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(Given by Chas. Collingwood)

WILSON

Secretary of Defense Wilson has taken official notice of Washington's latest "great debate." For the past several days the air has been filled with disagreements between the armed services -- differences over the weapons of modern war and how they should be used -- quotations from Army and Air Force staff papers at wide variance with each other...Tonight Secretary Wilson says the disagreements have been misunderstood. The views quoted, he said, are not official. "Honest differences and reasonable competition between the services are healthy," he said... "But it's not good for the country to have the differences, some of which are set forth in confidential staff papers, aired on a basis of service partisanship.".....Secretary of Defense Wilson, trying to calm the debate on military policy.

## EISENHOWER

The President and the First Lady held their annual garden party today - for hospitalized service men. The party was given on the south lawn of the White House. Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower stood under a red and white canopy for forty-five minutes - to shake hands with their guests.

The first patients to come through the reception line - seven stretcher cases, invited to the White House for the first time. After them, came almost a hundred veterans in wheel chairs.

To their guests, the President and the First Lady served ice cream, cookies, punch, coffee, and cigarettes. These were distributed by volunteers from the Red Cross and the President's domestic staff. Cabinet members and their wives helped out - circulating among the crowd to chat with the patients. And afterward, Postmaster General Summerfield remarked: "This was the easiest of all these parties we have ever had."

At the end, the Eisenhowers walked down to the center of the lawn, to thank the Marine Corps band for providing the

music. Then the President and the First Lady returned to the White House - Mrs. Eisenhower, pausing long enough to pick up a small cake.

## CYPRUS

That riot on Cyprus was touched off by school girls. They ran from their classrooms into the street. There they began to throw stones at British troops - screaming all the while for union with Greece. They even managed to wrest a Greek flag from a group of British soldiers. Then the girls fled.

During the confusion, hidden assassins began to throw bombs. One dropped into a British jeep - and killed the soldier in it. A number of other British and ~~Egyptian~~ Cypriotes were injured.

This happened on what is called "Murder Mile", in the city of Nicosia. ~~M~~ Judging from today's riot, that section of the city is appropriately named.



ALGERIA

**YI@** Violence in Algeria is becoming not only more widespread - but also more atrocious. Yesterday the rebels killed a patrol of draftees - just arrived from Paris. The French found nineteen bodies - with two others missing. The victims had been barbarously mistreated by the rebels.

Today, another big scale atrocity. A detachment of the so-called "army of Allah" - racing into a village, and killing seventeen pro-French M<sub>o</sub>slems. Apparently it was in retaliation for the number of native Algerians asking for French protection.

## IRAN

In Teheran, the ~~gx~~ government of Iran is threatening to break off diplomatic relations with Egypt. The reason - anti-Iranian propaganda broadcasts by the Cairo radio.

A government official says Iran is especially angry over a Cairo radio report - that Iranian military officers staged a coup d'etat, trying to seize power. According to Iran, the report is completely false.

The Egyptian radio has not given any reason for its attacks on Iran. But apparently, Premier Nasser is using the radio as a ~~xxxxx~~ weapon - in its efforts to entice Iran away from the Baghdad Pact.

## INDIA

In New Delhi, it's announced that India and Russia have signed a new agreement - India, buying oil drilling equipment from Russia. The sum involved - about a million and a half dollars. The agreement provides for free erection of the *oil drills* ~~equipment~~ by Soviet experts. And after that, other Soviet specialists will train Indians to operate the equipment.

## SURPLUS

President Eisenhower moves to prevent ~~any~~ further surplus of crops that have price supports. A new presidential order states that leases starting sixty days from now - will forbid the cultivation of surplus crops on federally owned land. [Mr. Eisenhower hopes in this way to keep the crops under control - and to prevent a drop in prices.] Close to two million acres are involved.

Meanwhile, a House-Senate committee has begun drafting a compromise bill - on Mr. Eisenhower's plan for a soil bank.



CHOTINER

The name of Vice-President Nixon's Nineteen Fifty-Two campaign manager, Murray Chotiner, was mentioned at today's hearing of a House Judiciary Sub-Committee. Alexander Hardy, President of National Airlines, charging - that North American Airlines used Chotiner as a contact with the White House. Hardy charges that North American was involved, in what he terms, "illegal operations" - when it was represented by Chotiner.

