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President Eisenhower's Press Conference was filmed for the first time. Lots of questions cropped up: the U.S. airmen imprisoned by China; will Ike stand for re-elections, etc. One correspondent ^{enquiry} ~~asked~~ if it were intended to ask the aid of the United Nations to obtain a ceasefire in the Formosa area.

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Meanwhile the U.S. 7th Fleet patrols the strait between Formosa and the Chinese mainland, ready ^{to} ~~to~~ evacuate 10,000 Chinese Nationalists from the Taicheng Islands, ~~if necessary~~. ^{And} On Formosa ^{of} Americans are training Chinese Nationalist troops. President Eisenhower has asked Congress for authority to deal with the situation should Formosa be attacked. His clear warning leaves the Reds in no doubt about what would happen if they irresponsibly made ^{a hostile move,} ~~a hostile move,~~

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EYES AND EARS ON PRESIDENT....FIRST FILM RECORD OF PRESS CONFERENCE

Washington: Presidential news conference!

So that the nation can not only read the reports, but also see and hear the discussions, an historic "first" is recorded by President Eisenhower. Sight-and-sound journalism, via newsreel cameras, is introduced; sections of the press conference cleared for direct quote now reach your theatre screens. Questions cover the latest Communist attacks off Formosa, and possible truce efforts... (talk)

On the proposition of a reasonable time for U-N Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold further to negotiate for the release of American airmen imprisoned by the Chinese Communists.... (talk)

Again regarding threatened islands off the China Coast. a query about American troops there.... (talk)

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Haggerty.

An attempt to draw him out on whether he will seek re-election is neatly parried by the President....(talk)

And so, the newsreel camera begins its eyes-and-ears coverage of the President's news conference.

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FORMOSA TENSE U.S. 7TH FLEET MAINTAINS VIGIL

Elements of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, in the turbulent strait between Formosa and the Chinese Mainland. Turbulent, too, are news accounts of this hour — Nationalist-held islands off the coast, in constant danger of Red invasion. Department of Defense films show carriers of Task Force 77 testing wings and firepower. Meanwhile, the current Communist threat against the Tachen Islands, 200 miles north of Formosa, leads to reports that American sea and airpower might, if necessary, help evacuate Chinese Nationalist troops. Should this occur, President Eisenhower would first seek formal Congressional approval. The fleet remains vigilant, alert!