

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

An Eisenhower appointment has run into a roadblock for the time being. Last night it was supposed that the Senate Armed Services Committee had approved Charles Wilson as Secretary of Defense. But now a hitch has occurred. C.E. Wilson owns stock in General Motors, of which he was President until he was offered the Cabinet job. Some Senators say this may disqualify him from serving in the Cabinet. They brought up a law which bars federal officials from holding stock in corporations. Already Senator Gore, of Tennessee, has announced that he will not vote to confirm Wilson - unless the Defense candidate first disposes of his stock in General Motors.

Meanwhile, the Senate is investigating the full meaning of the law. Senator Taft says the law might be changed to fit the present case. Until a decision is reached,

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the appointments of Wilson and others in the Defense Department will be held up. The first real obstacle to the confirmation of the Eisenhower Cabinet on Tuesday.

DURKIN

The Senate Labor Committee approves of Martin Durkin to be Secretary of Labor in the Eisenhower Cabinet. Senator Taft ^{is} ~~being~~ one of the Committee, ~~and voting with the rest.~~

When Durkin's appointment was first announced, Taft criticized it ~~severely~~ - called it "incredible" - because Durkin, head of the Plumber's Union, was also a Democrat, ~~And~~ a supporter of ~~Adlai~~ Stevenson in the ~~political~~ campaign.

Taft sat beside Durkin during the hearing. The Senator asked the next Secretary of Labor whether he would represent the American public, and ~~not~~ not any particular group. Durkin replied: "That's true."

Then the meeting discussed the controversial Taft-Hartley Law. Durkin and Taft both agreed that the law should be amended. ~~This agreement just about decided the case.~~ ~~And~~ ~~The~~ Committee, including Senator Taft, voted unanimously to accept Martin Durkin as Secretary of Labor.

TRUMAN

President Truman today took up the issue of tidelands oil. He issued what is probably the last major order of his administration. He decrees that the Navy shall have those off shore oil resources which have been the subject of so much controversy.

The main oil deposits lie off the shores of Louisiana, Texas, and California. These states claim all the rights to them. But our outgoing President has always held that they belong to the nation. General Eisenhower sided with the states during the political campaign. Which was one of the reasons why he carried Louisiana, Texas and California in the election.

Now the outgoing President moves to forestall his successor. He assigns the off-shore claims to the Navy - with the words: "The great oil and gas deposits in these lands will be conserved and utilized in order to promote the security of the nation."

However, this decision is not final. General Eisenhower may overrule it, as soon as he takes office on Tuesday, or Congress could take action -

to support the states. Sam Rayburn, Democratic leader in the House, has laready called the President's decision " a mistake". As he adds: "The action doesn't preclude Congress from changing it, and I think it will be at an early date."

(That's the prediction of one Texan, ^{a regular Democrat} who wants his state to have ^{all that} the oil off ^{the Texas coast} ~~its shore~~. ~~But he~~ ~~has such support in~~ Congress ~~which~~ twice has passed legislation favoring the states. So it looks as if President Truman's order won't stand very long.)

Substitute BULLETIN

A dispatch from Cairo reveals that General Naguib has banned all political parties. He accuses them of, in his words: "spreading false and malicious rumors." And, he says, that the ban will last for the next three years.

Naguib also arrested twenty-five army officers, on charges of plotting against his regime.

According to the London "Telegraph", Naguib's action is the result of an attempted revolt by the military. The Strong Man of Egypt seeing to it that no one pulls off a Coup d'etat - as he himself did when he took over the government. The London newspaper also asserts that Naguib was following a moderate course, when he put down the coup. That the rebel army officers were hot-heads, bent on pushing Egyptian demands in the Sudan. Calling for the British to leave, and hand the Sudan over to Egypt.

So Naguib has suppressed all political
opposition, in order to carry through a more ~~x~~
con^siliatory policy.

GERMAN ARMY

Europe must beware of the German army. This sounds like a news dispatch of a decade ago. But it comes from London today. The reason that conspiracy of Nazis and Communists which has just been uncovered.

British authorities warn that the conspiracy shows nationalism rising again in Germany. The new nationalists want a new German army. And they are likely to get it unless Western Europe unites to form an international armed force, which will include the Germans.

For more than two years, European diplomats have been ~~arguing~~ arguing over the question of ^{an} ~~an~~ international army. The French ^{have been} particularly stubborn in their opposition. In the meantime, the Reds in East Germany built, what they call, "a police army" of about one hundred thousand men. Did it with the backing of the Kremlin.

America has been urging Western Europe to recognize the threat of the Eastern forces. So

John Foster Dulles will probably press for quick action on the European army, during his forthcoming tour of Europe. British observers predict that Dulles will offer France more aid, as an inducement to accept the plan.

But if no effective action is taken, this country may turn to the idea of an independent West German army. Which is why London advises the rest of Europe to act quickly on the integration of its forces. Or else face the spectacle of another Wehrmacht rising up on the other side of the Rhine. A Wehrmacht which might terrorize the continent again, if it fell into the hands of the Nazi-Communist conspiracy.

EAST GERMANY

The ^{Russians are} ~~Kremlin is~~, turning East Germany into a complete satellite. This, indicated in a dispatch from Berlin. The dispatch telling us that the Reds have arrested the East German Foreign Minister. Also the chief of the Russian Department in the government.

