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ATOMIC

The Senate Internal Security Sub-committee has issued a subpoena - summoning Dr. Linus Pauling to testify. The Nobel-Prize-winning scientist - who presented the petition to stop hydrogen bomb tests. Signed - by two thousand scientists.

Yesterday, President Eisenhower said - "It looks like almost an organized affair." Though he thought - most of the scientists who signed are "as honest as they can be."

The Senate Sub-committee wants to find out - whether there's a communist angle. Whether the petition may have been incited by people wanting to back Russian propaganda. The Soviet line, at the moment, being - a call for an end of atomic tests.

Half a dozen years ago, the House Committee on

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Un-American activities charged Dr. Linus Pauling -
with participating in Communist-front organizations.

Citing - a whole series of Red outfits, which the
scientist was accused of having supported.

Meanwhile, there was a disagreement of scientists -
before a Congressional Sub-committee today. On the
subject - of a report issued by the National Academy of
Sciences. Which said - the hazards of radiation are
negligible, at present. President Eisenhower cites
this report - in rejecting demands that we discontinue
atomic testing.

Today, Dr. Walter Selove, of the National Federation
of Scientists, testified - that the report was out-dated.
Arguing - the conclusions reached by the National
Academy of Sciences will be changed by recent information.

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Dr. Selove added ^{that} the Russian atomic tests, last autumn, have magnified the peril.

Dr. Schields Warren, formerly of the Atomic Energy Commission, denied that the report cited by President Eisenhower - is outdated. Saying - he knows of no information that would change the conclusions.

A middle-of-the-road stand was taken was taken by Dr. Bentley Glass of Johns Hopkins University. Who said that, right now, the damage from atomic testing is little - compared to the way people are exposed to X-Rays. But any radioactive fall-out is, what he called, "genetically undesirable."

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Russian Propaganda came out with a curious twister today. Radio Moscow accusing the United States of developing a weather bomb - a Soviet professor quoted as declaring that in our nuclear arsenal we have a meteorological bomb capable of causing havoc to the weather in enemy territory - producing droughts and downpours - the desert and the deluge.

Sounds weird and wonderful but it may have something to do with notions that atomic explosions affect the weather. Soviet propaganda at the moment, playing up every kind of nuclear devastation - part of ^{the} Moscow line urging an end of atomic testing.

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FINLAND

Finland - gave a large formal welcome to Bulganin and Khrushchev today. Two thousand people at the railway station in Helsinki - when the two soviet leaders arrived from Moscow. Another ten thousand lining the streets - with flags and banners. But there was little enthusiasm or cheering. A big, but rather lukewarm welcome.

Bulganin and Khrushchev are in Finland - for their usual propaganda job, apparently. The northern Republic - being the first non-communist country they have visited, since the crushing of the Hungarian revolt.

BRITAIN - FORMOSA

Britain - has eleven warships in far Eastern waters.

A thing to be noted - following the declaration, yesterday, by the Chinese Nationalists. Who said ^{that} - British vessels trading with Red China would do so at their own peril.

In London today, a spokesman at the Admiralty said - the British warships in the Far East would be ready to protect British vessels. Against molestation by the Nationalists on Formosa.

BAGHDAD PACT


The Baghdad Pact meetings at Karachi, Pakistan - have ended. With signs that this anti-communist alliance is, on the whole, stronger than ever.

Last autumn, it looked as if the Baghdad pact would collapse - because of the Anglo-French invasion of Egypt. Which antagonized - the Moslem countries. But, in Karachi, the British appeared to have mended their diplomatic relations with Iraq and Pakistan.

Today, at Karachi, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd said - it was the most constructive conference he ever attended.

GIRARD

The Girard case in the Federal courts today - lawyers demanding a court order requiring the army to return the soldier to the United States instead of turning him over to Japanese courts for trial on a charge of manslaughter.

In Washington, Federal Judge McGarraghy said he would not issue an immediate order. But he called on the Federal government to show cause why Girard should not be sent back to the United States. The Judge saying he wanted a more complete record. 

ADD GIRARD

At the soldiers home town - Ottawa, Illinois, petitions
in his behalf are being circulated to be sent along to
President Eisenhower.

NAVY

President Eisenhower today, was aboard a giant aircraft carrier, the Saratoga, off the coast of Florida. When a flight of planes came in...jet fighters and heavy bombers. Landing on the deck of the Saratoga. Which doesn't sound like anything unusual. Actually ~~an~~ ^{it was an} exploit without precedent. The flight of planes having taken off earlier in the day, from the aircraft carrier USS Horn Richard in the Pacific off San Diego, California. Flying across the continent from flattop to flattop.

A navy demonstration to prove that our Atlantic fleet can be reinforced quickly with carrier-based planes from the Pacific. There were other naval and air exercises witnessed by the president, but that was - number one.

RACKETS

Another Labor Union investigated by the Senate Rackets Committee. This time the bankers. The committee saying that former Vice President George Stewart of the Bankers Union spent forty thousand dollars of union funds for personal items. Some of the money going to a woman not on the union payroll.

Today, Stewart was questioned, and took, what do you guess...the good old Fifth Amendment. He refused to say if he was ever connected with the Bankers Union.

