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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Both sides were claiming the victory in the record-breaking filibuster. Republican leaders declaring that the Atomic Bill, even with amendments, is substantially what President Eisenhower wanted. While Democratic filibusterers argue that they changed the measure in vital ways.

The points at issue concerned ways of making atomic energy available to peaceful industry. The filibusters - concentrating their fire on a proviso, whereby the atomic energy plants would purchase electrical power from private companies. They forced through an amendment, saying - that the Atomic Energy Commission will be permitted to generate its own electrical power. Making - the purchase of power optional. Moreover, the AEC may sell electric power,

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in excess of its own requirements. There are other changes, too.

The amendments were adopted last night by an arrangement that brought the filibuster to a sudden end. Then the Senate passed the Atomic Energy Bill.

TAX BILL

The House of Representatives passed the huge Tax Reform Bill - after the measure had been put into final form in a conference with the Senate. The Bill would save individuals and companies more than a billion and a quarter in taxes this year.

It still remains for the Senate to give its okay.

PUBLIC DEBT

President Eisenhower says he feels it will be necessary to raise the limit of the national debt. Telling his News Conference, today, that this is - inescapable.

The legal limit is two hundred seventy-five billions. On June 30, the debt had risen to nearly two-hundred and seventy-one billions. Not far to go to hit the ceiling. The President said expenses are so heavy there'll be a further deficit - making an increase of the limit necessary.

One belief is that the President will ask Congress to raise the ceiling of the public debt before the present session ends.

EISENHOWER - PLANES

President Eisenhower today, stated that the two U.S. carriers will depart from waters off Hainan - shortly. He explained that the HORNET and the PHILIPPINE SEA were there to take part in the search for survivors of the British airliner shot down by the Reds. They'd remain as long as there was any hope. But there now seems little purpose in continuing the search. So the carriers will leave that area, where U.S. carrier planes shot down two Red fighters.

A reporter, at the White House News Conference, asked the President about reports that some of our Allies believe the United States may have acted rashly - in sending the carriers to the vicinity of Hainan, that might bring about a war.

The President said he'd seen a report of anxiety in Paris. The French thinking - the United States government acted in a truculent, impulsive manner.

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He said he does not intend for this country to be either impulsive or truculent. But we do intend to defend ourselves whenever necessary.

He noted, moreover, that there was a difference in the attitude of the Red Chinese - toward Great Britain and the United States. When the British airliner was shot down, the Chinese Reds apologized at once. But, when our carrier planes were attacked and then shot down a couple of Reds, the Mao Tse Tung Regime acted in a very different manner. Protesting violently - letting loose a barrage of threats. The President said it was difficult to interpret the meaning of these contrasting attitudes. But he supposed they were part of the regular Communist plan to divide the Western Allies.

SYNGMAN RHEE

The South Korean President addressed the Congress of the United States, at noon today. Syngman Rhee, once lived in this country, in exile. So he talked in English, and there was no mistaking what he said. He may be seventy-nine, but he bristles with defiance and energy.

He told the joint session of Senate and House that the Korean armistice should be cancelled. The war - begun all over again. The only way, whereby Korea can be united. However, he didn't advocate hostilities right away. But, when the free countries are ready for it. Syngman Rhee admitted that this might bring on a third world war, with hydrogen bombs. But he said, that would end in the destruction of Soviet Russia.

It was a bristling speech, by an aged patriot.

KOREA

Korea reports a grim disaster. A village obliterated, a score of people killed, when an ancient wall came tumbling down a mountainside.

They are having a plague of rain storms in Korea, floods and landslides. The village, in a remote section, got more than its share of water from the sky. That's what caused the calamity.

That ancient wall stood high up on a slope, a wall so old that only vague memory is left of when it was built, or why. The story goes back to a Chinese invasion of times past. The Chinese building the wall as a fort.

Anyway, the recent rains undermined the ancient stone, and the wall, long, high, and massive, came tumbling down. Carrying with it, a slide of sodden earth. One-half of the village, buried under ten feet of stones and mud.

Medical relief, headed by American doctors, had a hard time, getting to the place. So remote! The village that stood below an ancient Chinese wall.

LONDON

In London, Prime Minister Churchill, today, was consulting with his top ranking political advisers. What to do, about a rebellion in Churchill's own party. Forty Conservatives in rebellion against the agreement for a British withdrawal from the Suez Canal.

The forty have announced, they'll vote against the British-Egyptian arrangement. Which could involve survival of the Churchill government, If the Labor Party were to join the forty, it would be a majority against the Churchill Cabinet, which then might have to resign.

PRIMARIES

Today brought final figures from primary elections in three Southern states -- Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. In each instance Democratic nomination is as good as election. And, in each state, the primaries have angles of exceptional interest.

