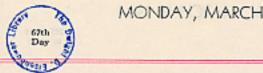
Monday, March 8, 1954

- In at 8 ¹⁵ AM Leaders meeting Knowland, Millikin, Saltonstall, Ferguson, Gordon, H. Butler = Speaker Halleck, Ahrends [sic], Dan Reed, Allen Sec. Humphrey, Under-Sec. True Morse = staff = Agenda (1) Taxes (2) Hawaii (3) Freight Absorption Bill (4) Dairy Support Prices
- (1) Humphreys led off on taxes asked for Congressional schedule "how to keep from being trapped on \$100 exemption to receive taxes" = Halleck said plans were to first on Wed bring up April 1st excise tax bill, then next week Wed bring up general revision and 52% corporate tax "two package deal" reported 21 Rep. Congressmen for increase of exemption would work on them assailed "financial irresponsibility" of opposition said GOP would hold caucus tomorrow = = Millikin worried of Senate passing exemption bill, wouldn't say "yes" or "no" on whether could stop it. promised to do everything possible to get plan through
- (2) Hawaii Knowland to move on Hawaii as separate bill, but fears Alaska might be tied to it = Butler regretted close vote with 3 or 4 GOP off line = Pres reiterated "mistake to make [military?] outpost a state" = Knowland to make strong fight, with promise to take Alaska later. Millikin said "Alaska can't become tin cup state"
 - (3) on Freight absorption Justice and Shanley to continue to work on it
- (4) Dairy price supports Morse said people should be told [butter?]
 market dropping need to dispose of surpluses in store houses goes rancid
 in 18 months Pres said "my little daughter-in-law told me she wasn't using
 butter anymore using oleo margarine" Morse reported per capita use of
 butter drop from 16 lbs to 8 lbs need to encourage use of fluid milk consumption

After meeting Pres. called leaders into his office and laid down the law - said "let's stop this nonsense and get down to getting program passed" - arrange to have Hall make request to NBC & CBS to answer with party spokesman - not McCarthy who made request for time - leaders all promised to be with Pres

On request for time. Hall issued statement that he would designate spokesmen, not "individual," to speak for party - going to be Nixon - Pres. wants it to be billed not as rebuttal but talk on "Republican leadership" - Pres. deadset against stopping McCarthy - calls him "pimple on path of progress" - Ike really made up his mind to fight Joe from now on in - all to good.

Shanley and I talked to Pres. in gym - as he was changing clothes to go out on lawn to hit golf balls = it was agreed that I should sort of leak story on McCarthy action tomorrow. pointing out Pres. press conference statement, McLeod answer, and Hall action taken with W.H. & Leaders agreement. - Pres. wants Nixon remarks to be not answer to Adlai - but talk on GOP Leadership and party program -



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