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President Eisenhower expects to get bi-partisan cooperation in the new Congress. Mr. Eisenhower telling his news conference today that he believes the Republicans and the Democrats will both support him on defense and foreign policy legislation.

The President has already met with leaders of the Senate and the House. He told his News Conference that the GOP was divided over certain domestic issues. But even so, he expects cooperation on most things.

What about the Democrats? Mr. Eisenhower indicated that from his talks with Democratic leaders -- they have no fundamental objections to his position on National Security and Foreign Policy. In fact, the Chief Executive believes that the Democrats should take the initiative when they want legislation. And he added that each member of his Cabinet has a standing order to confer with Congressional Committees -- before putting Administration plans into their final form.

Mr. Eisenhower noted ^{that} one important part of his foreign policy has already been successful -- saving Iran from Communism. He pointed out that the Shah of Iran is now his guest -- and that the Shah represents a country much stronger ^{now than} ~~than it was~~ when Mossadegh fell.

One reporter brought up a personal question -- referring to a statement by Press Secretary ~~James~~ Hagerty.

The statement, that the GOP would be "fool-hardy" if it doesn't draft Mr. Eisenhower for President in Nineteen Fifty-six. What did the Chief Executive think of the Hagerty statement? Mr. Eisenhower answered that his Press Secretary is entitled to his own opinion.

DEFENSE FOLLOW EISENHOWER

During the News Conference, the President spoke for some minutes about defense. He argued that we must remain prepared to fight a war. That is for about fifty years or so we must expect this to be a part of our way of life.

The President believes the cold war can go on that long - and may turn into a shooting war at any time. The danger being - a sudden Russian attack, aimed at knocking out our industry before it can be mobilized. He was asked whether his policy would weaken our ability to fight small-scale wars, such as the Korea-type of war. His reply - that a country able to win big wars can certainly win little ones.

PRISONERS

The State Department issues a statement - that sounds like a contradiction of what it has been saying for the past few days. Spokesman Lincoln White, telling newsmen that we might consider exchanging Chinese students for the Americans held in Red China.

The State Department has been saying that we would not consider any deals with Mao-tse-tung. So Lincoln White's declaration brought the question: ^{! - Are we} ~~whether~~ ~~we were~~ contradicting ourselves? White reported that there is no contradiction - because our point still is that we will not compel Chinese students to go back if they don't want to.

Today's statement about a possible exchange - refers to Students who want to go home. Some students have been barred from returning - because we feared ~~that~~ they might have information useful to the Reds.

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Nows it's ~~believed~~ believed that whatever scientific knowledge they have acquired in American Universities is already available to the Mao Regime. So theres no reason to hold them ~~in this country~~ ^{here - if they want to go,}

^{they are} ~~there~~ the ones who could be exchanged for the Americans.

That's the meaning of the Lincoln White statement -

No deal that would compel Anti-Communists to go home to ~~fight~~ Communism, but, a possible exchange of Communists for the Americans.

MOSCOW

The Russian Government announces support of Red China - on the question of Formosa. The Foreign Ministry in Moscow issuing a formal statement - denouncing our agreement with Chiang-Kai Shek.

The statement agrees with the Chinese Reds, that America is acting as an ^(Aggressor.) ~~aggressor~~ ~~and~~ Malenkov ^{says} ~~declares that~~ Red China has a right to stand firm against the Aggression - The Russian boss insisting that ~~Maotse Tung~~ has a right to conquer Formosa if he can.

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles is in Paris, for consultations with Mendes-France and Anthony Eden.

Our secretary arrived with a delegation of nearly forty experts -- including Secretary of the Treasury, ~~George~~ Humphrey, and Foreign Aid Administrator, ~~Harold~~ Stassen.

Tomorrow the Foreign Ministers will ~~meet~~.

~~They're expected to review~~ *discuss* their common ~~interest~~ *world* ~~problems,~~
~~throughout the world.~~

And on Friday and Saturday, the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will take up NATO problems.

The big question, as we have already heard, is the question of who should have the right to decide on the use of atomic weapons. Dulles, Eden, and Mendes-France will consider that question -- and see if they can figure on an answer.

MENDES-FRANCE.

The French Premier will stake his government on the ratification of the German Re-Armament Agreement. Mendes-France, to call for a vote of confidence in the National Assembly. Meaning, he will resign if he doesn't get that vote of confidence. The Premier is throwing down a real challenge to the Assembly - because the Agreements cover the whole field of sovereignty for West Germany, German Re-Armament, German entry into NATO, and the settlement of the Saar dispute. Mendes-France wants all these approved by the Assembly - or else he will refuse to stay on as Premier.

CYPRUS.

The question of Cyprus is off - at least for the time being. United Nations - ^{noted, this evening} ~~voting~~ to put that issue on the International Shelf. P Greece - demanding that the fabled island ~~should~~ be handed over to Greek rule. Great Britain - equally insistent that Cyprus must remain in British possession. United States - backing Britain.

It looked like an acrimonious row - at the UN. But - ended ^{with} ~~like~~ a love feast. New Zealand - bringing a compromise resolution before the Political Committee.

Resolution stating - that it would not be "appropriate" for the UN to take up the Cyprus question "for the time being." The Greeks accepted that. Finding consolation in the phrase "for the time being."

