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There's to be a meeting of three North American heads of state - President Eisenhower, Premier St. Laurent of Canada, and President Ruiz Cortines of Mexico. So announced - at the vacation White House in Georgia.

President Eisenhower issued an invitation - for late next month. Wanting to have talks - with the chiefs of our two neighbors, north and south. The purpose - to know each other better, and discuss matters of common interest.

Meanwhile, the presidential staff issues a new denial - that the President has ^{been circulating} ~~given~~ indications that he'll run again. Today Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty stated - that he ~~knows~~ ^{knows} for a fact, that Mr. Eisenhower has not communicated his second term decision to anybody in Washington. However, he didn't say - anybody down there in Georgia.

WEST INDIAN FEDERATION

In London, today, signatures - on an agreement, which will set up a "Caribbean Federation." Consisting - of a chain of British islands extending from the West Indies toward the coast of South America. Such islands as - Barbados, Trinidad, ^{and some of} the Leewards, and the Windwards.

The agreement - signed by Colonial Secretary Alan Lenox-Boyd. And - the representatives of twelve West ~~Indian~~ Indian communities. Creating - a new nation of the British Commonwealth.

The Caribbean Federation - to hold elections early in Nineteen Fifty-Eight. ^{And} - ^{for that important} ~~to~~ form a government ^{for the} ~~for the~~ string of islands.

What will be the capital? ~~of this new government?~~

Not ~~is~~ selected - as yet. A committee to study the question - of what city shall be the capital of ^{a new} ~~the~~ West Indian Federation.
- Isles of the Caribbean.

FRANCE.

The French government announces - a new Dis-Armament Plan. Called - "a compromise," to relax the tensions between East and West. Foreign Minister Pineau says - it's a "blend" of Russian, British, and American proposals for dis-armament. The French plan to be placed - before the Dis-Armament Committee of the UN.

BRITISH SUBMARINE

Britain is building - its first atomic submarine.

So disclosed - in the House of Commons today. The First Lord of the Admiralty announcing - that the new British atomic submarine will be merely a start. The eventual goal - an atomic navy and merchant marine.

Shades of Lord Nelson - and his men-o-war! Majestic sailing ships - tacking in the wind. Now it will be - the Queen's Atomic Navy.

BRITAIN

A dispatch from London begins as follows: "The government announced - it will not promise murderers a holiday from hanging." Meaning - there will be no suspension of capital punishment in Britain, pending the formal abolition of the death penalty.

Last week, the House of Commons voted - no more hanging. But a bill to that effect must be enacted - before the decision can become law.

The parliamentary vote instructed the Conservative government of Prime Minister Eden - to introduce legislation. But Eden and his Cabinet oppose the abolition of capital punishment. So they refuse to bring forward - a bill of their own. Instead, ^{an alternative} ~~part of it~~ is offered - a measure introduced a while ago by a Socialist M.P., Sidney Silverman. But blocked, until now - by the government. Prime Minister Eden saying - the M.P.s can vote on that.

(Opponents of the death penalty charge, that this is a maneuver for delay - in the House of Lords. The Upper House has

little real power, but it can postpone things for a while.
The Lords will be less likely to delay an anti-hanging bill
introduced by the Cabinet, than a measure introduced by a mere
M.P.)

Meanwhile, three cases of capital punishment - are
pending. Sentences decreed by the courts - with appeals to the
government. Today, Home Secretary Gwilym Lloyd George declared -
these capital sentences will not be affected by the proceedings
in Parliament. "Each case," he said, "will be considered on its
merits."

Shortly after the parliamentary vote last week, an
atrocious murder was committed in London. An arrest - made.
Which adds another element of the dramatic - in the proceedings
to abolish capital punishment.

BERLIN

Another international incident - in Berlin. Which results - in a monumental hangover for a couple of Red Army soldiers.

The two Russian warriors appeared at the home of a West Berlin policeman last night. They forced their way in, and compelled him *- to help them drink* ~~to finish off~~ their last bottle of vodka. The German policeman obeyed - in fear of his life. Or, maybe - he didn't mind the vodka so much.

