

INVESTIGATION

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President Eisenhower, today named a successor to Richard Mack who resigned from the Federal Communications Commission under Congressional fire. His place to be taken - by John Cross, a communications expert of the State Department.

An Arkansas Democrat - which is, politically, correct; one Democrat - succeeding another. The regulation being - that the F C C with seven members, shall have four Republicans and Three Democrats.

Meanwhile, the investigating sub-committee of the House - has called on Thurman Whiteside, the Florida lawyer, Asking him to make another appearance - and give testimony concerning his financial relations with resigned Commissioner Mack. Those financial relations - which precipitated the blow up.

But - Whiteside refused. Basing this on the fact - that a federal grand jury is already investigating the affair of Miami ~~television~~<sup>TV</sup> channel Number Ten.

## WHITE HOUSE

The White House - answers a horrendous<sup>d</sup><sub>^</sub> accusation. Does the administration - have news reporters trailed by detectives? Does the White House use - wire tapping methods, investigating reporters?

Sound<sup>s</sup> shocking; but the charge is made - by the stately New York Times. Which accuses the administration of unseemly practices. Trying to discover - the source of "leaks". Every so often, the ~~the~~ newsmen get hold of an official "secret". Which has been "leaked" by some government official.

The White House, then, trying to find out - who spilled the information to the reporters. Using detectives, for a sleuthing job. ~~It~~ "Bureaucratic hawkshaws," says the Times, who trail newsmen around - to find out what government officials they contact. Also - tapping reporters' telephones.

All of which, today, was placed before White House Secretary Jim Hagerty. Who looked pained.

"It certainly is news to me," said Jim, <sup>adding</sup> "and I just don't believe it. This is the first time I've ever heard about anything like this!" *says Tim.*

He concluded that, when some important secret is "leaked" - there's a check on officials. Trying to find out - whodunnit? But, as for gunshoe sleuths, shadowing ~~in~~ and wire tapping reporters - "we wouldn't think of it" says Jim Hagerty.

## GOAL

From Pittsburgh - the announcement of a new pipe line. Which hardly sounds like news. Pipe lines, for transporting oil - being an old story. But this is not an oil pipe line at all - it's a coal pipeline. Which will pump more than a million tons of coal a year - from Cadiz, Ohio, to the Cleveland Electric Illumination Company. The coal pipe line - one hundred and eight miles long. <sup>R</sup> But how do you pump coal through pipes? Oil, yes, but chunks of ~~anthracite~~ <sup>lignite and</sup> anthracite? The answer - powdered coal in a stream of water, which is pumped through the pipeline. The powdered coal - then separated from the water by a process of drying.

## MANILA

At the Manila airport, officials were gathered in stately array, today - welcoming Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. When - a most unseemingly thing happened. It rained - but not water. A rain - of oil.

The airliner with the Secretary of State aboard, came in for a landing. When something went wrong with one of the engines. Releasing - a stream of lubricating oil. There was a high wind. The gale blowing - a shower of oil.

In the forefront, Admiral Stump, U S Commander in the Pacific. The Admiral - in an immaculate white uniform. His aides - in similar spotless white. American and Philippine diplomatic officials - in light summer suits. Also - spotless. That is, until the rain of oil ~~was~~ splattering all over them.

As for the Secretary of State - he landed - unspotted. Ready for the Manila Conference of the countries of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization. Which is to debate - measures for a joint policy toward Russia's new "peace" offensive. And also discuss the

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**Indonesian rebellion - which is now causing plenty of  
rumpus in Southern Asia.**

## SUMATRA

The battle for Sumatra - now shaping up. Troops of the Jakarta government, ~ ready, apparently, for an invasion of the huge equatorial island. The Sumatra, rebels - expecting landings from troop ships off the coast.

A force of government soldiers has occupied a small island, directly across a narrow strait - from the rebel camp <sup>at</sup> ~~of~~ Padang. Which seems - like a preliminary for an ~~an~~ amphibious operation.

The rebels, full of defiance. Declaring - if they don't smash an invasion on the beaches, they will fight it out in the jungle.

Meanwhile Americans - are getting out of Central Sumatra. The American Cal-Tex oil company has shut down its oil field in the war area. Sending - some four-hundred-and-fifty American employees out by <sup>oil</sup> ~~xxxxx~~ tanker, ~~ship~~. To Singapore - across the Straits of Malacca.

## IRAN

In Iran, a group of elder statesmen - were in session, today reaching a decision - that Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlevi shall divorce Queen Soraya. The patriarchal advisers insisting - that there must be an heir to the Iranian crown. The marriage of the royal couple - childless.

All of which will bring to an end a union, hailed back in Nineteen Fifty One as a royal romance. The Shah wedding a commener. But the romance faded, when the marriage failed to produce that political necessity - a royal heir.

Queen Soraya - now in West Germany, with her father. Who is Iranian Ambassador -to the West German government. Word is - that the Shah talked with her by long distance telephone a couple of weeks ago. Soraya - described as exceedingly angry, ~~Because~~ of reports that her husband was ~~as~~ planning - to take a second wife, according to Moslem law. Two wives, instead of divorcing Soraya. The telephone call - making a break inevitable.



