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Week of February 21, 1953

President Eisenhower asks Congress to join him in denouncing the rulers of Soviet Russia for subjecting free peoples to totalitarian imperialism “in violation of the clear intent” of World War II secret agreements such as at Yalta.

Russian-ordered removals – 30 Jewish Communists in Hungary were reported either to have committed suicide or otherwise fallen victim to a purge dictated by a visiting Russian group.

Berlin - Communist police kill a man and wound a woman fleeing across the border into the American sector, West Berlin. At the same time the Red Gestapo was reported making hundreds of arrests in the Soviet Zone.



**President Eisenhower** says he is willing to go halfway to a meeting with Russian Premier Joseph Stalin if it will increase the chances of world peace and if the American people approve. Foreign observers believe the Russians would welcome President Eisenhower's willingness to discuss peace face-to-face with Premier Stalin. Their best guess is that Berlin would be the meeting place.

Gallup Poll – After his first 30 days in office, President Eisenhower gets a 68% approval rating.

Announces his selection of Life Magazine - Former President Harry S. Truman has sold the rights to his memoirs to Life magazine for \$600,000.

President Eisenhower takes a brief respite and heads to Augusta, GA for golf.

**Prime Minister Churchill** invites Soviet Ambassador Gromyko to his official residence and thanks him for Russia's (\$252,000) flood-relief gift. Western diplomats speculated that it was part of a new friendship offensive by the Soviet Union.



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Warning of a new Communist “weapon” aimed at democratic nations, Rep. Jackson (R-CA) calls for a boycott of a motion picture, assertedly a vehicle for stirring up racial bitterness, being made in New Mexico with the help of former Hollywood figures investigated by House Un American Activities Committee. He asked millions of Americans to help “prevent the showing of this Communist-made film” tentatively titled “Salt of the Earth.” Jackson, member of the Congressional group which has probed subversive organizations, told the House the film in production at silver City, NM is a propaganda device “deliberately designed to inflame, racial hatreds and to depict the United states of America as the enemy of all colored peoples.”



At San Quentin – Condemned killer Leandress Riley becomes hysterical and frees both his arms from straps which bound him to the death chair in the gas chamber. The death gas had not been turned on at the time, so it was the work of only a few minutes to restrap his arms. The gas was soon started and Riley was then pronounced dead.

A group of hair stylists affiliated with National Beauty Salon Week, sent Mrs. Eisenhower – the new **First Lady** a note about her bangs...

“Mamie, even with your bangs, you look lovely. You have the personality and char so that you can get away with bangs. But bangs are not stylish. Most women look horrible in them. As a matter of fact, you would look even more attractive if you would modify the rather harsh straight lines of the bangs with a soft, shaped wave.”



Two Senators favoring abandonment of Alcatraz Prison say it would be cheaper to board its prisoners at plush hotels in New York and Washington. Alcatraz is located on an island at San Francisco Bay and long has been known as the Rock, a prison especially for the most hardened criminals. Sen. Langer R-ND) said it would probably cost about \$7 million to build a new Federal prison to replace Alcatraz, but opined it would be worth it. He said it now costs twice as much to feed and house a prisoner there as any other Federal prison.

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**Entertainment** – Three dimensional movies a boon for this company - A tiny, obscure Cincinnati called Polacoat Inc – is one of only two firms in the nation having the essential basic patents to polarize glass and plastic successfully. The product is used in 3-D glasses. President John Dreyer says, ... “those motion picture people got right down to business. Just as soon as they found out we could make the kind of glasses they wanted they started talking about them in terms of millions and more millions. There we sat with eight employees and they were predicting that each three-dimensional picture which comes out will acquire from 10 million to 12 million polarized viewers for the use of the patrons.”

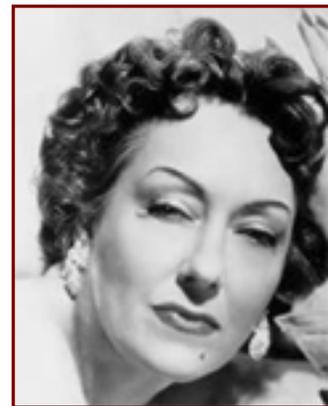


The rather nude photo of **Marilyn Monroe** on the famous calendar has cost at least one shop owner a \$50 fine. He was fined a Hollywood city ordinance forbidding the display of nude pictures visible from a public sidewalk. The camera shop operator had been selling the Monroe

calendars at \$1 a copy.

Zsa Zsa Gabor is back from Rome and denies any kind of marriage rift with her hubby George Sanders. “Right now we love each other very much. But in 10 years, who knows” You men are impossible.”

**Gloria Swanson** (52) however says, “I’m not going to marry again – period!” This was the answer she gave to rumors that she plans to marry sportsman Lewis Bredin. “Everytime I’m seen with a man, someone starts the rumor that I’m going to get married. What am I supposed to do – go out with women? The gossips have had me engaged, married and divorced more times than I’ve appeared in movies.”



**Television news** – Eddie Albert will begin a one-man show five afternoons a week, replacing Mike Wallace and his wife Buff Cobb on CBS.

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ABC is changing the call-letters of WJZ, WJZ-FM and WJZ-TV in New York to WABC, WABC-FM and WABC-TV next week.

## Monday night television –

CBS – Douglas Edwards news, Perry Como, Lux Video Theatre, I Love Lucy  
Red Buttons Show, Studio One, Chronoscope

NBC – Pinky Lee and Martha Stewart, News Caravan, Paul Winchell-Jerry  
Mahoney, Howard Barlow Orchestra, Hollywood Opening Night, Robert  
Montgomery Presents, Dangerous Assignment

ABC – John Daly News, Hollywood Screen Test, Prison Doctor, Prospective,  
Talent Patrol, The Curtain Rings

Talent Patrol – W/Steve Allen

## At the movies –

The Quiet Man – John Wayne  
Stars and Stripes Forever –

Richard Widmark

Moulin rouge – Jose Ferrer

Come Back Little Sheba

April in Paris – Doris Day, Ray  
Bolger

Mississippi Gambler – Tyrone  
Power, Piper Laurie, Julia  
Adams

Walt Disney's Peter Pan

Curtain Up – Robert Morely

Tonight We Sing – Ezio Pinza,  
Roberta Peters

Hans Christian Anderson –

Danny Kaye

The Redhead From Wyoming

– Maureen O'Hara

The Story of Many – Phyllis  
Calvert, Jack Hawkins



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The Stooge – Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis