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GOOD EVENING:

It would seem that President Eisenhower may campaign more vigorously than originally planned after all. Today, he promised to go into the Republican political battle, "with all his energy and enthusiasm." He made the statement to a cheering crowd of Republican campaign workers, and made a striking declaration about his health. "I wouldn't even know I had a heart attack last fall, except the doctors keep reminding me of it," said the President.

SOIL BANK

Secretary of Agriculture Benson promises quick payments to the farmers - "generous" payments, he says. Today, he announced - an immediate start of President Eisenhower's Soil Bank program. The money to be handed out right away, will be for plowing under some of this year's ^{immature} crops.

The President wanted authority to make advance payments to farmers for keeping land out of cultivation - under the Soil Bank. But Congress rejected that. However, the Administration can make payments for - plowing under. So, in that way, ~~xy~~ the farmers ^{can} ~~will~~ get some ^{extra} cash this year.

NARCOTICS

Today, the Senate passed a drastic measure for a crack-down on the narcotics racket. To which ^{infamous traffic} the Senate applies the proper adjective - "cancerous." The bill would outlaw all use of heroin, the most vicious dope of all. Not even doctors would be permitted to prescribe heroin - which, they say, has no medical use that cannot be better accomplished by some other drug. The measure would also provide the death penalty for hardened offenders, and stiffer ^{punishment} ~~penalties~~ all along the line.

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~~This sure is~~ a tough new law this year, since the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives has also voted a similar anti-narcotics bill. Approval in the House is expected next week.

REPUBLICANS

Congressional Republicans are on record, we hear, as opposing President Eisenhower's plan to have this country join the international Organization for Trade Cooperation. Among G.O.P. members of the House, a secret poll was taken, and about a hundred said - they'd vote against the bill. Only fifty - promising to support ^{it} ~~him~~. That would seem to kill the proposal. ~~to join that international organization for promoting world trade.~~ The Democratic leaders in the House say they won't bring the measure in - unless the Republicans will guarantee about a hundred votes, which would be necessary to pass it.

President Eisenhower, in a message to Congress, urged that this country should join the trade organization. He said - failure to do so would harm the cooperation of the free world, and would help the Communists.

EISENHOWER - MEETING

President Eisenhower, today, disclosed plans for a program to protagonize American ideals of democracy and freedom in other countries - including Communist countries. He calls it - a "people to people" program.

The President invited thirty-four prominent Americans to meet with him at the White House, June Twelfth - to organize this effort. Details are not given, but it would seem, ~~the plan~~ ^{would} ~~is~~ that the program, be carried out by Americans traveling abroad, and through letter-writing, and by the various forms of industry and art. American ideals to be advanced - "people to people."

CYPRUS

The Queen's birthday celebration was held without incident, today - in spite of reports that Cypriote extremists would carry out acts of terrorism. In London, Her Majesty commemorated her thirtieth birthday by presiding over the traditional ceremony of the "trooping of the colors." The security precautions were elaborate - and nothing happened.

On Cyprus, Governor Sir John Harding defied threats of assassination by presiding over a Queen's birthday review of British armed forces. In full view of a crowd, he took the salute from the soldiers. The security measures were vigilant - and effective.

Elsewhere on the island, there was a bomb attack - an explosion wrecking a British building that was being constructed. No lives lost. At the city of Paphos, school children demonstrated, carrying signs that read - "The devil take your Queen." which seems rude - ^{of} ~~from~~ the little ones.

LONDON

The London Parliament heard of something unusual today - criticism of a member of the royal family, on the grounds of riotous behavior. Labor members denounced what they called, the "hooliganism" of the Duke of Kent, cousin of the Queen. A twenty year old playboy - member of the smart, roistering set. The charge was that, if members of the working class behaved in such rowdy fashion, they'd go to jail.

The criticism was delivered with proper respect for the royal family, and the name of the Duke of Kent was not mentioned. But everybody knew ^{whom} ~~who~~ the Labor critics were talking about - since they mentioned episodes in which the Duke participated, as recited in the public press.

The Daily Mail, for example, reported that His Royal Highness led a procession around a ledge forty feet above Curzon Street, in fashionable Mayfair. And - rained champagne down on the pavement.

Then there was a case of two officers of the Guards - thrown into the Thames, with chairs and bottles of champagne

tossed after them. The Duke of Kent is an officer of the Guards, and a high old time was had by all - with streams of water from fire hoses, as an added thriller.

