

EISENHOWER

~~Wed.~~ Wed. June 3rd - '53, L.T.P+G.

~~We hear~~ Something new tonight. The President of the United States - in a sort of round-table talk, with members of his Cabinet. This - on TV and radio.

President Eisenhower spoke both as the head of our government - and as master of ceremonies. On International policy, he told us there would be no "new Munich". No surrender to the Reds. But, at the same time, he'll take no risk of another world war -- atomic war.

He had Secretary of the Treasury Humphreys explain the Administration tax policy. Then, Secretary of Agriculture Benson, on the problems of the farmers. Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, speaking as the Secretary of her department - Education, etc. Attorney General Brownell - outlining his view for the suppression of subversion and fraud in government.

The President, finally, assuring us that we'll have sufficient air power. All - as a round table discussion for the people of this country.

. Something new -- for the President to do.

REORGANIZATION

The reorganization of the Department of Agriculture goes into effect - at midnight. The House of Representatives, today, rejected a Democratic move to veto the plan. The opposition claimed - it would give "blank check" power to Secretary of Agriculture Benson. Last week, the Senate voted similarly, refusing to reject the reorganization, which now takes effect.

SENATE-CHINA

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The Senate, this afternoon, voted a

resolution - opposing the admission of Red China into the United Nations. This was a substitute for a stronger proposal -- recommended by a Committee on appropriations. The Committee voted a declaration that, if Red China were made a member, the United States would cut off its contributions to the U N.

President Eisenhower was against anything so drastic, and called a White House meeting of Senate Republican leaders -- assuring them that he ~~would~~ would oppose any attempt to give the Chinese Communists a place in the U N. That satisfied the lawmakers - and, today, the Senate passed the modified version. The vote - unanimous.

One of the Senators present today was Taft of Ohio. Who appeared - on crutches. Senator Taft has spent a couple of weeks in hospitals, taking treatments for an ailing hip. He says the doctors want him to ^{keep} his weight off it as much as possible. Hence the crutches.

He's not so faithful to them. however

because, when he got off a plane in Washington this afternoon, he forgot them, and had to trudge back - for those crutches.

LONDON

Prime Minister Winston Churchill had a long conference today with Soviet Ambassador Jakob Malik. The first formal meeting since Malik arrived last month, ^{in London -} replacing Ambassador Gromyko. The purpose of today's conversation at Number Ten Downing Street is a secret. But the London report is - that ^{Sir} Winston and the Soviet Ambassador discussed a possible ~~in~~ four-power conference, between the West and the Soviets.

Meanwhile, the London Foreign Office issues a statement on that - three power conference. Saying that consultations are on - to fix a date for the British-French-American meeting at Bermuda. When President Eisenhower announced the Bermuda conference, he said - the middle of June. But they've had to make it later, because of the political crisis in France.

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Today, France was still without a government. No Premier, no cabinet - but lots of

maneuvering, trying to find a Premier able to line up a majority of the National Assembly.

London says that Prime Minister Churchill is urging that the Bermuda Conference should not be postponed beyond the last of June or the first week in July, but, meanwhile, France will ^{somehow} have to find a Premier - to go to Bermuda.

Today the Prime Ministers of the British Commonwealth, issued a joint statement - expressing the hope that the Bermuda meeting will be followed by a four power conference with Soviet Russia.

KOREA TRUCE

Tonight, things come to life again - at the truce tents in Pan Mun Jom. Armistice talks in abeyance for ten days - while the Reds studied the U.N. plan for dealing with the prisoner-of-war issue.

There's no hint of what it's to be acceptance or rejection. But observers in Korea, think the Communists may accept - or, at least, suggest changes agreeable to our side.

FOLLOW KOREA-TRUCE

Just in is statement made by the South Korean Ambassador to Washington. He stated tonight that his government is, in his own words, "ready to go along with whatever the United States does."

KOREA WAR

Eighth Army Commander, General Maxwell Taylor, explains the recent flare-up at the war front as "muscle flexing". The Communists - launching attacks as a show of strength, for the purpose - of influencing the armistice negotiations.

Today, that "muscle flexing" was at a place called Luke's Castle, where the South Koreans made a counter-attack, and recaptured the position.

ITALY-ELECTION

In Rome, today, the official newspaper of the Vatican came out with a political proclamation - urging the people to vote for the Christian Democratic party, and support Premier De Gasperi. The Italian Republic is having a nationwide election over the weekend - and, as usual, there's ~~an~~ fear that the Communists and their left wing allies will score gains in the voting. But the declaration by the Vatican is not so much concerned about ballots cast for Reds. It is the extreme right wing that causes concern. The moderate party headed by Premier De Gasperi is losing strength - to Monarchists and Neo-Fascists. Which threatens to split the anti-Communist vote in this election.

~~The best opinion in Rome indicates - a victory for De Gasperi, ~~though~~ by a reduced margin. His own party is in a coalition with right wing Socialists and liberals, and they should come out with an over-all majority. ~~Which would give them firm control of the Italian parliament.~~ But the~~

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~~Monarchists and Neo-Fascists have tickets of their own - and might keep De Gasperi from getting the majority he needs.~~

One factor ~~in this Italian election~~ is our Ambassador ^{er}~~ess~~ - Mrs. Clare Booth Luce. Both Communists and extreme right wing have been assailing her for a ~~xxx~~ statement she made in an address. Saying - that, if totalitarians of either the right or the left should prevail, Italy would get no more American aid. Reds and the rightists are denouncing that as - meddling in Italian affairs.