## INTRODUCTION TO L.T.RECORDING

In tonight's <sup>recorded</sup> report from Katmandu, Lowell Thomas tells of strange, exotic, funeral rites - in the kingdom of Nepal, high up in the Himalayas.

L.T. RECORDING

Hello, everybody! When Nepalese visit our country, I wonder if they find our customs half as strange as we find theirs. For example, before Prince Mahendra could formally take over as king, he had to kill a rhino. But that wasn't all. After the animal was disemboweled, leaving only the tough hide and the armor, the king had to perform a puja, a religious ceremony, inside the rhino. Most of the big game hunting in Nepal is done in the deep jungle between these mountains that ring the capital city of Katmandu, and the plains of India, down in a region that they call the terai.

The king, who evidently is an ardent hunter, decided to have some fun as well as perform the puja. So on this recent trip to the terai, he shot 22 tiger, 10 leopard, and five rhino. This last a prehistoric monster with one horn, the African rhino has two horns and different armor.

And while talking about customs that seem strange to us, let me tell you of the one that seemed strangest of all. It has

to do with the cremation of the late King. As I mentioned before, it was King Tribhuvana who precipitated the downfall of the Nepalese feudal system, that is - government by hereditary prime ministers. Whereupon, from 1951 Tribhuvana, after forty long years on the throne, now at long last was a king with real power. Still a young man, in his early fifties, but as a palace prisoner they tell us that he had lived a rather dissolute life, and he died in February last year. Prince Mhendra had often quarreled with his father because of the King's vices - and now to keep the Ranas from making a comeback, the Prince hurriedly made himself king, formalized by thik present coronation.

Upon the death of his father, Mahendra, normally, would have played the leading role at the funeral pyre. But this he was obliged to assigned to a younger brother because having put himself at the head of the government, really made himself a king in a hurry, well then, he must not even attend the cremation. A huge funeral pyre of sandalwood was erected,



FOLLOW L.T. RECORDING

Well, Lowell, I guess no one could blame the Brahmin.  
After all, who wants to be an Untouchable - when he can live the  
life of Riley, on the Malabar coast.

## BAPTISTS

A Russian Baptist leader says there are no signs - that the Soviet government intends to stop freedom of worship. The Reverend Yakob Zhidkov is head of the Moscow Baptist church. He is leading a group of Russian Baptists in a visit to this country. He pointed out to a news conference that the Russian Constitution guarantees freedom of worship - and he believes ~~that~~ that freedom is a reality in his country. The Russian religious leader believes that the ~~charge~~ church in Russia is adequate for the needs of the people. He refused to speculate on the question - whether a Kremlin crack-down on religion might touch off a ~~religion~~ revolution.

FROGMAN

A London newspaper states that the Eden government has disciplined the men involved in the case of the missing ~~in~~ frogman. The "Daily Express" claims that <sup>publicity surrounding the disappearance</sup> ~~the case~~ of Commander Crabb - forced Sir Anthony Eden to make drastic changes in the hierarchy of responsibility within the Secret Service. We hear that three officers of Intelligence have been transferred - as punishment for their part in the case of the missing frogman.

BOOKKEEPER

In a Norfolk, Virginia, courtroom, Miss Minnie Mangum described today how she embezzled almost three million dollars from a building and loan association. She took almost twice as much money - as that involved in the Brinks hold-up.

And the theft caused the firm to go out of business. Because Miss Mangum pleads guilty, the state is dropping its other indictments - ranging all the way from forgery to <sup>perjury</sup> ~~perjury~~.



## CIVIL RIGHTS

Southern members of the House Judiciary Committee filed a minority report today - on the subject of President Eisenhower's civil rights program. These Southerners disagree with the majority. They say the Eisenhower program is a "Frankenstein" - that w'll destroy states rights. They claim it would involve so many new rules and regulations - that the F.B.I. would have to spend all of its time investigating for the Southerners complaints. But this minority report/also includes a blast at the Supreme Court - on the grounds that the Justices are disrupting the law by their rulings on segregation.