But he did object - when the two pie-eyed Soviet soldiers began to wonder. ~~What~~ What was under the linoleum on the floor? To find out - they ripped up the linoleum.

Whereupon the German policeman - was able to get in a telephone call to the authorities.

That happened in the French sector, and this morning - a Soviet officer appeared, and asked the French command - what happened to those two Russians? The French replied - they were sobering up. And the Soviets could have them - hangovers and all.

PALESTINE

Israel charges - further incidents along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Declaring that Syrians made a couple of separate attacks on Israeli fishermen. Shooting at them from shore, while the fishermen worked with their nets. No casualties - a minor incident. But any trouble can be disturbing in those areas of tension.

SUDAN

Rioting - at Khartoum today. Students on the rampage - protesting against the "black-hole-of-Calcutta" horror, about which we heard last night. One-hundred-and-ninety tenant farmers - perishing of suffocation. In a room - jammed with prisoners.

The news tells of the killing of one-hundred-and-fifty others - in a battle with police. All - the result of disputes between tenant farmers and cotton growing companies. Officials charging - ~~that~~ that the riots were inspired by Communists.

However, the new Sudanese ~~government~~ government is blamed bitterly - for favoring the big farm companies. In bringing about - inhuman events.

PHILIPPINES

A news dispatch from the Philippines relates - that Rodrigo Doles, the principal of an agricultural school on Negros Island, had his dinner, and felt fine. Then he went to bed, apparently in the best of health. During the night, however, he started thrashing about in his sleep. And - never woke up. All of which is entered in the medical book - as the most recent instance of a mysterious malady. Which they call - "the nightmare sickness".

It occurs in the Philippine Islands and in Hawaii. And afflicts - Philippinemales only. Striking them while asleep - with a fateful regularity.

In Hawaii, Dr. Niles Larsen, a Honolulu physician, says - that, in Hawaii alone, one-hundred-and-thirty Filipinos have been victims of the "nightmare sickness" ~~in the past~~
~~twenty five years.~~

Medical evidence rules out food poisoning, indigestion, or anything like that. It was thought, once, that the trouble might be - rice. But other orientals, Chinese, Japanese, Koreans,

who have the same rice diet as the Filipinos - are never afflicted by the mysterious malady.

The Filipinos themselves call it "bang-utot". Meaning - ~~which means~~ - "they dream themselves to death." Which, according to American physicians, might be as good an explanation as any. Fatally stricken - by a nightmare.

Dr. Larsen suggests that the cause of the malady may be - fear. A sub-conscious fear, so powerful - that, coming in a dream, it stops the circulation of the blood. He says - there's medical evidence of this.

Dr. Larsen points out that some South Sea islanders are - especially vulnerable to fear. Which explains - the sinister exploits of South Sea witch doctors. Who, as is known, can cause a victim's death - by placing a curse on him. Actually, it's fear that kills - the terror evoked by the curse.

This might give some hint - in the Philippine mystery of the "nightmare malady."

LABOR

Labor and Management had a high level pow-wow, today - and disagreed completely, on the very first item ~~(that came up for discussion.)~~ The meeting was proposed by George Meany, head of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. Who suggested - "peace talks" with the National Association of Manufacturers. So that was today's event - at a luncheon.

When it was over, Meany and Charles R. Sligh, Chairman of the N.A.M., told reporters - that, right off the bat, they couldn't agree about labor contract^s requiring workers to join the Union. Deadlock - and stalemate.

They did agree on one thing - that further talks would serve no useful purpose.

GENERAL MOTORS

And now, while we're groaning about the inevitable approach of income tax day, let's thank heaven we don't have to pay one billion, three hundred and fifty-three million dollars to the tax collector. Which is the Nineteen Fifty-Five amount - for one taxpayer in this country, General Motors. We've heard how G.M. did a record-breaking business last year, and had a record-breaking income. Which also means - a record-breaking tax bill.

So disclosed in a report to G.M. stockholders - all five hundred and sixty-five thousand of them. The report adding - that, in the past ten years, the Company has paid the government, in taxes, eight and two-thirds billions of dollars.

Which may console us a bit - as we make out our tax return.

