

The Senate ~~has~~ vote^d of ninety-three to one, today - Virtual unanimity - on a resolution calling on President Eisenhower to ~~be~~ step up Federal spending on ~~the~~ public works. As a means - of checking the economic recession.

Today's resolution was introduced by Democratic leader Senator ^{Lyndon} Johnson of Texas. Who said it was, in his words - "only the beginning of the beginning." Congress - to keep on pressing for an anti-recession program more and more.

The White House - ~~is~~ responding with action. President Eisenhower, today, asking Congress - for an additional eighty-five million ~~new~~ dollars.

To speed up - reclamation projects. Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty stating - that, next week, the White House will request one-hundred-and-twenty-five million dollars to press forward with harbor and floodcontrol projects.

ADD ECONOMIC

The Defense Department announces plans -
to place contracts for more than two billion dollars
worth of military construction and housing by June
Thirtieth.

A whole series of measures - to decrease
unemployment.

CUBA

The Cuban cabinet resigned, in Havana, today. Bringing - a new political crisis for the regime of Strong Man President Batista. The resigning Prime Minister, Portundo, was named only six days ago - in ~~as~~ a move to pacify the anti-Batista factions. In the face - of the stubborn rebellion raging in Cuba. But this ~~appeasement~~ appeasement doesn't seem to have worked. The cabinet of the new Prime Minister - resigning today.

Batista promptly named a new list of Ministers - headed by Gonzalo Guell. Which will try to carry on as the Cuban crisis deepens.

Batista, today, suspended all constitutional guarantees - including the freedom of the press. Censorship imposed - on the newspapers in Cuba.

All appearances indicate - a showdown soon between Batista and the rebels headed by Fidel Castro. ^{Tonight} Heavy fighting ^{is} reported in the Province of Oriente.

ATOMIC

Here's an explanation of the atom bomb event -- that occurred in South Carolina, last evening. The nuclear weapon that fell accidentally from an air force bomber - was not a hydrogen bomb. But - an atomic bomb. However, there was no atomic explosion - because the "fuse" was not in the bomb. Without the "fuse" - atomic fission cannot occur.

But there was an explosion, when the atomic bomb hit the ground ^{— —} an explosion of T N T. Because T N T is used as a "trigger" in touching off an atomic blast.

The T N T, detonating, when the atom bomb hit, was enough to ^{blast out} ~~blow~~ a crater ~~out~~ thirty-five feet deep and fifty feet across - in a South Carolina farm yard. Wrecking - the house, Injuring - six persons of the family living there. None - hurt seriously.

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Today, the Air Force had the whole section closed off - as an investigation was made. They found - the blast of T N T blew the main part of the bomb into bits. The part - containing radio-active uranium. Which spread some radio-activity in that area. But - not enough to harm anyone.

The echo of the blast heard round the world. Headlined, for example in London. Where the news has incited new British protests against American hydrogen bomb and rocket bases in Britain.

Moscow chimes in with a bit of propaganda. Declaring - the South Carolina incident shows ~~the~~ *how* ~~danger that~~ the accidental dropping of ~~the~~ a nuclear weapon might, possibly, ^etough off a world war.

The Russian argument is - that the United States might order - a warlike attack. Following- the accidental dropping of a bomb, Without taking the trouble to learn - that it was an accident.

This was the second time an atomic weapon has fallen from a U S Air Forceplane. The first - little

noticed. Because the nuclear device - fell into the
ocean. Without any particular uproar.

ADD ATOMIC

Tonight, Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy expressed "deep regret" for the dropping of an atomic bomb on South Carolina. With injury - to six persons.

The Secretary adding that it proved - that the accidental dropping of a nuclear weapon could not result in an atomic explosion.

CAMERA

This next - will sound like ^a miracle. Spotting a tennis ball - a thousand miles away. So reported from Australia ^{from} the Woomera rocket range. Where the scientists have installed - a new type of camera for tracking rockets and satellites. An American camera - capable of photographing an object no longer than a tennis ball - a thousand miles up in the sky.

Which explains an announcement - that pictures were taken last night, of Sputnik Number Two. Scientists at Woomera declaring - they procured enough data to calculate the orbit of the second Russian satellite, ^{More} accurately - than had been possible previously.

Wednesday and Thursday, they'll have a chance to photograph the American satellite, Explorer, with their new miracle camera.

Scientific wonder - working at the Woomera rocket range - in one of the most ^{desolate} ~~desolate~~ regions of this earth. The bare, blistering - Australian desert.

Only a few weeks ago, I was out in that utter desolation with an expedition, making our next television feature. It will be on T.V. Monday evening, March 24th. While there I had occasion to note - how appropriately the Australians have named their vast rocket range.

Woomera - meaning the spear thrower used by the Australian aborigines. We saw this in the device made of wood and the thigh bone of a bird. The familiar crossword puzzle. The Woomera, enabling the aborigines to throw a spear for a long distance with remarkable accuracy.

The name of the aboriginal weapon - the Woomera, transferred to space - in this missile era.

