KUWAIT - POLITICS

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London is breathing easier tonight - after the way the British flotilla bound for Kuwait passed through the Suez Canal. An aircraft carrier and several escort vessels - handled quickly and efficiently by Nasser's technicians. This, despite the old animosity - between London and Cairo. Despite Nasser's demand - that the British get out of Kuwait. In short, Cairo today obeyed - the Constantinople Convention of Eighteen Eighty-Nine. The international agreement that guarantees freedom of passage through the Suez Canal - for all nations.

At the same time, the British are continuing - their build-up in Kuwait. Their ground forces at the Iraqi border - joined by five thousand Arab volunteers. And, of course, the small Kuwaiti army of three thousand - has been ready for action ever since Iraq's Premier Kassem started his power-play.

At the U.N., both Russia and the United Arab Republic - are pressing for British evacuation of Kuwait.

To which the Sheik of Kuwait retorts that the British will stay until he - the Sheik - receives a firm U.N. guarantee - that Kuwait will not be gobbled up by Iraq.

KUWAIT - HISTORY

Looking on —

With the world wondering whether war will break out over Kuwait - let's take a look at the history leading up to the present crisis.

During the Nineteenth Century, the tiny sheikdom on the Persian Gulf had the Turkish Sultan for an overlord. Reason - Turkish control of the surrounding province of Basra. Since Basra is now part of Iraq, President Kassem claims that Baghdad has inherited - the old authority of the Sultan in Constantinople. That's what Kassem gives as a ~~ostensible~~ reason - for attempting to seize Kuwait.

But the Iraqui Premier - is over-simplifying history. By the Eighteen Nineties, the British and the Germans both had an interest - in the sheikdom. The Kaiser, wanting it as a terminus - for ~~his~~ a Berlin-to-Baghdad railway. The British, moving in first - to protect their imperial interests. Then, in Eighteen Ninety-Nine, the Sheik allowed London to take over his foreign relations - in return for British protection. And the British were still there - after World War One, and after World War II. Leaving -

only a few weeks ago.

Of course all this history has been enormously complicated by - the discovery of vast, undreamed of oil reserves under Kuwait. Hence old, old, political claims have been suddenly rejuvenated - by oil. The British - moving out. The Iraquis, attempting to move in. Hence - the tension tonight at the head of the Persian Gulf; and it all goes back to the days - when the Sultan ruled Kuwait from Constantinople.

RAILROAD

The New Haven Railroad may not go bankrupt - but ~~it will go~~ instead into trusteeship. The distinction is that bankruptcy means - selling assets to pay creditors. Under a trusteeship, creditors receive certificates entitling them to first payment - when there are funds to settle outstanding debts.

The reason for the plight of the railroad - denial of a federal loan. The New Haven had asked for five-and-a-half million dollars - on the ground ~~that the~~ that national interests were involved. This argument was rejected, leaving the fate of the New Haven railroad - in (doubt) tonight.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Civil Rights cases filed in Mississippi today - are the first to be brought by the Justice Department. The Attorney General has already intervened to protect voters - in Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Georgia. But this is something new for - Mississippi. Attorney General Kennedy, charging - that Clarke and Forest Counties have been violating the Constitution, by preventing Negroes from taking part - in elections. One method, according to the legal brief - a slanted literacy test. Negroes, required to read complicated passages - that white voters never see.

MacARTHUR

Even a tropical downpour couldn't dampen today's ceremony - at Lingayen Beach. General MacArthur wouldn't let anything call off his visit to the spot - where he waded ashore sixteen years ago. The climactic moment when he fulfilled his historic pledge - "I shall return."

Today the General unveiled a marker at Red Beach - as Mrs. MacArthur and a crowd of Filipinos looked on. Afterward, MacArthur pointed out to sea and remarked - "I remember when six hundred ships were off these shores. It was a beautiful sight."

Then came the ~~hundred and sixty mile~~ drive back to Manila - along MacArthur Highway. The hero of World War Two, cheered by countless Filipinos ~~who were~~ lined up - almost the entire length of the highway for 160 miles. Many of them - waiting in the rain for two or three hours. The Philippines, giving Douglas MacArthur — Dick — one of the biggest receptions - that any public figure of our time has ever received anywhere.

