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~~Today~~ President Eisenhower held his first ^{Cabinet} ~~formal~~ ^{today.} meeting ~~with his cabinet.~~ The session lasted for two hours. And we hear about the meeting - nothing at all. Or, ~~rather~~ rather, we are told that all cabinet meetings will be secret. No one will be authorized to reveal the subjects discussed, except President Eisenhower himself. The reason is given by ~~the~~ the White House Press Secretary, Jim Hagerly. ^{He} ~~is~~ ^{says!} - ~~words~~ "this administration believes that private meetings with the President should be kept private."

Hagerly also announces that President Eisenhower will meet Republican congressional leaders on Monday. Their problem, to set a date for the President's first State of the Union message. It will, of course, be delivered before a joint session of Congress. So it must be decided when would be most convenient to bring the members of both chambers together.

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Monday, to be attended by G O P leaders. ~~Mr~~ **Pres**,
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"in order to achieve this objective, I have decided, after carefully considering the matter, to dispose of all the General Motors stock which I now own, and any which I am entitled to receive in the future, under rights which accrue to me on the termination of my employment."

Wilson also disclosed how he will deal with his former company in the future - General Motors^S being the biggest ~~EMPP~~ suppliers of defense materials. He says he will clear with General Eisenhower, all business that might be misunderstood. That is, the President will decide any difficult case in dealing with General Motors contracts.

So now the Wilson appointment goes before the Senate. And G O P leader, Senator Taft, predicts that it will be approved ~~very~~ soon, probably ^{Monday.} tomorrow.

MORSE FOLLOWS WILSON

Another Eisenhower appointment held up - at least temporarily. And the reason[?] is ~~one that is becoming familiar to us.~~ Senator ^{Wayne} Morse wants more time to study the case. ~~And~~ this time he's blocking Ex-Governor Stassen - named by the President to be Mutual Security Administrator.

Senator Morse prevented confirmation of eight cabinet members on Inauguration Day. He used his privilege as a member of the Senate to insist on a delay. Now he is doing the same thing with the Stassen appointment. Morse doesn't say he will vote against Stassen. But he demands more time to study the record of the former Governor of Minnesota. This means that the appointment cannot be confirmed before Monday.

How does Stassen feel about Morse's action?

Well, all the ex-governor will say - at least all he'll say in public - is "that's what I've been expecting."

ARE MORSE FOLLOW WILSON

Senator Morse did not interfere with the appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge. The President named Lodge to head our Delegation to the U N and the Senate confirmed the appointment, without any opposition from the Oregon Senator - who once was a Republican. Then bolted the G O P during the campaign. And now calls himself an "independent Republican."

VAN FLEET

General Van Fleet is leaving Korea. The Eighth Army Commander returning home, next month.

To be replaced by General Maxwell Taylor, who was in Berlin and before that in command of the 1st Army at West Point,

Washington announces that General Van Fleet scheduled to retire in March, can always be called back. In fact one Washington rumor is that President Eisenhower may appoint him Army Chief of Staff, to succeed General Collins. Which could be logical, since the Korean war is our number one military problem.

Major Herrick accounted for what he saw when he hit it it exploded, rolled over, and when it went into the ground it exploded like a blackberry.

Four more MIGS shot down, and nine damaged.

We can hear the Reds are sending their planes deeper into South Korea, trying to stop an Allied aerial assault on their anti-aircraft batteries, and their key rail tunnel, near Pyongyang. This time Red jets got within a few miles of Seoul, before they were chased back.

And, they are using larger armadas. Some fifty this time. According to Major Harold Herriek, of Colton, California, "the sky was filled with MIGS. Never have we seen so many at one time."

Major Herriek accounted for one. He says when he hit it it shuddered, rolled over, and when it went into the ground it exploded like a blockbuster."

TURKISH GENERAL

President Eisenhower will find a way to end the Korean stalemate. So says General Sirri Acar, Commander of the Turkish troops in Korea. The Turks, we have been told repeatedly, are among the best fighters of the war. Their commander ~~is~~ saw General Eisenhower during that pre-inaugural Korean tour. Says General Acar from Ankara: "When I met him, he ~~was~~ were the expression of a man who had made ~~his~~ up his mind."

The Turkish commander goes on to give his opinion how to solve the problem. He wants the Allies to launch a general offensive -- an all-out drive to the Yalu. Which, we all remember, was what General MacArthur did - before the Chinese Reds entered the war. General Acar argues for another drive like that. He says his troops are becoming impatient, ^{want} ~~want~~ to move north." And he adds, "when you stand ~~still~~ still and fight, you ~~des~~ ^{des} ~~troy~~ yourself." Says this determined Turk: "All my men want to fight right up to the Manchurian border."

