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L.T. - Deleo. Wed. May 22 - '54.

President Eisenhower won a lot of support for his foreign aid program - with his address last night. This is clear from reactions in Congress - as well as from the general public.

Secretary of State Dulles, appeared ^{ing} before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today. He found the atmosphere much more cordial as he defended the foreign aid part of the budget. Secretary Dulles calling foreign aid "our greatest safeguard against aggression - at the least cost." The members of the Committee seemed more inclined to agree with him - than they ever have ~~been~~ before.

Over in the House, Speaker Rayburn of Texas said - he was impressed by the Eisenhower address - and believes Congress will give the President a lot of support on foreign aid. And Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas, said on the floor of the Senate, ^{added} that the President's general principles are right - in view of our foreign policy commitments.

Public response is clear from the telegrams arriving

at the White House. The telegrams, almost ten to one in favor
of the President. *Stand,*

EISENHOWER

At his news conference today, President Eisenhower devoted most of his time - to a further defense of his budget. Which is what the newsmen expected. The President, today said he hopes the Senate will restore - reductions made in the House. And he threatened to veto any tax reductions that would leave the government short of funds.

Asked about Republican opponents of his budget; does he intend to punish them? He answered "no". That of course members of his own party have a right to disagree. But at the same time, he admits he has, what he calls, "degrees of enthusiasm" for opposition members of the G O P.

TORNADO

The Weather Bureau forecasts - a third straight night of tornadoes. Warnings to Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas and states between. Another round of tornadoes, accompanied by heavy rain. At Fremont, Missouri - a heavy thunderstorm has been holding up salvage work, with most of the Fremont population now being cared for in the nearby town of Winona.

In Southern Illinois, all rivers are reported rising. Families, evacuated by motorboat. Disaster agencies, struggling to save the victims.

In Oklahoma, the high winds have knocked over thousands of telephone poles.

The latest count, more than fifty dead, hundreds injured.

ADD TORNADO

Later tonight, President Eisenhower declared part of Missouri a major disaster area. Hardest hit of all - Kansas City - battered by seven tornadoes.

BECK

The President of the United Auto Workers says the Teamsters Union will be thrown out of the AFL - CIO - unless it gets rid of Dave Beck. Walter Reuther, telling this to a National Press Club lunch in Washington. Reuther, Vice President of the huge combined labor organization; told the press club he hopes the Teamsters will clean house for themselves - by ousting Beck. If not the AFL - CIO will have no alternative but to drop the Teamsters.

Meanwhile, the AFL - CIO has postponed hearings - on corruption charges against the Teamsters; to give the Teamsters time to clean house themselves.

MORSE

Republicans in the Senate are demanding an apology from their Democratic colleague from Oregon - Wayne Morse.

The reason - that attack Morse made on President Eisenhower - at a Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in Detroit, last Saturday.

Morse charging that President Eisenhower allowed the Idaho power company to get away with a tax write-off -- for the construction ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ of dams in the Snake River.

Morse saying that President Eisenhower is in the same class with Dave Beck. Beck, according to Morse, ^{taking} took money from his union members - ~~while Mr. Eisenhower has done~~ ^{the President taking it} ~~the same thing to~~ ^{from} the American taxpayer, ^{was the Morse} charge.

Well, the Republicans in the Senate are angry about that comparison - and, so are quite a few Democrats. Senator Bridges of New Hampshire remarked, "it is shocking to compare the President of the United States - to a man who has taken the fifth amendment more than two hundred times." Senator Capehart of Indiana said Morse might ^{even} have been subject to censure

if he had made the statement on the floor of the Senate.

Morse at once took up that challenge. The former Republican from Oregon, repeating his statement in the Senate.

Saying again, that President Eisenhower and Dave Beck are,

in his words, "the same kind of immoralists." Morse, inviting

the G O P to try to get him censured ^{for his} ~~for that~~ statement.

RED CHINA

A new Senate Sub-Committee will investigate our relations with Red China. Its Chairman, Senator Magnuson of Washington. The purpose of this Sub-Committee - to see why we are still taking a different attitude - than the rest of the world. Magnuson pointing out that of all the nations of the free world - only America declines to trade with Mao's people. According to the Senator sixty-nine ships docked at Shanghai in March, "from every nation in the world, except us."

The new Sub-Committee will reevalute our policy, see if we are still right in forbidding trade with Red China.

JORDAN

In Jordan, four men were executed today - publicly.

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~~The four~~, accused of spying for Israel. According to the indictment, they furnished Israeli agents - with information about the strength and movements of Jordanian troops. The four, hanged in public squares of four cities. The curfew, lifted so ~~that~~ the public could see the executions, *as a* warning ~~to anyone~~ who wants to overturn the government of King Hussien.

SUEZ

Ships of the U.S. Navy passed through the Suez Canal today - for the first time since it reopened. Two destroyers, a troop carrier, and a sub chaser - entering from the Mediterranean, at Port Said. Altho' they paid the Egyptian authorities in American dollars - they did so "under protest". Once in the canal they joined a convoy south bound for the Red Sea.

FRANCE

The President of France has cancelled his voyage to the United States. President Coty, scheduled to sail Monday - aboard the Ile de France, obliged to stay in Paris because of the political crisis. The fall of Premier Mollet. President Coty must find someone to replace Guy Mollet. Now President Coty says he hopes to make his trip by air, still hopes to arrive here on June third. That gives him only ten days to find a new government. And political experts in Paris predict - it will take longer than that. Tonight, President Coty is in the midst of a round of talks with French politicians - many of them, former Premiers.

