

L.T. - DELCO. THURDAY, AUG. 1, 1957.

(Be given by Walter Cronkite L.T. in
New Guinea.)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The showdown is scheduled for tonight - late tonight - probably in the wee small hours of the morning, the showdown on the key issue in the civil rights bill.

Both sides agreed late this afternoon to limit debate on the jury trial amendment - to six hours, with a little extra for additional amendments. And Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, says he'll keep the Senate in session tonight until the matter is disposed of - one way or another.

If the Southerners get his amendment through - the amendment to provide jury trials in contempt of court cases - well, then the whole civil rights bill might be disposed of quickly - in perhaps another few days.

But if the jury trial amendment is defeated tonight - the southerners have promised a filibuster that could go on indefinitely.

Earlier today the Senate suspended temporarily the civil rights fight to vote some money for the military. Thirty-four billion dollars in the defense appropriation.

DEFENSE

Today, the Senate passed the Defense appropriation bill - coming to nearly thirty-four billion dollars. Which may sound surprising - since the Senate is tied into knots by the Civil Rights debate.

~~However,~~ The White House ^{had} warned that, unless the money was forthcoming, it might become impossible to meet the military payroll in August. Servicemen - left without pay.

So the Senate took time out, temporarily, from the argument about the Civil Rights bill, and passed the appropriation.

The legislators took advantage of the hiatus in the debate to pass another big money bill, ^{too.} The appropriation for three billion, six hundred million dollars - to run the Department of Agriculture and the farm program.

Both measures, Defense and Agriculture, are compromises - providing somewhat less money than the President requested.

DISARMAMENT

The disarmament talks in London will continue, although the deadline for ending ^{them} ~~it~~ was - today, August First.

The fear had been that the London conference would end in a deadlock - when the time scheduled for quitting came. But the Western powers and Soviet Russia decided - they'll prolong the negotiations. In the hope - of concluding some sort of agreement, as a first step in disarmament. ^P ~~This is the result~~

~~first result of Secretary Dulles' mission to London. The word is that the agreement to continue was reached, yesterday, in a conversation between the American Secretary of State and Moscow~~

~~Delegate Zorin.~~

~~Today was the deadline for ending the conference, but they've scheduled another session for tomorrow.~~

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COMMUNISM

More Fifth Amendment - in Washington today. A former Union official - refusing to answer questions about the Singer Sewing Machine strike at Elizabeth, New Jersey, in Nineteen Forty-Nine.

Walter Poleshuck, one-time executive board member of the United Electrical Workers Union, is accused by William Wallace, who admits he was a Communist organizer during the one hundred and sixty-eight day walkout. He says - Poleshuck was one of twenty Communist Party members active in the Union local.

Recently, Poleshuck, in statements to the press, denied the charge. Calling Wallace - a "liar".

So did he repeat the denials ~~before~~ before a Senate Sub-Committee today? Not at all. When questioned about the allegations, he wouldn't answer - taking the Fifth Amendment.

CUBA

Constitutional guarantees were suspended, in Cuba, today. President Batista resorting to this emergency measure - in the face of increasing insurrection. Word is that rebels in the Sierra Maestra Mountains are increasingly active - swooping down from their strongholds, and attacking forces of the Batista government. ~~At least~~ At least three bridges - blown up.

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HUNGARY

Red Hungary announces - a trial of Roman Catholic
clergymen. The chief defendant - the former Secretary of
Cardinal Mindszenty, the Reverend Egon Turcsanyi. The
clergymen are accused of aiding the freedom fighters in the
Hungarian revolution last year.

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EGYPT

Egypt will release an Israeli sailor - taken from a freighter traversing the Suez Canal last month. The ship, a Danish vessel chartered by Israel, was on its way to the Israeli port of Haifa. Crewman Raffi Eylon - accused of taking illegal pictures in the canal area. Israel protested the arrest, and now Egypt has informed the United Nations - the sailor will be released.

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GIRARD

In Japan, today, they had a rehearsal of the defense that Private William Girard will make - when he goes on trial before a Japanese court, August ~~Ten~~ Twenty-Sixth. At the scene of the incident, a hill on the firing range, six G.I's reenacted the parts of those concerned - when the twenty-one year old soldier from Ottawa, Illinois, killed a Japanese woman...
Accidentally, he says. The rehearsal ^{was} directed by Girard, giving his own version of what happened. Japanese lawyers who will defend him - observing the proceedings.

All of which is more to the point - because in the trial, two sessions of the court will be held on that same firing range.

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DUKE

London papers today were acclaiming the Duke of Windsor. The former Edward the Eighth - getting more journalistic praise than he'd received ever since that famous abdication of a score of years ago. ^a During that long time he was ignored, for the most part. But now, headlines in the London papers. "The Big Lie", says one. "Crazy War Story", proclaims another.

All of which follows the strange story revealed in captured Nazi documents, made public yesterday. Telling - how Hitler tried a crazy scheme - to persuade the Duke of Windsor to play the Nazi game. Suggesting that, when Hitler conquered England in the Second World War, he would restore the Duke to the British throne, with the Duchess as his queen.

The Duke says - there was some such crazy talk, at the time when he was in Spain. But he paid little attention to it. Instead, he and the Duchess of Windsor went off to the Bahamas, where he took up the post as Governor, to which he had been appointed.

Today's account in British newspapers are full of praise for the ex-King's loyalty. His refusal to listen to any Nazi suggestions - that he might become King again, as Hitler's puppet.

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MARLYN MONROE

Well, it seems the stories are true - about Marlyn Monroe Miller expecting a baby. But what should have been the happy announcement came late today in a worrisome way.

The movie star was taken to Doctors Hospital, in New York - and her press agent, after long denying the rumors, had to admit - the doctors are worried - but they hope to save her child. Just when the baby is due, was not revealed.

RUSSIA

Weather news from Soviet Russia - and it's also political news. A drought is on in sectors like the ~~northern~~ northern Caucasus, southern Ukraine, the Volga area. The great wheat plains - in need of rain. Crop conditions - bad. With a prospect of reduced agricultural production.

Sounds like trouble - for Khrushchev, who has made agriculture his own specialty. Bragging loudly about bigger and better crops. Making rosy predictions - about Soviet agriculture this year. ~~Boasting that, in~~ ^{Boasting that, in} food production, ~~the Soviets are~~ ^{are} catching up with the United States.

So now, the weather seems likely to make the Khrushchev big talk - all wrong.

The struggle for power, recently, was waged, largely, over agricultural policies. Hence the political significance in a shortage of rain, a drought.

INTRODUCTION TO L.T.

Tonight, we have another report from Lowell Thomas, on his way to the dark jungles of New Guinea. En route, he gives us a bit of news from the Fiji Islands.

TRUCK

There was a wild ride by two motor vehicles near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, today - when State Trooper Silbaugh caught ~~side~~ sight of a ponderous truck, with smoking brakes, careening down a mountain highway. The truck, with forty thousand pounds of sugar aboard, was out of control. A runaway, like a juggernaut - endangering everything down the road.

Whereupon the state trooper maneuvered his own car, getting in front of the truck. Racing ahead of it - and warning traffic along the way. On the steep slope, the runaway truck got up a speed of eighty miles an hour. Silbaugh - just able to keep ahead.

Aboard the truck, the driver, Glenn Switzer, stuck to the wheel all the way. The wild ride ending - when the highway leveled off. No damage done - but there was a lot of excitement.

The runaway truck was a sugar truck.