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President And The Press: New Style

The news that President Eisenhower will soon resume his press conferences, probably within three or four weeks, is reassuring on several counts. For one thing, his submission to direct questioning will mean he again is in top condition. For another his answers will lend an authenticity and a depth to this information in itself has been scarce.

If the President had erected a barrier between himself and the press it would have led inevitably to speculation that he was really not well enough to carry on his full duties.

White House press conferences generally run for 30 minutes. They are strenuous affairs for the President since he has to cope with questions on a wide range of events, most of them complex, some of them politically sensitive.

Reporters will return to the White House with plenty on their minds. They will want to know if there will be a tax cut next year, how the President analyzes the new Communist offensive in the Middle East, whether he intends to run any knuckles in the Dixon-Yates affair.

The President has wisely decided against returning to the Hoover-Coolidge system of answering only those questions submitted in writing in advance of the conference.

It would have been far easier for the President to have accepted a proposal that he revert to the Hoover-Coolidge type of conference. By rejecting that proposal he has regained confidence in his capacity to return to executive leadership.

Faceless Informers: Another Chapter

The cases of two Tar Heel veterans denied compensation by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission for time spent as prisoners of war in Korea points again to governmental abuse of fair play and constitutional rights.

Acting on information supplied by secret informers, the FCS denied the Tar Heels compensation voted by Congress for all prisoners of war except those who collaborated with the enemy.

The FCS has now reversed itself in the case of Donald L. Wheelless of Rocky Mount, while that of Perry M. Walker of Mt. Olive is still pending.

mission did not reverse the principles which initially led it to a wrong decision in the Wheelless case.

Rep. Cooley was not an absolutely necessary factor in getting the commission to take a searching look at what had done in Wheelless' case.

If Wheelless was and Walker is guilty as charged penalty is proper. But the idea of marking men on the basis of secret information is repugnant to the principles of a free society.

The Day That Was Christmas

SOMETHING ought to be said about Christmas Day, not about turkeys and toys, but about the day itself.

It put a lot of initial mileage on bicycles and scooters. It made people exclaim. It was a day that came indoors and was welcome. It could have been winter's Christmas gift or spring's promise.

The white winter, hungry and free, Can proud the North by a frozen door.

But here we have led him on a bacchanal, And seduced us by the stove like a lazy cat. Here Christmas stops at every-one's house.

LISSENIN' TO CHILLUN

OUR teachers show wuk hawd, just no two wayaboutit, and Ahm not good criticizer. But they es one thing Ah wanna know Ahm show so boutit, and that why is it hour students talk lak they do.

We lissen to a college graig from up Nawth—a Suthen gurl, at that—other day, and you know what she sade? She sade, "Ah went to school in the Nawth but Ahm show glad to be back Souf."

business, staying at the Dimky-Plazzi, but Ahm gone be home furry now."

Christmas sales this year are expected to break all previous records. Of course, with more and more people getting to believe in Santa Claus and nobody wanting to shoot him.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Arctic Cold Kills All Disease Germs

Recreation is a problem at all these northern bases, but especially so at Thule where the Arctic nights are longer, where no birds or insects are present, and a man gets no leave for 12 months.

Every night the Thule TV station carries the top television shows, sent from the United States on film.

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Teamwork

You've heard of men in isolated areas going stark raving mad.

By ROBERT N. ELLIOT

Most of the history books and nearly all history teachers give a lot of attention to the role played by a history by our presidents.

THE UNDISCOVERED He never very little of the women who played such an intimate role in shaping their men into the mold in which history has cast them.

As women are no doubt aware—perhaps, resentfully aware—one of the penalties of their sex is that they must step aside when the man they have so carefully groomed and coached for a particular job receives the applause.

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lady's father. As would be expected, she fainted. But did she faint in the arms of a young, clean-cut naval officer?

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who waited until she was 34 before saying "yes" to our last Democratic president, Harry Truman.

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'And Now, In A Little Different Vein—'