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EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower's plan to reorganize the Defense Department - is being called "revolutionary" on Capitol Hill. The President, proposing a big step toward creating a single military service.

The heart of the plan - unified field commands. Army, Navy, and Air Force - to fight together regardless of their branch of service. All, to be directly under the Secretary of Defense. The Secretary, to run all military operations. Also, to decide on all military research. Congress, to appropriate money in the name of the Secretary - not in the name of the individual services.

*Pres.*  
*1958*  
Eisenhower's message runs to about seven thousand words. He says we must have unification of the armed forces - if we are to fight a modern war. The President summing up like this - "Separate ground, sea, and air warfare - is gone forever."

The President's plan, so sweeping - the reaction on Capitol Hill has been cautious so far. But no-one in Congress doubts - there will be a lot of objections, by members who prefer the old system.

*We all know how difficult it is to break with old traditions.*

## HIGHWAY

Today Congress passed a second major bill - to help end the recession. Last week it was a housing bill - calling for almost two billion dollars. The purpose - to create half a million jobs in the construction industry.

} Today - a highway bill. Congress voting over five billion - for work on <sup>the nation's</sup> roads. <sup>This</sup> covers the next two years. - <sup>Q vast project</sup> ~~country~~ expected to keep five hundred thousand <sup>at</sup> men ~~working~~.

First the House passed this bill. The majority, overwhelming - three-hundred to twenty-eight. The proposal going over to the Senate - where it was approved quickly by a voice vote. Next stop - the White House. President Eisenhower is expected to sign the highway bill although yesterday he asked Congress not to move too fast on legislation - that involves heavy federal spending.

## KHRUSHCHEV

Today's line-up in Budapest - shows the change that has come over the Kremlin. For trips abroad, the Russian team used to be - Khrushchev and Bulganin. Now, it's Khrushchev alone. Oh yes, the new Soviet Premier <sup>had some companions: -</sup> ~~brought some~~ with him - Kozlov and Gromyko. But they <sup>are in the background,</sup> ~~haven't been saying much~~ Khrushchev, <sup>in</sup> ~~was~~ the spotlight.

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This morning, he <sup>hopped</sup> ~~jumped~~ over a park railing, away from his bodyguards - and began <sup>is</sup> ~~to~~ talk with a crowd of Hungarians. Calling Kadar to translate for him. The puppet ruler of Hungary - obeying, just as if he were Khrushchev's private interpreter. Later, they all went to the Hungarian War Memorial - where Khrushchev laid a wreath. The square, a strange sight - one American flag flying in the midst of hundreds of Hungarian and Soviet flags. The American flag, atop our Embassy, which stands near the War Memorial.

After the ceremony, Khrushchev <sup>had another</sup> ~~plunged into~~ private talk with Kadar. Western observers in Budapest believe one result may be - more liberal terms for Hungary in dealing with Moscow.



CUBA

Tonight, the situation in Cuba - is <sup>suggesting</sup> ~~critical~~.  
Anarchy threatened, as rebel leader Fidel Castro steps  
up his campaign against Batista. Automobiles <sup>went</sup> speeding  
through Havana distributed ~~of~~ leaflets - calling for a  
general strike, ~~The leaflets~~ demanding "Paralysis for  
Cuba - until tyranny falls!" Batista, countering with  
an order to Government workers - authorizing them to  
kill any ~~rebel~~ rebel who tries to enforce a general  
strike. Ordinary Cubans <sup>are</sup> so frightened over what is  
happening <sup>that today</sup> there were heavy runs on Havana banks.  
Depositors, anxious to get their money ~~out~~ - before ~~the~~  
catastrophe.

Meanwhile, Batista continues to receive weapons  
from other Latin American states. A shipment today -  
from Nicaragua. ~~But~~ Castro has cut off Oriente Province  
from the rest of Cuba. And he has three columns driving  
on other key points of the island. <sup>will</sup> Havana, now bracing  
to meet an assault - that may come soon.



