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The approval of Christian Herter as Secretary of State - set a record. Never before has the Senate acted so quickly - on a nomination that important. Usually, the man picked by the President ~~is~~ to be Secretary of State - has to go through a long ~~is~~ session before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Followed by a lot of debate - on the Senate floor.

But today the Herter ~~is~~ nomination got through the committee - and the full Senate - in ~~only four hours.~~ *a hurry.*
The vote - unanimous. Ninety-three to none - in favor of Christian Herter.

During his appearance ~~is~~ before the committee - Herter gave a brief analysis of the cold war, as he sees it.

He admitted ^{ed} that war could break out, over Berlin, if we stand fast - but certainly would erupt - if we tried to appease Khrushchev.

What about nuclear weapons? Our new Secretary of State said - the President would confer with Congress before ordering the ultimate weapons to ~~is~~ be used. Do the Russians

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want - nuclear war? In his opinion No - but we must prevent Khrushchev from blundering into war by underestimating us.

Secretary Herter's statement - indicates as we knew, that he is following the Dulles approach to world affairs.

NEPAL

The Communist threat to India, ^{seems} more menacing -
with today's report from Kathmandu. The Chinese Reds, raiding
into Nepal. Killing and looting - in the Himalayan villages.
Searching for - Tibetan refugees.

The Sherpa tribesmen - striking back. Now telling
King Mahendra - they'll carry the war over the Himalayas into
Tibet - if the King can't keep the Chinese out of Nepal.

RED CHINA

Red China increases military spending - by sixteen percent. Earmarked for the armed forces this year - the equivalent of two and a half billion dollars. The rubber-stamp Congress now gathered in Peking - giving the measure unanimous approval..

The vote almost coincided with - an American warning about Mao Tse-Tung's empire. Assistant Secretary of State, Walter Robertson, calling Red China - "arrogant and unprincipled saying, the oppression of Tibet - is typical. With the Chinese Communists ready to attack other nations.

Which points up the ~~Red~~ Peking announcement - about increased military spending.

DALAI LAMA

At Mussoorie, In the western Himalayas of India, a journey ended today, one of the spectacular treks - of our time. It began in Lhasa on March Fourteenth - when the Dalai Lama escaped on horseback. Not from his tall palace, the skyscraper Potala. He was fleeing from his summer palace, Norbu Lingka, which the Chinese/^{Reds}were shelling. Over lofty mountain ranges he fled - eventually across the main range of the Himalayas, to northwest Assam, with a caravan of horses, mules and yaks. The trek now ending - in the luxury of an air-conditioned train. The Dalai Lama, arriving at the mansion of the Birla family - where he will stay.

Today, the God King of Tibet drove to Birla House - in a Cadillac. At the door, turning to the crowd he gave them a blessing and then added "thank you" in English.

Later, he appeared on the balcony - in response to thunderous cheers.

The Dalai Lama will rest and reflect until his conference with Prime Minister Nehru at Birla House. After that, ~~is~~ a decision - about the future. How to help his people - now so oppressed by the Communist terror - but still holding out against the hosts of Red China.

CASTRO

When Fidel Castro arrived in New York City today - he was greeted by a mob of twenty thousand. Among them - a man carrying a revolver, who was picked up on suspicion and hustled off to the police station for questioning. Giving his name - Captain Pedro Garcia.

Who did Captain Pedro Garcia turn out to be? Why Castro's own personal bodyguard. He was waiting for his chief - when a couple of New York's finest thought he looked too suspicious.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Dominican Republic - declares a state of emergency. Constitutional guarantees - suspended. The police - allowed to hold suspects indefinitely.

Alleged reason - Communism in the Caribbean. Today's declaration in Ciudad, Trujillo, referring to "red aggression".

This, apparently a slap at Cuba's Castro - who has been critical of Trujillo's dictatorship in the Dominican Republic.

FARM

Today's report by the Agriculture Department indicates a drop of net farm income - to twelve billion, a billion below last year. But this is not complete in that it doesn't cover the kind of income that farmers get from non-agricultural things.

BUSINESS

American business is climbing ~~toward~~^{to} an annual
five hundred billion dollars. The Commerce Department, reporting
a record output of goods and services - for the first three
months ~~of~~ this year. ~~The Commerce Department expects our
economy to keep moving at a high level - for the rest of
Nineteen Fifty Nine.~~

Riding the crest of ~~the~~ this prosperity - individual
income. Which means more spending - production - investment -
and employment.

FIFTH AMENDMENT

Harry Bridges - takes the Fifth Amendment. The head of the West Coast longshoremen's union - testifying before the House Committee on Un-American activities, ^{Today} ~~refused~~ to tell the committee - whether he ever was a Communist.

NARCOTICS

The Japanese police have smashed an international narcotics ring - that used an American as its courier, one Marshall Wilmot - of Laverne, Oklahoma, a radio man at an American air Base in Japan.

Wilmot picked up a consignment of pure heroin - from his contact man in Hong Kong. The stuff worth - a cool million. Wilmot's job - to deliver it to another member of the ring in Tokyo.

The airman from Oklahoma - hid the dope in his flight jacket and returned to the Air Base as usual. The Japanese police, tipped off in advance, searched him and found it. And then they tracked down the Chinese ringleader.

SNARK

Another guided missile - making a round trip to Cape Canaveral. A snark - fired down the Atlantic range.

Soaring - a thousand miles. Then, turning around-
~~fin~~ flying back. Skidding to a stop - at the airstrip where
it was launched.

JETS

In Longford, England, American jets have been taking off with a roar - bound for New York - at 1:30 A.M. Zooming over Longford - waking up the town. The Longfordians, first protesting - then launching a counter-attack.

That is every time the one thirty A.M. flight roared overhead they reached for their telephones, calling American airline officials; each caller, saying in a pleasant tone - "Good morning - did I wake you up?"

The counter-attack worked, Don. The company - capitulating. Taking off - that one thirty A.M. flight.

MOVIES

Here in Los Angeles tonight, some reminiscences of Hollywood movies are appropriate. Found in a new book called- "Star Maker," by our old friend, Homer Croy. A life of D.W. Griffith- renowned pioneer of early motion pictures.

Among the anecdotes that Homer Croy relates is one about- Theda Bara, the original "vamp." Mysterious, exotic- with fatal charms. Actually, she was Theodosia Goodman, daughter of a Cincinnati tailor.

In one of her vampire pictures, her name was supposed to be- "Arab Death." But that was too sinister for the press agents, who renamed her Theda Bara. Theda- a scramble of the letters that spell "death." Bara- Arab spelled backwards.

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She was advertised as the daughter of a French soldier and an Egyptian beauty- born in Egypt. At a press conference the reporters asked Theda Bara- in what part of Egypt she was born. "On the banks of the Nile," she replied.

Well, the Nile is two thousand miles long, and she was asked- where on the Nile?

"On the left bank," replied Theda Bara.