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Once again - Congress is on its way to give President Eisenhower more money than he wants. The House Appropriations Committee today - voting four-hundred-and-forty-million dollars for a government program to hasten the day of atomic power. The Democrats deciding - this is necessary. But the administration says "unnecessary", *arguing* that the program may discourage private firms from going ahead with the development of peace-time atomic power.

This morning, Hawaii was devastated by Hydrogen Bombs -  
theoretically. Half an hour later, Alaska was hit by nuclear  
weapons - in fiction, of course. Then the atomic assault spread  
across the United States - in the greatest<sup>t</sup> peace-time civil  
defense drill. Govern<sup>ment</sup> Officials in Washington- hurrying ~~to~~  
their air raid shelters. People in one big city after another -  
doing the same. Tremendous destruction! - all mythical, of  
course.

ADD ALERT

There was nothing imaginary, however, about a warning - of hostilities on the part of nature. The weather bureau putting out an alert - to be prepared for thunderstorms, tornadoes and floods in the middlewest and south. The storm area - moving east. ~~HEAVY~~ Not as bad as atomic devastation, by a long shot - though a tornado can be something like a bomb, when it hits.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

This afternoon, the House of Representatives okayed the administration's civil rights bill - in a tentative vote. After defeating - a long series of crippling amendments, proposed by Southern Congressmen. The final vote, however, remains to be taken. Scheduled -for Monday. Ultimate approval seems assured - in spite of southern opposition. The Bill - proposing a whole series of measures in behalf of racial rights.



HOFFMAN

The Senate confirmed Paul Hoffman, today - as a U.S. Delegate to the United Nations.

The appointment by President Eisenhower was attacked. With allegations - that Hoffman, who is Chairman of the Board of the Studebaker-Packard Corporation, has been "soft on Communism." He is also Chairman of the Board of the "Fund for the Republic", which has been assailed - for not being Anti-Communist enough.

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In today's debate, Hoffman was praised - as one who has been wrongfully attacked. His appointment confirmed - sixty-four to twenty-two.

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The New State of Morocco - recommended for membership in the United Nations. The Security Council - voting unanimously, today. The recommendation will be placed before the General Assembly in November. Favorable action - virtually certain.

Morocco, the former French Protectorate, was recently granted independence - within the French Union. Tunisia has the same status - and is expected to apply for U.N. membership soon.

Today's action by the Security Council was accompanied by a vote - urging "early admission" of Japan. But the Russians - objected. Repeating their former contention - that they won't agree to Japan in the U.N., unless their satellite, outer Mongolia, also gets in.

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The Upper House of the West German Parliament has passed the bill - for conscription. The Bundesrat voting - twenty-one to seventeen. Authorizing the drafting of all Germans between eighteen-and-forty-five. Three-hundred-and-sixty thousand conscripts, to begin with. - The West German contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance.

All of which is a victory for Chancellor Adenauer. Who, at the same time, is preparing a complaint. Protesting against plans of the Western Allies to reduce their armed forces. The West Germans, apparently, not believing in the theory that manpower is not so necessary. With all emphasis - on the new weapons, atomic missiles, and such.



The Yugoslav Government issues a denial - in positive terms <sup>^</sup> That Marshal Tito believes - Stalin was murdered.

The report appeared in the London Daily Telegraph today. Stating - that the Yugoslav Marshal had given his opinion to "A senior official of a Nato Country." Tito declaring he was sure - that Stalin, the murderous tyrant, had been put out of the way by fellow members of the Moscow Politburo. Tito - represented as having expressed this belief shortly after his return from a recent visit to Moscow.

Today a Yugoslav Official said.. "The report is not true, and is completely invented.



## RUSSIAN CAPTAIN

In Washington, they're investigating the case of a former Soviet Army Captain, who fled to freedom. And who later testified before a Congressional Committee - concerning the infamous Katyn Massacre in Poland. He said - the Communists, not the Nazis, were the criminals. Now, however, Captain Boris Olshansky is back in Soviet Russia. And his wife, over here, fears - he was kidnapped by Red Agents.

Last month, Olshansky left this country for Germany - to do a writing job for an Anti-Communist Publication. The suspicion being - that, on the way, he was abducted, and taken to Russia.

This was Election Day in Indo-China. - **Theoretically,**  
that is. Not a ballot cast, not a voter going to the polls.

In Nineteen Fifty-four, the peace agreement for Viet Nam  
provided that the divided country should be united - by an election.  
In - two years. But Southern Viet Nam has rejected that. The  
northern part of the country, under communist control, has a  
million more people. Southern Viet Nam arguing - that the  
**Communists**, in the north, would only rig an election, giving  
them - a fraudulent majority.

So the whole thing was deadlocked - not a vote cast on  
this Election Day.

## **NEPAL**

The government of Nepal announces - the establishment of diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia. With a Nepalese Ambassador at Moscow - and a Russian Ambassador at Katmandu.