There was reference to other similar high-jinks by the Duke and his companions, and there can be no doubt - if members of the working class had indulged in such extravagant gaiety, they would have found themselves in the London hoosgow.

POPE

Pope Pius the Twelfth gave his blessing, today, to a throng of fifty thousand - gathered in the great square of St. Peter's. The news angle is that the Pontiff ignored the advice of his doctor. He suffers from nervous fatigue and a sore throat, and the Papal physician prescribed - rest. Today, he gave the patient another examination, and repeated the prescription - "rest, rest, and more rest," said the doctor.

Pope Pius has cancelled all audiences, for the time being - but he couldn't resist the appeal of the great throng, today, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

In response to their cheers, he appeared at a window, and gave them the Papal blessing. It was noticed that his voice was faint, as he spoke the Latin formula. Which was not surprising - in the case of a sore throat.

KOREA

The U.S. Eighth Army in Korea is on the alert - to take instant action, should the Communists start hostilities across the truce line. Today, Eighth Army Commander, General I.D. White, said, his troops can strike back - within fifteen seconds.

This follows an order from the United Nations - withdrawing the U.N. truce inspection teams from South Korea.

This action was taken on the ground - that the Reds, in violation of the armistice, have been building up military power in North Korea. Especially - air power.

The statement is that the Red Polish and Czechoslovak members of the armistice inspection teams have blocked efforts to check on Communist violations, and have frustrated the Swiss and Swedish ^{members.} ~~officers on the teams.~~

So the U.N. orders the truce teams to be withdrawn - until it is shown that the Communists are abiding by the Armistice terms.

BERLIN

International relations, tonight, are befogged by a new mystery - Berlin tunnel mystery. Soviet Russia, today, made a diplomatic protest - charging that American espionage did a telephone tapping job, by digging an underground passage from West Berlin across into the Soviet sector. The tunnel is described as a long one - some two thousand feet, nearly half a mile. Just how it worked is none too clear, but Moscow says - American spies were able to tap the telephone lines of the Reds. The espionage organization is not named. Moscow calling it merely "an American service agency in Western Berlin."

The Moscow Radio quotes the Soviet note as saying it was, in the words of the radio dispatch, "equipped with apparatus and devices for continuous tapping and recording of telephone conversations, transmitted by cables." Some of these cables, Moscow indicates - served Russian troops. Others - were cables of the Communist regime in East Berlin.

The complaint says the tunnel was discovered by the Reds a month ago. As I recall, we did have a mention of some

such news, about that time. The note adds: "The American authorities have not yet taken any measures to investigate the intolerable action." So, now, Moscow demands - punishment of the guilty.

{ I wonder if the Americans would have had enough sense for a good job like that. It is heart warming to think that we can engage in a little villainy too.

TALLAHASSEE

The boycott of city buses in Tallahassee, Florida, was about fifty per cent effective today. The Negroes, protesting against segregation conditions in the buses, walked to work in large numbers, and more than a thousand, we hear, rode in automobiles of a "car pool", established by Negro leaders.

There was one ~~arrest~~ arrest - ~~a Negro leader held~~ on charges of traffic violation. The Reverend C.K. Steele, local President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was driving his Cadillac in the car pool, picking up passengers at various stops. The police accused him of speeding and of driving through a stop sign.

PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia means - brotherly love. Which would seem to be the correct name - according to a test made by the "Philadelphia Inquirer."

That newspaper is campaigning against fraudulent charities - and sent out a team of reporters to solicit funds, approaching people with the usual type of container for contributions. Each can - marked plainly with the name and symbol of a non-existent charity.

One container bore the legend - "The National Society for Twinkle Toed Children." Accompanied by a picture of a foot - with toes pointed outward. One lady gazed at this, and asked:

"What's the matter with the children?"

"They're twinkle toed", said the reporter.

She sighed, and dropped a coin in the can./

Another container was marked - "American Communist Refugee Fund." With - a hammer and sickle to illustrate. Nobody questioned that.

Another - "The Nazi Society", with a big Swastika. That was okay, too - as was a container for contributions, marked: "Heroin Fund for Addicts." With a picture of a human forearm - ready for the hyperdermic needle.

In these weird instances, people hardly bothered to look. The only ones who failed to contribute, were some who explained - they were unemployed.

I'll bet - the test would come out about the same in any American city. Brotherly love - and a bonanza for the fake charity solicitors.