TOBACCO

Some people I suppose are wondering what effect will that new report on smoking have. The American Cancer Society making drastic statements about cigarettes as the cause of cancer of the lungs and other maladies. Pipes and cigars also blamed.

In Washington today a federal tobacco expert gave out some interesting facts. The first big blast about cigarettes and lung cancer came in nineteen fifty three and fifty four...causing a decline of cigarette smoking. The figure had been three hundred and ninety seven billion cigarettes consumed a year, which dropped off to three hundred and seventy eight billion as a result of the scare headlines. But after a time, the scare wore off and the figure started rising again. Reading the former figure and more; last year three hundred and eighty

seven billion cigarettes/For this year...the estimate is
three hundred and ninety nine billions...an increase of
three per cent. People smoking more cigarettes than
ever, in spite of the warning.

ATHLETES

A round-the-world uproar following the charge made yesterday by the American Medical Association. That athletes employ stimulating drugs to better their performance. Athletes of every sort...coaches, and officials connected with sports shouting denials.

Ridiculing the accusation that athletic exploits are improved by pills ^{and} ~~and~~ goof pills, ~~as~~ they are called.

The loudest outcries ^{are} from the four-minute milers.

The medical denunciation having singled out foot racers who run the mile in less than four minutes. Which, a few years ago, was thought an almost impossible prodigy. But, recently, the four-minute mile has been run time and again. Coinciding with the introduction of stimulating drugs. Hence the inference that the pill is responsible for the four-minute mile.

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Today, in this country, in England, in Australia, four-minute milers were queried, all denying the charge. Unanimous, in saying they never took a pill.

An interesting argument comes from a Swedish physiologist of athletics, Dr. Astrand, who in Stockholm said it is possible to increase one's ability by taking drugs, which deaden the feeling of weariness. But he added, by using drugs the athletes in question would be finished very quickly. They would not be able to maintain the sub four minute standard for one or more seasons. Which these milers have done. The universal explanation in athletic circles, is that the credit for the four minute mile goes to scientific training methods, better conditions and better tracks on which races are run.

There's no admission anywhere that stimulating drugs have been used in athletics although the commonest

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form, benzedrine, is sold in huge quantities - multitudes of people taking bennies or goof balls.

As for the other kind of drugs - tranquilizing - we have heard that tranquilizing pills are sometimes taken by pro baseball and pro football players. I wonder if they really do?

ACCIDENT

At Fayetteville, North Carolina, the worse traffic accident on record. At least eighteen lives lost when a truck jammed with migratory workers was hit by another truck. Nineteen injured - some fatally. And the death list is expected to increase. All the victims - negroes - who were being transported for farm work on North Carolina fields. The truck in which they were driving was hit broadside by the other truck and smashed to wreckage.

MOVIES

Over in England, a retired stenographer is on her way to make a dream come true. A dream of the movies.

Mrs. Dora Fillis...sixty five years old...a fan for American movies for eighteen years. She's been gazing at Hollywood features...taking one in every day in the past five years. So now she's coming to the United States.

I want, she says, to visit all those places I've seen in the movies. She wants to see the swanky night clubs...the sumptuous mansions...the cowboys and indians...not forgetting a few gangsters.

Mrs. Fillis explains....I like the American way of life. I like to hear Americans talk. Well, she'll hear plenty of that American talk when she arrives on our shores. Especially if she tunes in on this program.

YOGI BERRA

Today's medical report shows that Yogi Berra suffered a compound fracture of the nose. Injured in the ball game at Cleveland last night.

In that ball park...where several weeks ago... Herb Score was hurt so badly. The fire ball pitcher hit in the eye by a line drive. Injury so severe, they thought he might go blind. But his vision has been improving.

That was a freak accident. The case of Yogi Berra - still stranger. The star catcher's nose injured by a foul tip which would certainly make you ask wasn't Yogi wearing his catcher's mask. Yes, he was. The ball striking the mask so hard that it broke the mask...driving the bar into the bridge of his nose. Narrowly missing his eyes. He left the game with a copious nose bleed. Going to a hospital for examination last night. The word that it would take an X-Ray study to tell how serious

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the damage might be.

Today, at the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, the diagnosis. X-Rays showed a compound fracture of the nose, declares the doctor. No damage to the eyes...quite a big swelling. Yogi's nose a sight...his breathing impeded. But that will be relieved when the swelling subsides. Yogi to get back in the game in a few days. So there's nothing tragic about it, but we wouldn't want to see Yogi Berra's looks impaired. He has an inimitable face. Not exactly handsome in the Barrymore tradition. Yogi Berra having a style of beauty all his own...which may be one reason why they call him...Yogi.

Henry

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ANNOUNCER: AND NOW LOWELL THOMAS RECALLS

LT: I'm always recalling the pleasure and instruction I get from letters from radio friends. For example, David Finch of Baltimore encloses a clipping from the McAnad News, McAlester, Oklahoma...which relates a story I hadn't heard before.

In Moscow, a soviet school teacher asked a pupil who were the first human beings.

Adam and Eve, the youngster replied.

And what nationality were they.

Russians, of course.

Fine, fine, and how do you know they were Russians.

Easy...they had no roof over their heads...no clothes to wear and only one apple for the two of them and they called it paradise.

And o-l-u-t-m.