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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY: -

President Eisenhower was back at his desk in the White House today - for the first time since August Fourth, when he left for Denver. He spent more than an hour with some of the top advisors; and discussed foreign affairs with Under-Secretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. - who gave him a report from Secretary of State Dulles, who is still at the Big Four Foreign Ministers meeting in Geneva. Then President Eisenhower ordered arrangements made - for the Secretary of State to visit him at Gettysburg and give him a report immediately on returning to this country.

After his work session, the President drove with the First Lady to their Gettysburg farm. It was a brilliant autumn day - and he apparently enjoyed the trip.

A crowd of some wight thousand neighbors were on hand to welcome him. School children were lined up

along the way, waving flags and shouting. A big day for them, seeing the President of the United States. The crowd included fourteen hundred students from Gettysburg College.

Today is the First Lady's fifty-ninth birthday. And so she was presented with a special bouquet of roses and orchids, and the high school band played "Happy Birthday."

The President spoke a few words - thanking the people of Gettysburg for the reception, saying how happy he and Mrs. Eisenhower are, that they decided to live there permanently.

BIG FOUR

The meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers at Geneva, sounds more like the cold war every day -- ~~a lot of~~ wrangling, ~~that gets~~ ^{and getting} nowhere. The "Geneva spirit," just about evaporated.

Today's controversy was touched off by Molotov - when he flatly refused to remove any of the Iron Curtain barriers. The Molotov speech, which is described as "completely uncompromising" - charged that the West was meddling in Russian affairs, by suggesting a free flow of ideas between East and West. The Soviet Foreign Minister said there would be no change in the Soviet position - now or in the near future.

Secretary of State Dulles promptly took up the challenge. Our Secretary charging that there is one real fact in East-West relations - the Kremlin cannot permit Western ideas into the ^{U.S.S.R.} ~~empire~~ empire - because otherwise it could not last. Here's how Mr. Dulles put it: "The Soviet system is based on artificial conditions - which cannot withstand free contacts with the outer world." He went on to say that this

fear makes the Kremlin suspicious of Western proposals - and is a distinct threat to peace.

One other point was argued today - the Soviet dumping of World War Two arms on world markets. Secretary Dulles pointed out that the Russians have large stockpiles, old models, that have been replaced in the Soviet army by new models. ^{So} ~~the~~ Soviet sells the surplus to other nations - especially where some kind of trouble can be worked up. ~~He~~ Dulles asked Molotov to put a stop to that. You can guess how the Soviet Foreign Minister replied. - ^{even} a blunt refusal to consider the appeal.

MONGOLIA

The United Nations became deadlocked over the question of membership today - because we refuse to accept Outer Mongolia. Our Ambassador, Cabot Lodge, announced yesterday that we would abstain on four Communist nations, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Albania. That would allow all four to enter the U.N.

But we are turning thumbs down on Mongolia - because it is simply a Communist creation - with no legitimate claim to a place in the ~~nations~~ international organization.

Our refusal may hold up membership for thirteen Western nations - from Austria to Japan - if the Russians insist on Outer Mongolia. That's the deadlock - as the U.N. goes forward with the debate on new members.

ARGENTINA

The situation in Argentina is confused - with two men claiming to be President. First, of course, General Lonardi - who led the rebellion that overthrew Peron. Lonardi insists that he has not resigned his position - and is still the legal head of Argentina.

But over the weekend, there was an anti-Lonardi coup. A new junta, seizing power - installing a new President, General Aramburu.

Political observers in Buenos Aires say ~~that~~ the coup was not directed against Lonardi himself - but against the men around him. The new rebels, afraid that Lonardi would be forced into an extreme Right Wing position. At one point, the Buenos Aires crowd began to shout, "democracy, yes - Nazis, no!"

Apparently, General Aramburu and his colleagues took advantage of that feeling. They decided to remove Lonardi - because he could not prevent the Right Wing from coming out on top.

There was no bloodshed during the coup. The new group simply took over - and stationed their own men at key points in Buenos Aires.

So that's the situation tonight - Aramburu in power, with ~~but~~ Lonardi insisting that he ~~remains~~ is still President of Argentina.

ISRAEL

Israel offers to exchange prisoners-of-war with Egypt and Syria. The prisoners, captured during the recent border skirmishes - particularly in the El Auja ^{oasis} battle, when forty-nine Egyptians were taken.

Israel now holds around eighty soldiers belonging to Egypt and Syria. And the Israeli government wants to exchange those prisoners - for Israeli soldiers who are being held by the other side.

