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L.T.-K. THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1954.

Twenty thousand persons crowded onto the race-track at the Illinois State Fair today - to hear the President of the United States. Mr. Eisenhower arrived at the Springfield plane, visited the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, where he placed a wreath; had lunch with Governor Stratton, and then went on to the fair grounds.

The President covered many major points in his address. But he singled out our economic condition for special emphasis. Condemning the Democrats who predict a depression, and calling his opponents, "prophets of doom", he remarked: "I think all of us are getting rather tired of this crooked fence economic politics."

On the platform with the President was the G.I.O.P. Illinois candidate for the Senate; Joe Meek, who's opposing Senator Paul Douglas - one of the Democrats predicting depression. So the Eisenhower remarks added up to an endorsement of Meek, as his candidate in the fall elections.

Later in the day, the President left for Evanston, Illinois - to receive an honorary degree from Northwestern University, and address the World Council of Churches.

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The President of the United States was introduced by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Reverend Geoffrey Fisher. A crowd of some eighteen thousand listened as the President called for "an intense act of faith." That was the substance of the Evanston address.

E.D.C.

*to discuss E.D.C*

The conference in Brussels opened today in an atmosphere of - pessimism. *All of them* ~~The other representatives,~~ <sup>still</sup> opposed to the changes in the E.D.C. pact proposed by Mendes-France. *2 hour* The meeting today lasted ~~two hours~~ and was devoted largely to a speech by the French Premier.

The meeting was closed to the public. But sources close to the diplomats in session - say that Mendes-France repeated that the treaty in its present form would certainly be voted down in the *French* National Assembly. Mendes-France adding, that a negative vote would probably force him to resign. In which case, the whole concept of E.D.C. would be in danger.

The second speaker was Johan Beyen of the Netherlands, *who* ~~he~~ stated that his country disagrees completely with the French position. He repeated that he could not accept the Mendes-France changes. *But he went on to* ~~The Foreign Minister did~~ add ~~this~~ that the French Premier had spoken in the right spirit; so, the Netherlands delegation is willing ~~to hear what he has to say~~ and to discuss the whole thing in a friendly manner. ~~But that is the only crumb of optimism so far~~



## DE GASPERI

That the death of former Premier deGasperi, of Italy was hastened by worry over E.D.C. is what we hear today. The Italian statesman, described as near despair over the possibility that E.D.C. might collapse. De Gaspari was one of the leading figures behind the plan - along with Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany, and Premier Schumann of France. And the difficulties facing the statesmen at Brussels left him tired out. After telephoning to Premier Scelba in Rome he collapsed and died.

An odd thing about deGasperi was that he symbolized Italy to the rest of the world - and yet he was originally an Austrian. That is he was born in a small town in the Trentino, in Eighteen Eighty-nine - when that area of Italy belonged to Austria. That made him legally a native Austrian - and he once sat in the Austrian Parliament. But - after World War One, the Trentino was given to Italy, Whereupon deGasperi became an

Italina citizen.

Mussolini imprisoned him as an anti-Fascist.

But after World War Two, he was the first Premier of the Italian democracy; in office for seven and a half years. During which time, he became famous as a supporter of European unity - and particularly of E.D.C.

Last year, he was defeated in the elections, and resigned as Premier. But, he was Italy's elder statesman, and still used his influence in behalf of European unity. The recent French proposals for drastic revision brought disappointment that was too much for deGasperi to take. And he died of a heart attack on the eve of the Brussels Conference.

STUMP

Our Navy may not play a strictly defensive role -  
if the Chinese Reds try to land on Formosa. So says Admiral  
Stump, the Commander of our Pacific Fleet. Admiral Stump,  
just completing a secret inspection of the defenses of

Formosa, ~~referring~~<sup>ed</sup> to a possible Communist attack<sup>in</sup>, the  
~~following words:~~<sup>following words:</sup> -

~~Admiral remarked,~~ "No commander likes to sit back and wait. -  
sometimes we might want to go out and shoot some ourselves."

~~He went on to say~~  
~~Admiral Stump pointed out~~ that we have enough

ships in the Formosa area to throw back any attack. ~~But,~~

~~He added -~~ that he believes the Communist threats are, ~~in~~<sup>as he</sup>  
~~put it:~~  
~~his words~~ "a lot of propaganda."

## AIRMEN

The Defense Department in Washington charges that Red China is holding fifteen American airmen - as, what the Department terms, "political prisoners." The captivity of the fifteen, verified by returned prisoners-of-war. These ex-prisoners report that the Communists told them the prisoners would be held for bargaining - when Mao tse-Tung made his bid to enter the U.N.

The Defense Department reveals that the Chinese at the Geneva Conference admitted holding the men. The Chinese contention being, that they flew over neutral territory during the Korean War. And so should be classified as "single prisoners." In other words, the Reds want these prisoners held separately from those covered by the armistice agreement.

The Defense Department replies that the men are "political prisoners" - a direct violation of the armistice.



TRADE

British officials are really angry about a statement made to the Attlee group in Peiping. A Chinese Red, telling newsmen that Mao tse-Tung is getting steel, machinery, and heavy equipment from France, Belgium, and West Germany. And that British ships are doing the transporting.

The London Ministry of Transport issues a flat denial. It says no British ships are carrying prohibitive goods to China from any source. The British statement, *is* backed up by France, Belgium, and West Germany. One spokesman in Bonn terms <sup>(the whole thing,)</sup> ~~it~~ "a model piece of Red Chinese propaganda tactics." Meaning, that, <sup>(Mao Tse-Tung is</sup> ~~the Chinese Reds are~~ trying to create bad feeling between America and her Allies.

LATTIMORE

A District Attorney in Washington announces that a federal grand jury will be asked to issue a new indictment - against <sup>Prof</sup> Owen Lattimore, <sup>John Hopkins,</sup> Lattimore, ~~the~~ expert on the Far East, ~~who~~ denies that he ever promoted Communist causes. Now District Attorney Leo Rover states that Lattimore will be accused of lying.

The charge has been thrown out by two courts - on the grounds that it was too vague. Lattimore, termed a "sympathizer" with Communism. And the courts decreed that the meaning of the word is not clear enough. District Attorney Rover states that the federal grand jury will be asked to issue an indictment that will be clear enough to act on.

The latest development in the case of the man whom Senator McCarthy has called, the top Red spy in this country.

COMMUNIST PARTY

Congress decided today that membership in the Communist Party is not a crime. The Senate and the House putting their okay on the Anti-Communist Bill - after a Conference Committee had knocked out the controversial amendment. The vote, overwhelming. Seventy-nine to none in the Senate. And two hundred and sixty-five to two in the House.

As the bill stands now, the Communist Party would not become illegal. But its members would be denied certain rights and privileges - such as the right to hold public office, or to work for the government. The bill also says that the Communist Party must register as an agent of the Kremlin. And members failing to register - would be subject to punishment.

This bill would bring the Party more completely under internal security laws. It's more like what President Eisenhower wanted. The President, opposing ~~an~~ any law that would make the Communist Party illegal, <sup>did not</sup> ~~he didn't~~ want it

to go underground. Now the bill is in the President's hands.

And Senator Knowland says he's certain Mr. Eisenhower will sign it.



America's oldest elder statesman celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday today. Bernard Baruch - known for many years, as an adviser to Presidents. He celebrates, aptly, by bringing out a book, published today. Called - "A Philosophy for our Time." Consisting - of three lectures that Bernard Baruch delivered before students of City College, New York. He, himself, went to City College, more than sixty years ago.

This note of the academic reminds me of a visit I had with the elder statesman some while ago - dinner at his New York apartment. He told me how he was amusing himself - in these late years. Going back - to the Greek and Latin of his college days. He had studied the classics extensively, and now was re-reading them -- from Homer, to Virgil, to Tacitus. <sup>- reading</sup> ~~Renewing~~ the ancient classics! - renewing youth!

HAM

Here is what happened to that American schooner reported adrift off remote Easter Island: Peter Folini, an amateur radio operator in Oakland, California, says he got through to Easter Island and even talked with the ~~mt~~ owner of the ship, Miss Peggy Poor, of New Orleans. She said she put into Easter Island on August Eleventh. Her schooner's minus its anchor - and she went ashore to get aid. Whereupon the schooner snapped its moorings, and drifted out to sea. With no radio transmitter aboard, it was impossible to contact it. And it's still out there, somewhere in the far South Pacific - a drifting derelict.

Re And, she concluded: "We can only hope and pray."

## ISLAND

A dispatch from Penzance, England, reveals that the island of Jack the Giant Killer is being turned into a national shrine. The island of St. Michael's Mount, according to the old fairy tale, was where Jack killed the giant.

~~At any rate it has been owned by the family~~  
*and his forebears,*  
of Lord St. Levan, for three hundred years. The island and its castle, handed down from generation to generation. But now - the usual trouble. Expenses, too much even for a noble lord. So his Lordship is turning it over to the National Trust - the organization that maintains many castles in England. Said the nobleman who is short of funds: "It happens to all of us peers these days."

And that's the latest from the Island and castle of Jack-the-Giant-Killer.



## TEXAN

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The liner S. S. Atlantic came into Quebec today. And we have a follow up on that romantic story of the Texan who flew under the Thames Bridge, and did it all for love. We've already heard how the young lady was furious about the whole thing. And the question was - would she cool off before the voyage ended?

The answer is - yes. Helen Brown giving in to the pleas of Gene Thompson. So every<sup>thing</sup>~~body~~ seemed hunky dory when they came ashore - except for one complication; an old familiar one: The father. Papa on hand to greet ~~his~~ daughter. And to hear what had been happening while she was abroad. Of course he met Gene Thompson. Did they discuss the question of marriage? No! Said Texas Gene: "I didn't want to bring it up when he didn't. All he did was ask me how my trip from England was." And I said purty good.

Where is ~~XXXX~~<sup>(she)</sup> now? Oh, on her way home - and not ~~XXXX~~ accompanied by her under-the-bridges-flying Romeo. Why? Because he says he's broke.



And that you will agree is sad for a Texas lad,  
who wants to marry a fair maid.

And Now Mike Fitzmaurice.

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