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(Given by Chas. Collingwood)

President Eisenhower flew from Washington to Waco, Texas, this morning. He was greeted by Governor Shivers and other top Texans - and then escorted to Baylor University, where he delivered a major policy address before an audience of eleven thousand persons.

As expected, Mr. Eisenhower went over continuing issues like Communism and international cooperation. He termed Communism, "a gigantic failure" - and pointed out that it has never been able to destroy the desire for freedom among captive peoples. He also stated the hope that eventually the West might see a "United States of Europe" - as a result of the Communist threat. "Security" he said, "cannot be achieved by arms alone," And he urged the pursuit of ways in which cultural and economic assistance can be made more effective than purely military measures - We live with this -.

Mr. Eisenhower's speech included one new and very

dramatic idea - a kind of intellectual Point Four program. In other words, he wants our universities to pitch in and help develop science and technology in their sister institutions abroad.

The President did not attempt to outline a blueprint. He said our purpose should not be to try to transplant American traditions. Rather, we should help other nations develop their own traditions. He wants a voluntary partnership on the intellectual level - to supplement his other plans for the international use of atomic energy, and for the exchange of information.

During today's ceremony, Mr. Eisenhower was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Baylor. Afterward, he conferred with Texas leaders - before returning to Washington.

DEFENSE

The chief of the Air Force defense command says - our fighter planes are not capable of knocking down Russian jet bombers. General Earle Partridge, testified before a Senate Sub-Committee. He told the Senators that his fighters cannot fly fast enough, or high enough, to give the Soviet bombers any real trouble. General Partridge noted that this means - a sudden attack by the Russians now would leave our air defense with a very difficult problem.

But he added that his command is developing ~~both~~ guided missiles and supersonic fighters - both capable of dealing with Soviet bombers. And they'll be in use by the end of Nineteen Fifty-eight.

## INVITATION

Secretary of State Dulles does not attach any great significance - to the informal Russian invitation for American air officers to attend a Soviet demonstration next month.

The invitation was telephoned to Air Force headquarters - and it asks General Twining to send representatives to the Air Show over Moscow in June.

Asked about the invitation, Secretary Dulles said he's not too impressed by it. Besides, if Russian should invite our joint Chiefs-of-Staff, a much more important affair - even so, the matter would be dealt with <sup>in</sup> a normal routine way.

Which sounds as if Mr. Dulles doesn't count on any important change in the Soviet <sup>military</sup> attitude toward the West - even though >

the Kremlin does hope to see some of our officers in Moscow. Dulles also said he understands that the Russians have invited Air Force officials of many other countries, and today, in London, it was announced that the R.A.F. has received and is considering its invitation.

The Premier of France will put the life of his government on the line next Thursday - when the Chamber of Deputies holds a general debate <sup>on</sup> ~~of~~ his policy. The Premier won a slight victory by getting other leaders to agree to a general policy debate - instead of restricting it to the question of Algeria. By doing this, Mollet hopes that he can win a vote of confidence - even though his handling of Algeria may be condemned.

At the same time, the French Foreign Office announces that it attaches great importance to Premier Nehru's program for peace in the troubled French territory. The Indian Premier, in calling for negotiations, leaves aside the question of Algerian independence. He merely urges more rights for the ~~native~~ Algerian population.

Paris does not say the French government is ready to approve the Nehru plan. But Premier Mollet and his colleagues are studying it with much interest.

## TROOPS

The French government charges that Communists are involved in the incidents aboard troop trains - carrying reserves to ports where they will embark for Algeria. For three days now, the soldiers have been stopping the trains, uncoupling cars, building barricades across the tracks - and generally holding up their transportation. There have been more than ten such incidents - and in some places the troops have been ~~involved~~ involved in riots with the police. It has become so bad, that the French press describes the trouble as the "railroad mutiny."

At first ~~the trouble~~<sup>it</sup> was regarded as merely spontaneous. But now the official feeling in Paris is that hard core Communists have got into the act. The Communist Party is shouting for peace in Algeria - for the recall of French troops. The new "railroad ~~mutiny~~" mutiny" obviously is in line with what the Party wants. And that's why Paris is afraid that the Reds are using dissatisfaction among the troops - to help the Communist campaign.

ALGERIA

In Algeria, the fiercest battle in two weeks has just ended. It began, when French patrols spotted rebel scouts. The main body of the French promptly attacked with air support - and the result was a struggle that lasted all day long. The result, at least one hundred of the terrorists were killed - the French losing only one dead and five wounded. Tonight they are mopping up throughout the area.

## CYPRUS

On Cyprus, a Turkish leader remarked today: "It looks like civil war." He was referring to what happened in the city of Larnaca - when a battle between Greeks and Turks erupted on the streets. The British sent in a regiment to break it up - and ~~as~~ soon there was a three-cornered battle.

~~Greeks~~ The result - six Greeks and seven Turks, hospitalized.

And trouble in Nicosia continues. British troops were attacked by school girls again today. The girls, snatching a Greek flag - and then disappearing, while the British searched civilians for weapons. The British have sealed off more homes and stores along Nicosia's so-called "murder mile" - but they have not been able to stop the violence.



HARDING

Scotland Yard announces elaborate plans to protect Field Marshal, Sir John Harding, when he arrives in London next month.

The point, of course, is - that Sir John is Britain's Governor of Cyprus. The Cypriote terrorists have threatened to kill him - and they did plant ~~xxxxxxx~~ a bomb <sup>under</sup> ~~in~~ his bed, one night, which failed to go off.

