

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(General Eisenhower selects his Cabinet - an important part of it.) Tonight we know three names, six more to come. The three - (John Foster Dulles to be Secretary of State; Charles ^{E.} Wilson of General Motors to be Defense Secretary; Oregon's Governor, Douglas McKay, to be Secretary of the Interior.)

Governor McKay has been prominent in Western reclamation projects - such as the development of the Willamette Valley. Congressmen from the West say that McKay's efforts on such projects have been exceptional.

Charles Wilson is familiar as the President of General Motors. He says that he will break off his business connections to give his full time to his Cabinet job.

Foster Dulles is the best known of the three.

For years he has been the Number One spokesman on foreign

policy for the G.O.P. Until last March, he was a special adviser to the State Department. As a member of our delegation to the U.N., he promised the member nations that we would strive to achieve a United Korea. It is interesting to note that many delegates to the U.N. have already expressed pleasure at his appointment. Dulles frankly criticized the Truman administration's policy on Communist imperialism, saying that we should think less of "containment", and more of taking the initiative in defense of the free world.

(John Foster Dulles is an old friend and adviser of Governor Dewey, and in Nineteen Forty-Eight it was known that if the Republicans won, Dewey would appoint him Secretary of State.) Of course the Republicans lost that one. But with General Eisenhower's victory this year, Dulles' ability is finding its fitting reward, and he will take over the State Department from Dean Acheson. To be Secretary of State is a tradition in his family. His grandfather was Secretary of State and so was his Uncle - Mr. Lansing, under Wilson.

The choice of Dulles, Wilson and McKay doesn't mean they automatically become members of his Cabinet. After his inauguration, the new President must submit all names to the Senate for approval. But that is likely to be automatic.

SLANSKY

(Czechoslovakia is having the biggest Communist mass trial since Stalin carried out his ~~notorious~~ purge in the 'Thirties.) Fourteen defendants, some of them once among the highest of Czech Communist officials, are on trial for their lives. They include a former Secretary-General of the Czech Communist Party, a former Foreign Secretary, many ex-deputies, and even a journalist.

(The trial is typical of those in which take place behind the Iron Curtain. We can see this from the behavior of the first defendant, Rudolf Slansky, who was Secretary-General of the Czech Communist Party.

Slansky was once Stalin's top man in Czechoslovakia.

But now he admits all the charges brought against him. He accuses himself of being "an enemy of the people," in the pay of "Anglo-American Imperialists." ^{He says! -} ~~In his words~~ "I was never a real Communist." ^{And he adds that he was} ~~He agrees to being~~ both a Trotskyite and an agent for the bourgeoisie. ^{All of which} ~~This~~ is typical of Communist

double-talk, for Trotsky was a Red - an enemy of Stalin, but

Trotsky was
also an enemy of the bourgeoisie.

(These Czech trials have a distinct anti-Semitic tinge of the defendants, all but one are Jewish. Slansky himself is Jewish, and before the court he refers to himself as a "Zionist" and the leader of, what he calls; "a Jewish bourgeois nationalist group." All of which corroborates ^{the report} ~~that~~ that the Kremlin is directing an anti-Semitic campaign both in Russia and among satellite nations.

There is a note of irony in the case of Slansky.

He is being tried in the same court which condemned William Oatis, the Associated Press correspondent, who was accused of espionage. Slansky himself directed that trial. Now he is facing the same judge, is accused by the same prosecutor, and is defended by the same lawyer, as the American reporter. Only, instead of acting with these men, Slansky is confessing to them that he was a bourgeois spy all the time.

~~The Czech trials are showing all the cruel absurdities~~

~~which are so typical of the way in which the Reds treat their scapegoats.~~

EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower's trip to Korea will be completely blacked out, as far as the news is concerned. Defense Secretary, Robert Lovett, announces in Washington that the President-elect will travel in utmost secrecy. Ike being too valuable to the country to permit the facts of his movements to get to the Reds. The news blackout will operate from the time Ike takes off for the Far East, until he is safely out of Korea.

This does not mean that the trip will go unrecorded. There will be ~~a~~ full news coverage, and ~~the~~ ^{all} facts will be made public; ~~But only~~ ^{it's} after ~~the whole thing~~ is over.

In the meantime, Korea's capital city of Seoul is preparing to greet Ike. Residents of the city are making flags and banners of welcome. Triumphal arches are being raised at many points. According to the Mayor of Seoul, "There will be more flags and welcoming ^e signs than there were when President Syngman Rhee was inaugurated [^] ~~here~~."

(~~This shows how excited the South Koreans are about Ike's visit - they are preparing a bigger reception for him than they gave their own President.~~)

KOREA

In Korea, General Hoyt Vandenberg, chief of our Air Force, watched a dazzling display of American air power in action against the Reds. The attack was one of the most widespread aerial assaults of the war. Superforts struck deep into North Korea, blasting enemy troop and supply centers. Battles between fighter planes raged, and our pilots shot down at least five Migs. Near the battle lines, Navy and Marine ~~planes~~ planes bombed and strafed Chinese Communist forces behind Sniper Ridge.

But perhaps the most important air attack of all was hurled against a suspected rocket ^{- testing} ~~launching~~ site, near the Yalu! Our planes swooped down to tree-top level to dump more than twenty-five thousand gallons of flaming gasoline jelly on the target. Returning airmen say that over eighty buildings were smashed or burned. And they describe columns of dense smoke rising thousands of feet into the air. ^Q ~~This~~ attack ~~was~~ so important that one reporter suggests it must have been a "top secret operation." And according to Lieutenant Columbus Moore, of Plain City, Ohio, "That target is probably the hottest of the war."

So General Vandenberg must have a good first-hand idea of what our planes are accomplishing in Korea.