SPORTS

Here are a few bulletins from the world of sports - that seem worth mentioning.

Let's begin - with a sad story. Out in Los Angeles, Solly Hemus learned - about the perils of a career in baseball. Last season, Solly fired up his St. Louis Cardinals - and led them to third place in the National League. A feat that almost won him the title of - "manager of the year." Two weeks ago, he received a vote of confidence - from the Club's general manager. But today Manager Solly Humus was dumped. The Cards just aren't doing as well - as the front office brass would like.

The second story - from Texas. Barney Pfaff, playing - his first game of golf. Renting a set of clubs. Barney, so ignorant about golf that he chose a number two wood by mistake, on the short par 3/seventeenth hole - where an average player uses a number four iron - or at most a three. The average Texas golfer, a five or six. What happened? You guessed it. Duffer Barney,

FLIGHTS

LT. - Odds. Fri. July 7th '61,
travellers

American tourists may soon be flying from New York - to Moscow. ~~That is,~~ If the talks beginning in Washington, get anywhere. Last time, they failed - because the U - 2 incident had just occurred. The prospects this time somewhat better - unless Khrushchev picks up another pretext for saying - "nyet". Anyway, the negotiations are beginning. The airlines, preparing to step in with brand new time tables of flights- to Moscow.

CONFERENCE

The Soviets have just about killed - the Geneva Conference on a nuclear test ban. The Khrushchev note, repeating all the old Russian propaganda, including - a built-in Soviet veto, disguised by the word "Troika". Khrushchev, hoping to run international politics like a Russian car with three horses - any one of which can stop the vehicle by refusing to budge. The West, not taken in - by the Soviet dictator.

BERLIN

Allied strategy to deal with a possible Berlin crisis - is pointed up by what happened today. The East German Reds, reviving an old law - that a special permit is necessary for anyone holding a job in West Berlin. That means - fifty thousand East Berliners. It's the kind of harrassment the West wants to be ready for - if Khrushchev goes through with his threat to sign a peace treaty with East Germany.

Hence, President Kennedy's schedule of appointments - for tomorrow. The President, to confer with - Secretary of State Rusk, Secretary of Defense McNamara, and special military advisor General Maxwell Taylor. At the same time, President Kennedy is keeping in close touch - with London and Paris. Britain, France and the United States, agreed on the absolute necessity of - a common approach to the Berlin situation.

BRITAIN

Today the "London Daily Express" said editorially - "we hope this is the end of the business." Meaning - an end to British feelers about entering the common market of continental Europe. As we know, the British have been turning more and more to the idea of - joining the [redacted] common market. Purpose - to strengthen the national economy. And help stabilize Europe - as a unified power.

Leading the opposition - Lord Beaverbrook's "Express". "The Beaver"- thundering patriotically about Britain and the commonwealth. Taking the [redacted] insular attitude that it just would not do - to get mixed up with those foreigners on the continent. Lord Beaverbrook staunchly denying - that the British are Europeans.

The Imperialist from Canada was rejoicing today - because of reports that the Commonwealth may prevent Britain from entering the Common Market. New Zealand, refusing to give up her British market - for dairy products. Ghana, saying the same - about cocoa. Rhodesia - about tobacco, and so on.

The dilemma is that in order to satisfy her Commonwealth partners - Britain would have to get concessions in their favor from the common market countries. Concessions - that have already been turned down. Prime Minister MacMillan is trying to find some way out of the impasse. While Lord Beaverbrook says openly - that he hopes the Prime Minister fails. Which might be the end of the matter - except that British manufacturers are pushing hard for the right to sell on the continent.

HOUSING

The bill President Kennedy signed today - calls for over a billion dollars. That much, to be put into - the G I housing program. Former members of the armed forces - will find it easier to get federal loans. And - the interest rates will be lower.. Besides, the administration expects this housing program - to give business a boost.

