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MIDDLE EAST

The Middle Eastern crisis, over the week-end -  
sank to a new low. Israel, ~~yesterday~~, rejecting the  
latest American proposal for withdrawal of Israeli forces  
from the Gqsa strip and the Aqaba sector. The government  
of Israel declaring - the U. S. offer was not sufficient.  
Whereby our government would make moves to open the Gulf of  
Aqaba to Israeli shipping - and provide safeguards against  
the renewal of Egyptian raids from the Gosa strip.  
Israel demanding - stronger ~~guards~~ safeguards.

Whereupon President Eisenhower issued a statement -  
that the American proposal would provide Israel with more  
security than Israel can obtain by holding those territories  
in defiance of the United Nations.



(The President put it in these words: "The force-  
able seizure and occupation of other lands as a bargaining  
power in the settlement of international disputes."

Which, he said, was outlawed by the charter of the United  
Nations.)

After which he went on to say that both Britain  
and France had obeyed an order from the international  
organisation - to withdraw their forces from Egypt. "Israel,"  
he added, "should do likewise." It was the strongest  
Presidential statement *that has been made during* *and* ~~in~~ the deadlock. ~~It~~ was followed - by  
new advice from the U.S., urging Israel to comply.


A dispatch from Jerusalem states that Premier  
Ben-Gurion wants further consultations with our government.  
Ben-Gurion quoted as declaring: "The views of the two  
governments are not too greatly divided." Which sounds as

if an agreement <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ still possible. But the word is that the Israeli Parliament is of the opinion - there's little use of holding further talks with the U. S.

Tomorrow, or Wednesday, the <sup>K</sup>nesset will vote on proposals calling for guarantees, ~~Before~~ Israel - will evacuate the disputed territory.

Meanwhile, there comes <sup>ominous</sup> ~~ominous~~ word from the Sues Canal. The work of clearing the waterway - at a virtual standstill, today.

At the moment, the Canal has been cleared well enough to let small cargo vessels navigate - from one end to the other. <sup>But</sup> ~~The~~ larger vessels are blocked by two major obstacles, two large craft which the Egyptians sank. The task of removing those major obstacles - held up.





American ~~Gen.~~ Gen. ~~Ransom~~ Wheeler, head of United Nations salvage operations, has not received permission from the Egyptians to begin that phase of the work. And a dispatch from Ismailia says - Egyptian officials have given General Wheeler to understand there is no chance of getting the salvage job under way again, until the question of an Israeli withdrawal has been settled.

(All of which adds a further element to the deadlock, and sharpens the demand that the U.S. sanctions - be imposed on Israel. With President Eisenhower wanting to avoid the question of sanctions, by bring<sup>ing</sup> about an agreement for an Israeli withdrawal.)

The President, ~~we hear~~, will cut short his vacation in Georgia - and fly back to Washington, tomorrow. So the question was asked - was this because of a cough that he has



been having for some days. A throat inflammation - which developed in the chilly weather of the Inauguration. And has not been helped - by the vacation in Georgia. It's dusty down there - not so good for a cough, according to throat specialists.

~~The~~ Presidential secretary, Jim Haggerty, replies - no, it's not the cough that will bring the President back to Washington. It's that Middle Eastern emergency. And there's a report that President Eisenhower may make a personal appearance before the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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## CYPRUS

The United Nations, today, took up the question of Cyprus - another headache for Statesmen. Greece is presenting a resolution - demanding that the British permit the Cypriots to have their own way. Which would be - to join Greece. Britain, at the same time, is presenting a counter motion - claiming that Greece is promoting terrorism on the Island of Cyprus.

Another source of discord - among the countries of the West.

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## LOS ALAMOS

A forbidden city - not forbidden anymore. In New Mexico, a town shut off from the rest of the world - now free and open.

Los Alamos - home of the atomic bomb with a community created, in 1943, especially for atomic developments. Nobody allowed into the town - except by special pass. A visitor found it no mean task - to get a pass.

Today, however, Governor Edwin Mechem of New Mexico, snipped the ribbon thus symbolizing the opening of a street. Los Alamos, with its 13,000 people - now an open city, like any other. Atomic security - not so rigid any more, and the casual tourist can drive into Los Alamos, come as he pleases.

Some of the residents - afraid they will be swamped by

~~night~~



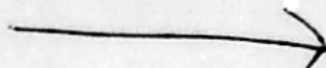
sightseers. Others, not so pessimistic. Pointing out that the only way you can get there - is by traveling up thirty miles of twisting mountain road, high in the Jemez Range of northern New Mexico.

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MARILYN MONROE

Frank Sinatra - making moves, so that he won't have to testify concerning a raid by private detectives. Which happened - in the troubled married life of Marilyn Monroe and Joe D'Maggio. The ball player - said to have engaged the detectives to check on Marilyn. Sinatra - said to know what happened in the raid, a couple of years ago.

