

BERMUDA

L.T. - Deleo Wed, Mar, 20 - '57,

*About* The Bermuda conference ~~has begun~~ - both President Eisenhower and Prime Minister MacMillan ~~having arrived for their talks.~~ *are in that sub-tropic paradise and* Tonight, both issue statements in different words, but of exactly the same meaning. They <sup>a</sup>re confident they can strengthen British-American friendship, which has been - *the* on <sup>a</sup> bickering, nagging side of late.

As an example of the bickering - a Bermuda dispatch from a British newsman back to his paper in London.

Demanding - "whose island is this?" Declaring - that Americans come to Bermuda, without passports. While Britishers - ~~must~~ have to show their documents.

Well, Bermuda belongs to Britain all right, but oh, those American tourists and their dollars!

MIDDLE EAST

A report in London that Soviet Russia takes the side of Israel - in the matter of navigation through the Gulf of <sup>U</sup>Aqaba and the Suez Canal. The Kremlin advising Nasser <sub>^</sub> against interfering with Israeli shipping in either waterway.

On the other hand, Moscow supports - complete Egyptian control of the Suez Canal. Backing the Cairo view - that ~~■~~ tolls must be paid in full to Egypt.

Today, Israel sent another ship through the Gulf of <sup>U</sup>Aqaba - without incident. The freighter Pandora, sailing from the Israeli port of <sup>Elath</sup>~~Eilat~~ - having no trouble, passing through the Strait of Tiran, *on into The Red Sea,*

CYPRUS

Britain is willing to release Archbishop Makarios - if the prelate will appeal for an end of anti-British violence in Cyprus. So stated - by Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd, in the House of Commons today.

Which is the British reply to a truce-offer- made by the Cypriot underground. Anti-British terrorists - indicating - they'll end their guerrilla war, if the Archbishop is brought back from his place of exile. The remote Seychelles Archipelago - in the Indian Ocean.

Today, the Colonial Secretary said <sup>that</sup> if they release Archbishop Makarios, they will not let him return to Cyprus. Word in London is - that the British ~~government~~ might fly him to Paris, ~~For~~ renewed negotiations - on the question of Cyprus.

Today, Colonial Secretary <sup>Lennox-Boyd</sup> declaring - that Britain will accept mediation by the North Atlantic Treaty organization in the dispute over Cyprus.

ADD CYPRUS

In Athens, tonight, the Greek Premier said ~~no~~  
"no", ~~To~~ the British offer to take the Cyprus question to  
the North Atlantic Treaty organization. There should be  
direct negotiations between Britain and the people of Cyprus  
- said he.

LONDON

A dispatch from London - which is not news. Today, the Spanish fruit ship, Uргуiоlа (Oor-ki-оlа) hit the <sup>famous</sup> Tower of London Bridge. Slamming - against the northern pier. Damaging the masonry - ~~and~~ halting traffic across the bridge, while a safety check was made.

Which was only a repetition of what happened several years ago - that same Spanish fruit ship, Uргуiоlа, hitting <sup>London</sup> the ~~Tower~~ Bridge with similar effect. Tying up ~~bridge~~ ~~and~~ traffic - for three hours.

That, in turn, was only a repetition of previous mishaps. The Urquiоlа - having hit <sup>London</sup> the ~~Tower~~ Bridge several times before.

"We're getting sort of used to it" says an official connected with shipping on the Thames.

IRELAND

The new ~~RPMI~~ Premier of Ireland, as expected -  
the veteran De Valera. Today, the newly elected parliament  
met in Dublin, with DeValera's party having a clear majority  
over all other factions. One hundred and forty seven members <sup>in all.</sup>  
*with* DeValera having seventy eight.

So today's action was obvious - DeValera, an  
historic figure, ~~is~~ once again ~~the~~ Premier of Ireland.

PHILIPPINES

The late Philippine President Magsaysay - gave an indication that his life might be in danger. A week before his tragic end in an airplane crash, he made the statement to Walker Stone, editor-in-Chief of the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

Speaking of opponents in the forthcoming election, he said: "They know they can't win if I live. They might try to bump me off in this campaign." Which, of course, would apply especially to the Reds. Magsaysay - so determined an anti-Communist.

Today's dispatch from Manila says that <sup>altho'</sup> a preliminary investigation of the crash does not - give indications of sabotage, ~~but~~ the possibility remains - that somebody might have tampered with the engines of the big air transport.

## JAPAN

A Japanese court has imposed the death sentence - on an American soldier. ~~which is~~ the first case of its kind. More than fifty-two American servicemen have been convicted under Japanese law - and given terms in prison. But never before - the sentence of hanging. At the same time, the court ~~also~~ imposed the death penalty - on a Japanese woman. Implicated - in the same crime.

Evidence in court showed that private Orvis Boone, a negro soldier from Galveston, Texas, deserted from the Army - going off to live with Shigeko Sasaki. The two - embarking on a career of robbery. Their principal victims - American soldiers. Boone - using the girl as a decoy. Then, finally, they robbed the home of a Japanese young woman, murdering her, and setting the house on fire to cover the crime.

Soon after, they were arrested by U.S. military police. Boone court-martialed - and convicted of robbery of American soldiers. Given a sentence - of life imprisonment.



*Then*  
~~But~~ the Japanese authorities ~~now~~ stepped in with a charge  
of murder. *Claiming* ~~Having~~ jurisdiction - because Boone was a deserter  
from the U S Army, when the crime was committed. Hence the  
sentence of hanging - imposed by a court, at the town of  
Sendai, today.