The Mollet government was the twenty-third that France has had since the end of the war!

HAITI

A dispatch from Port Au Prince describes - a split in the new military junta now governing Haiti. Yesterday, a group of military officers seized power. But todsy, three top staff officers of the group - resigned from the junta, and went home. The others - still in control - but somewhat shaken by this split.

As for the ousted civilian government - it has gone underground with its leaders, issuing circulars - calling on the people of Haiti to resist the army, and also asking for a continuation of the strike - that has paralyzed most of the nation.

MacMillan says

~~The~~ British Prime Minister ~~declares~~ Britain will not ban the hydrogen bomb, unless other nations agree to do the same. ~~Harold MacMillan,~~ *speaking* before a meeting of the Conservative Party - in his first major address, since Britain touched off an H-bomb last week, MacMillan, describing the test as "very successful." And ~~adding~~ ^{ed:} - "without the H-bomb, Britain would be almost defenseless against the might of the Soviet Union. The British Prime Minister, repeating what so many western leaders have said ^{that} - the H-bomb is a deterrent to war.

BILLY GRAHAM

In New York, the Billy Graham Revival continues in a big way, and I'd like to give - a personal impression of this number one Evangelist of our time.

He has a magnificent voice, a baritone. Clear enunciation - with just a touch of the drawling accent of his native North Carolina. His manner - forthright and earnest. With a minimum of tricks - and a manner of direct simplicity. He projects a quality of fervor - with nothing at all theatrical.

He preaches - basic doctrines of Christianity. Without frills - without modernizing complications. Elementary Christian dogma - to which almost any Christian denomination would subscribe, with little exception to what he says.

His approach is moderate - stating Christian ideas, sometimes in a rather matter of fact way.

When I heard him, he expressly disavowed - emotionalism and hysteria. Making clear - that he deliberately avoids the wilder kind of revivalism, familiar in years past.

In a way, you wonder at Billy Graham's immense popular effect. Preaching Christianity in a moderate, lucid way.

But here in the news is another sample of how effective Billy Graham is:—



Today Federal agents picked up Mickey Cohen in Chicago. The former hoodlum - who now is a good friend of Billy Graham. The police say they want to question Mickey Cohen - about alleged connections with the Chicago underworld. But Mickey says he doesn't know anything about that. He claims he's in Chicago to consult his lawyers - about plans for a movie version of his life. Otherwise, ^{now} he's nothing but a Los Angeles florist - who has become interested in religion, under the influence of Billy Graham.

MISSILE

That terrific explosion near Cocoa Beach, Florida -
was caused by a guided missile. The explosion - unintentional.
The missile, going off while it was still on the firing
platform,

~~It happened~~ at Patrick Air Force Base. The missile,
a big one - fortunately, ^{was} not armed with an atomic warhead. It
was standing on its platform - when some of the fuel spilled -
and a fire started.

~~And that~~ ^{was} caused the missile to go up. The blast,
awakening residents in the area of Cocoa Beach. The missile,
zooming up in a tremendous ball of fire - lighting the sky for
miles around. No one was hurt, ^{and they say it was} ~~in the accident - but it~~
~~quite a spectacle for those who saw it,~~
~~certainly put on a big show for everyone who saw it.~~

FLARES

Tonight the Navy is searching Central Florida - for a "pod" of magnesium flares. The "pod", described as "extremely dangerous."

It fell from the wing of a jet plane - traveling four hundred and fifty miles an hour - at five thousand feet. Which means it could be anywhere in a tremendous area. And it's hard to find, because it's only four feet by two feet.

The "pod" contains fifty-two magnesium flares, all fifty-two of which could be triggered by the heat of the sun. And if they do up together - they'll have the brilliance of over two billion candlepower. That will be a light so bright it would make Times Square seem like a dark tunnel - not really - but by comparison.

FLIGHT

As you no doubt already have heard, last night, a plane landed at LeBourget airport, ~~xxxxxx~~ outside Paris - after a record flight from America, to commemorate the thirteenth anniversary of Lindbergh's flight May First, Nineteen-Twenty-Seven.

Lindy in a monoplane, his famous Spirit of St. Louis; in thirty-three hours.

This time, Major Robinson Wisner, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in an Air Force Sabre Jet, covered the same route in six hours and thirty-eight minutes. One fifth Lindbergh's time.

Thirty years ago, hundreds of thousands of Frenchmen crowded on to the airfield at Le Bourget madly cheering Lindbergh as he taxied to a stop. This time - a few officials and photographers that's all. Flying the Atlantic now too common - Henry - to draw much attention, even if you break all records.

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls:

L.T.: A year ago today - a lot of us were shocked by the fate of an old veteran of American history. The battleship Oregon - sold for scrap. Sold to a Japanese firm - dealing in junk.

The Oregon, a survivor of the Spanish-American War. She was on the West Coast in Eighteen Ninety-eight - when she was ordered to join our Atlantic fleet. And she made a famous ^{dash} voyage around Cape Horn. - around the tip of South America - seventeen thousand miles in sixty-eight days. *Record time.*

That voyage proved the importance - of a canal across the Isthmus of Central America. Which was how the Panama Canal - came to be built.

In World War One, the Oregon was the flagship of our Pacific fleet. In World War Two, she served as an ammunition carrier. A year ago today, sold for scrap. The end of one of the historic ships in the history of our Navy.