

There's a report in Washington that President Eisenhower is ready to ask Congress - for authority to use American troops in the Near East. U.S. armed force - against an aggressor. The question, "who is an aggressor" - to be decided by the United Nations.

Asking Congress - would be in line with previous Eisenhower statements. The President having declared emphatically - that Congress has the war-making power. Yesterday, the statement was - that this country would back the U.N. against an aggressor. But - only within the framework of the U.S. Constitution.

Today, there was an important conference - with Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles ^{briefing}, fourteen key Congressional leaders, of both Parties. The Secretary - assuring the legislators that President Eisenhower will not commit U.S. forces in the Middle East, without Congressional approval.

~~Further~~ After the meeting, Senator George of Georgia

told the newsmen - he does not expect any such request for Congressional authority in the immediate future. The policy for the moment is - for this country to back up the efforts of the U.N. Secretary General, Dag Hammarskjold.

But, if this mediation should fail, what then? Would the President, then, ask for authority to use American troops? Senator George refused ↯ any prediction on that point.

PALESTINE - HAMMARSKJOLD

The U.N. Secretary General is in Egypt - to confer with Egyptian Premier Nasser. Dag Hammarskjold, beginning his task - of negotiating with heads of government. Trying to find some way of easing - the warlike tension in Palestine.

From Egypt, he goes to Israel - to confabulate with leaders there.

PALESTINE - HOSTILITIES

Things were quieter, today - along the Gaza front.

Quieter that is - in comparison with all that violence for the past few days.

Israel reports - the hunting down of suicide bands, which crossed the border, on missions - of terror and sabotage. Two more suicide raiders - killed.

An Israeli spokesman says the raiders, called "Fasayeen", struck during the night. Attacking a police patrol, ripping up sections of the Tel Aviv-Beersheba Railroad line, pulling down an electric power installation.

The "Fadayeen" squads are the latest alarming feature in the Palestine imbroglio. Crossing the border in force - over the weekend. ~~The suicide raiders, creating havoc -~~ Which prompted Israeli retaliation.

Egypt says - a Zionist warplane violated the border this afternoon. Flying ~~over~~ for twenty-five minutes - over the Gaza sector. Driven away by anti-aircraft fire - say the Egyptians.

ATOMIC

Another step forward - in the construction of an atom-powered plane. The Air Force announcing - plans to build an atomic reactor at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. The purpose - to test materials for the first atom-plane.

For some time, the Atomic Energy Commission has been working on a nuclear power plant - the engine - which would propel the plane at supersonic speeds - for an indefinite length of time. Next step - the development of the aircraft. Which now begins - the preliminary work.

The principal problem - radiation. The amount of shielding needed - to protect the crew from deadly ~~radioactivity~~ radioactivity. Generated - by the atomic power plant.

Suppositions are that the aircraft will be something utterly new - in design. Probably, with a fuselage - fantastic in length. The atomic engine - at one end of the long fuselage. The crew - at the other. The idea being, apparently - to keep the radioactivity as far away from the crew as possible.

FARM BILL

The Republicans in Congress - propose a compromise Farm Bill. Something to take the place of the measure - criticized by the White House.

Today G.O.P. leaders in the House proposed - minimum price supports at eighty-one-and-a-half per cent of parity. The present bill has rigid supports, at ninety per cent of parity. For - one year.

The Republicans hope that their compromise may knock out the measure, which the President proposes. The showdown vote will be - tomorrow.

PRIMARY

Report from Illinois - a light vote. In Chicago, for example, they expect only half of the million, two hundred thousand ballots cast in the Nineteen Fifty-Two election. Throughout the rest of the state - the same sort of news.

Of course, there's no contest on either side. ~~With~~

President Eisenhower - a ^{(shoo-in.} ~~sure thing~~ Adlai Stevenson -

also - for he's

x alone on the Democratic ballot. The only interesting

question - a "write-in" for Kefauver. The Senator's backers have been urging the Democrats - to take pen in hand, and write in the name of Kefauver.

However, this Illinois primary ^{in a way,} is a major test for Adlai Stevenson. His chance of making some sort of come-back - after his defeat in Wisconsin. The "write-in" for Kefauver - might well have a large effect on the Stevenson chances of winning the Democratic nomination.

The weather in Illinois today - horrible. Rainy, dreary, chilly - over much of the state. Another factor - in keeping down the vote.

MARINE

A Marine Corps inquiry began today - at Parris Island, South Carolina. Investigating - the drowning of six recruits, ~~who were in training~~ When - a Sergeant led a detachment of seventy for a night march in a swamp. ^{Then} Into a stream, ^{the Ribbon} ~~the Ribbon~~ River. The Sergeant never realizing - how deep, treacherous and swift the river is.

Today, stories were told - by the survivors of the ill-fated training march. Private Clarence Cox telling how, in the darkness, they were marching along the edge of the water. "Then, suddenly," he says, "we were not on the edge any more, but in it." He sank in deep water, but managed to swim to an island.

Private Soren Daniel says: "We were in formation, and I just followed the man in front of me." Then - he found himself in deep water. "Up until then," he says, "we just considered it a lark and a good time."

But the most important narration comes from the Sergeant, who ordered the training march - through the

swamp and into the river. Sergeant Matthew McKeon, a veteran of the Korean War, relates: "My purpose in taking the platoon to the river - was to teach the men discipline. I led ~~them~~ ^{them} into the water, and went in first. I went out a little distance, and then traveled parallel to the bank."

