

POLISH PLANE

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We have a ~~xxx~~ remarkable story tonight about that Polish Air Force pilot, who flew ^{the} ~~a~~ Russian built MIG -- to Denmark. The statement is -- that the exploit was engineered by a group of Americans, through the medium of the Polish underground.

This comes from a former governor of Maryland Preston Lane, now an aircraft executive, who states that prominent in the group was former U.S. Colonel Ulio Amoss, who did cloak and dagger work. The ~~xxxxxx~~ approach was made by ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{members} of the Polish underground, who said they thought they could arrange ~~xxxx~~ ^{for} a Polish Air Force pilot, secretly anti-Communist, to make an escape. He'd fly out with one of the latest jet fighter planes that the Soviets have handed over to the Red government of Poland.

This was all the more interesting, because no un-damaged MIG had ever fallen into western hands -- though they had fished one out of Korean waters, badly battered - unflyable. Moreover,

the indications were that the MIGs in Korea were not the latest model. But the Russian built jets in Poland were. So -- getting one out would be doubly valuable for western air experts to study.

~~XXXXXX~~ Former Governor Preston Lane relates that ten thousand dollars was raised by the group of patriotic Americans to finance the Polish underground operation. All, with a highly successful result. The headlines, last week having told us how the Polish Air Force officer ^{fleeing the Iron Curtain} had landed on the Danish Island of Bornholm, bringing his jet plane down undamaged.

LEAD

Another western plane was shot at by Soviet fighters -- but no damage was done. A British airliner, bound from Munich to Berlin -- the plane landing safely at Berlin's Tempelhof airport. This happened yesterday, reported by British officials today. They say the passenger plane had "apparently" wandered out of "the corridor through which western planes are permitted to fly to and from the German capitol.

This incident not so serious in itself, adds up to a total of three British planes assailed yesterday. One, the patrol bomber shot down. Another, a British transport plane in which ~~ix~~ Red fighters made threatening passes. And now, the passenger liner, fired at ~~ix~~ but not hit. Then,

of course, there's the American jet fighter that
was shot down, though ~~HE~~ without loss of life.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

News from Czechoslovakia states that the Red president, Gottwald, is gravely ill. He was in serious condition with pneumonia and pleurisy, when internal hemorrhages occurred today. A series of bulletins indicate that his condition is becoming worse and the Red President of Czechoslovakia may be following his Master - Stalin.

KOREA-ACE

Over in Korea, our ace war flier should be able to answer the question -- but he can't. An important question -- are Soviet pilots flying those enemy jets that come down from the Manchurian sanctuary?

Well, Colonel Royal Baker got within a hundred feet of a Communist pilot, and he should be able to tell -- was it a Russian? There's plenty of difference between the Mongolian face ~~and~~^{of} a Chinese or North Korean, and the European features of a Russian.

Today, Colonel Baker shot down a MIG, and the pilot got out by parachute. The American jet flashed right by him, a mere hundred feet away. But, says the Colonel, he still had his helmet on, and oxygen mask. I couldn't distinguish his features.

So the question remains unanswered.

LI

The United Nations this afternoon failed to elect a new Secretary General to succeed retiring Trygve Lie. There were three candidates in the voting -- and the Soviets vetoed one.

The U S. ~~pick~~ backed General Carlos Romulo of the Philippines, but an adverse vote against him was cast by France -- in addition to Russia. Other countries abstained so they failed to get a majority needed to elect. The Soviet veto was cast against Lester Pearson, Canadian Minister of External Affairs. The U.S. voted for him and he would have been elected except for the Red vote cast against him.

The Soviets had a candidate, a Polish Communist. But he got only one vote, the Moscow vote.

So now the U N will have to try it again -
in an effort to ^{pick} ~~pick~~ a Secretary General

TIDELANDS

The State of Rhode Island is being urged to go to court -- if Congress passes the bill to turn tideland oil over to the states. Today, Democratic Senator Green called for such action, making public a letter he has written to Governor Dennis Roberts of Rhode Island. He says the Governor supports the proposal to make a court fight against any state ownership of tideland oil.