ALABAMA

A huge meeting of protest is on - at Montgomery, Alabama, tonight. Following - wholesale arrests of Negro leaders, charged - with inciting a boycott of the city bus line. Twenty-six clergymen were among those arrested - and released on bail.

One of them, the Reverend R.D.Abernathy, called tonight's mass meeting in his Baptist church. He says he expects ten thousand - coming "to sing and pray." The church won't hold a fraction of ten thousand. In fact, they'd fill the church-yard.

Meanwhile, the bus boycott goes on - in the protest against racial segregation.

WRECK. There was a railroad wreck on the Pennsylvania - this evening. The crack train, "THE EMBASSY" derailed between Washington and Baltimore. At least four lives lost. Twenty-five to thirty - injured.

"THE EMBASSY" was on its regular run from Washington to New York, when the accident occurred - near Bern, Maryland. Three cars went off the tracks - including the diner. Medical help rushed from all sides - to take care of the injured.

In New York, it was a tough day for a host of office workers. First - a morning tie-up in the subway. Where, south of Grand Central Station - a train jumped the tracks. ^{Right} In the middle - of the rush hour jam. Trains all along the line were stalled. Thirteen persons - fainting in over-crowded cars. Half a million office workers - late for their jobs. Three hours - before subway service was back to normal.

On top of that, in a downtown office building - an elevator failure. Two thousand workers arriving - only to find, 10 no elevators running. (Some climbed the stairs to their offices on lower floors. But it's) a twenty-seven story building - (and most of them waited for the elevators to get going. Which didn't happen - until two P.M.) The jam in the lobby became so serious - the cops were called, to maintain order.

Pity the poor office workers who were caught, first - in the subway tie-up. Then - in the break-down of the elevators.

FARMER

Daniel Webster Harvey of Epping, New Hampshire - should make a speech about this. Following the example of his great namesake - Daniel Webster.

He's a farmer. But - a flying farmer, who travels in his own plane. While attending - to his agricultural business.

Yesterday, he flew from Epping to Hyanis, Massachusetts - to deliver a plane-load of smoked pork. And then - started home. He was winging over Boston harbor, when his plane - ran out of gas. And he had to make a forced landing - on Brewster Island. Which is uninhabited ^{at} this time of year.

So there was Daniel Webster Harvey - marooned, in freezing weather. He built a bonfire, and fed wood into it for eight hours - until a Coast Guardsman rescued the castaway. And was Daniel Webster happy? No, not at all. His chief worry - still on his mind.

He said: "I've got sixty-nine cows - and my wife isn't able to milk them. She's got five youngsters to tend -

and she never did any milking, anyway."

So what did he find when he got home? The cows - all milked. But not by Mrs. Daniel Webster Harvey. Milked - by the local preacher. The Reverend John Gilbert, Harvey's Pastor, took care of the cows.

A flying farmer - and a milking preacher.

DREAM

Here's a story of a dream - which didn't come true.

Mrs. Laura Evans, of San Diego, ~~211~~ California - was born and reared in Hawaii. Her mother, Mrs. Mabel Lee - lives in Hawaii. So, for ten years, Mrs. Evans planned - she'd make a trip to Hawaii, visit her mother, and renew scenes of her childhood. That was her dream, and it almost came true.

Everything was arranged, and she boarded a ship - at Los Angeles. Her husband and two of her four children were along - to see her off. They escorted her to her cabin. Then, shortly before sailing time, they told her good-bye - and started back for San Diego.

So there, in her cabin, was Mrs. Laura Evans, and her dream was coming true - right down to the last minute.

The call sounded - the ship was ready to sail. But Mrs. Evans was thinking- of her home in San Diego. Thinking - of her husband. And of the two boys - Eric and Harold. And of the two girls - Susan and Mona.

She rang for the steward, and told him - get her luggage ~~f~~ off the ship in a hurry. He did -and she hurried ~~ashore~~ ^{ashore.}

The last seen of Mrs. Evans, she was sitting on a suitcase - waiting for the San Diego bus. And saying: "I'll wait until my whole family can go. I think I can catch a bus that will take me home in time to get supper."

- Henry -
And now strike up the band and play - "Home Sweet Home."