According ~~xxxxxx~~ to General Acar, the Korean war is an out and out struggle with the Soviet Union. As we know the Turks and the Russians have been enemies for centuries. They have fought countless wars. ~~xxxxxx~~ Naturally the Turks think they are a position to judge. Here is how General Acar from Ankara sums it up: "Turkey, better than any country in the world, knows Russia. We have struggled against Russia for six hundred years, and we know the Russians only understand you - when you talk with your fists."

SUB NAGUIB

Egyptian Premier ~~General~~ Naguib, attacks British policy in the land of the Pyramids. Referring to Britain, Naguib goes back in history, to the time when the British first entered Egypt. He argues that they set up their rule, first by force, and then by dividing the Egyptian people into antagonistic factions. Naguib ~~declares that he will~~ ^{says he intends to} restore unity to Egypt.

The strong man gives this as the reason why he suppressed all political parties. Says he: "we considered it a capital crime to allow these warring parties to continue to wear out the nation, and prolong its slavery. We decided to put an end to this, and start from the beginning."

In place of the parties, Naguib is setting up, what he calls, "a national liberation organization" which sounds very much like ~~old-fashioned~~ ^a one-party government.

Meanwhile, the people of Egypt have been commemorating the date of Naguib's rise to power.

It is just six months since he staged the coup d'etat that drove King Farouk into exile.

An enormous crowd cheered the festivities in Cairo. A huge parade marched through the streets. Guns roared and jet planes zoomed high over head. Naguib made a special address to the crowd. And to symbolize the new Egyptian unity, he had with him the Rector of the Moslem University, the Christian patriarch, and the Grand Rabbi of the Jews.

GERMAN PROPERTY

Russia is responsible for Allied property in East Germany. This, declared by both our country and Great Britain. Each has handed the soviets about it. ~~note affirming the principle.~~

The reason is that American and British property owners have been denied their rights. Our note declares that Americans have been refused access to their holdings in East Germany; They are not permitted to choose their own managers. And can't even get information about what is happening to their property. ^{And} The British note makes much the same points.

all of which The Kremlin rejects. ~~the protests.~~ It states that policy is made by the East German government. ^{as we know,} But, the East German R_eds are really not independent. They are ^{mere} ~~soviet~~ puppets, ~~as we~~ ~~we all know.~~ ~~So the two allied governments~~

Hence we ~~are~~ holding Moscow responsible.

American and British owners are said to be particularly worried ~~now~~ because indications are that

the Reds intend to seal their zone off from the rest of Germany. ~~Which might cause allied property to disappear for good, behind the Iron Curtain.~~

ITALIANS

Italians are flocking away from the Communist party. So we hear from Rome.

Ever since the end of World War Two, the Reds have been powerful in Italy. Post-war conditions were ideal for their propaganda. Especially their promises of land to the poverty-stricken farmers, in the South. Promises that the great estates would be broken up; divided among the poor. It helped make the Italian Communist Party the strongest Red political organization outside the Iron Curtain.

But the De Gasperi government started its own land reform, and built houses, and roads too. Most important, it gave land to those who needed it the most. Whereupon membership in the Communist party began to drop. We hear today of five hundred more South Italians quitting in a body, handing in their membership cards; joining the Christian Democratic Party. One ex-Red explained it this way: "All we wanted was a bit of land. Now we have it. So, we don't want Communism."

Further proof of how the Reds depend on human misery for their support, how they can be defeated without force - simply by showing the poor that the Reds are not their real friends.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN

A dispatch from Los Angeles reminds us of a chapter from ~~the~~ history, ~~books.~~ ^{the days} ~~The time~~ of Abe Lincoln and Robert E. Lee, The blue and the gray, Marching through ~~the~~ Georgia. For, one of the few remaining veterans of the Civil War has just passed away.

William Magee was born in a log cabin in Ohio. He was just seventeen, when he enlisted in the Federal Army, ~~That was~~ in Eighteen Sixty-three. ~~For~~ ~~most~~ most of the war he served in the Ohio cavalry. And he was with ~~General~~ Sherman on the ~~historic~~ ^{at} march ~~through~~ through Georgia, to the sea, The march that shattered the confederacy, and led to the surrender of ~~General~~ Lee at Appomattox.

William Magee remained in the Army, ~~He~~ saw duty in the Indian wars on the frontier, And in the Spanish-American war.

He retired in Eighteen Ninety-eight, ~~when he~~ ~~held the rank of~~ ^a first Sergeant. As the years passed, ~~the ranks of the Civil War veterans grew thinner.~~ ~~Thousands~~

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Finally just three former members of the northern
armies left. Now -at the age of one hundred ~~and six -~~
William Magee is gone - only two left. Two veterans
of the Civil War. Only two to go!

And now that Radio veteran, George
Putnam.