

EISENHOWER

L.P.G. Thure - June 5 - '52.

This was a big political day for - Mr. Eisenhower. We might as well call him that. Because, at his first news conference as a candidate, he said he'd ~~xxx~~ be delighted if they'd stop calling him -- "General". He'd like to be - just "mister". I don't think the request will stick. He'll still be General. But let's oblige, at least for the time being.

(So there was Mr. Eisenhower, in a natty grey suit, light blue shirt and a dark blue tie -- one ~~xxxxxx~~ hundred percent civilian. Answering questions the reporters fired at him) - and acting like a candidate who has risen from the rank of Mayor.

The news hawks concentrated on getting specific statements on subjects that Mr. Eisenhower discussed in a more ~~General~~ way last night. Seems hard to get away from that word - "General". But, anyway, Mr. Eisenhower, today, was more specific on ticklish subjects like the F.E.P.C. with its ~~xxxx~~ racial angles. He said he was all in favor of the fair

employment practices code, but he thought the States should take the lead in civil rights, rather than the federal government.

(He was asked about the Far Eastern policy, so much under attack - the Truman administration blamed for the Red sweep in China. In response, he called it - a disaster of the first magnitude. He said he didn't know who was really to blame -- but the party in power has to take some responsibility for the loss.)

The name of MacArthur[^] came up - and Mr. Eisenhower said he would probably appoint General MacArthur to some high post, if the General is available.

It was a mammoth news conference, held in a theatre, with enough questions to make it rough for even a seasoned candidate. But Mr. Eisenhower, who hasn't been called that since he was a youth, carried it off with smiling adroitness.

He needed his best diplomatic manner - because the whole thing started off with a battle of

television, the press objected violently to T V which would scoop them -- the more so as they were kept in the theatre, until the interview was over. But the new technique won out - and the whole thing was televised.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

The final count from South Dakota is still not in. The figures from several remote precincts will not be counted until Saturday. But there's no question about the decision, Taft wins -- unless a recount should alter this. He has a lead of ^{nine}~~eight~~ hundred and ^{seventeen}~~twenty~~ mighty slim, when the total vote was more than one hundred and twenty-eight thousand. The missing precincts cannot change the result - as the total vote cast in those areas is less than the Taft margin.

TRUMAN

President Truman was sharp and scathing today - in denying that he still has ideas of running for the Presidency. Some Republicans have been saying - there's a scheme for a draft. ^{That} The Democratic Convention will ~~may~~ appeal to H.S.T. and he'll run again. The Truman reply is - that such reports are the product of distorted minds. He says that people who talk that way are ~~may~~ merely indicating what they, themselves, would do - if they were in his place.

The White House news conference today got around to General Ike's address last evening. The President refused to discuss it. But he gloated over the Taft-Eisenhower fight. He said the quarrels among the Republicans please him no end. He was asked for his opinion about points of dispute between the Senator and the General, but ~~H.S.T.~~ refused to get into the fracas. Strictly on the sidelines - just cheering the G O P gladiators on.

STEEL

Senator Byrd of Virginia wants Congress to make a formal demand - that President Truman invoke that the Taft-Hartley act in the steel strike. Today the Virginian argued that this should have been done the very "instant" the walkout began. So now Congress should call on the White House to take action -- "immediately" invoking the Taft- Hartley Law -- to end the strike.

This was accompanied by a Senate vote. Today, meanwhile, bargaining talks began in Washington between the ~~companies~~ companies and the union. Each side named a three-man team to negotiate. The President - urging them to hurry up for a "quick settlement."

FOLLOW STEEL

The latest -- Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman states that companies and unions, today, made what he calls "more real progress than ever before.

Simultaneously, Senator McFarland of Arizona Democratic leader in the Senate, told the legislators tonight that he hopes the steel strike will be over in by Monday.

This was accompanied by a Senate vote, postponing action on the bill for economic controls until Monday. In the hope that the tie-up of steel may be over.

FOREIGN AID

The compromise bill for foreign aid was passed by the House of Representatives this afternoon. Total -- six billion, four hundred million dollars. Which is ~~more~~ nearly a billion and a half less than the original sum requested by the White House. There were a series of cuts and compromises, so now the Foreign Aid comes out - six billion, four hundred million.

G. I.

In Congress today, a new G.I. Bill of Rights was passed - for veterans of Korea. The measure would provide free schooling, and other benefits, cost, a billion dollars a year - as okayed by the House.

KOREA-TRUCE

(In truce talks, the Reds today making things awkward, by invoking - the Geneva convention.) They, themselves, do not recognize that famous pact for humane treatment of prisoners of war. We do. But ~~xxxx~~ there's one discrepancy - and that's ironical.

(The Geneva convention, framed years ago, requires all prisoners of war to be repatriated, upon the conclusion of ~~xxxxx~~ peace. But, we refuse to send back to the Reds prisoners who don't want to go. The Geneva convention never foresaw anything like that. Never foresaw - ideological war. In which prisoners, turning against Communism, would be doomed --if handed back to their own Red masters.)

