCH", WHICH WILL GO ON DAY AFTER DAY-AT PANMUMJOM.

THIS CALLS TO MIND A LETTER I RECEIVED -FROM E.F. HARTMAN, OF CINCINNATI, OHIO, WHO WRITES AS FOLLOWS... "THIS MORNING, MY YOUNG SON ASKED, "MOTHER, IS PENGUIN JOHN A VERY FAMOUS PENGUIN?" I REPLIED "MRS. HARTMAN GOES ON, "THAT I HAD NOT HEARD OF PENGUIN JOHN, AND HE SAID, "YOU KNOW, THE PENGUIN JOHN LOWELL THOMAS TALKS ABOUT EVERY NIGHT."

WELL, MAYBE I DIDN'T PRONOUNCE PANMUNJOM CLEARLY ENOUGH. I DON'T WANT TO SEEM TO BE TELLING A BEDTIME STORY ABOUT THE BIRD-PENGUIN JOHN.

SOLDIERS

The White House, tonight, stated - there is no intention to use American troops as labor battalions in the rebuilding of worn-torn south Korea. This clarifies a declaration made by secretary of State John Foster Dulles on Saturday. He said the G.I.'s would be employed so far as "feasible" to rebuild schools, bridges, hospitals.

That aroused protest and tonight, the White House states - "There is ample Korean labor willing and able to participate in this work. The primary mission of our military personnel there - is defense."

To which the following explanation is added -
"The president wants our forces to give technical ~~xxxxxx~~ assistance to the South Korean government."
/Substitute - "Congress"

The senate ran into an epidemic of speechmaking tonight - thereby delaying last minute business. Both branches of congress want to go home, and the House

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COMPLETED ITS OWN BUSINESS THIS AFTERNOON. When the Senate gets through, both houses will adjourn for the rest of the year.

EAST GERMANY..

BERLIN REPORTS A WAVE OF STRIKES IN EAST GERMANY, FOLLOWING DRASTIC MOVES BY THE REDS- TO STOP THE FOOD RUSH. WORKERS IN ANGRY DEMONSTRATIONS - AFTER RUSSIAN ARMORED FORCES INTERVENED TO ENFORCE A BAN ON TRAVEL. COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES- FORBIDDING PEOPLE TO CROSS INTO WEST BERLIN.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE RED POLICE KEPT ON SEIZING "EISENHOWER FOOD PACKAGES". THEY WENT, HOUSE TO HOUSE, GRABBING AMERICAN FOODSTUFFS, WHICH HUNGRY PEOPLE HAD OBTAINED IN WESTERN BERLIN. HUNDREDS OF FOOD SEEKERS ARRESTED. REPORTS TELL OF THREE SPECIAL TRAINS LOADED WITH PRISONERS- ON THEIR WAY TO A CONCENTRATION CAMP SET UP IN AN EAST BERLIN SUBURB.

THE STRIKES ARE SAID TO HAVE TIED UP A SERIES OF BIG FACTORIES. MASS DEMONSTRATIONS IN MANY PLACES- RIOTS IN SOME. RUSSIAN TANKS BREAKING UP MILLING CROWDS.

IN SPITE OF THE TRAVEL BAN, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND EAST GERMANS GOT INTO WEST BERLIN TODAY- TO PROCURE EISENHOWER FOOD PACKAGES. SINCE LAST MONDAY, WHEN THE DISTRIBUTION BEGAN, THE TOTAL COMES TO ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND.

PLANE

THE LATEST ABOUT THE AIRCRASH IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN INDICATES THAT THIRTY-EIGHT OUT OF FORTY-TWO PERSONS ABOARD THE PLANE SURVIVED.

THE FRENCH AIRLINER, BOUND FOR THE NEAR EAST, HAD MOTOR TROUBLE, AND THE PILOT ANNOUNCED BY RADIO - HE'D HAVE TO MAKE A FORCED LANDING ON THE AEGEAN SEA, BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY.

THERE WAS A HASTY SEARCH OVER THE CLASSIC AEGEAN, AMONG THE "ISLES OF GREECE." BUT THE PILOT FOUND HE WAS ABLE TO GET HIS AIRLINER TO THE COAST OF TURKEY, AND HE MADE A CRASH LANDING *that near* ON THE SHORE. MOST OF THE PASSENGERS WERE SYRIANS AND IRANIANS- WITH ONE ^mAMERICAN WOMAN AND CHILD. SHE AND THE CHILD ARE AMONG THE THIRTY ⁸~~FIVE~~ SURVIVORS.

ROYALTY

YEARS AGO, A EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHER REMARKED THAT WE, IN THIS AMERICAN REPUBLIC, SURE LOVE A KING. WE FOUGHT OUR OWN REVOLUTIONARY WAR TO TOSS OUT A MONARCH, BUT WE STILL HAVE A SNEAKING FEELING FOR ROYALTY., WHICH WAS ILLUSTRATED VIVIDLY BY AMERICAN INTEREST IN THE LONDON CORONATION OF THE QUEEN.

