

PLANE

L.T. - P. & G. Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1952.

More (History in the air was made today - the first one-day, round-trip, trans-Atlantic flight. A British Canberra jet bomber flew from North Ireland this morning, landed in Newfoundland, and flew back, arriving home this evening.)

They wanted to make it a breakfast-to-tea time flight, and it was all of that - more than four thousand miles in seven hours and fifty-nine minutes.

Flying West, at an altitude of forty thousand feet, they bucked a headwind of a hundred miles an hour - and made it, from Ireland to Newfoundland, in four hours and thirty-four minutes. Then, on their way back, the headwind became a tail-wind -- the gale of a hundred miles an hour pushing them on. The return voyage took them three hours and twenty-five minutes. Average speed for the round-trip -- five hundred and nineteen miles an hour.

New York City public parade today. From
the history - makers were wartime flyers of
the Royal Air Force. The pilot in command - Wing
Leader - General Beamont. He started the procession
Commander Robert Beamont. Today they had both breakfast
and tea in North Ireland - and lunch in Newfoundland.

LEGION

New York had its big parade today. From morning till evening - the march of the American Legion. Leader - General Eisenhower. He started the procession - at the head of the Kansas delegation. After which - there was a day long tramp of marching feet, and the blaring of endless bands.

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EISENHOWER FOLLOW LEGION

On the political front, General Ike was informed by Republican leaders in Congress that his presidential campaign is going okay. There has been criticism - that candidate Eisenhower has not been getting in any hard licks. Too mild - not a fighting campaign. But today, Congressman Joe Martin of Massachusetts explained; "all campaigns hit a low between convention and Labor Day, but this one is picking up now."

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The New York Republicans made their nomination for Senator today, and it was ^{all} ~~all~~ as expected. Senator Irving Ives - chosen to run again. He made a fiery speech of acceptance, predicting a G.O.P. victory in November. Which he said would - "Begin the greatest house-cleaning of incompetence the nation has ever known."

~~(The Democrats are still to make their nomination. Ambassador Averell Harriman was prominent in the running, but he withdrew. There's talk of drafting him, but the most likely candidate seems to be Manhattan Borough President Wagner, son of Senator Wagner, so prominent in the New Deal.~~

~~All shaping up the New York angle of the Presidential race.)~~

TEXAS-POLITICS

The political wheel took a sharp turn in Texas today - when the State Republican Party nominated fifteen Democratic candidates on their local state ticket, ~~From~~ Governor Shivers - down the line. The purpose of this G O P move is obvious - to enable Democrats to vote for their Texas candidates, ^{and} ~~which~~ ^{their} ~~casting~~ ballots for General Ike on the same ticket!

In that way, Democrats who might want to vote for the General, ^{and} ~~but~~ for their own Democratic State candidates, would be able to do it on one ~~ix~~ ballot.

FARMERS-POLITICS

Well, the national plowing contest has finally got^o straightened out. Deciding today that both General Ike and Governor Stassen will speak at the gathering near Kasson, Minnesota, May Sixth.

The first plan was to have been just that -

both candidates at the plowing contest. But then, *a*

revised
~~the~~ verdict was to devote the day entirely to the

General. Which drew Democratic protests. So now both

Eisenhower and Stassen will address the assembled

farmers.

PRICE COMPTROLLER

The new price [^]comptroller is Tighe Woods, until
now - the rent stabilizer. Tighe Woods succeeds Ellis
Arnall, former Governor of Georgia, who quit as Price
[^]Comptroller - after clashing with other government
officials. He objected to the hike of prices - in the
settlement of the steel strike. Saying it meant -
inflation. (The post has been vacant ever since - until
President Truman today named Tighe Woods to take charge
of price control. His successor, as rent stabilizer,
will not be named for several days.)

SCANDAL

(Congress continues to investigate the scandals of income tax, with charges against the Department of Justice.) Right now, the focus is on phoney tax business in Missouri. The accusation being - that the Department tried, in devious ways to block an investigation.

A witness today was Henry Butler of St. Louis, foreman of the Grand Jury, the first report they made is claimed to have been a "whitewash." Today the foreman stated that the report was prepared by assistants of the then U.S. Attorney at St. Louis. And - was read over the telephone to an official at the Department of Justice in Washington for his okay.