However, today's dispatch states - the sentences  
are not likely to be carried out. Japan - reluctant in matters  
of capital punishment. They say there are many Japanese -  
under death sentence for years. *Waiting* in prisons - execution  
always delayed.

## RACKETS

The Senate rackets committee continued <sup>today -</sup> on the subject of Horse races, ~~today~~. Questioning - Frank Brewster, boss of the Teamsters Union on the West Coast. Who combined affairs of labor - ~~with affairs of labor~~ with an intense interest in the favorites and long shots.

Brewster, having a racing stable - in partnership with the insurance broker for the union, Frank Newell - who received ~~three~~ three hundred thousand dollars a year for handling the Teamsters "health and welfare fund."

Testimony, today, indicated that the union leader drew a salary of five thousand dollars a ~~year~~ year from the horse enterprise - and reaped a forty thousand dollar profit, when the ~~racing~~ racing stable was liquidated. Which profit left ~~the~~ insurance broker Newell - with a forty thousand dollar loss.

The committee questioning, today, raised the supposition - that the forty thousand was a gift. Made - by Newell to Brewster. But the union ~~the~~ leader said - no.

He intends to pay it back.

Brewster said also - that the Teamsters Union made a contribution to the Nineteen Fifty-Four campaign fund of California Governor Knight. And, later, procured the ~~same~~ appointment of a union candidate as the Port Director of San Francisco.

At Sacramento, today, Governor Knight made a quick <sup>reply that</sup> ~~statement~~ he has no record of any contribution by the Teamsters Union. Nor ~~am~~ had he - anything to do with the appointment at San Francisco.

Meanwhile, Dave Beck, President of the Teamsters, informed the committee - that he <sup>is coming to Washington</sup> ~~is to be there~~, with his financial records. <sup>Tuesday next,</sup> The committee wanting to question Beck - and look into his financial affairs. ~~The committee promptly called on Beck to testify, Tuesday next.~~

## UNION CONTRACTS

The news of late, has been full of the affairs - of the Teamsters Union on the Pacific Coast. Now - some of the doings of the Teamsters in New York State.

At Albany, the State Labor Department has been investigating - ~~per~~ provisions in union contracts. The Teamsters local in New York City - providing a couple of oddities.

In one union contract, a clause requiring - free beer. Truck drivers working for a ~~an~~ brewery granted - an unlimited consumption of beer at certain times every day.

In another union contract - free bagels (bay-ghels). But - what is a bagel? Well, it's a kind of Jewish pretzel. The Union ~~make~~ contract with a firm of Bagel bakers requiring - that each Teamster shall take home two dozen free bagels each working day.

Well, between the beer and the Jewish pretzels, a good time should be had by all - beer and bagels.

## WRONG DOOR

In the "wrong door" story - a lot of testimony must be wrong. In Hollywood, a Grand Jury is investigating the surprising events - when Joe Di Maggio staged a raid, expecting to find his estranged wife, Marilyn Monroe. But the raiders entered - the "wrong door". Today, the witness was the landlady of the apartment house - in which the famous mistake occurred.

Mrs. Virginia Blasgen - who testified concerning Frank Sinatra. The crooner - having accompanied the ball player to the scene of the remarkable ~~mm~~ mix-up. Sinatra claiming - he remained in an automobile outside. Never did go - into the wrong apartment. So he testified before the Grand Jury, yesterday.

But the landlady today staged <sup>+</sup> - she saw Sinatra, not in the automobile, but emerging from the building.

So that contradicted the crooner - but ~~was~~ <sup>in turn was</sup> contradicted, ~~in turn~~ by another witness. Billy Karen, a Hollywood head waiter, who was along on the DiMaggio raid.

He swore today, that Sinatra did not enter the apartment house.

The grand jury is trying to decide - if perjury was committed. Somebody sure is wrong - as wrong as the "wrong door".

MRS. WILSON

Mrs. Charles E. Wilson says - she isn't mad at anyone any more. No, she isn't mad at President Eisenhower, not any more.

She's back in Washington, after a vacation in Florida. So, reporters asked her - about that famous tongue lashing. When, a couple of months ago, she told how "indignant" she was with President Eisenhower, because he scolded Secretary Wilson for accusing the National Guard of - draft dodging. Mrs. Wilson - telling newsmen, tartly, that the Presidential statements were "uncalled for." A loyal wife defending her husband, and how!

Soon afterward, the President flew down to Georgia and gave Mr. and Mrs. Wilson a lift on their way to Florida. So what happened aboard the plane?

Today she said that she and her husband had a "lovely chat" with ~~Mr~~ President Eisenhower. The President - "very nice about it." And - all was forgiven.

Well, you'd expect that a wise old soldier would  
make peace in a hurry - with a loyal and somewhat irate  
wife!

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## FISH

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So he opened fire at the "leopard ray" - eight bullets  
needed, before he could kill it.

*And that Henry is the  
story of* The adventure - of the lady and the "devil fish".

END

Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls

L.T.: Do you recall the end of winter, the beginning of spring - a year ago today? Winter going out, with a blizzard? New England - getting a final deluge of snow?

A storm that buried Nova Scotia under twenty five inches of snow. New York - almost ~~at~~ at a standstill, with snow banks lining the streets. Followed - by a balmy day of sunshine for the beginning of spring.

Today, a year later much the same story where I am at this moment. A real March ~~blizzard.~~ snow storm blanketing the northeast, tornados in the southwest,

and,

Solong until tomorrow.