DEFENSE

The armed forces have twenty percent of their machine tools -- lying in storage. That's the charge~~d by~~ made by - the general accounting ~~ad~~ office. The watchdog agency, pointing to this as a horrible example of - bad management. The Defense Department, allowing - duplicate buying. For example, the Air Force is said to have paid forty-one thousand dollars for a screw-making machine - when the Navy had two of the m ~~machines~~ lying idle.

MISSILE

The Atlas missile fired at Cape Canaveral today - has two missions:- First, to set a distance record of - nine thousand and fifty-four miles. Second, to drop off a nose cone - full of instruments.

The giant rocket rose under a thrust of - three hundred and eighty-nine thousand pounds. Arching into the sky - trailing fx flame and smoke. Thundering down "missile alley" between South America and Africa. Landing in the Indian Ocean - beyond the Cape of Good Hope.

The nose cone, detaching on schedule - an hour after the launching. Parachuting into the water - picked up by an American patrol boat. The distance record? We won't know for a few days whether the Atlas really traveled - nine thousand and fifty four miles. One thing is clear. Our big intercontinental missile - worked perfectly. A good omen for space exploration, because the Atlas is expected to carry - the first American astronaut to orbit the earth.

ROCKETS

The United Arab republic is going to buy rockets - in the United States. The deal, okayed - by the State Department. Nasser's reason, of course - is to stay abreast of Israel. Two days ago, Israeli scientists sent up - a weather rocket. The strong man of Egypt wants to have - the same capability. Especially since this type of missile could be used for war - as well as peace.

MACARTHUR

It's almost impossible for Douglas MacArthur to travel around the Philippines - ~~wi~~ without meeting history that he himself made. Today, the old soldier sailed past - Corregidor. No one had to ask - what he was thinking. Back in Nineteen Forty Two - ~~General~~ MacArthur received a presidential order - to leave Corregidor. Leave his men behind - facing certain defeat. A harrowing moment - for a great commander.

~~Well,~~ MacArthur, —as we know— escaped - and "the rock" fell. MacArthur returned - and recaptured The Rock. United, in recent memory. United - forever in history. MacArthur - and Corregidor.

BULLS

Something was missing in Pamplona - today. Or rather - someone. The running of the bulls through streets of the Spanish city was a scene - that Ernest Hemingway never wanted to miss. To the people of Pamplona, the American novelist was virtually - part of the festivities. And he repaid them for the thrill - by putting Pamplona into his novel "death in the afternoon."

Hemingway wasn't there this time - because yesterday his funeral took place in far off Ketchum, Idaho. Pamplona, less gay than usual - with his old friends in mourning. Still, the bulls ran - in Pamplona. The first bull fight of the day - dedicated to the memory of Ernest Hemingway.

NAVY

A lot of old sea dogs are growling tonight - because a Lieutenant has been assigned to sea duty. Lieutenant Suneson - ordered aboard the troop carrier "General Mann". Joining the crew that ferries troops and dependents - from the West Coast to the Far East.

What's eating the salty tars - about the assignment? Just this:- Lieutenant Suneson's first name is - Charlene. ~~That's right -~~ a young lady. Twenty-seven years old, a native of Chicago - and ready for any assignment they ~~draw~~ give her. Lieutenant Charlene, shattering - one of the oldest traditions of the Fleet. Dick, The gal ~~xxx~~ from Chicago, ~~is the~~ first woman ever to go to sea - aboard a ship of ~~the~~ ~~U.S. Navy.~~ Uncle Sam's navee

TANK

Another first - for the Russians. That is, another claim to have invented something that we always thought was developed in the West. This time the tank. According to military historians, the first tank was the British M K 1 - used in Flanders in Nineteen Sixteen. Ah, but the Russians had a tank in Nineteen Fifteen - says Pravda. The thing described as a vehicle with one track - put together by a team of Russian inventors, who were later cheated out of their achievement - by western propaganda, says Pravda.

On the Fourth of July we also heard Moscow virtually claiming - that Russia invented the American revolution. So, why not the tank?