

EISENHOWER *W. DeLoe* Tues, Mar. 19-'57.

Tonight President Eisenhower is in tropical waters - enjoying balmy weather. The sun was out ^{today -} the sea calm. The President, getting all the sun he has been hoping for. Tanned and fit, reporters describe him. Cold much better - cough almost gone. As he watched a demonstration by planes taking off from the carrier, "Franklin D. Roosevelt." Planes to bomb and strafe a target drawn by a destroyer.

As part of today's business, the President appointed a personal representative to the funeral of Philippine President Magsaysay. Admiral Felix Stump, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific fleet, to hasten to Manila.

The President's schedule now calls for the cruiser Canberra to reach Bermuda tomorrow afternoon, following this brief cruise off the Bahamas. Now the Eisenhower-MacMillan parley - which starts Thursday.

BERMUDA

Meanwhile at Bermuda, today they were having a colorful dress rehearsal - in preparation for tomorrow's arrival of two heads of government. Standing in for President Eisenhower - U.S. Consul, Thomas Maledy, who went through the motions - doing what the President will do when he comes ashore.

The President to be greeted by a twenty-one gun salute - from a British ship in the harbor. Receive a salute from an honor guard of U.S. Marines. Similar honors from troops of Queen Elizabeth's Bermuda garrison. After which President Eisenhower will receive officials on the island, British and American military leaders, and distinguished residents of the island. A ceremony that will take about twenty minutes. Then the President of the United States will drive along the narrow winding roads of Bermuda - to the "Mid-Ocean Club" - where he stayed during his Nineteen Fifty-Three conference with Churchill Prime Minister MacMillan will already be there. He arrives by air tomorrow morning.

UNITED NATIONS

The Secretary General of the United Nations is off for Cairo. Dag Hammarskjold , to confer with Nasser. He said in an interview at the airport - no agenda has been set in advance. But he expects to go over the entire Middle East crisis - with the Egyptian dictator.

After that, he may go on to Israel - for talks with Ben-Gurion.

One thing the Secretary General made clear - he is very optimistic about a settlement between Egypt and Israel.

EGYPT

Egypt will not use her administration of the Gaza Strip - to encourage attacks on Israel. This we hear from sources in Washington that ought to know - as a result of reports from U.S. Ambassador Hare in Cairo, and Dr. Ralph Bunche, U.N. Under-Secretary General, who have been conferring with Nasser. Apparently, the Egyptian Dictator indicated - he does not again intend to use Gaza as a base for his raiders.

Also, we are told the State Department has received a memo from Nasser re the Suez Canal. ~~Although details of this are not disclosed,~~ Nasser's main point is ~~said to be~~ that he wants to collect all tolls on ships ~~passing~~ passing through the canal. We have proposed a plan - under which tolls would be paid to the World Bank. The bank, to send half to Egypt - and hold the other half, pending a settlement of the canal dispute. Nasser is saying No to that.

ISRAEL

The Premier of Israel today granted his first interview - since he pulled back his troops from the Gaza Strip and the area of the Gulf of Aqaba. His answers written out for the United Press.

Ben-Gurion says that while he's sure peace will come to the Middle East, it can only be based on the rights of all the nations in the area. Then he repeats his demand for free passage of Israeli ships - through the Canal, and full rights to passage through the Gulf of Aqaba.

The basic point made by the Israeli Premier - he thinks peace will be assured for the Middle East - when the Arab states realize Israel is there to stay. He further says he is still anxious to sit down at the conference table - and work out a settlement with Israel's neighbors.

PERON

The government of Chile orders the arrest - of six fugitives from Argentina. Six henchmen - of Peron, who fell when the Dictator was overthrown. Since then, they've been in prison in bleak, cold Patagonia. But they escaped on Monday - and crossed the southern Andes into Chile. The ~~government~~ government of Argentina, now demands their extradition - as criminals. We hear Chile has ordered them rounded up - pending a decision on extradition. The mountains of southern Chile are exceedingly wild, a land of lofty peaks and great glaciers. They could easily hide out, for years.

SUPREME COURT

The Senate approves the two Eisenhower nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court:- William Brennan of New Jersey, and Charles Whittaker of Kansas City, Missouri, elevated to the rank of Associate Justices. There was only one "No" - in the Senate Chamber. That one, lone dissenting vote - from Senator McCarthy, who all along has opposed the Brennan nomination. Criticizing Judge Brennan for being soft on Communism. However all the rest of the Senators ignored the plea of their ~~Wisconsin~~ Wisconsin colleague. The jurists from New Jersey and Missouri are now a part of our highest court.

MAIL

The cost of sending letters will have to be raised - if the President's budget is to be cut. So says Postmaster General Summerfield. Testifying before the House Post Office Committee, the Postmaster General pointed out that when the budget was drawn up - it was believed postal rates would be increased. Among other things, the administration wants the stamps on first class letters upped from three to four cents -- air mail stamps up from six to seven cents.

ARMY

The Association of the United States Army launches an attack on Defense Secretary Wilson. The Association is composed of veterans - and other supporters of the Army. Its President - General Slezak, former Under-Secretary of the Army.

The Association's report criticizes Defense Secretary Wilson for putting major reliance on the atomic power of the Air Force, and for banning Army development of ballistic missiles with a range of more than two hundred miles.