The crooner - indignant<sup>a</sup> about the way a subpoena was served on him. The servers, three of them, invading Sinatra's bedroom, at his home in Palm Springs.

So much for the affair concerning Marilyn Miller and her former husband, Joe D'Maggio. Her present husband, playwright Arthur Miller - is in the news from Washington. Where a Federal Grand Jury, today - indicted Miller, on charges of contempt of Congress. 

In June of last year, Miller appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities - questioned on the subject of Communism. He answered - about himself. Saying - he was never under Communist Party discipline, but supported Communist front organisations in the late 40's. *Then* he refused to answer questions concerning anybody other than himself. Wouldn't say anything about past Communist connections of people he knew.

Which is the basis for indictment now returned against Arthur Miller, playwright husband of Marilyn Monroe.

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## CARVETH WELLS

Tonight, somewhere in the unearthly distance,  
there is a spirit wandering - and I hope he doesn't find  
things ordinary and commonplace, the usual, conventional.

Carveth Wells, explorer and storyteller - who died over the  
week-end. Seeking all his life - for the secret, the  
curious and the bizarre.

Carveth, who was born in England, always denied he  
was an Englishman. A native of Cornwall - he called himself  
a Cornishman.

Anyway, he grew up in Bermuda, became an engineer,  
did railroad survey/<sup>ing</sup>work in Canada. All - fairly commonplace,  
for Carveth Wells.

But he got an engineering job that sent him to  
Malaya - where he laid out the first Malayan railroad.

From there, the jungle. He found his real talent - the quest of the fantastic. Giving humorous and witty accounts of exotic wonders.

He made his large success here in the United States. Bringing to lecture audiences - and later radio and T.V. - with his balance wheel - his wife Zetta - tidings about the tree climbing fish. And - about the fish that winks, closing one eye with a droll expression.

And all the while - he made trips of exploration. One - to the Mountains of the Moon in East Africa. Financed - by Bert Massey of Palmolive Soap. So what did Carveth do - but solemnly place a cake of Palmolive soap on top of one of the Mountains of the Moon.

Yes, in a distant other world, Carveth Wells will find something curious.

Here in Hollywood, last night - I had a chance to perform a stunt I had long wanted to try. Picking somebody out of an audience - and asking him to come up and do the speaking.

It was at the Annual Milestone Award, presented by the Screen Producers. This time - honoring Walt Disney. Who certainly must rank - as Hollywood's number one personality. My role, that of toastmaster introducing a rather unusual array of speakers, General Omar Bradley, Leopold Stockowski, V. P. Nixon, Perle Meste, Dr. Fr. Baxter, Grandma Moses, Gene Kelly. I have always argued that many in an audience are more eloquent than those at the speakers table. So, to try and prove my point I picked out a gentleman sitting down at a table - and invited him to come up.

The audience of Hollywood personalities gaped; - when they recognized that he was Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the clergyman fabulously successful as an author



and speaker.

So up Dr. Peale came - and told what he thought of Walt Disney. His impromptu talk the hit of the evening. Extolling the creator of delightful entertainment for young and old. Walt Disney - no one purveyor of happiness and good cheer of our day.

I must confess - it was a plant, for I knew Dr. Peale was in Los Angeles, and had asked him to be in the audience so that I could pick him out - as if by accident.

## QUEEN ELIZABETH

LISBON, STATELY CAPITAL OF PORTUGAL - WAS THE SCENE OF A  
MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION TODAY. QUEEN ELIZABETH II - ON A 3-DAY  
VISIT OF STATE. A MILLION PEOPLE - ON THE BANK OF THE TAGUS  
RIVER, AS THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA CAME UP STREAM. THEN,  
AN ANCIENT BARGE OF STATE - ROWED BY 40 OARSMEN - CARRIED  
THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TO THE LANDING PLACE.

THE WEATHER, TODAY - PERFECT. QUITE A CONTRAST - TO  
THE STORMS OVER THE WEEK-END WHEN THE QUEEN AND HER HUSBAND WERE  
CELEBRATING WHAT IS BEING CALLED - "A SECOND HONEYMOON," ON  
THE ROYAL YACHT. IN A RAGING GALE - THINGS WERE HARDLY  
PERFECT FOR A SENTIMENTAL 2-DAY VOYAGE AT SEA. BUT THE  
WEATHERMAN FIXED THINGS RIGHT - FOR TODAY'S RECEPTION IN  
LISBON.

Dozens of students imitated Sir  
Walter Raleigh by laying their coats  
in front of the Queen. Play Henry.

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**Announcer:** And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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**L.T.:** While Europe was having its bitter winter last year, the news told of a weather balloon carried by immense winds - establishing a long distance record. The U. S. Navy released the balloon in Japan - and it drifted east. Across the Pacific, across Canada and the United States, across the Atlantic. Sending radio signals all the time - until it fell into the sea off the coast of Portugal. That was a year ago today.

And So Long Until Tomorrow.

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