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President Truman will meet with President-elect Eisenhower - next Tuesday. At the General's vacation place, Augusta, Georgia, a telephone call was put into the White House today - making the appointment for two P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday.

So, at that hour, the General will enter the White House - for the conference that has been a beguiling subject of speculation.

They were such cordial friends at one time, H.S.T. and General Ike. Then ^{came all that} ~~was~~ bitter antagonism during that angry political campaign; When - the President, as an electioneering opponent, went all-out in trying to tear down the war hero, whom he had admired so much. But now - another reversal. President Truman, taking defeat like an old pro, does all he can to bring about an orderly transition of government from the Democrats to the Republicans. For which purpose he invited the President-elect to the White House - to plan it all. When the invitation was issued, my guess was that the campaign enmities

would be forgotten, and the two old friends would be friends once again. Which certainly looks like the prospect - at the White House next Tuesday. What a contrast to twenty years ago - F.D.R. refusing to work with President Hoover to help solve the nation's financial troubles.

One report is that President Truman will ask the General to make a public statement on Korea. He would like his successor to declare himself against any proposal to force prisoners-of-war to return to the Reds. This - to strengthen our hand at the United Nations, where Soviet Vishinsky is yelling - for the forcible return of prisoners.

Before leaving Augusta for Washington, President-elect Eisenhower will meet Governor Dewey of New York. So announced by the Eisenhower Press Secretary, Jim Haggerty, who was so long Associated with Tom Dewey. The Governor will fly from Albany to Augusta - in response to an invitation from the President-elect.

Jim Haggerty says they'll confer on questions of

Korea - the trip the General will make to the warfront. He was asked - would Governor Dewey accompany the President-elect to Korea? He replied - he didn't know. He was also asked - would the Eisenhower-Dewey discussion include the possibility of a Cabinet post for Tom Dewey? The Press Secretary made no comment on that.

CABINET

Speculation about the new Cabinet puts a spotlight on the name of - Thomas E. Dewey. No sooner had the landslide occurred, than the New York Governor was mentioned as a foremost candidate for the post of Secretary of State. Since then, he has been in the middle of - the guessing game.

One subject of rumor is that famous "breakfast" which figured so noisily in the presidential campaign - the Taft-Eisenhower meeting. We now hear that Senator Taft wanted to be sure that, if Eisenhower won, there would be no boycott of the Taft followers.

Another bit of gossip has been that Senator Taft wanted Eisenhower to promise - not to give Dewey a Cabinet post. The Taft forces having been so ~~particularly~~ bitter against the Governor - in that Chicago Convention fight for the nomination. But this is denied - and is, undoubtedly, just one of those political canards.

Still another report is that the President-elect might hesitate to name Tom Dewey Secretary of

State, because of suppositions - that the Governor is unpopular. Well, Tom Dewey may lack that form of easy-going weakness, often called "charm." But his own State of New York shows its own solid respect by reelecting him repeatedly with overwhelming majorities. And - under the guidance of Dewey, the Republicans carried the state for the General by seven to eight hundred thousand.

So Dewey has political strength - an invaluable quality to take to the State Department, where highly controversial decisions may be necessary. Dewey's high political skill is conceded on all sides - in addition to which he is a top notch administrator, running the large affairs of New York State. The President-elect has plenty of eminent political figures to select from - like Senators. But not so many top ranking masters of the art of administration - so necessary in the far flung mazes of the State Department.

All this is background for an acute bit of writing by Robert C. Ruark, Scripps-Howard columnist. He says that, in international affairs, we've had too many - "yes-men." And need - a "no-man."

"We have," says he, "suffered from a sufficiency of soft heads who could be veered from stubborn intent by a few pretty words, a tear drop, or a posy." So he suggests - Tom Dewey. "In recent years," writes Ruark, "he has developed a jutting jaw, to match the flintiness of his thought. Which would make him a natural as Secretary of State."

TAFT

The President-elect will also have a conference with Senator Taft - this to follow his meeting with President Truman at the White House. The General and the Senator will have a get-together in New York. Then - that Eisenhower flight across the Pacific, to Korea.

(The President-elect is already finding out what it means to be president. The busiest weeks lie before him - as a prologue for his inauguration, ~~as president~~. He went to Augusta for a rest, but it has been a preoccupied vacation - the more so, because of the weather. Raining every day, until today, when the skies turned bright - and the General was able to get ^{in a} round of golf.)

DODGE

The Eisenhower financial scout arrived in Washington today - Joseph M. Dodge, expert on economic and fiscal matters. He went into conference, immediately, with Director of the Budget Frederick Lawton. Say - the General, whom he saw in Augusta, Georgia, had given him no specific instructions, merely to study questions of the budget.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts is due to arrive next - he to do a similar job of "liaison", in matters other than the budget. Lodge will concentrate on questions pertaining to the State Department and the Defense Department - conferring with Truman officials.

Dodge and Lodge - sounds like an opportunity for a political rhymster.

POLES

(A Congressional Committee discloses ^{a message} ~~that~~ the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt ^{sent} ~~sent~~ to Soviet Premier Stalin - about the Katyn Forest massacre, in which fifteen thousand Polish officers were murdered in a mass atrocity. The Committee says that F.D.R. wrote a "private and confidential note" to Stalin, in which he criticized the Polish government-in-exile for suspecting - that the monstrous crime had been committed by the Reds. ^{Saying} ~~He~~ he hoped the Poles would display, what the note called - "more common sense in the future.")