~~According to the report, small wars are more likely than big ones. Hence we are liable to find ourselves fighting - where we will not be using nuclear weapons. For example, in the Middle East or Western Europe.~~

~~So~~ The Association for the U.S. Army believes - Defense Secretary Wilson should revise his policy - and rely more on the Army for the fighting of small wars.

MINE

A dispatch from Dunfermle, Scotland - telling an old story of tragedy in the coal mines. This one, with an ironic twist.

Seven men were working fifteen hundred feet underground - when suddenly the wall collapsed. Six miners were racing up a ladder as water and mud poured into the shaft. But, hearing someone calling for help, someone trapped beneath them, they turned back and found one of their pals buried in mud. As they started to drag him out, the rest of the wall caved in. To escape they knew they had not a second to lose. So, up they went, six saved. One lost. Getting out just in time.

MAGSAYSAY

A military plane today flew the body of President Magsaysay to Manila. A transport plane, painted black. Escorted by a squadron of fighter planes. A crowd of a hundred thousand - breaking through the police lines as the plane touched down.

Guns boomed as the casket, taken from the plane - was driven through the streets of the city to the Malakan, the presidential palace. Tonight, the new President, Carlos Garcia - is leading the nation in mourning. A great crowd, standing outside the palace - weeping and praying.

Meanwhile, a preliminary report blames the plane crash - on over-loading, and miscalculation by the pilot. One witness describes the tail of the plane as dragging down the runway - because of the over-load.

HOFFA

The Vice-President of the Teamsters Union - indicted by a federal grand jury. James Hoffa, accused of conspiring to bribe an employee of the Senate's Rackets Committee. ~~Indicted~~ Indicted with Hoffa, Hyman Fishbach, the Miami attorney who allegedly was the link between Hoffa and the Committee employee.

The detailed indictment charges that Hoffa and Fishbach conspired - to pay New York Attorney, John Cheasty, a large sum of money. In return, Cheasty was to obtain employment with the Senate Committee - and get access to its files." Then, "the indictment goes on, "Cheasty was to reveal to Hoffa and Fishbach - the plans of the Committee."

BREWSTER

An official of the Teamsters Union refuses to confirm or deny - that he used part of a special union fund for his personal bills. Frank Brewster, described ^{ing} ~~as~~ the special fund in testimony before the Senate Labor Rackets Committee, ~~He~~ told the Senators - the fund was set up as a kitty for political contributions. The Teamster boss admits that he borrowed money from the Union - borrowed it at interest. But he refused to answer ~~when asked~~ whether some of the money went to him personally. He also says he can't remember - whether he used four thousand dollars of the fund - as a down-payment on a house in California. ^{Now could he} ~~and he can't~~ recall why the Union paid bills - for a jockey and a trainer - ~~connected~~ with his string of race horses.

Asked whether he would turn over his personal records to the Committee - Brewster said he would need time to consult his attorney.

The Committee says it's going to use Brewster's testimony - in preparing for the appearance of ^{Dave Beck,} ~~the~~ head of the Teamsters, - ~~Dave Beck~~.

GYPSY

The King of the Gypsies - was removed from a hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina, today - in spite of his fatal illness. King George Antonio - taken away by members of his tribe. The reason - they wanted to hold their own special ceremonies for their dying monarch. Traditional death rites of the gypsies including loud lamentations, the singing of dirges, weird, mournful music, and so on.

Naturally, they couldn't disturb the hospital - with that kind of noise. King George Antonio agreed that he should leave the hospital. Whereupon they took him away - in spite of protests from the doctors. The gypsy king, carried to the home of a relative - to die a gypsy death - and receive the traditional gypsy rites for those who embark for the next world.

Stricken with a heart attack on Wednesday, when word got around that the King was dying, phone calls began to pour into Greensboro. Thousands of calls - from every state in the Union. Gypsies lamenting the sad news about their king. In fact many at once set out for North Carolina - hoping to arrive

in time. Gypsies converging from far and near, to await the
final hour - the passing of the King of the Gypsies.

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INDIAN FOLLOW GYPSY

From the Tonawanda Reservation in New York - an announcement that a great Iroquois chief is dead. Chief Cornplanter - long the paramount chief of the Senecas.

Iroquois Chief Cornplanter spent his life - fighting to save the traditions of his people. Telling all who would listen that their tribal religion - was the best in the world. Iroquois culture superior to the white man's.

The chief gathered the age-old stories of the Senecas, and wrote a history of the Iroquois Confederation -- "Legends of the Long House."

However, Chief Cornplanter was somewhat loyal to the Great White Father. He served in the Army, in France, in Nineteen Seventeen, and won the Purple Heart. He also belonged to the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans.

He came from a long line of Seneca chiefs. But he was the last - survived by a wife and daughter. No son, to carry on the name. So tonight at Tonawanda, Henry, the Iroquois

are talking it over - trying to decide who shall succeed Chief
Cornplanter.

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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L.T.: Just a year ago today - America lost one of the really great comedians of our time. The inimitable Fred Allen, who had been in show business since he was fourteen - starting as a juggler. Fred Allen's last book - autobiographical, is still a best seller. The world ^{these days} needs more Fred Allens.

And so long until tomorrow.