

EISENHOWER

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It was about this time of night a year and a half ago when a big bulletin hit the newswire -- General Eisenhower making his final and decisive refusal of ~~xxx~~ any nomination for President. So now, something of the same thing -- though not in such a critical situation. At Houston, Texas, tonight, General Eisenhower again declared himself out of politics, -- there has been Republican talk about putting him up in Nineteen Fifty-two, encouraged by the fact that General Ike has come out against wasteful spending and excessive paternalism in government. Tonight, in Houston he explained, "I want nothing to do with politics, but that doesn't mean I have to keep my mouth shut."

ATOMIC

General Groves denies that either Harry Hopkins or Henry Wallace ever put pressure on him to clear atomic shipments to Soviet Russia. The wartime head of the project says he was never approached on the subject of atoms or Soviets, by either the former intimate aide to President Roosevelt or the former Vice-President. This was stated today at a hearing held by a Congressional Committee on un-American Activities.

General Groves belittles the importance of the shipments of uranium to Russia, saying that the stuff sent was not the kind used in our development of the atomic bomb. He notes that, if we had refused to let Moscow have any Uranium, it would have been so unusual as to be a tip that we were up to something unusual - the bomb. So, in the interpretation of General Groves, the whole business of uranium shipments was calculated to throw the Soviets off the track - part of the secrecy.

He says, however, he doesn't know how it

came about that permission was given for Moscow to receive a small quantity of heavy water - material of vital importance in the bomb development. But he ridicules the idea that a whole series of carboys of heavy water were sent to Russia via Alaska - as has been stated by former Air Force Major George Racey Jordan, whose testimony started the new atomic flare-up. As for those many carboys of alleged heavy water, the general thinks the Soviets may have been swindled. Maybe somebody sold them ordinary water, plain H-Two-O.

General Groves told the Committee today that he and his colleagues in the bomb project were suspicious of Soviet espionage from the very beginning, and knew that Red espionage had infiltrated at various angles of the giant atomic research. But he doesn't think the spies ever got anything of much importance. -

because of the general awareness within the project that the Soviets were trying to spy. He says he can't imagine how anybody could have procured the secret atomic documents which, ~~according to~~ the former Air

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is reported to have said
Force major, were shipped in scores of suitcases to
Russia.

The Committee on un-American Activities is
decidedly skeptical about the whole thing, one member
today saying that it all may be, what he called -
"Exaggerated suspicion and imagination."

COAL

John L. Lewis says he has signed up some more coal companies. Last night the mine union chief announced that he had concluded contracts with a group of small producers -- which seemed as if it might be a break in the lineup of companies opposing the union. Today the larger concerns ridicule the idea -- but Lewis comes right back by stating that another group of soft coal mines has fallen in line. They are small concerns -- in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. As of right now, Lewis has come to an agreement with a section of the industry producing something more than one per cent of the total coal production in this country.

ITALY

In Rome, the eternal city, there's a Communist purge of the staff of the leading Red newspaper -- all because of a typographical error. Or was it a misprint? The Red newspaper printed an article hailing the birthday of Stalin, the only trouble being that the article began: "This year the birthday of Stalin will be a great enslavement." It should have been "great event." But "enslavement" really told the story. They were right the first time. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

ACHESON

Secretary of State Acheson says the United States is not even considering the recognition of the Red Government of China - this, in spite of British pressure. He explained that the London Government and a number of countries in the British Commonwealth have informed our State Department that they cannot put off the recognition of the Chinese Reds much longer. But Acheson's^s retort is that the United States has not even started to consider moves to acknowledge the Communists as the legal government of China. Before any such thing is done, the State Department will go into full consultation with the Foreign Affairs Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

CHINA

Today's news from China continues the picture of debacle and disaster for the Nationalists. Refugees are pouring onto the Island of Hainan, just off the south China coast - as the Reds are reported to have inflicted a new heavy defeat on the Nationalist Army in the Province of ^Ynan. They are ^{now} said to be ready to seize Kunming, the capital of Yunnan, which is the last heavily populated province in which Nationalists of any kind have a large military force.

The only other segment of their once great power is in the ^{Chinese} far west, ^a desolate and sparsely populated ^{region.} ~~Deep in the interior~~ ^{present} ~~provinces of Sinkiang, there~~ the Reds are expected to capture the capital city of Chengtu, in a few days. - And fugitive officials of the Nationalist government are getting ready to flee across mountain ranges to a strip of territory near the border of Tibet.

(Among them is the former all-powerful Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, who is delaying his departure from Chengtu until the last moment. His two

private planes are standing ready, though where

Chiang Kai-Shek will go is not known. The ^{Tibetans} ~~others~~

! ^{have never allowed any planes in their}
Final remnants of Nationalist power are expected to

attempt some kind of final stand in the wild country

^{along} ~~near~~ the Tibetan border. Suppose they are forced

back into Tibet, what will happen? That is a question.)