The Sergeant admits he was at fault. "It is no excuse," he declares, "that I had never been in the area before and did not realize that the stream we entered - was a tidal stream. Or - that it was unusually deep for the area.

"The platoon," he goes on, "followed me into the water. I noticed - some went too far out. I ordered the platoon - out of the stream."

But, now - he realized the tragic situation. Then he continues: "I ^{saw} ~~HEARD~~ some were in distress, and I started towards them. I brought one man to shore. Then I started back for others. One man grabbed me for assistance. We both went down. He fought wildly. He went limp. And I couldn't find him."

The Sergeant's account ends on a final note of disaster. "I swam towards a group of four or five," he says. "But the tide was too strong - and they disappeared."

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Randolph Pate, says - the Sergeant did not have the authority to take his men on an unscheduled night march. Resulting in a tragedy without precedent - at the famous "Boot Camp", ⁱⁿ Parris Island.

MACY'S

Now, the news about - Macy's. We hear that - Gimbels had a slight increase of business today. Which applies to tactics - used by the Macy strikers.

As all the world knows, Macy's and Gimbel's are - arch competitors. Hence the familiar phrase - " Does Macy's tell Gimbel's?" So, today, the Macy strikers were telling the customers about - Gimbel's. Just - a few yards away.

negotiations for a pay raise
Over the weekend, ~~NEGOTIATIONS~~ broke down.

The Union calling a strike - which began this morning. So, when business opened, the huge department store at Thirty-fourth Street and Sixth Avenue - was picketed in a big way. Lines of pickets shouting slogans. ^{And} Customers arriving heard a chanted chorus - "Gimbel's is down the block. Gimbel's is down the block." Even a song, changed by the pickets - in praise of Gimbel's.

They also tried to send the customers to Ohrbach's, another competitor, a block away.

MACY'S

All of which put the focus of interest on the day's business at Gimbel's and Ohrbach's. Both stores reporting - a slight increase.

Actually, there was a good deal of business at Macy's - with customers crossing ^{Then, in the store, they were} the picket lines. ~~and~~ waited on - by the President, the Chairman of the Board, and other executives, ~~of the world's largest department store. The large executive staff~~ ^{Who took} taking over all the jobs. Acting as elevator runners, stock room employees, and sales clerks.

But, at Gimbel's today, the President and ~~xxx~~ the Chairman of the Board - luxuriated in their big shiny offices.

GRACE KELLY

When Grace Kelly becomes the Princess of Monaco, there's one thing she'll be forbidden to do - gamble at Monte Carlo. She won't even be able to enter the far famed casino. Which is off-limits - for citizens of Monaco. Of which - the Princess will be one.

Nevertheless, the Casino people hope - that her marriage to ^{their} Prince ~~Reinier~~ will boost the gambling business. One angle, especially - the crap tables.

Business is good at Monaco - for roulette and chemin-de-fer. But - no dice. Two tables for shooting craps were installed some while ago - but one has gone out of business. Much to the distress - of the Casino operators.

The trouble seems to be - aristocratic tradition. The gambling halls at Monte Carlo are dignified and ornate. Etiquette, old-fashioned - a ~~huge~~ hush of silence. The gamblers at roulette or chemin-de-fer win or lose - without a sound. That's the aristocratic tradition.

Recently, there was a bit of a shock - when Sir

Winston Churchill had a session at roulette. A crowd - watching Britain's famous elder statesman. Then Sir Winston hit a thirty-five-to-one shot - on the number seventeen. The group around the table - applauded, clapping hands. Which was a breach of propriety - at Monte Carlo.

But can you imagine - shooting craps in utter silence. How would you roll the dice without shouts of - "Come on seven!" "Snake eyes!" "Baby needs a new pair of shoes!"

Americans at the dice table - are abashed. ~~at~~ the silence - infectious. And - no fun. However, the Monte Carlo proprietors believe - the Americans will overcome this inhibition. If enough of them flock - to the Casino. Which they hope will be the ^{case} ~~next~~ - during the wedding festivities of Grace ^{her} Kelly and Prince, ~~Prinier~~.

But they don't expect the Princess to take the lead. They won't see Grace at the crap table, rolling the bones, yelling, "Baby needs a new pair of shoes!"

WOMEN

Here's a question for the ladies. Have you been gossiping today? Have you been talking about various women friends - pointing at their shortcomings, criticizing their hats? In a way that is called - catty? If so, that's fine - you're likely to live longer. So says the professor - a psychiatrist of Detroit, Dr. Ira Altshuler.

Gossip, he says, relieves what he calls - "repressed hostility." You have a sneaking sense of antagonism - towards someone. You seldom come out openly - with a noisy quarrel. The hostility - repressed. But then, you let off steam in the form of - gossip. In a couple of hours of industrious chatter, two ladies can gossip away - repressed hostilities toward any number of mutual friends.

Dr. Altshuler explains - that a suppression of emotions will shorten people's lives. Take the lady's husband. He has a variety of secret grudges against business associates. But he keeps it all to himself. Meeting with friends, he fails

to gossip away - the secret antagonism. "The American male", declares the professor, "goes to his grave all the sooner - because he keeps his big mouth shut; when he ought to be letting off steam."

Hubby
^ ~~he~~ hasn't that conversational fluency - chattering along. You know: "I think Florence is just a darling. But I wonder how she picks the clothes she wears. She must have an inferiority complex, the way she nags her husband. And she's always talking spitefully about people."

That, says the professor, is why women live longer than men. And the echo ~~is~~ *Henry* - Meow!