CYPRUS

More violence on Cyprus. This time, hundreds of high school students - rioting through the streets of Nicosia - in anti-British demonstrations. The ~~demonstration~~ ^{violence this time} was touched off when a Cypriot was sentenced to death for murdering a policeman. The students began to parade through the streets, carrying Greek flags and chanting, "We want union with Greece!"

They smashed windows in the British tourist office. They tore down the British flag - and burned it. They threw bottles at British security forces - who had to use tear gas to disperse them.

The younger generation, joining some of their elders - in nationalist riots *on Cyprus.*

MOSCOW NEWS

Moscow is going to have an English language newspaper again. For years, the "Moscow News" was printed in the Russian capital. One of the principal figures behind the newspaper - Anna Louise Strong. In Nineteen Forty-Nine, Miss Strong was accused of espionage, and deported back to this country. ^eThat same year, the "Moscow News" was suppressed. That was when Stalin was pushing the cold war - and ^{the}"Moscow News" was accused of being "cosmopolitan". Anna Louise Strong, and her newspaper, both disappearing from the Moscow scene.

Last year, the new Soviet government exonerated Miss Strong - invited her to return to Moscow. Now we hear that her newspaper is going to be revived. ^{The}"Moscow News" to become the only English language newspaper in Moscow - just as it was before Stalin decided he didn't like it.

VIRGINIA

The Governor of Virginia has called a special session of the state legislature. Governor Stanley, asking the members to meet on November Thirtieth - to consider laws that would abolish public schools in ~~the~~st state.

Governor Stanley acted after the recommendations of a special commission - which began its investigations ~~after~~^{Following} the Supreme Court decision against segregation in the public schools.

The Commission's report advocates maintaining segregation in Virginia, by changing the state laws. That's what Governor Stanley wants the legislature to deal with - at the special session later this month. Virginia, going along with Georgia, South Carolina and Mississippi - which also have said they will give up their public schools, rather than accept desegregation.

STEVENSON

~~Yes~~, Adlai Stevenson definitely wants to be the Democratic candidate in Nineteen Fifty-Six. So says Senator Humphrey of Minnesota. According to the Minnesota Democrat, Stevenson will enter the primaries in that state - which he would not do unless he wanted the nomination. Senator Humphrey pointed out that a list of delegates could not be filed in the Minnesota primary - ~~with~~ without the approval of the candidate. Then ~~the~~^{he} Humphrey went on: "We have his approval". Meaning, Adlai's ~~hat~~ is in the ring - for Nineteen Fifty-Six.

SHERWOOD

The death of Robert Sherwood removes from the American scene - a man who was both a major dramatist, and an important political figure.

Robert Sherwood became famous for his great plays - such as "The Petrified Forest" and "Reunion in Vienna." He also won Pulitzer Prizes with three others: "Idiot's Delight," "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" and "There Shall Be No Night." By winning three of these Prizes for drama, he tied a record equalled only by Eugene O'Neill.

During the administrations of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Playwright Bob Sherwood turned to politics. He worked very closely with F.D.R. and wrote many of his speeches. He also wrote an important book about the politics of his time - "Roosevelt and Hopkins." A book brought him a fourth Pulitzer prize.

In Nineteen Fifty-Two, Sherwood was

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prominent in campaigning for Adlai Stevenson. Afterward, he went back to writing plays. He had intended to write a whole series of T.V. dramas - but the contract terminated at his own request, after only two of the scripts had been completed.

His friends all thought he had years of writing fine plays ahead - when he died today, at the age of Fifth-nine.

GRAHAM

You may have heard about the F.B.I. arresting one John Graham, who insured his mother - and then, they believe, murdered her, by planting a bomb aboard the plane on which she was traveling.

Denver police now say that Graham operated a restaurant with his mother, Mrs. Daisy King. That he was a warped character - who had served time in Texas, and would have gone to prison for forgery - except for his mother. She saved him by paying twenty-five hundred dollars.

Paying the rest, was up to him. Somewhere along the line, he got the idea of making some quick money. He got insurance policies from a vending machine - more than thirty-seven thousand dollars' worth. That much, to come to him on his mother's death.

Then he put his mother aboard a plane bound for Alaska. Into the baggage compartment, he sent a

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bundle of dynamite sticks - rigged to a battery. The device, timed to blow up eight minutes after the plane had taken off - and it did. The plane, crashing into a field near Longmont, Colorado - killing all forty-four aboard, including the mother of this John Graham.

We don't know yet just how the F.B.I. and the Denver police were able to break the case so quickly. Anyway, the man who committed the atrocious crime is now in jail. And he knows that by an ironic twist, he could never have collected the money on those insurance policies, even if he had never been caught - because his mother had neglected to sign the policies.

