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Gov. Hodges: No Hurry About This One

GOV. HODGES was invited recently to join the Democrats' new national advisory committee. He is thinking about it. It was something of an honor. It also was something like an invitation to a prize fight that ends before the spectators have a chance to sit down.

This time. Add the filibuster, and it has overwhelming force on issues it deems crucial. But the liberals' attempt to obtain proportional representation through devices such as the committee amount to little more than shadow boxing.

Channel 9: Some Old Sayings Proved

THE Federal Communications Commission has awarded Channel 9. We count it something of a miracle, and further proof of all old sayings on the virtues of patience and perseverance.

A second operating station will mean a great deal to the community in terms of entertainment, instruction and advertising. It also will rescue WBTV from its role of unwilling monopolist of the field.

'God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen'

THE tinkle and sparkle of wonderfully seasonal songs and carols mark the route to Christmas, but it is song that finally sets the scene. It is peaceful splendor 'upon the midnight clear.'

clinking out of the east." It is Chansons Innocentes. It is a hallicuhah chorus of joy. It is "milly-boxes" and hand bells. It is "three ships come sailing in" on the wings of a melodic invention.

The Stone That Always Rolls Back

VALIANT efforts on the part of a few enlightened public servants to reform the federal government's personnel security program still stand the test of Sisyphus in Greek mythology. Sisyphus, king of Corinth, was compelled by the Gods to roll a stone up a steep hill—from which it always rolled back.

"security" reasons or even submit a deposition as to his character or reputation. Obviously, this renders victims of the security program virtually helpless.

From The Washington Post & Times-Herald

'ERE'S A 'OWDY-DO!

WELL, the rock 'n' roll frenzy has now struck England and has produced pretty much the same sort of ethereal delirium among the Teddy Boys and Teddy Girls over there as among our own young drapes and chicks.

tarily or otherwise) to such records as ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK, or HEARTBREAK HOTEL, or BLUE SUEDE SHOES, that are inclined to dispute apparently (though this we have by second-hand information). Dancing to rock 'n' roll rhythms is often accompanied by elaborate abdominal gyrations of which one Elvis Presley is said to be our most accomplished practitioner.

Even the musicians seem unable to tell us precisely what this rock 'n' roll business is, and how it differs from, say, gubnetek jazz, boop-a-doo, bebop and all that archaic and idiosyncratic decodery kind of thing, except to say that the beat is more heavily accentuated, which, of course, no one who has listened (volum-

The psychiatrist, who are supposed to know about these things, have not been of much help either. Some of them say that rock 'n' roll is just our twentieth century version of the dionysian revels, or of those wild goings-on in the "high places" that are described with so much disapproval by the Biblical prophets. In other words, if these young chits and pipsqueaks were just a bit better educated, they would be shouting "Eoww" instead of "Yow, Yoww" and "Yea, Yea!" Other authorities, however, tell us that the younger set really don't like the rock 'n' roll noises and antics any more than we do, but they pretend to like them just to annoy us. It is their way of getting back at us for working off their Oedipus and Electra resentments.

The main question, though, is what we ought to do about these strange phenomena. A good many of our police officials think they know: They say we ought to prohibit the stuff at public gatherings, youth, and now, apparently, a good many municipal authorities in Great Britain have reached the same conclusion.

The Allies: How Ike Canceled A Two-Hour Invitation

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON NOW that the process of making the Western alliance has begun, it is possible to look back at the events of the past month and put some pertinent questions as to where the direction of foreign policy was centered during the stalemate that saw the crisis deepen.

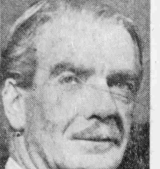
The White House has denied that President Eisenhower ever contemplated intercepting the Sixth Fleet in such a way as to block the British-French initiative. But all the facts of the frantic period that began with the British-French ultimatum to Egypt are far from being known.

WAITING IT OUT

Here, from a source of unquestioned authority, is the story of how the President took a decision and how only a few hours later it was countermanded in favor of waiting it out and "letting them stew in their own juice" on the theory that Britain and France should pay for their folly.

All the pieces of this curious puzzle are not available to this reporter but there are enough to raise some interesting questions about the sources of the influence that caused an extraordinary shift in intentions and plans.

On Nov. 8, two days after Britain, France and Israel had agreed to a cease-fire, at about 10 a. m. President Eisenhower talked with Prime Minister Eden in London.



SIR ANTHONY EDEN The Welcome ...

Eden called to Moltet was at about 3:15 p. m., London time. About two and a half hours later, a little after 5:30 p. m., Eden again called Moltet. In a tone that conveyed his almost despairing dejection, he reported that he had had a second telephone call from President Eisenhower and the whole thing had been shifted in Washington.

come the damage done by the ill-conceived attack, launched without even a warning to the United States. Mr. Eisenhower hesitated for a moment and then replied, in effect, yes, come, come at once, fly over tonight.

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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ... Cooled Quickly

had seemed a little embarrassed. He had been vague in his reasons, merely saying that on second thought it seemed better to postpone the conference for a time.

The President, Eden explained,

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A Reminder For Dulles

The Stool Has Three Legs

By WALTER LIPPMANN

NEW YORK AS ASSURED from Paris—no text has been published—on Tuesday that NATO, while maintaining its military strength, should in its international dealings rely on moral force.

Israel Victim In Middle East

By CHARLES HARRIS

EDITOR CHARLES HARRIS mentioned the 1959 declaration to help the victim in the Middle East, but he has his "victims" in reverse.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON A great deal of backstage diplomatic jockeying took place before the United States finally agreed to furnish oil to our longtime allies, Britain and France.

Humphrey LECTURED Diplomats On Oil

WASHINGTON Mr. Humphrey was especially significant. The Minnesota Democrat is now serving as a member of the American delegation to the United Nations in New York.

Fed In Georgia

GEORGIA Republicans have been feuding over the state bank program. When GOP National Committeeman Robert Snodgrass criticized the state bank in Georgia it infuriated GOP Georgia Chairman Bill Shorter that he demanded Snodgrass be fired.