

LEAD

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The ^{at} election in Iceland is running ^{against us -} against the interests of the United States. ^{Over} The question ^{of} the retention of the big U. S. air base at Kleflavik. ^{A base} ~~which~~ of major importance for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization - and for the American radar warning system. ^{The no I issue of this election} ~~The election fought on~~ ^{has been} ~~the issue of~~ whether or not the United States shall retain the base. The answer would seem to be - not, according to the figures coming in ^{tonight.} ~~today~~ ^{in Iceland} ~~no~~ Political crisis came in March - when there was a break in the coalition government that ran things on that ^{far} northern island, ^{- where there is so little ice.} The largest party, the Independents, was in partnership with a faction called the Progressives. Both had been pro-American. But, ~~now~~, Progressive Leader Hermann Jonasson introduced a motion in the Icelandic parliament, the ^{- oldest parliament in the world. -} "Althing", ^{Calling upon the United States - to withdraw from} that Icelandic base. Arguing ^{that the base is} ~~it was~~ no longer necessary, the world situation having improved. This brought about the resignation of pro-American Premier Olafur Thors - who called ^{for an} ~~an~~ election.

Vonasson and his

~~The~~ Progressives made an alliance with the Social Democrats - based on the demand for ~~the~~ American withdrawal. There were six parties in the election, including Communists - and only Premier Thors' Independents backed the American position.

They needed a gain of six members in the "Althing", which has fifty-two members. But, instead, today's figures show the pro-American party - losing three seats. The oust-America coalition of Progressives and Social Democrats - gaining four. Which will give them - a majority.

It now remains to be seen what will happen - when a new coalition government of Iceland requests the United States to abandon the Klefaviik base.

In Washington, the Senate has decided on a showdown vote - for tomorrow. On the size of an increase of money - for the Air Force. Republicans, as well as Democrats, agree - there should be a hike. The Democrats - wanting to put the figure at more than a billion. The Republicans - thinking that half of that would be enough - five hundred million.

However, the sharpest attack on the billion dollar proposal, today, came from the ranks of the Democrats. Senators Ellender of Louisiana and Holland of Florida, speaking of their Democratic brethren as ~~harmed~~ "arm chair strategists."

In the background of the dispute, are a lot of guesses - about the size and might of the Russian Air Force.

TWINING

And what did our Air Force Chief-of-Staff see in Moscow over the weekend - at that big Red air show? He saw Soviet warplanes that had hitherto been kept secret from the West. Today, General Twining, with his party of six other Air Force generals, visited a top secret air base fifty miles from Moscow. Where they were given a look at a new Russian jet bomber, designed for ground attack. Also - a turbo-prop airplane for anti-submarine and mine laying operations. At the secret base, the Red Air Force put on a dazzling display of aerial fighter tactics, for the benefit of the Americans.

The big air show the American officers witnessed yesterday featured - a parade of air power. Including seven types of jet planes, hitherto kept secret.

What report so far? General Twining says that, thus far, he has been able to make no estimate of the comparative strength of the U.S. and Russian Air Forces.

CIVIL DEFENSE

A Congressional Sub-Committee heard a grim opinion, today - on the subject of civil defense, in case of atomic war. Mayor Frank Zeidler, of Milwaukee, is Chairman of the Civil Defense Committee of the American Municipal Association - an expert on the subject, and his judgment should count.

He said our civil defense is in such poor shape - that an atomic attack would reduce this country to chaos. So much so - that he doubted we could win an atomic war.

We, he declared, rely on the Air Force to strike a devastating atomic blow at an enemy - and that might succeed. But, as for defense against an enemy blow - we would be "helpless".

He blamed our lack of civil defense on officials - and the people. Officials don't want to voice unpleasant facts, and the public doesn't want to hear them.

OKINAWA

There's an uproar in Japan - over the question of Okinawa. Today, the Japanese Socialist Party decided - they'll launch a campaign to protest against the "permanent fortification" of that formerly Japanese island by the United States. ~~(They threaten to bring the question of Okinawa before the United Nations. The Socialists of Japan seem to think they can get the African-Asian bloc at the U.N. to present their argument.)~~

This outcry was joined by the General Council of Japanese Trade Unions, a Left Wing outfit. Claiming - that the United States plans to use Okinawa as a "permanent base for atomic weapons." The labor organization makes the protest in a letter to President Eisenhower, which was delivered at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, this afternoon. The Embassy says - the letter will be forwarded to Washington.

Japan, officially, wants to regain possession of Okinawa, but the present hullabaloo seems to stem from the mere question of - rent. The money we pay to local Okinawans ~~for rent~~ - for land

on which American military installations are placed. Recently, a Congressional Committee in Washington recommended - the payment of lump sums. Instead - of annual rentals. The Okinawans - preferring payments year by year.

A question of rent - which the Left Wingers of Japan are trying to turn into an international, atomic dispute.

CYPRUS

At Nicosia, on the island of Cyprus, today, a British judge was presiding over a trial of terrorists. Judge Bernard Shaw - the name bringing odd reminiscence of the far famed Irish wit and playwright. The terrorists on trial - two fifteen-year-old boys, charged with bomb throwing.

At noontime, Judge Bernard Shaw declared a recess, and went home for lunch. Driving in an automobile with guards - to his official residence, which was closely guarded. After luncheon, he started back to the court - his automobile, this time, taking a different route. Judge Bernard Shaw, never going to and from the court - by the same way through the streets of Nicosia.