Observers in West Germany believe that the Reds in the East will hold a purge trial in the near future. The typical Communist farce, in which defendants plead guilty to all the charges against them. If this happens, the former Foreign Minister will probably be the central figure. The question being asked now is: Who else will go on trial with him? Many former officials have been arrested, several of them Jews. It is likely that they will be purged, particularly in view of the anti-Semitism ^{now} ~~which is~~ prevalent in Communist Countries.

Of interest to Americans will be the fate of Gerhart Eisler, a Jewish fugitive from this Country.

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He jumped bail here and fled to Europe aboard a Polish vessel. Then he became Propaganda Minister in East Germany - and ~~started~~ started putting out a bitter anti-American line. He gave the impression that everything was sweetness and light behind the Iron Curtain. Then, suddenly, ^{out of favor} he fell, ~~from favor~~. Dismissed from his post. ^{But no further word.} ~~As a Jew, he would be an obvious target of the Reds. But so far there is no report that he has been arrested.~~

✓ We'll have to wait until the curtain rises on the East German purge trial, before we know who are the scapegoats in the new Red mockery of justice.

YUGOSLAVIA

Russia is strengthening the armed forces of her satellites in Eastern Europe. So stated in the Yugoslav magazine, "International Affairs." According to the magazine, there has been no great increase in the number of tank or infantry divisions. But the existing forces have been re-armed by the Soviets. Re-armed with Russian tanks and automatic weapons. Which means that the fire-power of the satellite armies has been vastly increased. In the words of the Yugoslav magazine: "There is no great difference now between the firing strength of the Soviet and the satellite divisions."

We also hear that some of the Iron Curtain Countries have received jet planes from Russia.

Yugoslavia is, of course, one Communist Country outside the Iron Curtain. The Yugoslavs have been fearing a Soviet attack ever since Tito broke with Stalin. This is why they are so concerned. ~~about hostile forces in the satellites.~~ *And* The present report gives

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them no reason to relax their guard. The Stalin dominated countries have constructed new fortifications, which are, according to the ~~the~~ magazine: "Centered mostly in the border area facing Yugoslavia."

The Kremlin keeping up its war of nerves against the nation which it once controlled. And which Tito led in a successful bid for freedom.

HOLDUP

The bandits, who pulled off the biggest cash robbery in history, have beaten the Federal Government . On January Seventeenth, Nineteen Fifty, seven masked men entered a Brink's Counting House in Boston. They took over a million dollars - the contents of the firm's armored cars. And they escaped with their loot.

Since then, the Government has spent three hundred thousand dollars in trying to break the case. Police and FBI agents questioned nearly a thousand persons. Rewards totalling better than a hundred thousand dollars were offered.

Despite all this a Federal Grand Jury rules that no one can be prosecuted for the robbery. The reasons given are, that the bandits were effectively disguised. That there were too few witnesses. And that a number of witnesses refused to testify.

At midnight tomorrow - just two years after the robbery - the Federal Statute of Limitations expires. Which means that the robbers are now immune from Government charge of armed robbery. However, the Federal Government can arrest anyone found in

possession of any of the money. And the State of Massachusetts has three more years before its Statute of Limitations runs out. So the thieves are not ~~any~~ safe yet. The Federal Government has been defeated by the Brinks robbery. If the State fails too, then it will be impossible to prosecute except for actual possession of the stolen money.

MOUNTAINEERS

Three Argentine students have conquered the highest mountain peak in the Western Hemisphere.

Aconcagua, giant of the Andes, its summit towering over twenty thousand feet into the sky.

Four men set out on the expedition.

Their leader, a priest, ^a Father ~~Jorge~~ Torres. He intended to say Mass on the top of the mountain - a Mass for world peace. But, about two hundred feet from the top, his strength gave out. He sank down exhausted, while the other three went on ahead.

They made it, set up a portable radio transmitter, and waited for Father Torres to join them. But he never arrived. So, after some hours, the students abandoned the peak, to pick up their lost companion, and then make their way to the bottom.

Meanwhile, at least three other expeditions are preparing to climb Aconcagua - the Andean challenge to mountaineers of the Americas, which has been scaled a number of times.

HECKER

A retired Civil Engineer travels from ~~from~~ Portsmouth, Ohio, to New Port Richey, Florida. That seems commonplace enough. But the point is that Captain Harvey Hecker covered the entire distance by water. And he made the trip in an outboard motor boat, ^{of 10 h. power and} sixteen feet long, ~~ten horse-power~~. ^{board}

From Portsmouth he sailed down the Ohio River to the Mississippi. Then on to New Orleans. Here he was faced with the problem of crossing the Gulf of Mexico to Florida. The problem ^{was} solved, when a barge-captain agreed to ^(tow) ~~take~~ him to Panama City. Then another barge gave him some help to Yankeetown. Finally came the last lap to New Port Richey, ^{which} ~~with~~ the Captain made under his own power.

The trip might have been especially dangerous, because Captain Hecker is seventy-five, and can't swim. However, he took things easy. Says he; "I was up with the sun and usually tied up by mid-afternoon. Food didn't bother me. I had plenty of canned stuff,

and I'm not fussy." *That, Nelson, is a*

quite an modest way of passing off what was in fact,
~~great~~ example of skill and daring on the *high sea.* ~~the~~