

TRAFFIC

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The news, on any holiday, gives a run down of traffic accidents - death on the highway. This Fourth of July - no exception.

First reports - optimistic. Fewer automobile accidents than had been expected. Which was - because of the weather. Raining - in large areas of the country, Mississippi Valley, the Ohio Valley. In some places - a torrential downfall. Which caused a flash flood near Knoxville, Illinois.

But then, in the afternoon, the weather cleared - with bright skies over most of the country. And the accident rate increased. The National Safety Council had predicted - one hundred ^{and} thirty deaths on the highways ^{tonight -} by midnight. And the total may come to something like that.

FOLLOW FOURTH

Tonight Messrs B and K attended a garden party at the residence of American Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen, and drank an enthusiastic toast to the American people and President Eisenhower. It almost looks as if the Reds were trying to take over the Fourth of July as their own.

FOURTH

Our Independence Day was hailed effusively in unexpected places - behind the Iron Curtain. Radio Moscow states that all Soviet newspapers gave prominent and flattering attention to the Fourth of July. ^{also} ~~So long~~ Red Roumania and other satellites. Not that the Communist bosses have developed any sudden belief in freedom and human rights. ^{It's all just a} ~~part~~ being part of the sweet song they're singing now-a-days. ^{Oh yea,} And there was an especial celebration of the Fourth of July - at Monte Carlo. Prince Rainier and Princess Grace - making their first official appearance - driving through cheering crowds to church, for a Fourth of July service. Monaco - honoring the native land of its new Princess.

ITALY

A plane load of Communist big shots flew from Rome, today - bound for Moscow. The dispatch says - they'll try to straighten out the rumpus between Togliatti, the Italian Communist boss, ^{and} the new lords of the Kremlin. All - part of the controversy raging around the down-grading of Stalin.

Togliatti came out with some sharp questions - asking what Bulganin, Khrushchev and company had been doing during the reign of the tyrant. Why hadn't they deposed Stalin?

to which Moscow gave a public answer, ~~about which~~ ^{about that} we heard on Monday. -

Also there may ~~and, maybe, there might~~ have been some private communication with Italian Reds.

Anyway, Togliatti stated last night - that he now gives "unreserved approval" for the new anti-Stalin line.

And today top lieutenants of his took off for Moscow.

POLAND

In Red Poland - they ^{are now} ~~is~~ arresting Communists.

Charged with not having played their part in crushing the workers revolt at Poznan, last week. Communist party officials, police and soldiers - accused of siding with the rioters, helping them, standing by, ~~and~~ doing nothing.

(A Communist newspaper hurls a special denunciation at party members who capitulated when the insurgent workers ~~are~~ attacked public buildings. "They'll answer for their actions," the newspaper declares ominously. As - the big bosses of the Reds begin what looks like a Communist Party purge. They must be alarmed - when their own Communist followers showed signs of sympathizing with the rebels.)

Warsaw is described as an armed camp - public buildings under heavy guard. ~~The~~ And travellers returning to Germany say - the entire railroad between Warsaw and East Germany is being patrolled by soldiers. The fear being - that anti-Communist fans may dynamite ~~the~~ bridges or blow up trains.

Rebel bands, we hear, ^{are} making "hit and run" raids in various places. To the north of Poznan, Communist armed forces are pursuing a band of insurgents, with whom they fought a battle yesterday. This was in a forest, and the rebels are believed to be making for the Pommeranian Lake ~~■~~ country - a section of woods and marshes, almost inaccessible. Where the guerillas would have - excellent hide outs.

One returning ~~■~~ traveller summarizes the situation in the following words: "Anti-Communist resistance-feeling in Poland is growing by leaps and bounds. The Poznan up-rising," he says, "appears to have united the long ~~■~~ smoldering hatred ^{that} the Poles have had for years against their Communist government."

TWINING

General Twining returned home today from his Russian trip. Saying - he's as convinced as ever that the Soviets are catching up with the U S in air power. That was his opinion before he went to Moscow, and it remained his opinion - after having seen something of aviation developments over there.

(Landing in Washington, today, the head of the U.S. Air Force said he and his fellow Generals had had what he called a "very well controlled" visit. "We did not see everything we wanted to," he added.

General Twining will report to President Eisenhower at Gettysburg tomorrow.)

PALESTINE

News from Palestine, suddenly ^{once again} has a threatening sound. Military concentrations - on both sides of the border of Israel and Jordan. So stated - by a spokesman for the Arab Legion today. He declares - that Israeli troops are massed along the whole frontier. Particularly - in the Jerusalem area.

"It cannot be ascertained now," says he, whether the Jordanian frontiers will be subject to an immediate, or comprehensive, aggression." But, in any case, Jordan has responded with the massing of its own troops.

This follows a warning, yesterday, when King Hussein of Jordan called in the Ambassadors of the United States, Britain and France. Telling them - there was a growing threat of an Israeli attack. In London, today, the British Foreign Office called in the Israeli Ambassador - for a discussion of the Arab charge. And, at the same time, Major General E. L. M. Burns of Canada, truce supervisor of the U N flew from Cairo to Jerusalem - ~~is~~ to investigate.

It isn't clear how much substance there may be in this abrupt alarm. Hitherto, the principal tension had been between Israel and Egypt. So we don't know what to make of the new sudden development along the Jordanian frontier, if, indeed, there's anything much to it.

AL GOLD

Former President Harry Truman took a stroll in New York, today - an old habit of H.S.T., going for a vigorous walk. As usual, he was trailed around by news reporters and photographers; and ^{he} stopped for a chat with a camera man from Fox Movietone. Al Gold, who told the former President Good-bye. With his camera, Al has covered those Truman walks for years. But, this coming autumn, Al Gold will retire. Sixty eight years old - after wrestling around with his camera for some fifty years.

