

CUBA

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The United States tonight recognized the new  
■ government of Cuba. In Havana the U S Ambassador handed  
in a diplomatic note -- expressing American good will toward  
the regime set up by Fidel Castro and headed by President  
Urrutia.

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The new eighty-sixth Congress went into session today -and interest focused on the ~~democratic~~ democratic battle in the Senate. The perennial clash - over civil rights.

The immediate skirmish concerned our old friend - the filibuster. Northern Democrats - insisting that they'll change the rules to prevent the southerners from talking civil rights measures to death.

The Liberals won a quick success, when Republican Vice President <sup>Nixon</sup> ruled - that the Senate can change its rules at the beginning of ~~each~~ each new Congress. Meaning - that the liberals would have their chance at the beginning of this one.

Then the civil rights advocates ran into a reverse - when Democratic leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas put across a maneuver to delay the beginning of the battle. The liberals were all set - with the resolution to check filibusters, ~~when~~ the Texan jammed through - a motion to adjourn. Putting off the conflict until tomorrow - ~~and~~ and giving the democratic

leader a chance to try for a compromise. Which - is his intention.

In the House ~~of Representatives~~, the liberals ran into a sharp reverse - when the House voted in favor of Dale Alford, the Arkansas segregationist. There <sup>has</sup> been a move to keep him out of Congress - on the charge that there was corruption when he was elected by a "write in" vote. But the House voted overwhelmingly, today - to let him take his place. At least -until a Congressional committee has had the time to make an investigation of the accusation of corruption.

For the two new Alaskan Senators - it was a sort of lottery, today. Senators Gruening and Bartlett - drawing slips ~~out~~ out of a hat. Or rather - a small box. To see - how long their terms in the Senate would be.

According to the Constitution and legal formalities, the term of each might be - two, four or six years. So three slips were marked - two, four and six. Ernest Gruening drew the first - and got four. Making him - a four ~~year~~ year Senator. Then Bob Bartlett had ~~his~~ his turn - and drew - the two year slip. So he'll serve in the Senate for two years. The six year slip, the best of all - remained in the box.

## SENATE REPUBLICANS

The Republican fight in the Senate <sup>today</sup> came to a decision - the Conservatives winning. The battle- between Senator Dirksen of Illinois and Liberal Republican Cooper of Kentucky. In the G O P caucus, the vote was twenty ~~two~~ to fourteen - selecting Dirksen as leader of the Republican Senate minority.

However, there was a turn of compromise - in the election of a Republican "whip" or assistant leader. A liberal chosen for that post - Senator Kuchel of California.

The White House denies having played any part - in the defeat of Joe Martin of Massachusetts, who was replaced yesterday - as minority leader in the House of Representatives.

The veteran congressman charges - that the Republican caucus was influenced by three members of the White House staff, who, he said - urged the selection of Congressman Halleck of Indiana, as Republican leader. He named the three members of the White House staff as - Gerald Morgan, Deputy Assistant to the President, and two liaison men, Jack Anderson and Edward McCabe.

The White House denial states - that the three Presidential aides had no part in the fight for leadership. White House Secretary Jim Hagerty declaring: "I don't know where Joe Martin got that information. I know he is mistaken."

Well, anyway, there'll be a difference in the new House of Representatives. With Joe Martin - no longer leading the Republican Congressmen in legislative battles. There was

no Conservative - liberal angle in his overthrow. It was merely a matter of age - seventy-four years old. The Republican wanting - a younger and more vigorous chieftain, like Halleck of Indiana.

QUEMOY

Quemoy - under bombardment, again, today. The Chinese Reds firing - thirty-three thousand shells. Blasting the island - with the heaviest cannonade in two months.

The Communists explain - they are not resuming a prolonged artillery attack on Quemoy. Today's bombardment - punitive. Retaliation - for nationalist shellfire hurled at the Red mainland last weekend.



## ROCKET

Moscow states that the Russian cosmic rocket - has gone into orbit around the sun. Today - becoming an artificial planet. After traveling - more than eight and a half million miles through space.

The Moscow announcement adds - that the orbit of the rocket-planet will be closer to that of mars than to the orbit of this earth.

We wonder - how they can be so sure about all that, since they are no longer in ~~an~~ radio communication with the missile - and it's too tiny to be visible at such an immense distance. Probably figured altogether - by mathematics.

## WELL DIGGER

At Bakersfield, California, a man came back from the dead. Or - so it seemed. A well digger - caught by a cave-in at a depth of sixteen feet. Five feet of gravel pouring down on him - burying him. There seemed no chance of survival - for Leslie Stafford, forty-five years old.

They started digging to bring out his body - and, today, up he came alive. Saved - by a sheet of metal, which fell over him when the cave-in occurred. The sheet of metal, acting like a tent. Giving him - air space.

The rescue so difficult - that toward the end Stafford had, virtually, to dig himself out. They lowered buckets, which he filled with gravel - and they drew the buckets up.

## BRITAIN

There's a revolt in Britain against, of all things - "God Save The Queen". Protests - that the royal anthem is played too much. With - unseemly results.

In Britain, they play it - after an event. While, in this country, we have the "Star Spangled Banner" before - Britions, it seems, are tired of ~~my~~ having to stand up - when "God Save The Queen" is played. So a lot of them leave - before the music begins. A rush to get out - before "God Save The Queen". *I say - that's not cricket!*  
~~Rather unpatriotic, don't you know?~~

Then there's a cry - of class distinction, At Covent Garden, "God Save The Queen" is not played after an opera. The highbrows - don't get it at all.

At dramatic shows, there's a short version, only three lines. The audience - having to stand for only a few seconds.

But, at movie theaters - the lowbrows sure do get it. When the motion picture ends - it is "God Save the Queen" at full length.

Sometimes I think - we over-do the "Star Spangled Banner." While in Britain Don they think they get an overdose of "God Save The Queen!"

## LIBERTY BELL

The Liberty Bell - will retain its famous crack.

The superintendent of Independence Hall in Philadelphia -  
rejecting an offer from London.

Today, the foundry which cast the bell back in  
the Eighteenth Century made an ~~and~~ offer - to do a recasting  
job and eliminate the crack. Philadelphia replying - that  
the crack is part of the symbol of American freedom.