Officials in the remote Himalayan principality explain - that this new move will promote international friendship and the cause of world peace. And, at the same time, the report is - that Nepal is discussing a friendship treaty with Red China.

These developments, likely enough, were talked up at the coronation of the new King of Nepal, some weeks ago. To which royal ceremony - Red China sent an impressive delegation. Headed by no less than the Chinese Vice-Premier.

Those of us who were there representing other countries noted with some concern how prominent the Chinese Reds, and their Vice-Premier, were at the Himalayan coronation in the country that is the



principal buffer state between the two nations with the largest populations on this planet - Red China with more than 400 Mil and neutral India with nearly 400 Mil. people. So in the realm of power politics Nepal is indeed important,



Over in Britain, an American Airman was found guilty of murder, today - and sentenced to hang. Airman Second Class James Jordan of Newark - convicted of stabbing a British Laborer to death in a tavern brawl. So at the trial, in the city of Leeds, the British Judge put on the black cap and pronounced the sentence of - hanging.

This is the first instance of a capital verdict against an American military man since World War Two - when a U.S. paratrooper was hanged for the murder of a taxi driver.

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In today's trial, the jury, bringing in a verdict of guilty - recommended mercy. The Judge ruling that the recommendation must be forwarded to higher legal authorities.

All persons under capital sentence in Britain are being reprieved - for the time being. Because of a vote in the House of Commons - to abolish the death penalty. The House of Lords has rejected the measure - which will be placed, again, before the Commons. In this interval - no hangings in Britain.

There was testimony at Parris Island, South Carolina, today - by a member of the "Death March" platoon. Led - by Sergeant McKeon into a tidal stream. Six recruits - drowned.

Today, the witness declared that the Sergeant told the recruits - that those who couldn't swim would drown, and the rest would be devoured by sharks. Terrifying talk on what was a - disciplinary march.

Senate investigators, today, voted - to hold public hearings on the legal activities of Murray Chotiner, Vice President Nixon's Campaign Manager in nineteen fifty-two.

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It was a party line vote in the committee - the Republican member wanting to broaden the hearings into a general investigation of the peddling of political influence. But the Democratic majority made it a limited affair - nothing more than the law cases of Murray Chotiner.

At least six of these involved business with the Federal Government. Interesting - because of Chotiner's political activities. Republicans of the Committee charging - the investigation is likely to turn into Political bickering.



The political storm in Illinois grows more violent - with the discovery of four more "questionable checks". Bringing the total to more than nine hundred thousand dollars, - That much involved in <sup>the</sup> scandal centering around former State Auditor Orville Hodge. Charged - with having got the money.

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Today, Illinois State Attorney George Coutrakon had a three hour conference with Hodge. Who is said to have made - a "clean breast" statement. In a "tell all" session.

After the conference, the State's Attorney began drawing up indictments - to be presented to a grand jury on Monday.

Meanwhile, the ousted auditor denies reports - that he gave the money to St. Louis hoodlums, or ever had any dealings with them. He was a political power, running for re-election. But - forced off the ticket by Governor Stratton.

This political tempest in the Republican State Administration encourages the Democrats - brightening their prospects in Illinois, in November.



In Boston, a document has been discovered, which may prove - the right of Prince Ranier and Princess Grace to the principality of Monaco. Of course, the Grimaldi family has ruled there - for centuries. And I don't suppose their serene highnesses, Ranier and Grace - are worried about their claim.

But, in any case, the document in Boston might give some added support. So thinks Milton Starr, dealer in old books, who has offered the manuscript for sale - to John B. Kelly of Philadelphia, father of Princess Grace.

The book dealer says the seven hundred year old parchment came originally from the library of an English nobleman of the eighteenth century - Lord Guilford. And explains.. "found it here, recently, while going through a pile of old books."

The manuscript, written in Latin, is addressed to the Holy Roman Emperor, back in the thirteenth century. And presents the claim of Giovanni Battista Grimaldi to the feudal territory of Monaco. There are seventy-nine pages, giving an account of the Grimaldi family. One incident - a picturesque thriller. →

→ Relating - how, in times past, a Grimaldi was driven from his castle in Monaco. But he got it back - by dressing a party of soldiers as Monks. The enemy let the Monks pass, without suspicion. Whereupon, getting into the castle, they threw off their monastic robes - and took armed possession.

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 Which, I suppose, <sup>Henry</sup> is one detail - in the right to title of the Prince, and the former American movie actress, to the Principality of Monaco.

At Birmingham, in England, it rained beer. From the sky - a drizzle of the frothy brew. So much of a downpour - that some Birmingham gutters ran with streams of beer.

The reason - a freak storm. Which hit the numerous breweries in Birmingham, and blew the foaming product - up the chimneys. These emitted clouds of beer, which blew over the city - and fell, as rain. A beery time, at Birmingham.

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