

LIZZY HAS BECOME A QUEEN—The new Continental Mark II, shown above at Dearborn, Mich., to be introduced by Ford Motor Co. this month, is said to be a prestige auto manufactured in low volume with emphasis on quality, styling and detail. Rumors have set the price at "near \$10,000." A two-door "hardtop" coupe, it is over 18 feet long with a hood almost six feet in length. Car height is four feet, eight inches.

Government-as-Usual Test for Administration Due at Conference

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Washington—(U.P.)—The first rough test of government-as-usual during President Eisenhower's illness is just around the corner.

It will come with the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting in Geneva, which begins there today. That will be a time for executive decisions. The foreign ministers meeting was set up last July in the atmosphere of sweetness and light which prevailed at the Summit Conference among the chief executives of the Big Four.

The chiefs agreed beforehand that they would not seek to make decisions at the Summit meeting. They merely would establish personal contacts, exchange views, agree which were the most dangerous threats to peace in the West—and send their foreign ministers to Geneva in October to negotiate better times. Shortly after Mr. Eisenhower met with the British, Soviet and

French chief executives the United States position on the forthcoming foreign ministers' conference seemed to be fixed and definite. It was that it would be up to the Soviet Union at this conference to make a realistic contribution to world peace.

Viewed As Test

That was and presumably still is the position of the United States government. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles made it just about that this week when he said the test of the Summit Conference would be whether the spirit generated there would obtain solution of some of the urgent problems of peace, such as the existence of a divided Germany.

"I believe," he said, "that we will make positive progress toward the reunification of Germany."

The West Germans do not agree with Dulles. Their recent mission to Moscow made no progress on that difficult subject. The Germans feel that they got a better line on the Kremlin's real intentions than Mr. Eisenhower was able to get at the Summit. They are convinced the Russians will not budge. There are some indications that

some U.S. officials privately are less hopeful than Dulles' recent public statement would indicate.

Three Urgent Problems

Three urgent problems were assigned to the foreign ministers for solution. The problems of German unification and European security were linked as No. 1 on the slate of business for the foreign ministers. Disarmament came next and improvement of East-West relations was No. 3 and last.

All of this adds up to the continuing need for top level decisions by the President of the United States during and perhaps before the foreign ministers' meeting.

Government-as-usual during Mr. Eisenhower's illness and with no such pressing matters to be determined is one thing. But when the chips are down, Mr. Eisenhower must act. The burden could be very heavy on a well man.

PALM JUNGLE

Brownsville, Tex.—(U.P.)—The only jungle of palm trees native to the United States is located in the Rabb plantation south of Brownsville, according to the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce.

Coast Guardsmen To Man Loran Stations in Pacific

Honolulu—(U.P.)—A new world has been added to the wonders of the electronics world—Loran. This Long Range Navigational Aid has revolutionized overwater travel, and has made travelling men out of the United States Coast Guard, sending them to far away places with strange sounding names to man the Loran stations that dot the Pacific.

Spots like Catanduanes, Anguar, O-shima, Ulithi, Ichi Banare and Talampunan are as familiar to the Coast Guard today as stations on the Long Island Railway are to New York commuters.

In the Pacific the Coast Guard man 25 Loran stations from Hawaii west to Korea, most of them on locations previously known only to the local inhabitants and the National Geographic Society.

Radio signals transmitted from the Loran stations web the trackless oceans, making it possible for planes and ships to know their exact position any hour of the day or night, regardless of weather conditions.

Snake Menace

It's the job of the Coast Guard to build and operate the Loran stations. And that sometimes takes a bit of doing. Gale winds, blizzards and ice hampered the construction of the Aleutian chain, while in the Pacific, heat, typhoons, snakes and light-fingered natives have been added to the normal operational problems.

At Catanduanes in the eastern Philippines petty theft by the Filipinos became so bad that the station commander, Lt. (jg) Joseph Stech, had to prohibit the local tribesmen from visiting the station on movie nights. They retaliated by cutting 60 feet out of the six-inch fuel line that runs from the bay to the station.

"We never did find out what happened to that 60 feet of pipeline," Stech said. "It was there at dusk and gone at dawn."

On Ichi Banare in the Ryukus, poisonous snakes have become such a problem that the station urgently asked Coast Guard headquarters to ship them 18 mongooses along with collars and leashes for them to protect the men against the deadly habu snakes that saturate the area. A four-foot habu knocked Ichi Banare off the air when it crawled into a transmitter and electrocuted itself.

Polynesian gods had to be appeased with a luau and special prayers before the Kauai station began functioning normally. It took the feast and the prayers to eliminate the mysterious mechanical difficulties that had plagued the unit from the time it first went on the air.

Not Romantic

The Coastguardsmen on the island of Anguar, in the Western Caroline Islands, found themselves the elected custodians of the natives after the Japanese phosphate miners left. Lt. (jg) Lewis Hayes has become the island's unofficial chief, and is making decisions on government economics, jurisprudence and morals never expected of a Coast Guard junior officer.

On the South Pacific atoll of Ulithi, recreational facilities are limited to fishing, coconut gathering and hobbies. The request for cowhides mystified headquarters until it was explained that the leathercraft craze had hit Ulithi, and all hands were in mass production of wallets, key cases and pocketbooks.

Typhoons have been the greatest menace to the Loran stations in the Pacific. Wake, Cocos Island in the Marianas and Bataan Island in the Philippines have been hard hit by the big winds which caused extensive damage but no loss of life.

Each station is manned by one officer and about 16 men who serve one year, and then are rotated to the United States where

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Prompt Treatment Said Fever Check

Urbana, Ill.—(U.P.)—Prompt treatment of nose and throat infections can be an important factor in preventing rheumatic fever, a University of Illinois health education specialist says.

Pauline Brimhall said most medical authorities agree that the first and later attacks of rheumatic fever are brought on by "strep" infections, such as tonsillitis and scarlet fever. She cautioned mothers that any sore throat that lasts for more than a day or two is not an ordinary sore throat and should be treated promptly to ward off the possibility of rheumatic fever.

GOP, Demo Chairmen Will Clash in Debate

Chicago—(U.P.)—The national chairmen of the Republican and Democratic parties will tangle in what is billed as a "no holds barred" debate on the 1956 political campaign here next week.

The Illinois State Chamber of Commerce said GOP Chairman Leonard W. Hall and Democratic chief Paul M. Butler had agreed to appear before the chamber's annual meeting here Oct. 14. Hall and Butler each will give his views on "a political preview of 1956." The chamber said the debate will be a "rapid-fire" no holds barred match between the top-ranking "pros" of the political league.

Virginia Democrat Sen. Harry F. Byrd will discuss federal taxes at a luncheon meeting.

New York Suburb Renamed 'Terrytown'

New Rochelle, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Officials renamed this New York suburb "Terrytown" today in honor of Paul Terry, veteran animator and cartoonist.

Terry was honored because this is the 25th anniversary of his "Fableland" studios in New Rochelle where such familiar movie cartoon characters as "Mighty Mouse" are created.

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