All of which is an indication of the rigid security surrounding the magistrate - who was marked for death by the Cypriot underground. On May Sixteenth, he sentenced two terrorists to hang - and, on that occasion, Cypriots put on a violent scene outside the court. Vowing - death to Judge Bernard Shaw.

Then, a month later, the magistrate pronounced the capital sentence on two Cypriot youths - convicted of shooting at two British soldiers. The intended victims were not injured, but the judge said - this was because of ~~their~~ bad aim, rather than ~~their~~ good intentions. Once again, the Cypriots vowed vengeance - and now the judge was returning to the trial of the two fifteen-year-old boys.

So there was every reason why he should be closely guarded - yet the underground was able to strike. The magistrate's automobile stopped in traffic, less than fifty yards from the British police headquarters - when two gunmen dashed forward. Shoved pistols into the window of the car, and fired ^a fusilade . One bullet struck the judge in the neck - and he slumped. His bodyguard, in the car, fired at the assailants. But they fled across the street, jumped into a waiting automobile, and escaped.

Tonight Judge Bernard Shaw is in a hospital, critically wounded - by the terrorists who, somehow, were able

to evade all security precautions.

(To accompany this, today's news dispatch relates how a band of six underground insurgents poured the gunfire of automatic weapons into a police station, fifteen miles from Nicosia. One British soldier - wounded. And, at another place, rebels blew up a bridge - with two air bombs, which had been stolen from the Royal Air Force.)

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower will fly to the Panama Conference of Presidents of American Republics. The meeting to be held - July Twenty-First and TWenty-Second.

The original date had been for July Seventh, but the President's illness intervened. So the Latin-American Presidents suggested a delay of two weeks. Asking - would President Eisenhower be able to attend - then? Now the answer is - Yes.

The President is to leave the Walter* Reed Hospital this coming weekend, and motor to his Gettysburg Farm - where he and Mrs. Eisenhower will celebrate their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary, next Sunday.

Meanwhile, the trip x that Indian Prime Minister Nehru, was to have made to this country has been cancelled. Nehru - to have arrived here, week after next. But he sent a message saying - that he didn't want to impose a new strain on the President, while he was convalescing. To which President Eisenhower answered - that it was a good idea. (He might not have recuperated enough to hold the weighty discussions he wants to have with Nehru. He repeated the invitation urgently - for a later date.)

ADMIRAL KING

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FOREST FIRE

A huge forest fire is roaring in Colorado - and away go one hundred and twenty-five Camp Fire Girls. The lassies, mostly from Denver, had their summer camp on Mt. Evans, and the flaming tempest was moving toward them on a broad fiery front. Forest Supervisor George Brown says - the girls ^{were} ~~are~~ not in any danger of being trapped. But, when the blaze came sweeping through the woods a mere two miles away, it was thought best - to evacuate the camp.

The Echo Lake Lodge, a number one tourist resort, is also within two miles of the forest fire - which was set by lightning, during an electrical storm on Saturday.

BLOOD

One of the major theories of anthropology is now supported - by a new kind of proof. The theory - that the American Indians are of Mongolian origin. Their ancestors - having come from Asia, across to Alaska. The new proof - the chemistry of the blood. What scientists call - a "blood factor."

The research began in South America, where blood tests of Indians were being made. And it was found - that these Indians present something new. A "blood factor" - hitherto unknown. The scientists now call it - the "Diego factor", Presumably it was noted first - in an Indian named "Diego".
later,
Then, it was found that the "Diego factor" ^{existed} / ~~was not~~ - in North American Indians as well. Common, presumably - to all Indians.

They tested the blood of Whites and Negroes - with no sign of the "Diego factor". But, when they came to Chinese and Japanese - there it was. Which indicated - a blood-link between those Asiatics and our American Indians.

The figures for distribution make the scientists believe - the "Diego factor", discovered in South America, really originates in the Mogols of Central Asia. Mongolian tribes, in a remote era of the past - contributing to the ancestry of the Chinese, Japanese and American Indians.

JOE KIRKWOOD

Are you a golfer? If so cap this. I played in a 4-some over the weekend that set something of a record. One team consisted of a well known golfer with a well known golf name, Hogan. His partner was Edward R. Murrow. An ardent golfer.

My teammate's name - Joe Kirkwood. Kirkwood made 2 eagles on holes where eagles had never been made before - one of them the longest hole in the world - 790 yds. Par 7. On which he made the first five ever made. Ed Murrow got a birdie 6. But the astounding thing was that Kirkwood came within one stroke of Sam Snead's course record. And Kirkwood did it with a broken arm. Which shows what a fellow can do.

BOAT

Two boatmen from Arkansas are in St. Louis, today - claiming a trophy. The Commodore Koenig Trophy - for Mississippi River speed records, between New Orleans and St. Louis.

Roy Collum and Dick Arant of Little Rock, arrived in an aluminum speedboat, after covering the distance of one thousand, fifty-three miles -- in forty-seven hours and twenty minutes. Breaking the previous record by more than five hours.

They say that, all the two days, they didn't sleep a wink. Cullum explains: "We kept awake by arguing."

Well, I wonder what they argued about. There are ~~plis~~ plenty of subjects. Will Stevenson get the Democratic nomination? Or, what do you think of the way Khrushchev is talking about Stalin?

Henry, what would you suggest as a subject for a 2 day and
~~or, what would you argue about for two days and~~
argument on a high speed dash down
~~two nights on the Mississippi River?~~