MYSTERY_SHIP

A dispatch from the Fiji Islands reports that pirates may be operating in the South Seas. This as a follow-up to the story last week - about the yacht "Joyita", which sailed from Samoa on October Third with twenty-five aboard. The "Joyita" discovered last week, drifting off the Fijis - with not a trace of crew or passengers.

The authorities have examined the yacht, and report - apparently she was rammed by a larger vessel. Everything of value, taken off. And one of the sea cocks open - obviously to make the yacht sink. But she was held afloat by empty oil drums.

Putting all this together, the authorities say: - pirates! Maybe they rammed the "Joyita", took off the crew, stole everything they could move, and then attempted to sink the yacht by opening the sea cock.

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Where did the pirates come from? One guess is that they are former Japanese soldiers, who were isolated on the islands - when our forces by-passed them during World War Two.

ZULUS

In Durban, South Africa, the Zulus are on strike.

The rickshaw men, throwing aside their leopard skins, dropping their monkey tails, ^{buffalo horns,} ~~and~~ lion teeth and ostrich feathers. Going back to their village in a huff.

The reason sounds prosaic enough. It's a matter of rent - they^are supposed to pay forty-two cents more for their rickshaws, and they say they won't.

So, Hugh, the Zulus are on strike - another modern touch in the life of the famous African warriors, the Zulus of Zululand.

Stevenson - for President. Or at least,
Stevenson for the Democratic nomination.

Adlai declared himself, today - as everybody
knew he would. In Chicago, he said: "I shall
do all I can." ^{meaning -} All he can - to win the
Democratic nomination at the Chicago convention. For
a slogan - he came out for, "a better America and
a better world."


Well, he's bucking a heavy handicap - in the
form of past record. It's mighty seldom that a
defeated candidate ever makes the grade and reaches
the White House. Bryan ran three times. Tom Dewey
twice.

For a favorable page of political history,
for Stevenson ^{- we'll have to} ~~would~~ go back ^{many} ~~long~~ years, ~~ago~~
Grover Cleveland was elected president; ~~and~~ then
~~he~~ ran for a second term - and lost. But, ~~then,~~
^{after that} ~~having been~~ defeated, he ran again, in eighteen
ninety-two, and won. The vice president winning

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along ^{with} him - ^{another} A dlai Stevenson, father ^{of} the A dlai
of today.

There's quick political comment. In Albany, Governor Harriman said - if Stevenson wins the presidential nomination, he'll have the full support of the New York Democrats. But will Harriman himself, want the nomination? He says: "I can't predict." All signs indicate that ^{New York} the Governor will go to Chicago as the "favorite son" of ^{the} a powerful New York delegation.

In Boston, Congressman McCormack, Democratic leader in the House - is on the fence. Told of Stevenson's announcement, he said: "I'm keeping my mind open." An open mind, on the fence. Perfect example of - watchful waiting? 

ADD STEVENSON

Senator Kefauver of Tennessee immediately
challenged Stevenson to enter some of the primaries
and compete with him.

How about - farmer Eisenhower. That's what he was, today - on his Gettysburg acres.

Early this morning, Farmer Eisenhower took a stroll to the barn, and had a chat with the farm hands - asking about the crops, the cows, the chickens. Then he took a jeep - across to the pasture. Where he inspected the cattle. A prize *- a small herd -* herd, [^] of black Angus.

During the day, he took time out - to be president. Getting a report - on a cabinet meeting held in Washington. But, for the most part, it was farmer Eisenhower.

At the same time, White House Secretary Jim Hagerty was appealing to the news reporters - [^] *- and photographers* [^] *in particular - to* respect the privacy of the illustrious patient.

Don't go trailing him around. Treat him - like farmer Eisenhower. You don't go chasing around for closeups of - Si Perkins, or the farmer in the dell.

ISRAEL LONDON

The London ^{the} Prime Minister ^{Sharet}, today, repeated his call - for a compromise between Israel and the ^A rabs. In the House of Commons, Anthony Eden said: "The stark truth is that, if these nations want to win peace, they must make some compromise between their two positions." He reiterated his former meaning - a compromise ~~on~~ the question of boundaries.

Which is exactly the point that ~~I~~ Israel rejects with indignation - a suggestion that it might compromise on the territory that it now holds.

Pres. Eisenhower said, tonight the United States would be willing to join in a treaty to guarantee the ~~to~~ borders of Egypt and Israel. If -- they'll only stop their fighting.