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Trouble in Brazil as President kills himself - President **Getulio Vargas** fires a bullet through his heart after Brazil's military forces him to resign. The area is then swept by riots as police battle Red mobs.

Record of the Congress address - President Eisenhower heaps praise on the Republican 83rd Congress which closed-up shop on legislative matters last week. He said the administration went to bat 64 times on measures it wanted enacted. "Fifty-four were enacted" We didn't always make home runs but anyway there were 54 hits."

About 20,000 American Legionnaires flood into Washington DC for their 36th annual convention.

Capt. Joseph McConnell Jr., America's leading jet ace credited with 16 MIG's in Korea, is killed while testing an F-86H Sabre Jet at California's Edward Air Force Base. He ejected before the plane crashed, but his chute was not opened.



A special Senate committee announces five categories of charges on which it will start public hearings next week on the question of whether the Senate should censure Sen. McCarthy of Wisconsin. The five categories include – "Alleged Incident of Contempt of the Senate of a Senatorial committee" which centers on his failure to testify before a Senate elections Subcommittee investigating his finances in 1950.

Back to school – what to wear girls? Dresses are trim, not fancy. Many now wear a touch of the baby-doll look. For example – tiny lace ruffles on yoke or collar. Trend is to combine black and white. For school footwear – socks with loafers or flats.

Entertainment news – Walt Disney moves a step forward on Disneyland and awards a site construction contract to McNeil Construction Co. Work on the leveling and excavating is to begin on Monday so that building construction can

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begin around October 1. Disney has set a deadline of July for completion of the 160-acre park.

The park has been on Walt's mind for some 20 years. Although admission will be charged, the owners anticipate no profit. Any access money will be used to maintain and improve the enterprise – a system Disney has long used in making his

pictures.

Eddie Fisher cancels a trip to Hollywood because of his TV commitments, so girlfriend Debbie Reynolds boards a plane with her mom and heads to New York. "Eddie was too busy doing his television shows to come out here. I have the time and mother and I are flying back." Ms. Reynolds has not commented on any possible announcement of an engagement to Fisher.

Victor Mature (41) is sued for divorce by his wife, Dorothy. She charges extreme cruelty.

Television news – Beginning next month, look for "**Captain Midnight**" starring **Richard Webb** in syndication.



Writer Johnny Carson fills-in for Red Skelton on his CBS show. Red was injured pounding his head against a breakaway jail that failed to breakaway. Carson has been writing gags and skits for Skelton for the past year.

At the movies –

Dragnet – Jack Webb

The Egyptian – Jean Simmons, Victor Mature, Gene Tierney

The Black Shield of Falworth – Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh, David Farrar

Betrayed – Clark Cable, Lana Turner, Victor Mature