FOLLOW ITALY-ELECTION

The latest -- an outbreak in Naples. Where the police opened fire on a rioting mob. Eight wounded. The mob - Neo-Fascists. Trouble breaking out at a mass meeting of right wing extremists.

This following a warning by Premier de Gasperi - that if the Democratic elements were defeated in the General election, there might be a threat of civil war in Italy. In which, said he, the Communists would be victorious over the Neo-Fascists.

ISRAEL

The political crisis in Israel has ended.

The four cabinet ministers, who resigned, have rejoined the government of Prime Minister Ben Gurion.

The quarrel was over permission to fly the Socialist Red flag and sing the Internationale in schools.

The compromise is that only the flag and anthem of Israel may be sung - until the question has been decided by new law.

CORONATION AFTERMATH

The news wire today brought various bits of aftermath, as a follow-up to the big news of yesterday. For example, a dispatch - telling of a Coronation Ball in Moscow. The British Ambassador to Soviet Russia - throwing a gala party.

Dignitaries from the Kremlin were invited - a whole host of them. So what happened?

During the cold war, Red officialdom has had little or no social contact with diplomats from the West. The western legations - avoided, ostracized virtually isolated. But, now, more than two hundred Russians showed up - headed by Molotov. As Foreign Minister, he's top man in diplomatic matters.

Today's dispatch says - it was the most genial Anglo-Soviet party since the days of World War - Two, when Stalin gave receptions for Winston Churchill.

When British Ambassador Sir Alvary Gascogne gave the toast ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ champagne, - "To the Queen". the two hundred Soviet officials, led by

Molotov, joined in heartily: "To The Queen!". Molotov stayed for an hour, sipping drinks and chatting with Her Majesty's Ambassador.

All in line with the new tone taken by the Kremlin since the death of Stalin, the peace offensive.

INTRO TO ENGERT

Now from London, an American view of what the Coronation meant to the British people. Let's hear from a U.S. career diplomat, a former American Ambassador. Last night I mentioned that we would be hearing from Cornelius Van H. Engert, former U.S. Envoy to Paris - and Ambassador to various countries. I asked him to represent me at the Coronation. So, former Ambassador Engert recording a political slant on the ceremony - now, direct from London.

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WINDSORS

Now for a moody coincidence, with a note of reminiscence -- and a certain pathos. The day after the Coronation, was an Anniversary for a couple in Paris -- their Sixteenth Wedding Anniversary. The Duke and Duchess of Windsor -- who, yesterday, watched the magnificent ceremony in Westminster Abbey. They saw it on television -- in Paris.

Today, the Duke presented the Duchess with a bouquet of gardenias -- which he has done on their anniversary, every year.

Tonight, they are in their Paris home - by themselves. Today, the Windsor secretary said: "They will be completely alone." Alone, that is, with their memories -- going back to those days when he was Edward the Eighth, and abdicated the British throne to marry the American born Wallis Warfield. Memories the more poignant, after so curious a coincidence. The Coronation of the Queen -- just the day before the wedding anniversary of the former King.

FLIGHT

A history-making flight began today - when fifteen B-forty-seven stratojet bombers took off at Tampa, Florida. On the first leg of a mass flight across the Atlantic. They'll make a stop at an air base in Maine - then across to England. The jets are as big as B-twenty-nine superforts, designed for atomic warfare - if it should come. Displaying their long range - in a mass jet flight across the Atlantic.

PEARY

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It isn't ~~at~~ certain just what has been discovered - but it is a fascinating story. Especially if it is, really, the flag with which Peary marked the North Pole.

FLOODS

Dangerous floods in Montana - the sun River overflowing its banks. The city of Great Falls - threatened. Great Falls has a population of forty thousand - the Red Cross is prepared to evacuate fifteen hundred from the western part of the town - which seems as if it would be engulfed.

ARMY WORMS

An alarming story comes from Indiana where the farms are being devastated by a plague of Army worms. They call it the worst attack of that particular pest on record. In Jackson County, two thirds of the clover crop called "completely devoured." The army worms are moving along by the millions. At Dudleytown, Indiana, people say ~~that~~ the critters ^{are} on the highway ~~are~~ so thick that -- it "looks like the surface of the road ^{is} ~~was~~ moving". Airplanes are spraying the country with insecticides but the plague of army worms appears to be unabated. They are concentrating on young corn, young clover, rye and pasture land.

MEXICO

At the city of Juarez, in Mexico, the mayor has issued an order: "check your gun senor!" Telling the gentlemen of Juarez - they'll have to stop carrying firearms. Which will be a change indeed. Until now, a pistol has been - the height of style. What the well dressed man ~~will wear~~ ^{wore, in} that city - just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas.

But why an order so unusual? Well, it comes after what happened in a courtroom, where a lawsuit was on - to dissolve a business partnership.

Senor Alcalá was in the garage business with Senor Villareal, but they fell out - and, in the courtroom, their lawyers were arguing the merits of the case. But the principals got involved in the legal proceedings, ~~and~~ ^{They} hurled abuse at each other. Whereupon Senor Villareal challenged Senor Alcalá - to step outside and decide the case with pistols. That apparently, would have been all right - except that they started the duel before they got outside.

There, in the courtroom, they blazed away at

each other - Alcala killed. The judge, the lawyers,
everybody - ducking for cover.

So that's why, today, the Mayor issued that
order. ^{Nelson,} The gentlemen of Juarez will not, hereafter,
wear six shooters! Check your gun, Senor!

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