Well, the bill would favor coastal states as against inland states ~~as~~ without any tideland. But, of course, Rhode Island is on the coast. The answer might seem to be -- the tidelands of Rhode Island are not rich in oil. In fact, the whole thing is largely a Gulf of Mexico affair. With Texas and Louisiana playing the leading part, ~~is tideland oil~~. California is interested too. ^{T. Federal} If the [^]government had the ownership of the off-shore deposits, other states ^{would} ~~might~~ stand to gain by it. Senator Green ^{demanding possession win out} claims that, if the coastal states ~~get the oil~~, ^{there} Rhode Island [^] on the New England coast would be deprived of ~~these~~ vast oil, gas and other mineral resources.

HAWAII

Statehood for Hawaii has run into an unexpected obstacle. The bill to make the islands the Forty-Ninth State of the Union has hit a snag that few people had ever thought about.

The bill was passed by the House and is now before a Senate committee. Where the question has been raised -- what would be the boundaries of Hawaii, that far-flung archipelago?

That's tied up with the tidelands oil issue. For example, the two main islands Oahu and Kauai are more than sixty miles apart. So, what would be the status of that stretch of Pacific Ocean? Would it be considered territorial waters, or might it be considered--open sea?

If the space of ocean between the islands were classed as "inland water" the new state of Hawaii might claim title to the submerged lands -- as in the case of tidelands over here. So Hawaiian statehood - is now tangled - in that hot, noisy tidelands argument.

How perplexing it can be is illustrated by the fact that one of the Hawaiian islands, Palmyra, is way off by

itself, some hundreds of miles south of Honolulu. So, how do you draw a boundary for that proposed new state, which may soon be the forty-ninth? Would you leave out lonely Palmyra?

BASEBALL

Here's authoritative support for rumors that big league baseball clubs will be shifted. The St. Louis Browns -- for example -- to move to Baltimore. The publication "Sporting News" a sort of Bible of baseball, states that, on Monday, the club owners of the league will be asked to okay the transfer. Already arranged -- between the management of the Browns and baseball people in Baltimore!

Moreover, the Boston Braves, will move, we are told. Where? Milwaukee?!

Which leaves the question -- what about the minor league clubs already in Baltimore and Milwaukee? The Orioles, have long been a tradition in the Maryland metropolis. "Sporting News" declares that the fate of the Baltimore Orioles has not yet been decided. They may go to Hartford, Connecticut, or maybe some Canadian city." The Milwaukee Club of the American Association will move to Toledo, Ohio -- we hear.

Well, the shifts will produce interesting changes. The American League -- no longer to include St. Louis. Baltimore instead. The National League out of Boston, moving to Milwaukee.

But it is all in accord with what baseball men have been saying for a long time. Arguing that neither St. Louis nor Boston provides enough baseball business to support two major league teams. They' also say the same about Philadelphia, with rumors -- that the Athletics, made famous by Connie Mack, may move to some other city. They ^{declare} ~~say~~ the only cities able to support two clubs ^{are} ~~is~~ Chicago and New York. New York having three -- including Brooklyn.

There's always talk of shifting a big league team, or teams out here to the Pacific Coast. Or, of recognizing the coast league as a major league. But that remains for the future, ~~is~~ if at all.

SUIT

From ^{comes a story about}
~~In~~ New York, a law suit that features a
curious theme of romance. Testimony today presenting
a ~~theme~~ ^{twist of plot} that might be used by a novelist.

Singer Jane Froman is demanding two and a half million dollars from Pan American World Airways as damages for the injuries she suffered -- in that plane crash in Portugal, ~~in~~ the harbor of Lisbon, ten years ago. But her former husband is also suing, Actor Donald Ross, who demands a hundred thousand dollars -- for the loss of his wife's affection. The plane crash caused that also, says he.

Today, he testified that before the mishap, his wife was devoted to him -- "madly, violently", said he. But, afterward -- it was altogether different.

Well, the story has been told in print and in the movies -- how Singer Jane Froman, desperately injured, was rescued from the water by Flier John Burn, the pilot of the plane. Later, after her divorce, she married him.