## INDONESIA

The rebels on Sumatra report - they've captured a lot of weapons from behind the Iron Curtain. Rifles, machine guns, and mortars - made either in Russia or in the satellites. The rebel radio, answering the charge that they're supported by International Communism. Saying <sup>that</sup> it's President Sukarno who is threatening Indonesia with Red domination.

~~Sukarno continues to claim - desertions from the rebel army. Officers and men, coming over to the side of the Jakarta Government. The rebel command admits some desertions - but denies they ~~are~~ enough to affect the outcome of the civil war.~~

An American opinion of the conflict comes from United Press correspondent, Wendell Merick - who is at rebel headquarters in Central Sumatra. He describes the rebels as well equipped for guerilla warfare. But they don't have the weapons for a full-scale counter-attack against Sukarno's men. The crippling deficiency of the rebels - no fighting planes. <sup>R</sup> From what Correspondent Merick says - this could be a long civil war.

## MACMILLAN

The British Prime Minister, badgered in the House of Commons - about the question of a ban on atomic weapons. Laborites, referring to Khrushchev's decision to stop Soviet tests - unilaterally. Wanting to know if Prime Minister MacMillan intends to make a similar announcement for Britain. The most heated attack, from Bevan - charging that MacMillan is letting Russia win a propaganda victory.

The Prime Minister's reply that Britain will not suspend nuclear experiments - unless the Russians agree to a real inspection system. That you probably can carry out secret tests; so there's no way of telling whether Khrushchev is honest - about stopping Russian tests. MacMillan asking, why the boss of the Soviet Union - should refuse to let a UN inspection team visit his atomic sites.

SAUD

A Syrian court, indicting two relatives of the King of Saudi Arabia. King Saud's ~~foreign~~ father-in-law, Asad Ibrahim, and his brother. They are charged with plotting to overthrow the United Arab Republic. Damascus claiming, they tried to instigate a rebellion in the officer corps of the Syrian Army. The two defendants have denied the charge. *Now will they be* ~~and they won't be~~ *present at* ~~on hand for~~ the trial. They're ~~back~~ in Saudi Arabia. ~~leaving~~ Damascus to try them in absentia.



CORREGIDOR

The escort aircraft carrier CORREGIDOR - steaming toward the Azores, with four men aboard seriously injured, ~~this~~<sup>as a</sup> the result of ~~that Atlantic~~<sup>a</sup> storm. Giant waves, pounding over the CORREGIDOR - cracking her hull. The forward engine-room flooded. The four men injured, as the ship pitched back and forth.

Now ~~she's~~<sup>with</sup> getting better weather ~~heavy~~<sup>- only a</sup> swell, and winds of ten miles an hour - ~~but it's a lot better than that storm~~. The CORREGIDOR, ~~sailing~~ under her own power - expect<sup>s</sup> to reach the Azores ~~late~~ tonight.

SUBMARINE

*We now have a*  
~~The Navy, to launch its~~ second submarine -

equipped with guided missiles. The "Growler," to be launched at Portsmouth, New Hampshire - on Saturday.

According to Admiral Robert Moore, commander of the shipyard - ~~this sub will be with the fleet by the end of the year~~

~~The "Growler" is a conventional sub. About~~  
three hundred feet long - ~~with the usual motor. She is~~  
not atomic powered. ~~The important thing is she carries~~  
*and*  
*But she does carry*  
the Regulus guided missile, ~~This missile~~ to be fired while the "Growler" is submerged. ~~Meaning we have~~ <sup>"</sup>One more submarine that can sail close to an enemy shore - and fire a barrage without coming to the surface.

CAIRO FOLLOW SUBMARINE

And Cairo has a report about submarines. The Egyptian Navy announcing - a flotilla of three new U-boats, just arriving from Communist Poland. The crew, men of the United Arab Republic. Egyptians and Syrians - trained behind the Iron Curtain.

They took their subs out from the Polish port of Gdansk. Steering clear of normal shipping routes. Keeping radio silence all the way. Entering Alexandria - before the West knew anything about it.

Tonight, the Egyptian press is boasting <sup>that</sup> the United Arab Republic now has the strongest navy in the Middle East.