The historical background is this:-When the Nazis conquered Poland, the Warsaw Government fled - and, in London, carried on a government-in-exile. When Hitler attacked Soviet Russia, the Poles in London established relations with the Stalin government. Then, the massacre of Katyn Forest came to light - the Nazis accusing the Soviets of the horror. The Polish government-in-exile then asked for an impartial Red Cross investigation. This angered the Soviets, and they broke relations with the exiled Polish regime in London.

That was the situation when Franklin D. Roosevelt sent his "private and confidential note" to Stalin - saying he "deplored" and "regretted" the action of the London Poles, in not consulting him and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill before asking for an investigation of the Katyn Forest massacre. He said he thought Churchill would ask the Poles, in the words of the note - "to act with more sense."

The head of the exiled government at the time was Polish General Sikorski, who, soon afterward, was killed in an air crash at Gibraltar. Today, the opinion was expressed that Sikorski was murdered - the plane crash caused by sabotage. This - stated by former UnderSecretary of State Sumner Welles, in testimony before the Committee. He said he was sure that the head of the Polish exiled government met with foul play.

And that - ~~it was~~ ~~conceivable~~ that Soviet Russia wanted ~~to~~ ~~remove~~ ~~Sikorski~~ ~~out~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~way~~.
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KOREA

News from the war-front reports a stalemate, in the battle for Triangle Hill and Sniper Ridge. South Korean troops captured three summits, in bitter fighting, but lost one, when the Reds came surging back. At last reports, neither side was able to advance - both sides in a violent artillery duel.

H_BOMB

That H Bomb story becomes more and more plausible. Or, at least, more insistent. Two more letters published today, one from a Navy Lieutenant, the other from a sailor - each saying he witnessed the stupendous explosion.

At Fort Dodge, Iowa, the parents of Sailor Andrew Butters disclose his letter which states: "Today is the day we have all been waiting for. At seven fifteen a.m., November first, the H bomb went off. It sent up a cloud up to eighty-four thousand feet, in two and a half minutes. The island on which it was set", the letter goes on, "was one quarter of a mile wide - and it was completely gone. If only you could have seen it, you would swear the whole world was on fire."

The sailor says his ship was thirty miles away - which, together with other data, corresponds to previous letters published.

RED TIDE

In the Gulf of Mexico, the "red tide" is on its way to the coast of Florida. Today, shrimp fishermen, returning to port, told of navigating through miles and miles of dead fish, floating on the surface of the Gulf. The water - a reddish brown. One - reporting this all the way from ^{the} Dry Tortugas to Fort Myers Beach, a distance of seventy miles.

Which recalls the red tide of Nineteen Forty-seven, when the water was redish brown, and so many dead fish drifted on the beaches, so many tons of them - that bulldozers had to be used to bury them.

Biologists explain that it's all ^{(caused} ~~caused~~ ^{by} the multiplications of microscopic organisms, in such immense quantities that they contaminate the water, and kill the fish. Discoloring the ^{(sea} ~~water~~ ⁾ for many miles - the red tide.

SALT LAKE CITY

At Salt Lake City today, the entire Post Office was arrested, twenty-five postal employees, headed by the Superintendent of the Mails, and the Postmaster, himself. So what kind of scandal have we now? Well, it's harsh and raucous - a creaky elevator.

U.S. District Judge Willis Ritter has his courtroom in the Post Office Building - and, right alongside, there's an old freight elevator, which makes a lot of noise. "It sounds like a bowling alley, only worse," ^{(growls} ~~says~~ the Judge.

So today he sent out a stern order - stop that noise! But the Post Office people had a lot of special delivery mail, and they kept on running that elevator. The Judge ordered the Deputy Marshal to arrest them, and he did, bringing in - twenty-three.

That left the Superintendent of the Mails, Charles H. Carr, and he wasn't going to see the sacks of special delivery mail just lying there. So he took a few down the elevator - and the Judge had him locked up.

Then came the dramatic appearance, Postmaster David Trevithick, stalking into court and demanding: "How can I get arrested?"

"Just run that elevator," said the Judge.

The Postmaster did - and he was arrested.

His Honor held the prisoners until mid-afternoon, when he dismissed them - with a warning. "I'm going to have a quiet courtroom," said he, "if I have to arrest the whole Post Office Department."

INDIANS

In the Middlewest, the Iowa Indians have a new chief today. The Iowas, who gave their name to the great Corn State, maintain their tribal customs - but they can't escape the ways of the paleface. Their new hereditary chief is Jimmy Rhodd, a seventeen year old high school pupil - a football star on the St. Joseph, Missouri, high school team.

Jimmy's title, as Indian chief, has been recognized, in spite of the claims of his uncle, Dan White Cloud of Red Rock, Arkansas, who, it has been decided, forfeited his right, when he left the tribal grounds years ago. The Iowas belong in the country between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

There was an impressive ceremony, when Jimmy Rhodd, the high school football star - was hailed as chief of the Iowas. Delegations of braves from other tribes attended - the Winnebagos, the Sac and Fox, ^{and} the Kickapoo^{too,} The coronation ritual was performed by the chief of the Kickapoo^{s,} who placed a necklace of bear claws around Jimmy's neck.

There were seven ceremonial dances. Seven times, the braves went through the fantastic gyrations, stomping and leaping - the way the Redskins performed the war dance, in the days of the tomahawk and warwhoop - for which you should read Harold McCracken's wonderful new book on the Old West in the days of the Indians.

But the young chief of the Iowas didn't dance - he couldn't. He hurt his knee on Saturday, in a football game between St. Jo and Kansas City North High. St. Jo won, eighteen to nothing but Jimmy came out limping - and couldn't step high in the tribal dances, when they made him chief of the Iowas. In the presence of the Sioux, the Sac, the Fox - and the Kickapoo, too. Nelson, how about a little hopp-ta-doo from you - you old Kickapoo!