Indicating - only a temporary delay of claim. P The vote of the Political Committee - unanimous. ~~All - ending~~

~~happily in the Cyprus dispute.~~

POLAND.

A refugee doctor declares that the number of patients in Polish mental hospitals has multiplied five times since the Communists took over. The doctor ^{is} not identified - because his family is still in Poland. But he was quoted over Radio Free Europe.

According to this doctor, white-collar workers are especially hard-hit by mental illness. Also professional men, and students. The doctor says that poor food and bad housing are partially to blame. But mainly - the nervous tension of living in a Communist-policed state. ^{That} The educated classes ^{are just} not robust enough to stand up under the perpetual pressure ^{of} the Red bosses.

McAULIFFE

An American General arrived in Brussels today, receiving a royal reception. General Anthony (Nuts to you) McAuliffe, arriving for the commemoration of the Battle of Bastogne.

It's just ten years since the famous stand that McAuliffe and his men made at Bastogne -- the most familiar episode in the great Battle of the Bulge. McAuliffe and his men held out for more than a week against the Panzers of Field Marshal von Rundstedt. During the siege a German emissary came to the Americans - and told him to surrender or be destroyed. We all remember how McAuliffe gave his monosyllable reply -- "Nuts." Now a classic in the history of modern warfare.

And his force was not destroyed. His men held Bastogne -- until more troops could be thrown into the battle. A key operation, leading to the invasion of Germany.

Now McAuliffe returns to Belgium -- for a hero's

reception. He there to represent his men who fought it out
in the Battle of the Bulge.

money he borrowed from his firm.

Wick Seriker, employed by a finance company, at
eighty-five dollars a week, suddenly turned up in New Orleans
not only without a job - though it is known he had a job - but
with a large sum of money, bills of various denominations & with
papers which he had stolen.

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of the company manager on checks. Covering up the theft by
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Incidentally, the finance company was unaware of the
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EMBEZZLER

He spent three thousand dollars, in three nights - in the New Orleans French Quarter. Nick Sorikas did - with money he embezzled from his firm.

Nick Sorikas, employed by a finance company, at eighty-five dollars a week, suddenly turned up in New Orleans hot spots throwing money around as if it meant - poof - nothing to him. A spending spree so wild, someone reported it and the police nabbed Nick.

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FLYING SAUCERS

The question of flying saucers came up at President Eisenhower's News Conference today. A reporter saying that some European governments are investigating "saucer reports" - doing it seriously. So the reporter wanted to know - does our Chief Executive take the stories seriously.

Mr. Eisenhower replied - no. He says that the information he has does not indicate that any flying saucers are coming to us from outer space.

TRAINS

At Paris, Illinois, two freight trains ^{came} ~~crashed~~
~~together~~ ^{together} today -- hurling box-cars through the air,
~~like sticks of wood.~~ One ~~of the freights~~ was just
leaving the ~~train~~ yard -- when ^{the} ~~another~~ jumped the tracks
at fifty miles an hour. The impact so terrific ~~that the~~
box-cars snapped apart, throwing fuel oil and gasoline
over the area. The police were afraid to move the cars
~~at once,~~ afraid of touching off an explosion. ~~Said one~~
~~patrolman, "If a spark hits that stuff -- this place~~
~~will blow up high."~~

The Diesel engine of one train smashed into
an apartment house-- and one box car was hurled into
an ~~occupied~~ apartment. Three ~~persons were~~ hurt ^{there}, but no
one ~~was~~ killed.

~~The last report from the area stated that the~~
Sprawling box-cars ~~just~~ like a log jam in a river.

BONNET

Now who would think of comparing the American newspaper to a glass of wine? Ah - who but a Frenchman? The French Ambassador, Henri Bonnet, has been in this country for ten years, and is now about to leave.

At the National Press Club in Washington, today, he praised American journalism with true Gallic courtesy. He said our newspapers provide the diplomat with good arguments to use at the State Department. He pointed out that the diplomat even can find the undisclosed plans of the American government in the American newspaper - which he admitted is helpful in diplomatic conversations.

Then he summed up saying: "The American newspaper is, as stimulating as the glass of white wine - that the worker in my country still prefers to milk."

High ~~prizes~~ praise from a Frenchman. We know how much the French value their wine - that is, except for Premier Mendes-France, who prefers milk.

DE SAPIO

The appointment of a new Secretary of State for New York - is causing quite a lot of talk in the Empire State. Especially, from the Republicans. GOP State Chairman, Judson Morehouse, calling the Harriman appointment "a pay-off to the Boss politician."

According to Morehouse, Carmine de Sapiro selected both Governor-Elect Harriman and Mayor Wagner as his own candidates. The GOP leader thinks DeSapiro already had too much influence in New York City. And now Morehouse charges that "the boss of Tammany Hall will move into Albany - and call the signals for the Harriman administration."

However, Albany newspapermen told me last night that the DeSapiro appointment is more of a compliment to him than anything else. That the New York State Secretary of State doesn't have many duties to perform. He isn't understudy to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. A one political reporter put it to me, Hugh - "In Albany we call that office Fernando's Hideaway."