INTRODUCTION TO RECORDING

A dispatch from China tells of a new blast of Red propaganda calling for a Communist invasion of Tibet -- and this invitation is issued by a Tibetan Lama, described as having been "Secretary-General" to a former regent of the Roof-of-the-World. The one-time secretary-general states that the former regent was assassinated in Nineteen Forty-Seven, put out of the way because he was pro-Chinese. So now -- have the Reds occupy the Roof-of-the-World!

Well, it's all mighty interesting to anyone recently returned from Tibet -- the more so as we heard a strange story that will throw some light on this news today. In fact, we told the story a couple of months ago in a broadcast -- made at Lhasa and given on this program before we returned home.

We didn't realize at the time what it would mean in the light of subsequent events -- the news today. Actually, it was part of a broadcast Lowell, Junior, gave, about filming the Dalai Lama. ^{So, for a moment} ~~So~~ let's go back to that former broadcast from Lhasa, with

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Lowell, Junior, telling what happened before he made the motion pictures.

NOTE: The recording begins with the words
"Preliminary to this unheard of photographic spree."

It ends, "Chatting politely about our visit to Lamaland."

FOLLOW RECORDING

So that's the story we heard on the Roof-of-the-World -- pertaining, as it does, to the news today about the secretary-general to the former regent summoning the Reds to seize Tibet. The dispatch from China says it is believed that he has joined the Panchen Lama who, a couple of weeks ago, issued a similar appeal for a Red invasion. *The Kumbum is only 12 yrs. old. So he knows nothing about it. This is the Red's speaking thru him.*

Traditionally, the Tibetans regard the Panchen Lama as being second only to the Dalai Lama -- both reincarnations of Buddha, the Dalai Lama a higher reincarnation. *and Mongolians* The Chinese *the* selected a Panchen Lama of their own, a twelve year old boy, *now using as a puppet* and now the Reds are putting him in competition to the ~~fifteen year old~~ Dalai Lama in Lhasa. *TP* Strange doings in high Asia -- with the Communists lining up a team, their own Panchen Lama, together with the secretary-general of the former regent of the Dalai Lama. *TP It all* ~~Certainly~~ looks like heavy scheming to take over Tibet, and put Communism right on the borders of India.

SUB OAK RIDGE STRIKE

In the Oak Ridge atomic strike, the unions involved took a vote tonight, and the decision was to end the walkout -- tomorrow, if possible, that is, a vote was taken by the agents of the various unions to which the strikers belong -- the trouble at Atom City being a wild cat affair.

Today more workers quit their jobs, and a total of two thousand seven hundred and fifty are out. Which brought a complete shut down ~~at~~ week at two new ~~MS~~ gaseous diffusion plants for the separation of uranium two-three-five -- the explosive of the bomb. That brought things to a crisis whereⁿ the atomic energy Commission intervened -- followed by the decision tonight, whereby the unions will try to get the strikers back on the job tomorrow. The belief is ^{that} the majority of the strikers will agree.

DOUKHOBORS

More Doukhobor trouble in British Columbia

-- where fanatics today burned down a schoolhouse.

Over the weekend a house was dynamited -- the home of a leader of the conservative sect of doukhobors. The radical members of the cult are waging a feud, which has brought about longtime disturbances and violence. Two new outbreaks have brought about a situation so threatening that tonight the British Columbia police have established ~~xxxxxx~~ roadblocks in the Doukhobor section to stop raids and attacks.

U C L A has just announced
that Red Saunders, the coach, will
not go to Fla. He'll stay right
on the job in Calif - at U C L A.

INJURED

At Winnipeg, Manitoba, the mailman is in the hospital tonight - and he thinks he's lucky. Not hurt badly - and it's a wonder he ever got to the hospital at all.

Mailman John Gard was knocked down in a street accident - and the ambulance came promptly. But the ambulance broke down. A fire truck was called to push the ambulance, but the fire truck got stalled. A police car was called, and came speeding - but had a collision with another automobile. Finally, the injured mailman was picked up by a passing motorist, who drove him to the hospital.

HAT

At Norwich, in England, the town council has voted six thousand dollars to buy a new automobile for the lord mayor. Which may not sound like austerity, but the need was such as only an Englishman can understand. There are many occasions on which a lord mayor must wear a top hat, and in Norwich the automobile assigned to the lord mayor was not tall enough inside to accommodate the topper. So there's the answer - an austere six thousand dollars to buy a new car, extra tall, in which the lord mayor's top hat will not be squashed.

And now Nelson, come in, take off
your tall hat and join ^{the} party.