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So, today the Shah met with the elder  
statesmen. Who decided - there must be a divorce.  
The Shah - to remarry, in the hope of providing an  
heir to the crown.

## HUNGARY

The Vatican announces the ex-communication - of three Hungarian priests. Who are now - Communist members in the Red Parliament at Budapest. Supporters - of the Kadar government, which presided over the brutal suppression of the anti-Communist ~~xxxxx~~ revolution in Nineteen Fifty Six. The three clergymen - also accepting decorations from the Red regime.

Today, the Vatican announced - their official ex-communication.

## ARGENTINA

In Buenos Aires, today, disaster struck a suburban street - in the form of a crashing jet plane. Ten people killed, including the pilot. Many others - ~~xxx~~ injured.

The military jet was trying for a landing on a nearby flying field when it came sweeping down along the crowded street, out of control. Bursting into flames - and careening along the thoroughfare. Mowing down people, telephone poles, trees and street lights. Every thing in its path - like a fiery meteor.

## MAINE

~~I~~ am in Portland, Maine, tonight. Many of you I am sure, will remember Harry Marble, for years one of the pillars of the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York. Harry Marble returned to Maine three years ago and is now associated with W G A N. <sup>R</sup> Bringing me up to date with how things are way Down east in Maine, he tells me that politics is ~~one of the major~~ <sup>how</sup> ~~topic~~ of the ~~year~~ and that the Democrat~~s~~ govern~~or~~, Edmund Muskie, is not going to run for re-election. But that ~~nearly~~ everybody believes he intends to enter the race for the U S Senate, against Senator Payne. He adds that the Demcrats in this state are in the minority, but that with Governor Muskie they have a chance. <sup>R</sup> So far as the economy of the state if concerned Harry Marble tells me ~~that~~ the textile industry in recent months has been hit hard, but that otherwise the state is flourishing -- with a new winter industry, skiing. This as a result of <sup>the</sup> opening up Mt. Sugar ~~and~~ ~~and~~ Leaf where sometimes this winter they have even had too much snow.

Harry Marble also informs me that the Passamaquaddy project, to harness the tides of the Bay of Fundy, is under consideration again.

He says a new survey has been made of Passamaquaddy, and that Maine engineers are convinced that the Bay of Fundy tides, the highest in the world, can be made to yield <sup>vast</sup>~~water~~ power.

So, on the whole, the report from Maine is optimistic.

## SPACE

Now I'd like to say to Congressman Bow of Ohio - that he's too pessimistic. Mr. Congressman, you take too dark a view of possible events in the future.

The Ohio lawmaker views with alarm - when he contemplates the creation of a Congressional Space committee, set up - in the House of Representatives.

Writing home to his constituents, Frank Bow says he feels a - "chill of apprehension".

Why? Foreign aid, which might be extended to the universe. The United States - putting up money for the welfare of the cosmos, A "space aid" program. Which, for example, might include irrigation projects on the planet Mars.

But that's too pessimistic! - altogether too gloomy! Congressman Bow, you should always look- for the possible silver lining. No doubt there might be - space aid. But, it might be - the other way around.

On some star or planet, there might be - another Uncle Sam. A bigger Uncle Sam - a cosmic

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equivalent of your Uncle. Who would send space aid -  
to this earth. Wouldn't that be a wonderful thing?

Think of it, Congressman - a handout from

Venus.

## DOUKHOBORS

In Canadian British Columbia - the largest mass meeting of Doukhobors in years. That strange religious cult. Originally from Russia. Which raises ructions from time to time - by parading in the nude.

When Doukhobors grew indignant, they're likely to whip off their clothes and march around in the original costume of Adam and Eve. The Canadian ~~gaxxxxxx~~ authorities don't approve and there's a move among the Doukhobors - to leave Canada and return to their original home, in Russia.

That's what the mass meeting was about. To hear a report from a Doukhor delegation, just back from Russia - where they conferred with Soviet authorities, who invited the Doukhobors to come to Russia, as fugitives from Canada.

This rēport from the delegation was received with mixed emotions - by the assembled Doukhobors. Some - in favor, others - against a return to Russia.

Many had arrived in expensive automobiles, and one argument ~~xxx~~ was - they wouldn't be able to take



their motor cars with them, if they made a migration to the land of the Soviets.

This argument was, promptly, shouted down - by the pre-Russian faction. Whereupon the anti-Russians expressed their views with spectacular eloquence. Fifteen women got up - and off went their clothes, <sup>- like the traditional Jaybird,</sup> The fifteen - marching through the aisle, like so many versions of Mother Eve at the time of creation.

Dissent among the Doukhobors - about the proposed migration to Soviet Russia. The fifteen women - having the last word, <sup>Don,</sup> Taking off - the last stitch.

## RENO

Here's another occasion - to refer to the old song, "The Man Who Broke The Bank at Monte Carlo". The location, this time- a gambling house in Reno. Where one gambler - found a way of winning.

Playing at the roulette table - and losing, Luck - against him, But then ~~that~~ gambler got up, walked over to the cashier's cage, and handed in a note, Reading "hand over the cash, or I'll shoot." The cashier handing over Six Thousand dollars.

One way to beat the game - in a gambling joint. A winner - until the cops get ~~him~~ *him*.