~~My own earlier memory of Al Gold goes back to the Nineteen Thirty Six inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. I was with Movietone at the time, and the place for the newsreel crew was at the top of some tall wooden stands. Al was an old-timer even then, there he was - lugging his camera and tripod up the steep wooden steps to the top.~~

I wondered how he made it, but he was good for twenty years more, on the strenuous job of a newsreel cameraman.

POLITICS

There was powerful speech-making down in Georgia, today, where Herman Talmadge opened his campaign, running for Senator. Seeking the place that will be vacated by Senator George.

Herman Talmadge is, of course, the son of "Old Gene", who was a rough and ready politician of the hillbilly country. Herman has polished up the oratory, setting up as a sort of Georgian Cicero. Well, we all know that Cicero declaimed his eloquence in Rome, on the banks of the Tiber. While today's Talmadge oration was thundered - at Rome, Georgia.

The big theme- segregation. Herman Talmadge blazing away at the Supreme Court - for outlawing racial segregation in public schools. So Herman gave rhetoric as follows: "The black-robed arm of judicial tyranny has reached out from Washington - to extend its control over the education of our children. It is here," he cried, "that we tell the court - hold! enough!"

Sure sounds like Cicero - at Rome, Georgia!

Another striking political item comes from Kentucky - Happy Chandler - for President. The Kentucky Governor, used to be the Czar of baseball - now taking his place among the favorite sons.

The Kentucky State Democratic Convention - naming Happy Chandler as the Peoples' choice. Giving him - a dominant voice in deciding how the votes of the Kentucky delegation shall be cast at Chicago.

(The Governor, himself, says he doesn't hope for much unless there's a stalemate. ~~Explaining~~ ^{he put it in these words:-} If a deadlock occurs at the National Convention, "this may be our time."

Happy makes it clear that he's against Adlai Stevenson - and says he is interested in talking business with Governor Harriman of New York, ~~now~~ - Stevenson's principal challenger.

Well, I don't suppose the Democrats will nominate Happy Chandler for President - but, with thirty-two Kentucky votes in his pocket, ^{he at least is} ~~now~~ in a position to talk business.)

DUEL

At Stillwell, Oklahoma, they had a local election - and the ballots were being counted. A hot political battle - between Sheriff Chester Crittenden and his opponent Bob Alberty. The Count was running in favor of Alberty, when there was an argument between him and the sheriff. Who arrested his opponent, took him to jail - which was upstairs.

That was the situation, which lead to a burst of shooting. In the jail upstairs, Candidate Alberty opened fire. The sheriff - shooting back. In the duel - both ~~WERE~~ were killed.

Downstairs, the election count went on - with Alberty winning. Defeating Crittenden - ~~but~~ ^{while upstairs} both lay ^{dead} victims of the duel. *In the old western tradition - shooting it out on election day.*

BULLFIGHTER

Here's a dispatch from Lisbon, Portugal, telling how Patricia Hayes of San Angelo, Texas, appeared in the bull ring - ~~as~~ a torreador. Sword in hand, she faced the charge of El Toro. ^{The} bull struck her, and knocked her down. She wasn't gored by the slashing horns, but the impact knocked her unconscious, ~~she lay~~ ^{there on} helpless ~~on~~ ^{the} ground ~~and~~ ^{as} the bull turned to attack her again.

The girl bullfighter might have been killed, except for the action of four spectators - who jumped into the ring, and came racing to help her. One grabbed the bull by the horns, and the other three joined in the wrestling with the animal. They held El Toro - while Patricia was carried out,

out of the ring to safety.

Doctors who brought her back to consciousness say she'll be able to fight in the bull ring again within a week - if she's in the mood.

FREUCHEN

A lot of people must be - Peter Freuchen fans by now. I've been one for years - long before the bearded Viking began to dazzle television viewers with his exploits on the Sixty Four Thousand Dollar Question.

The seventy year old explorer pouring forth floods of recondite information concerning The Seven Seas. The one-legged Dane, a native of Greenland - knowing so much more than the mere answers to the questions.

A week ago
~~By last night,~~ he had won thirty-two thousand dollars, ~~and~~ could have taken ~~the~~ *all that* cash and quit. ~~But he~~ *But not Peter. He* shot the works, and went for the sixty-four thousand.

He was entitled to have the help of another expert.

But the giant with the big beard refused all assistance,

tackled the final questions alone, not only answering them, *but pouring out information about them until dazed* ~~until~~ Hal Marsh, Master of Ceremonies, had to stop the flow of knowledge for lack of time.

Well, you wouldn't be surprised, if you had known Peter Freuchen for years at the Explorers Club in New York.

Around the explorer's long table - at the five o'clock gatherings every afternoon. Where explorers, travellers, - and scientists from the museums - get together for a chat.

Time and again, I've sat in, and marveled at Peter Freuchen - taking the lead on some topic of the Far North, or the tropics. Or telling of experiences with the anti-Nazi underground in Denmark, during World War Two. When he made an explosive escape from a Nazi jail. His comrades in the underground blew one wall out. Or, Peter Freuchen might be relating some comic incident of exploration, with a lusty sense of humor - laughing and pulling ~~and~~ at his beard.

What I always liked best was my Viking friend friend from Greenland making a speech in eskimo. If I happened to be Toast Master and Peter Freuchen was there - I'd have him get up and address the audience

in the language of the people of the igloos and kyaks.

And how he could pour it out! 64,000 to an Arctic
explorer with a bushy beard and a peg leg! It couldn't
have happened to a finer guy!