

Wednesday, March 10, 1954

In at 8 AM - Press Conference briefing at staff meeting - Topics included announcement of tax TV-Radio talk; [Caracas?], Tax program, Stevenson speech, McCarthy on his books at Army libraries, Indo-China, Senate Rules, Hawaii, Pay Raises, etc = goe at Pres. briefing decided to go on air with tax speech Monday night, and to announce it at conference - as to Stevenson agreed only to say "nonsense" to his charge GOP half-Eisenhower, half-McCarthy -

Good conference - Pres. tough on Joe and backed up Flanders and networks - authorized "nonsense," saying "you can use my influence on Mr. H to get him to release it = also released about 7 minutes of Q & A on McCarthy, Stevenson and Indo-China - Pres in fighting mood, has had it as far as Joe is concerned = "if he wants to get recognized anymore," Pres told Persons, "only way he can do it is to stand up and publicly say: "I was wrong in browbeating witnesses, wrong in saying the Army is coddling Communists, and wrong in my attack on Stevens. I apologize" - that's only way I ever welcome him back into fold."

C.E. Wilson threw monkeywrench in carefully prepared plans by sending his car to Senate today and picking up Joe for luncheon at Pentagon - Wilson didn't tell anyone in W.H. about luncheon - just let it happen - When I told Pres. he leaned back in chair, muttered a few "goddams" and then said "You know, Jim, I believe Cabot Lodge is dead right when he says we need acute politicians in those positions. They are the only ones who know enough to stay out of traps - the only ones who can play the same kind of game as those guys on the Hill" = Pres. greatly disturbed at Wilson luncheon and called me back several times to see if any announcement had been made from luncheon - "if they are cooking up another statement, then, by God someone is going to hear from me - but good."

When Wilson-McCarthy interview finally broke on ticket [sic] - in which Joe pulled in his horns - Pres read story and then said: "Just a lot of words. No use to have that luncheon at all."

Pres. going to Sulgrave Club for dinner for Knowland & Ferguson - Asked who was calling for him, he was told Millikin and Saltonstall - laughed and said "Looks like they want me to at least start out being seen with the Liberals" - of Knowland: "I use to think he was a good candidate for President - now I know he isn't"

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Just & H.W. brief Conference briefly at staff meeting - Topics included announcement of new TV-Radio talk; Corvair, Taxproposon, Stevenson speech, W. County, on his book at Army, Johnson, Dub. chair, Beach & Poles, Hawaii, Bayliner, etc - go at bus. brief; decided to go on air next to speak Monday night, and to announce it at conference - on to Stevenson speech ref to my "message" to his change but half members, half W. County -

Good Conference - Ben. tough on me and bashed my filibuster and as usual - authorized "message"; saying "you can use my expenses on Mr. H. to get him to make it - also selected about 7 minutes of D & P on W. County, Johnson and Dub. chair - his is fight, small, but bashed us for as he is concerned - "if he wants to get recognized anywhere", Ben told Corvair, "saying he can do it is to pretend up and publicly say 'I was wrong in some way, continue, wrong in saying the Army is costly, comments, and wrong in my attack on Stevenson. Apologizing' - that's saying I never make him back into fold."

C. E. Wilson threw members overboard in completely prepared plans by sending his car to Beach & Poles, and pick up the first bunch at Berkeley - Wilson didn't tell anyone in W. Co. about Berkeley - for that it happen - when I told Ben. he came down back in chair, mumbled a few "gobblers" and then said "you know, Jim, I believe Cabot's is dead night when he says we need some solutions in these positions. They are the only ones who know enough to get out of traps; the only ones who can play the same kind of game as these guys on the Hill" - Ben. greatly disturbed at Wilson's speech and called me back several times to see if any announcement had been made from Berkeley - "if they are coming up another statement, then, by God,

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Answers is going to have you see - but see it!"