## SNARK

At Cape Canaveral they tested the air force "snark" today. The "snark," a pilotless bomber. *That* weighs fifty thousand pounds - has a wing span of forty-two feet - and flies at seven hundred miles an hour.

Today's test - completely successful. The "snark," rising in a burst of flame - zooming up into the sky as a crowd down on the beach watched. They saw the pilotless bomber level off - and disappear out over the Atlantic. The "snark" - headed for a target five thousand miles away, ~~down~~ in the South Atlantic.

## CRASH

The "CAPITOL LIMITED" of the Baltimore and Ohio - crashing into a tractor-trailer at Lodi, Ohio. ~~The driver of~~ <sup>says driver</sup> The tractor-trailer, James Burt of Lagrange, Ohio, - was carrying a load of coal. ~~That~~ he waited for an eastbound train to clear the crossing at Route Seventy-six. Then he pulled on to the tracks without seeing the train coming from the opposite direction.

The "CAPITOL LIMITED" demolishing the tractor-trailer. <sup>Railway</sup> ~~the~~ cars, jack-knifing - tearing up half a mile of track as they careened in a heap. A length of steel rail, driven up through one pullman - missing a sleeping passenger by <sup>inches.</sup> ~~about a foot.~~

No-one killed. But ten passengers ~~aboard the train~~ were injured. And <sup>Trailer</sup> driver Burt is in the hospital - condition, serious.

## CALIFORNIA

California, battered by the worst tempest in half a century. High winds, raging through the State. Rain, falling steadily for more than thirty hours. Streams, rising over their banks. Landslides, blocking highways and railroads. In the Sierras, <sup>deep</sup> snow has cut roads and rail lines into Nevada. Five thousand people, fleeing from flooded homes - with the Red Cross struggling to find shelter for fifteen hundred refugees. Damage, running into the millions - several dead, and many missing.



## CHURCHILL

Sir Winston Churchill, back in Britain. The crew of his plane say he played solitaire - all the way from the French Riviera. Smoking a big cigar - with a whiskey and soda at his elbow. He emerged at ~~the~~ London airport - pale and unsmiling. But he came down the ramp with his usual vigor. And ~~he~~ raised his hat to acknowledge cheers from the crowd.

From the airport, Sir Winston drove straight to his home at Chartwell in Kent. What about his scheduled trip to America? For Sir Winston - it's still on. In spite of his doctors, he expects to visit President Eisenhower in Washington. And his staff still has orders - to go ahead with ~~the~~ <sup>S</sup>planning for the trip. ~~Sir~~ Winston Churchill, still anxious to see his old friend of World War ~~II~~ <sup>A</sup> days - Dwight Eisenhower.

## CEYLON

A dispatch from Colombo, Ceylon - telling of violence at the town of Bogawantala. That town, in the center of the island paradise in the Indian Ocean. No, today's violence has nothing to do with politics. The cause - linguistic. Fighting between rival language groups - instead of rival parties.

The people of Bogawantala speak two different languages - Ceylonese and Tamil. The Tamil - speakers - all of whom originally came from India - or their parents did - claim they are being discriminated against. Local newspapers, almost all printed in Singhalese. And the Government is run by people of that race who prefer their own tongue. But the Ceylon Tamils say they want Tamil to be a second language - on a par with Singhalese. The old story of a minority language - struggling to survive.

Today in that Ceylon eden, Bogawantala, there was a riot. A battle.

The police, charging with clubs and tear gas.

The toll - ten dead, scores injured, twenty-five in jail. On the isle, Don, where the Missionary hymn says only man is vile!



DRUNK

Yes, Don, here's one from far Taipeh, Formosa:-  
the longest case of intoxication - since they started  
keeping statistics about people who like firewater.

Chiu Hui-Hsin who works for a wine company, a  
month ago, he fell into a storage tank - filled with ten  
thousand gallons of white wine. By the time they fished  
him out - he'd almost drowned. Chiu Hui-Hsin,  
unconscious, but with a placid look on his face - dead  
drunk. And now, a month later - he's still stinko -  
still drunk. Chiu Hui-Hsin, tanked for a month after  
falling into a tank of Formosan white wine. A world's  
record they say, in Taipeh.