So that's the way actor Donald Ross lost his wife, according to his ~~■~~ testimony today -- as he sues for damages.

CARMEL

Out here in California, there's a threat of secession. The town of Carmel ~~may~~ may secede from the State of California. Which would be a great loss. Because, Carmel is the principal community on the Monterey Peninsula -- far-famed as a beauty spot. The peninsula, which lies to the south of San Francisco, is so beautiful, in fact, that it's a traditional haunt for artists. Which gives Carmel an artistic sort of Bohemian life, aesthetic, dreamy. Contemptuous ~~of~~ of the ordinary ways of prosy work-a-day people. So Carmel is -- shocked.

In the Legislature at Sacramento, a bill has been introduced -- ~~to~~ to make cities and towns mark their streets clearly with proper signs. And -- number their houses, distinctly, so that a street address can be found. If a community doesn't do that it will forfeit its share of State gas tax money.

So what's wrong with street signs and house numbers? Well, Carmel doesn't have any. Much too literal and practical for the artistic soul of Carmel.

Not in the spirit of abstract painting, in which you can't tell what is what.

So, today, Carmel had a civic meeting, at which a protest was drawn up -- expressing horror at the idea of street signs and house numbers. If the State Legislature passes the bill Carmel may secede from California.

But you may ask -- why doesn't the st artistic, Bohemian community go right on as it is and forfeit its share of the gas tax funds? Now, don't be too artistic. In that case, Carmel would be deprived of thirteen thousand dollars a year and to forfeit that much money would be too Bohemian.

The question is raised -- if Carmel should secede from California what would it become? A Forty-Ninth State, an independent Republic, a town without a country, or what? That's about as puzzling as an abstract painting of which Carmel produces an abundance.

Now - an ordinary girl - who will be specific, not abstract.

COMMUNISM

The former wife of a Senator today refused to answer the sixty-four dollar question. Mrs. Dorothy Douglas was divorced from Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois back in Nineteen Thirty. Today she was questioned by the Committee on Un-American Activities. Had she ever been a Communist? She refused to answer on Constitutional grounds --self incrimination.

Earlier in the day, two professors made the same refusal.

PLANES

The United States sends another protest to Red Czechoslovakia -- demanding redress for the shooting down of the American jet plane. Washington rejects the Red contention that the two American planes attacked -- were flying over Czechoslovakian ~~xxxxx~~ territory. And -- demands an apology and "immediate compensation." (The compensation would presumably come to about Two Hundred Thousand Dollars -- the price of an F-84 Thunder Jet. The Czech Reds are ~~xx~~ accused of a "provocative" act followed by a "falsification of fact."

Meanwhile, Great Britain has protested the shooting down of the British patrol bomber yesterday, with the loss of five lives. London, in a message to Moscow calls it an "outrage", and demands the punishment of the Russian jet pilots who did the shooting. London also wants damages.

We don't know what exact reply the American and British protests will get but we can make a pretty good guess -- the complaints will be rejected -- with

blasts of Communist propaganda.

London reports that high level talks will be held by Great Britain, the United States and France -- on the subject of these Red aggressions. What to do about the way Red pilots have been making unprovoked attacks.⁷ But meanwhile, the British Air Force has ordered its planes to stay at least ten miles away from the border separating the British and Soviet zones in Germany -- stay ten miles away from the Iron Curtain.

BOHLEN

We hear of a suggestion - that the name of Charles E. Bohlen Ambassador to Soviet Russia should be dropped. Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire says this advice has been given to what he calls -- "top people" in the Eisenhower Administration. Bohlen facing -- "formidable opposition" in the Senate.

The objection to Bohlen comes from Republicans who think that the Ambassadorial nominee has been too closely connected with the foreign policies of the Democratic administrations of Roosevelt and Truman. They regard him as a "defender of the Acheson foreign policy".

Today's dispatch from Washington says -- there was no indication that President Eisenhower may be considering a withdrawal of the nomination; even in face of -- the formidable opposition in the Senate.