

GUATEMALA

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Guatemala is in the throws of ~~xxxx~~ revolution and

invasion tonight. The State Department in Washington announces

that uprisings are on in three cities. At the same time

Anti-Communist ~~gu~~ Guatemalan exiles are striking from neighboring Central American Republics. Striking - by land, sea and air.

Forces of anti-Communists have pushed across the border from Honduras. Shiploads have gone ashore along the Caribbean coast of Guatemala. <sup>Also</sup> ~~While~~ rebel airplanes have been bombing gasoline supplies.

The Chicago sun-times has a dispatch quoting the Foreign Minister of the Communist infiltrated government. ~~As~~ stating: The battle for Guatemala is on. He adds that ~~anti~~ anti-Communist rebels are driving to overthrow the government ~~xxxxxxx~~ and oust the Red faction.

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The London government rejects the American request to let U.S. warships make a search of the British vessels on the high seas. Washington wants to stop gun-running into Communist infiltrated Guatemala, and thinks - the best way would be for the U.S. Navy to make a check on ships of other free nations.

Today, at London, a spokesman for the Foreign Office made public a statement - that the Royal Navy will do the policing of British vessels. (He pointed out that Britain, already has an arms embargo -- imposed on Guatemala in Nineteen Forty-Eight. At which time, the Guatemalans were threatening to invade British Honduras. That embargo will be enforced - and, if there's to be any check on gun-<sup>done</sup> running by the British ships, the Royal Navy will do it. Not - ~~the~~ U.S. warships.)

The London reply will probably be followed by other requests. In various capitals, today, the comment on the American proposal varied from cool disapproval to

indignation. Only West Germany, it appears, might be willing to agree to a search of its vessels by U.S. warships.

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FRANCE

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U S diplomatic officials are afraid that the new Premier, going to Geneva, may conclude the wrong kind of armistice in Indo China. One that might be - a ~~XXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~ set back for the free world.

Which would seem a natural apprehension - considering the fact that the "four week Premier" is going to Geneva to get an armistice in four weeks.

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INDO CHINA

Five U.S. Air Force men have been captured by the Reds in Indo China. Five technicians - who did maintenance work on American built planes flown by the French.

The U.S. Air Force technicians were stationed at first, near Hanoi - the Red River delta. But a Communist offensive now threatens that area, and the Americans were moved to a safer sector. Or - so it seemed. Stationed in the town of Tourance, two hundred and sixty miles to the south of Hanoi. Far - from that perilous Red River delta.

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U.S. officials in Indo China refuse to comment on measures that may be taken to obtain the release of the captives.

## DEFENSE

The Defense Department made public, today - a modified plan for universal military training. This would call for a reserve force of three million men. Trained as soldiers -- who would be immediately available in the event of war.

Congress has hitherto been cool toward universal military training. But now will get a modified plan.

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## WET BACKS

The Mexican border reports - a stampede of "wet backs." But - the other way, back to Mexico.

This follows the beginning of a full scale federal offensive against illegal aliens, who swarm for jobs - in southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas. They<sup>a</sup>re being rounded up on farms and in cities - and sent back to Mexico - a huge bus operation - transporting thousands.

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BOBO

The tangled marital affairs of Winthrop and Bobo Rockefeller are to be settled on Saturday - if a meeting between the feuding couple works out okay. A five and a half million dollar settlement - that much for the coal miners daughter and her son.

The meeting - to be held ~~in~~ at Reno. Blonde Bobo on her way by train. ~~Win~~ Winthrop Rockefeller - flying to Reno by plane.

The meeting, we hear, will be at a bank in Reno. Bobo- to seek a divorce if there is no final hitch in the settlement.

## QUEEN

Queen Elizabeth, today, was nearly - decapitated.

That's her own description.

Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh were attending the Ascot races - and, this morning, took a gallop around the famous old racetrack. The Duke is an expert horseman, and polo player. The Queen - also an accomplished equestrian.

The Duke was galloping in front - when he suddenly ducked, and lay flat on the back of his horse. Shouting to the Queen - look out.

A telephone wire had sagged, for some reason or other - dropping down to about neck level for a horseman. Like - a dangerous trap.

The Duke, by ducking fast, just got under. The Queen, warned by the shout from her husband, saw the wire, and ducked under. If she had run into the neck high wire, at full gallop - well, it was as she explained, later.

Lord and Lady Roxbury were ~~wikani~~ waiting for them. Her Majesty laughed and called out "we were nearly decapitated."