SO NOW - AN INNOVATION IN JOURNALISM. THE UNITED PRESS ANNOUNCES - A BUCKINGHAM PALACE NEWS CORRESPONDENT, MARGARET SAVILLE, A PROMINENT WRITER CONCERNING AFFAIRS AT THE ROYAL COURT.

TODAY, WE HAVE THE FIRST DISPATCH FROM THE BUCKINGHAM PALACE CORRESPONDENT." SO LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE HEADLINE IT GIVES US.

THE ARTICLE BEGINS.."PRINCESS MARGARET WAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERING, TODAY, THE NEW SKIRT-LENGTH - DECREED BY PARIS DESIGNER CHRISTIAN DIOR. A DECISION BY THE PRINCESS TO WEAR THE HIGH HEMLINE", COURT WRITER MARGARET SAVILLE GOES ON, "WOULD AFFECT THE WORLD OF FASHION," BUT WE ARE TOLD THAT THE PRINCESS IS CONSIDERING THE QUESTION CAREFULLY. "SHE IS KEENLY INTERESTED, "SAYS THE ARTICLE, "IN DIOR'S NEW DICTUM THAT SKIRTS SHOULD BE RAISED TO AN AVERAGE SIXTEEN INCHES

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ABOVE THE GROUND. BUT SHE HAS BEEN CAUTIOUSLY READING ALL THE
REPORTS, AND STUDYING PHOTOGRAPHS."

SO, THERE'S A PICTURE OF A WORLD SHAKING DECISION ABOUT TO BE
MADE - THE PRINCESS AND THE SKIRT. ROYALTY PLUS FASHION.

GENERAL CLARK..

GENERAL MARK CLARK ATTENDED HIS SON'S WEDDING TODAY - AND HEARD A NEAT BIT OF COMMENT. MAJOR WILLIAM CLARK MARRIED AUDREY CLAIRE LOFLIN IN A NEW ORLEANS CATHOLIC CHURCH. THE BRIDE, CHARMING- IN A GOWN OF TULLE AND TAFETA. BUT THE COMMENT WAS NOT ABOUT HER.

A NEGRO WOMAN PUSHED THROUGH THE CROWD TO THE GENERAL, AND SAID..

"EXCUSE ME, GENERAL, I'VE GOT TO HURRY, BUT I WANTED TO SHAKE YOUR HAND. I THINK THE MAJOR IS AS CUTE AS HE CAN BE!" COMPLIMENT - FOR THE BRIDEGROOM.

SWIMMING

THE SEASON FOR CHANNEL SWIMMING IS ON, AND TODAY A GOVERNMENT CLERK FROM THE NEAR EAST MADE IT. A TWENTY-TWO YEAR OLD LEBANESE, TOUFIK BLEIK WHO PADDED HIS WAY FROM THE FRENCH COAST TO DOVER. THE THIRD SUCCESSFUL CHANNEL SWIM- THIS SEASON.

OUR OWN AMERICAN, FLORENCE CHADWICK, SAYS - SHE'LL TRY IT AGAIN. SHE FAILED- WHEN GASOLINE FUMES, FROM A BOAT ACCOMPANYING HER, MADE HER ILL. THE STENOGRAPHER FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WANTS TO SWIM THE CHANNEL - BOTH WAYS, A ROUND TRIP. BUT AMBITIOUS FLORENCE ALSO HOPES TO SWIM ACROSS THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR. AND-- THE DARDANELLES, THE CLASSIC SWIM FAMOUS FROM THE DAYS OF ANTIQUITY.

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THE SWIMMING MADNESS HAS EXTENDED TO OUR OWN GREAT LAKES, WHERE A FIFTY-THREE YEAR OLD GRANDFATHER TRIED TO MAKE IT ACROSS LAKE ERIE. BUT HE WAS TURNED BACK TODAY BY HEAVY SEAS.

WILLIAM SADLO IS A PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR IN BROOKLYN. HE STARTED OUT FROM THE CANADIAN SIDE- THIRTY MILES TO GO. THE MIDDLE-AGED GRANDFATHER ALMOST GOT HALFWAY.

A TELEGRAM REPORTING HIS FAILURE SAYS.. "IMPOSSIBLE FOR SMALL BOATS TO CARRY ON THROUGH HEAVY SEAS". THAT IS, THE BOATS THAT WENT

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along with him had to turn back. So they fished him out. The waves were running four feet high - tough for a swimmer. But grandpappy was paddling along, it was the boats that had to give it up. Gramp was still going strong - sputtering, but undaunted.

And here's Mike Fitzmorris, who will be sputtering if I don't make way for him.