JAPAN

Over in Japan, a Court of Appeals, today - commuted the first death sentence imposed by the Japanese on an American soldier. Private Orvis Boone of Galveston, Texas, condemned to be hanged for murder - get^s life imprisonment, instead.

The American G I had been convicted along with a Japanese girl friend - of the killing of a young Japanese woman, in committing a robbery. The girl friend - also incurring the death sentence. But she - too - gets life imprisonment, instead.

The soldier - to be handed back to the U S Army. He won't serve a Japanese prison term at all; Because a U.S. court-martial had previously sentenced him to life imprisonment, for another murder. The Japanese deciding - to let an American prison have him. Saving a bit of expense for themselves - among other things.

ISRAEL

Here's a thing to look ~~in~~ up in the Bible.

Some theological point - in a dispute on religion?

Not at all. It's Holy Writ - in international affairs -
an argument -before a committee of the United Nations.

A delegate from Israel disputing a contention -
by the Arabs. Concerning - the Gulf of Akaba. That arm
of the Red Sea - on which Israel has a port. The Arabs
declaring - that the Gulf of Akaba has been Arabian
from "time immemorial."

To which the delegate from Israel replies
as follows: "In the period of King Solomon, nearly
three thousand years ago, our ancestors maintained a
port at the head of the Gulf and enjoyed freedom ~~in~~
of navigation through it."

So how can you prove that - except by
reference to the Old Testament? Where it says, in the
Book of Kings: "And King Solomon made a navy of ships
in Ezion-Geber. Which is opposite Elots, on the shore
of the Red Sea, in the land of Ed^{Om}ma.
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Another Elath "is modern Elath", the Israeli port. The land of "Edom" - at the head of the Gulf of Akaba.

The Book of Kings goes on to say that Solomon sent his ships to the land of Ophra. Where they procured - gold.

The Bible - customary in church. Now - to be cited as evidence in diplomatic wrangling.

EISENHOWER

Here are a couple of interesting questions:—

How many foreign languages - did President Eisenhower study in school? Answer, four - latin, French, German and Spanish.

So, how many foreign languages does President Eisenhower know well today? Answer - none.

That was the lamentation the President, himself, uttered - as he gave a bit of excellent advice. Saying, "I should like to see everybody - take one foreign language that sticks." Right you are Mr. President. Better one that sticks - than four that don't. *But how to make it "sticks" when there is little or no chance to practice?*

The Presidential deficiencies in the linguistic field came up at the White House today, when Mr. Eisenhower received - the "National Teacher of the Year" selected by McCall's Magazine. Miss Jean Listebarger - who teaches Spanish at Ames, Iowa.

Spanish - being one of the languages the President studied. But it didn't stick.

ITALY

In the ancient city of Genoa, home town of Christopher Columbus, there's a Genoese - who discovered, not America but a new way of swindling a woman. Carlo, doing Ida out of four thousand, ~~four hundred~~ ^{and} eighty dollars. Ida, being a sixty-eight year old spinster.

It seems the two attended a concert given by a popular crooner, Claudio Villa. Who, in Italy - makes feminine hearts throb, when he sings. Ida nearly swooned - and, later on, Carlo said to her: "Did you notice how he looked at you?"

"No" replied Ida.

"Well, while he was singing," Carlo declared, "he kept his eyes fixed on you."

"He did?" Ida was astonished and thrilled.

A few days later, she got a letter signed "Claudio Villa" Expressing intense love. Other letters followed - with Claudio proposing marriage. Adding - that he needed a couple hundred dollars, for wedding expenses. Would Ida please give the money to his good friend - Carlo? Who - would send it along?

Ida gave Carlo the money. After which - the crooner needed still more cash. Always to be given - to his dear friend, Carlo.

This went on - until Ida one day, came across a sample of Carlo's handwriting. Strange - but it was exactly like the script in the letters from Crooner Claudio.

Ida took the problem to the police. And, Carlo is now in a Geno^{se} jail.

BOY

At Manchester, New Hampshire, Billy Allaire
2 six years old must have been told, from time to time:
"If you are a good little boy, you'll go to heaven."

Well, Billy was a good little boy, when he
found a bag of money. Spotting ^{it} in the snow, ~~and he~~
took it - to his mother. In the bag - three thousand
dollars, belonging to a supermarket. Mrs. Allaire -
returning the cash to its owner.

So today, Billy was in heaven - or as near
~~to~~ heaven as a small boy can be in this troubled world.
As a reward, he was given [^] a bicycle. But that was not
the half of it.

The manager of the supermarket handed him a
big shopping bag. Telling Billy - to go around the
store, and take whatever he liked.

So for half an hour, the six year old went
roaming through the aisles of the supermarket. Taking -
mostly candy. Loading up the shopping bag - with every
kind of candy he could see.

2 Yes, [^] having been a good boy, Billy went to
heaven - in a supermarket.

EPILOGUE

No, this time I have nothing to add except
to say, solong until tomorrow -- and carry on, Don.