BEN HECHT

A Hollywood storm is beating on the heart of author Ben Hecht. He published an autobiography, and the remarks he made about Hollywood were - excoriating.

"The movies," writes Ben Hecht, "are one of the bad habits that corrupted our century - an eruption of trash that has lamed the American mind and retarded Americans from becoming a cultured people."

The Hollywood reaction is a version of the old song, "Don't bite the hand that's feeding you."

Ben Hecht admits that the Hollywood hand has been feeding him well. But says - the pictures on which he worked, earned a total of ninety million dollars for the producers. So you might say - he's biting the hand into which he helped to put a bag of gold.

Well, in a way I can back up my old fellow reporter, Ben Hecht. In the years I spent roaming the world it seemed to me that our second and third rate American films did more harm

to our reputation as a nation than anything else. Our good films they rarely see in most countries. They buy the cheaper ones.

DEWEY

Governor Dewey says he's considering the question - whether or not to ~~quite~~ quit public life. Reports are that - he <sup>has</sup> made plans to set up a law practice in New York City, but, moves are on to draft him to run for Governor again.

*Gov. Dewey said*  
In Albany, today, ~~he~~ <sup>has</sup> ~~stated~~ <sup>stated</sup> his decision depends entirely on - "personal and family considerations."

He was asked about a published story - that he might replace John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State. Dulles - to go to the Supreme Court. Tom Dewey refused to comment, other than saying: "John Foster Dulles is a ~~wonderful~~ wonderful Secretary of State and will be there for many years."

DEMOCRATS-HEARINGS

The Democrats on the McCarthy sub-committee have issued a demand - for a "house cleaning" of the sub-committee staff. Which would apply, first of all, to committee counsel Roy Cohn. Also, possibly - to Chief Investigator Frank Carr.

The Democrats at the same time, call on the Eisenhower Administration to fire the Army "principals" in the rancorous dispute. That would mean Army Counsel John Adams. Possibly also Secretary Stevens.

All of which follows a suggestion by Republican Senator Potter yesterday - for the dismissal of "employees" on both sides who were prominent in the uproar. On the McCarthy sub-committee Senator Potter would hold the deciding vote.

The Democratic demand for a sub-committee "house cleaning" was promptly denounced by Senator McCarthy as a move to stop investigations of the Communists. McCarthy - voicing his usual arguments. And supporting his committee staff, especially Roy Cohn.

SECRETARY STEVENS

Army Secretary Stevens declares that, in the future, he is willing to cooperate with Senator McCarthy. At Quantico, Virginia, the Secretary was asked for comment - on those headline hearings. He said they proved the "integrity" of the Army. He, himself, has no intention of resigning. He will stay on the job - ready to work along with Congress and its committees. Including - the McCarthy Committee, in its investigations of Communism.

*Stevens*

*says there will be no more abuse of Army officers!*

Today, he seemed in good humor about the whole thing, but said - Army officials won't go to the party

thrown by Senator Mundt on Monday. Yesterday, as the

hearings closed, Chairman Mundt issued an invitation.

A "subpoena" he called it. Summoning all who had

~~parties~~ participated in the television spectacle, to the

festivities. Stevens now states that it would be

inappropriate for Army men to ~~ask~~ attend the party.



HEARING -ARREST

The Washington police, today, arrested a man - demanding to see Senator McCarthy and Army Counsel Welch. A New Yorker - exceedingly angry. But - impartial about it. Angry - at McCarthy. Angry - at Welch. Angry - at both sides. Because the television show has ended.

*That* "As far as I'm concerned" he shouted, "the hearings are not over."

He liked the show - which, after all, was free.

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HEARING-TELEVISION

Television officials, today, were adding up the figures - pertaining to the biggest T V show of all time. They estimate that, at one time or another, some fifteen million sets tuned in on the McCarthy hearing.

The rating for the daytime show - more than sixteen. *That is -*  
~~Meaning that~~ more than sixteen percent of the T V sets were tuned in, which is higher than the figures for favorite shows run on the regular daytime schedule.

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For centuries, the trend of liberal political systems has been - to make affairs of government public. Not - to operate in secrecy. The public - admitted to parliament, Congress, law trials, and what not.

In time to come, a political proceeding, attended by a few hundred people, may be considered -- virtually secret, ~~In-camera~~ - star chamber. Television - the way of any public event.

*Or maybe there will be some limit to the use of TV - so all people won't have to - or feel they have to be - ham actors. - eh',  
Harry m' boy?*

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