Now he's coming home to talk over the Cyprus situation with Prime Minister Eden. Scotland Yard is afraid that Cypriote gunmen may have slipped into the British capital - to try to assassinate Harding. That's why he's to have special protection. He'll travel in a bullet-proof car - with two bodyguards. Special detectives from Scotland Yard will be scattered through any crowds near him. The security measures are so tight, that even the date of Sir John's arrival will not be made public.

## ISRAEL

The situation in the Middle East - is getting worse. That's clear from recent developments - especially Israel's charge that Jordanian infiltrators twice crossed her border. Israel says that in one place, the infiltrators ambushed and murdered a farmer. In another place, they fired on a group of surveyors - although no one was hurt.

And the Jordanian Defense Minister today stated that the Arab Legion will be used in the future - to defend the whole Arab world, not only Jordan. Which means, that the rest of the Arab nations can count on the strongest fighting force in their part of the world.

These Middle East developments occurred - as the head of the United Nations Armistice Commission got ready to leave for New York. General Burns of Canada is on his way - to report to the Security Council.

VIET NAM

Here is what may be the last story about those queer religious sects in Viet Nam. Last year we were always hearing about how Premier Diem was fighting the sects. Finally, he managed to beat them, and restore order.

Well, a dispatch from Saigon states that the leader of the Hoa Hao band - was killed during a fight with government forces. And his Chief-of-Staff was captured. Premier Diem reports that the Hoa Hao fanatics are now scattered and demoralized. So he hopes this is the end of real trouble from the religious sects.

RECRUIT

The recruit who died at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station - was not undergoing disciplinary treatment. The reference, to Maurice Everett of McKenzie, Tennessee - who was killed by a heat stroke.

Everett complained of feeling ill during a drill session. He was excused, and assigned to clean a barracks - where he collapsed. He died later in the hospital.

First reports were that he had been subject to a disciplinary drill. But the Commander of the recruit training program, Captain Charles Jackson - says it isn't so. Captain Jackson says Everett was undergoing re-training -- a kind of refresher course, for troops who fall below military standards.

The Commander of the station, Captain J.W. McLean, describes the course in this way - "It is not punishment in any sense of the word. It is re-training - and is short of any disciplinary training at all."

TRUMAN

Former President Truman is in the home of St. Francis - the town of Assissi, in the Umbrian Hills of central Italy. Mr. Truman, enjoying the peace and quiet of the scene where St. Francis talked to the birds and the animals.

Mr. Truman making the rounds in Assissi, just like any other American tourist. And <sup>not</sup> ~~in~~ mentioning the furore he touched off at Salerno, when he said that some "squirrel ~~headed~~ headed general" was responsible for the landing there in World War Two.

## CAPITOL

The House Appropriations Committee approves a money bill - for work on the Capitol Building in Washington. The project is timed to start after the presidential inauguration in January. One of the major constructions endorsed today - is the extension of the east front of the Capitol. It's to be more than thirty feet longer - to give a better architectural balance to the historic building - also, more space for our lawmakers.

Other provisions in the bill call for a series of new constructions - from escalators to bomb shelters.

## GANGSTER

That bomb explosion in Chicago - seems to have been a matter of poetic justice. One Clarence Campbell, blown up in the midst of his own bomb plot.

The Chicago police describe Campbell as a local gangster. They believe he was carrying out some kind of gangland operation - when he walked down the street with a dynamite bomb in his arms. Apparently, he intended to blow someone up.

But unfortunately, he never got that far. The bomb exploded in his arms - killing him instantly. If the police theory is true, it certainly was poetic justice - the plotter, blown up by his own bomb.



## FROST

We've had a lot of stories recently about the weather - especially, that sudden frost, which is still with us. Now New England has ~~totaled~~<sup>totaled</sup> up its loss in agriculture. The loss, running to about five million dollars - according to State Commissioner, Roy Hawes.

The Commissioner states that the fruit crop has been almost entirely destroyed - by the freezing temperatures on two straight days. Apple growers are burning smudge pots throughout the night now - while cranberry bogs have been flooded, to keep off the frost. Farmers are laying soil and paper over their cabbage, beans, cucumbers and squash - hoping to keep the crop warm enough to survive the sudden change in the weather. But already, much of it is lost.



## HELICOPTER

A helicopter pilot has flown from the lowest point in the United States - to the highest point. William Davidson of Bakers Field, California, took off from Furnace Creek in Death Valley. He landed on top of Mt. Whitney, the tallest mountain peak in the United States. When he took off, he was two hundred and eighty-two feet below sea level - and when he landed he was more than fourteen thousand feet above sea level.

Pilot Davidson says he had no trouble setting his eggbeater down on top of Mt. Whitney. He had no trouble during the flight - which set a new altitude record for helicopters.

## HORSE

The Brookfield Zoo in Chicago announces the birth of a colt. Which sounds ordinary enough - except that the new arrival belongs to a species that was once extinct. Experts call the species "tarpan" - but the more popular name is "forest horse."

The forest horses once roamed across eastern Europe. But they disappeared during the Napoleonic Wars - when they were eaten by the peasants, who had no other food. And eventually, the forest horses became extinct - just like the passenger pigeon in America.

Later on, a German zoologist got the idea of breeding horses - working back to the type of the forest horse. And he succeeded. He used a dozen different breeds - and eventually he produced new forest horses, just like the ones that had disappeared during the Napoleonic Wars.

Some of the new animals were shipped to Brookfield Zoo in Chicago. And they're quite excited at Brookfield, because a forest horse has just been born there. A species, brought back from extinction - and apparently <sup>thriving</sup> ~~about to thrive~~ in this country.