What ~~is~~ a mockery - a humane provision being used to force inhumanity! The Reds would seem to have a fieldish logic on their side - except for the fact that they ~~Themselves~~, have not ^{(been abiding by the} ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Geneva convention. Our negotiators today, pointed that out as legal justification - in refusing to force prisoners of war to go back to the Communists.

KOREA-PRISONERS

Today bring^s a story of atrocity - following yesterday's news of the rescue of seventeen prisoners of war, condemned to death by Communist bosses. They were found, bound and shackled, in a tent - awaiting their fate. Today, one told - how he was tried and condemned by a Red Kangaroo Court.

He said he fell under suspicion, because several friends of his, anti-Communists, escaped from the prison compound - seeking safety among the American guards. So he was brought up before a Kangaroo court, consisting of thirteen "judges". They questioned him and he was repeatedly beaten. Finally, they condemned him - and he was put in a tent, with others, awaiting execution. Death sentences, he declares, were carried out by the "judges" themselves - who beat the victims to death with clubs.

All this was possible, because the two thousand prisoners in the compound were left to themselves, ^{Thus} ~~and~~ the Red fanatics could do ^{much} as they pleased.

BERLIN

In Berlin, another American protest -- to the Reds. This time -- because the Communists are trying to force an American administered Community to submit ~~to~~ to Red rule.

In arrangements ~~was~~ made at the end of World War Two -- a neighborhood, called Steinstuecken, was put under American control. Although - it was a ^{mile} ~~mile~~ and a half inside the sector assigned to the Soviets. Steinstuecken has been getting food by a supply service of American trucks. But now the Communists have cut off the traffic -- Steinstuecken threatened with starvation, unless its one hundred and sixty people go under the rule of the Reds. So, we protest.

DUTCH PLANE

Today's accident in sea and air maneuvers off the coast of Holland, was a - cataclysm, fifteen lives lost, only one British sailor saved - in a crash of plane and ship.

Dutch aircraft were making sham battle attacks on British naval vessels - and an American built jet, an F-84, was diving down at a British mine sweeping launch. The plane was to have pulled out of the dive, but never did. Something went wrong -- and, at sonic speed, the jet plunged straight into the launch, both instantly exploded, in one burst of towering flame.


SHIP COLLISION

There was a ship collision in the St. Lawrence River today - the liner Scythia ramming the Collier Wabana. The stern of the craft loaded with coal was ripped away, but the Wabana seems in no danger of sinking. There's ^a report that one member of its crew is missing - but ^(that's) ~~xxxxxx~~ not certain. The Scythia - damaged somewhat. Both vessels - heading for a shipyard for repairs.

ATOMIC

(Atomic explosions are becoming so common, they attract little attention. Today they had the twentieth, on the Nevada Desert.) Counting the first experiment, in New Mexico - it was number twenty-one in this country. Others, of course, in the far pacific.

The one today seemed much smaller than ~~usual~~ usual. Presumably, they were testing a smaller atomic device.



ADD ATOMIC

Yet, because of peculiar conditions of the atmosphere, the flash could be seen as far away, almost as the Canadian border.

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But that was believed...
The game is square with the...
with hinge cards, numbers...
rules revised, so that you'd win by... skills.

But the boys were wrong, and while...
the courts, where an investigation was held...
mathematician from Princeton was called in, Dr. Harold...
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was old - chance. The professor arranged a match...
between two experts and two amateurs. One hundred...
games - and the experts who were hired, the...
business twenty, three were... the professor...
said - skills. The... game can...
be played... and...
the operators...

SKILO

There's joy along the Atlantic City boardwalk. The pastime called "skilo" is just what it sounds like - not a game of chance. But - skilo. This by decree of the New Jersey superior court.

Boardwalk operators used to feature - bingo. But that was outlawed - as gambling. So they revised the game to square with the law- they hoped. Played with bingo cards, numbers dictated by chance. But with rules revised, so that you'd win by - skilo.

But the cops were ornery, and skilo went to the courts, where an investigation was held. A mathematician from Princeton was called in, Dr. Harold *Kuhn*. ~~Kuhn~~ To figure out if it really was - skilo, or that same old - chance. The professor staged a match between two experts and two beginners. One hundred games - and the experts won seventy-seven, the beginners twenty, three were ties. So, the professor said - skilo. *And* The Judge said - righto. The game can be played along the boardwalk all summer long, and the operators are saying - how sweeto.

American women are sometimes inclined to think that British women are a bit plain, maybe not so cute and smart. But listen to this, girls. At the old city of Lichfield, in England, today, a soldier named Cornelius Knight told a court-martial why he was A W O L. He said he married a woman who told him she was thirty-two. Then, after the ceremony, he found she was fifty-one.

"I just went all to pieces" he testified.

So how is that, ladies -- taking nineteen years off your age! *Any comment N?*