Latest figures from Arkansas give the victory to Senator McClellan running for another term in the Senate. He wins outright and there won't be a run-off. But it was nip and tuck -- with plenty of suspense. Earlier figures today made it seem that the Senator would fail to get a vote larger than the total for all his opponents. He'd have to get that over-all majority, to avoid a run-off. But the final returns showed McClellan running strongly, increasing his majority. Putting him over the top, by a narrow margin.

Senator McClellan, of course, was prominent in the Army-McCarthy television extravaganza -- and that figured prominently in the primary. McClellan, defending the part he played in the T.V. circus.

His principal opponent was a dazzling product of Oklahoma. Sid McMath, the one-time "boy wonder". McMath was a decorated Marine in World War II, and then came up like a flash, in politics. The 'Boy wonder' elected Governor twice, but losing out for the third term.

McMath became a bitter opponent of McClellan, and, campaigning against him for the Senate, concentrated on those famous McCarthy hearings. Charging - that the Senator wobbled on the question of McCarthyism.

In Louisiana, Senator Ellender wins a fourth term in the upper House of Congress. But he had a tough contest, though supported by the Long organization, the political machine descended from the one time Kingfish Huey Long. In early returns Ellender trailed. His opponent, Frank Ellis in the lead. The earlier figures, coming in from city districts. But the rural votes, then turned the tide. Ellender, building up a commanding lead, in the hardest battle of his political career.

In Oklahoma, there was a run-off election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and the surprise comes in the case of that second office. State Senator Raymond Gary wins the Democratic nomination for Governor. For Lieutenant Governor, Cowboy "Pink" Williams. Remember him? The Oklahomian disgruntled about cattle prices, who got into trouble with the Post Office Department, because of postal cards he mailed attacking President Eisenhower? The cards, condemned as - obscene. They had to do with kicking the part of the anatomy to be kicked - and raised a ruction. Cowboy Pink Williams was in the news as the highly publicized argument went on, in the limelight. So, he went into politics. Running for Lieutenant Governor, against James Berry, who had been Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma ever since Nineteen Thirty-Five.

Nobody gave the cowboy, with his anti-Eisenhower postal cards, much of a chance. But he now ~~is~~ becomes -- Lieutenant Governor. As for kicking, well, he kicked himself into the second highest office in the state.

WEATHER

President Eisenhower issued a directive, today -- telling government agencies "to make every effort" in behalf of ranchers and farmers in drought stricken areas. Large parts of the country are having a prolonged heat wave, and there is a crisis for livestock herds in the middle and southwest.

SHOOTING

Scotsdale, Arizona, has a strange murder mystery, and the police today were questioning William Demand, operator of a photographic studio. The facts, as given out, are puzzling.

Last night, Don Frederick, a former Mayor of Scotsdale, was shot to death in his home. As he was watching a television set. Killed, by a single bullet. His wife, in another room, heard him fall, but she never heard the shot, above the sound of the television show.

Shortly afterward, Mrs. Faye Demand, wife of the photographic studio operator, was killed not far away. When driving a car. She plunged into a canal.

Her husband was picked up in the vicinity. He said he heard police sirens, and had come to take pictures. In his car, a pistol which had been fired once. Tests are being made to determine if this was the murder weapon.

No indication is given of a possible motive in the shooting of the former Mayor.

RUSSIAN RIVER

Did you know that it once looked as though the Russians would include California as a part of the empire of the czars? They had their Russian headquarters right near where I am tonight, on the Russian River, a couple of hours drive north of San Francisco.

Today all the people of California might be speaking Russian if it hadn't been -- but let's start at the beginning of the story. Along about Eighteen Hundred, at the court of the Czar Alexander, the otter was the fur most desired by the grand dukes and their ladies.

In the hunt for otter the Russians established forts and fur trading centers in Alaska and as far down as middle California. They came here in the year Eighteen Nine. Opposed only by the Spaniards with their missions.

Who upset the Russian dream of taking over California? It was Napoleon. His Russian campaign, although a failure, kept the Czar from strengthening his outpost in California. And fifteen years or so later the

Russians began pulling out. Also President Monroe issued his Monroe Doctrine - Europeans to stay out of the Americas with their future empire building ideas. Aimed, they say out here, at the Czar and his ambition to take over in Western America.

So, that answers a question raised recently by Johnny Wolf, a San Francisco composer. He wrote a song that goes like this:

Why did the Russians leave it and
go back to the snow?
Why they left this bit of heaven,
I'll never never know.

HUSBAND BEATING

High Point, North Carolina, reports a case of -- husband beating which, for a change, makes logical sense. Answering the question, how could it happen?

Archie McBride, twenty-four years old, put in a complaint, saying, the little woman gave him a beating. She's twenty-three.

The judge looked Archie over, Archie being no wizened shrimp.

"How come she beat you up? demanded His Honor.

"You're bigger than she is."

"Yes," replied Archie, "but her pappy held me!"

And that, Ed, is one way for the little woman to give the big fellow a shellacking, when pappy holds him. But I'm sure you would never have that kind of trouble.