(Meanwhile, ground fighting is slowing down along most of the line. But three hundred screaming Chinese attacked Sniper Ridge, and fierce, though indecisive, fighting is taking place. The Allies are bombarding the Communists with rockets. In one day, some six hundred rockets have been hurled into enemy positions. The big show may be in the air at the moment, but our ground forces are still carrying their share of the load.)

In French Indo-China, the Communist-led rebels have launched a fierce counter-attack against French forces and their ~~loyal~~ allies.) A dispatch from Hanoi discloses that the Reds are attacking in force. They have already cracked the French defense line along the Black River, and are ~~being~~ surging across the river in spite of desperate delaying action by the loyalist forces.

French officers say ~~that~~ the rebels will not be able to advance far from the Black River because the main defenses will be strong enough to stop them. ~~But the French admit that their armored spearhead, which was hurled through the Red lines, failed to stop the counter-attack. In fact, the spearhead was ambushed, and one of the most violent battles of the Indo-Chinese war took place before the French could escape.~~

The French sum the situation up, by saying that they can hold the lines roughly as they are now, ~~But they have~~ ^{not} enough military strength for a full-scale counter-attack.

JUIN

The French Academy has elected Marshal Alphonse Juin to be one of its members. At full strength the Academy has forty members, known as the "forty immortals," because they are all outstanding in their various occupations.

The French Academy was founded by Cardinal Richelieu, back in the Seventeenth Century. The original members were literary men. They were given the job of editing a dictionary, for their interest was, as they said, "maintaining the purity of the French language."

But later, prominent men from other fields began to enter the Academy, statesman, scientists, artists, and many others. So now we have Marshal Juin, the top soldier in France, joining those "forty immortals" of the French Academy.

Stalin is increasing his military strength in East Germany. This is stated in a report from Paris. According to the report, the East Germans have raised an army corps to supplement the Soviet forces in East Germany. The new corps is composed of three divisions. Their equipment is said to resemble that used by the North Koreans and the Chinese Reds in the Korean War. They have over a hundred big guns, and some seven hundred tanks.

Naturally, Stalin is not permitting the East Germans to act by themselves. The Paris report notes that more than three hundred Russian officers are attached to the new army corps. The Russians act as advisers at every level of command.

(The report also gives the reason why the Kremlin wants German troops - Stalin is trying to avoid alarming the West. So instead of moving Russian troops in, he is using East Germans. In other words, the Red dictator is acting in his familiar way, putting his stooges in power, so that they can do his dirty work for him.)

CINERAMA

Here's the kind of news that makes me feel a bit awkward. What do you do - when the wire tells about something with which you're closely connected? It may seem like blowing your own horn to relate it. But, on the other hand, suppose it's part of the news.

As it happens, I've been working in the development of the new film technology - Cinerama. Which has been having such startling success - in its New York debut. So here's an announcement - just in on the press wire - in the following words: "More than two hundred theatres will have Cinerama within the next two or three years."

The statement is made by Louis B. Mayer, Chairman of the Board of Cinerama - on the occasion of his receiving the Milestone Award. In Los Angeles, the dignitaries of movieland gathered, honoring Louis B. Mayer, that almost legendary figure in the art of film. The Milestone Award granted - for distinguished contributions in the development of motion pictures.

All over the country, people are asking - when will they get Cinerama? Louis B. Mayer explains that it takes time. But - it's coming.

All of which is only half of the story - I myself taking part in a New York ceremony today. ^{Representing,} Inventor Fred Waller and others of Cinerama - accepting an award from that important magazine U.S. Camera. An award for, what the magazine calls - "significant contributions to the advancement of photography." The citation says, in its own words - that Cinerama rates in importance with "the original development of motion pictures." Former President Hoover calls it the fifth great step forward in motion pictures.

Which would seem to come under the heading of news.

ARCTIC FLIGHT

(To Europe by way of the North Pole! That Scandinavian passenger plane made it - landing at Copenhagen, Denmark - after flying from Los Angeles right across the Polar regions.) Going further north than any commercial plane ever, flew - passing within one hundred and sixty miles of the Pole. The time, twenty-two hours; the distance about a thousand miles less than along the normal route. By way of the North Magnetic Pole and Greenland!

MODEL

In almost every kind of job there are certain high spots which have a "once in a lifetime" air about them.

Probably every locomotive engineer feels that running the Presidential train would be a never-to-be-forgotten experience. A teacher might feel the same way about tutoring the children of the President, or of royalty.

What about a fashion model? Would modelling expensive gowns or furs be the top? Or displaying the Hope diamond? There are many alternatives one could think of.

But perhaps London Fashion Model, Thelma Cranston, has topped all of her rivals. She is acting as a stand-in for ~~the~~ Queen! ~~Elizabeth the Second.~~

Elizabeth
The Coronation of the ~~Queen~~ will take place next June, ~~But the~~ ceremony is scheduled to take place before the news cameras, and perhaps before T.V. as well. *And that* ~~that~~ means ~~the~~ the lighting in Westminster Abbey must be tested. So today Model Thelma Cranston took the Queen's place on the steps of the altar in the Abbey. She is described as wearing a diamond

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tiara, and a three-row pearl necklace -- jewels sparkling under the glare of the floodlights. Around the Queen's stand-in, were grouped representatives of peers of the realm - dummies, clothed in the gorgeous robes of the nobility. The Abbey itself blazed with gold, including a golden carpet covering the aisle.

Cameramen took many shots of Thelma Cranston, and the dummies, to be sure that the colors will be all right at the real Coronation. When it is all over, Thelma can go back to her job as a clothes model. But she will never forget her assignment in Westminster Abbey - when she stood, resplendent in the robes and jewels of royalty, acting as stand-in for the Queen.

Ah look who is here! Why it's our Ivory queen.