The alleged "whitewash" was handed to the Judge. But he sent it back - calling it "astonishing." The Judge ordered the Grand Jury to continue the inquiry, which then resulted (in the conviction of

internal revenue collector James B. Finnegan, sent to prison. The story is that the Department of Justice wanted to kill the investigation - to avoid "embarrassment."

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ROBBERY

In Washington, the police have solved the mystery of yesterday's robbery. They've arrested the culprit, and have recovered the sixty-five thousand dollars taken from an armored car of Brinks.

The robbery was committed while driver and guard were in a restaurant having lunch. The mystery lay in the fact that the door of the armored car was locked when they left - and locked when they returned. No way, apparently, for a thief to get in. Yet the sackful of money was missing. So here's how the mystery was unraveled.

Two years ago, the police rounded up a bunch of crooks called - The Pimple-Faced Gang. And, at the home of one, found a uniform belonging to Brink's Armored Car Service. They checked on this, and traced it to an employee of Brink's - named Ray Farmer. Who was promptly fired.

Yesterday, when the robbery occurred - Washington Police Chief, Robert Murray, recalled that old incident. He had a search made for the former Brink employee, who was picked up, questioned all night - and confessed. He had buried the sixty five thousand in the woods, near a Maryland amusement park - not far from the District of Columbia.

But how had he got into the locked money compartment of the armored truck? Elementary, my dear Watson. He had a key. The former employee, tied in with the Pimple-Faced Gang, had kept in his possession a duplicate key. So all he had to do was to keep an eye on the armored truck, and wait till the crew went in for lunch. Then walk over, unlock the door, and walk away with the sackful of cash. Rudimentary, my dear Watson.

HURRICANE

We may be about to receive our first visitor of the season from the Caribbean. That always unwelcome visitor - the hurricane. A tropical storm is brewing out in the Atlantic some three hundred miles northeast of Puerto Rico.

As reported by weather scout planes today, the winds are up to ~~forty~~^{58 to 60} miles an hour - over a vast area of turbulence. A circular storm in the making, is developing. Though, at present, there is no - eye. The center of the tempest is confused, without any definite focus. But the deadly quiet center, is likely enough to develop - and we'll have the first hurricane of the season.

KOREA

New disturbances among prisoners of war in Korea. Things have been comparatively quiet since the big uproar in the spring - when Prison camps were ~~was~~ broken up into smaller units, so the Red captives could be kept under better control. But now its disclosed that there was trouble at one camp a couple of weeks ago - gunfire, and thirty-eight Communist prisoners wounded.

The Reds formed a singing society, yodeling Communist anthems. Which was against the rule - forbidding political demonstrations. They were told to stop, but kept on chanting. Tear gas bombs were thrown - the Reds replied with a barrage of stones. So that's when the shooting began, *-- with one killed* ~~although it was~~ *and 40 injured,* ~~nothing deadly.~~ The G I guards used shotguns loaded with buck-shot, and ~~pe~~ peppered the Communists until they quieted down. ~~None injured seriously.~~

IRAN

Over in Iran today, the newspapers predicted an agreement between Premier Mossadegh and William Alton Jones, head of the Cities Service Company of New York. An agreement - whereby the American concern would manage the production of the great Iranian oilfields, and market the product. I don't know how much there may be to these newspaper statements, but it all sounds a bit complicated - with Great Britain protesting the seizure of the Anglo-Iranian Company, and claiming ownership of the oil.

Today Jones of Cities Service flew to Abadan, to inspect the huge refineries - which have been tied up ever since the Teheran government nationalized the oilfields.

EGYPT

The news from Egypt continues to tell of the palaces of ousted King Farouk. They opened another today, and made the contents public. This one, the more interesting, because of - the harem.

The palace stands like a fortress - on a promontory overlooking the harbor of Alexandria. Built early in the Nineteenth Century by the founder of the present royal dynasty. The tyrant, Mohammed Ali - whose exploits could be bloodcurdling. To secure his authority, he massacred the Mamelukes - the slave-soldiers who had long been the real rulers of Egypt. Further to secure his power, he built that palace overlooking Alexandria. Like a frowning fortress - but it had the usual Oriental harem, for no end of wives, concubines and slave girls.

It was the residence of Farouk's young Queen, Nourhan - before she fled abroad with her husband.

Farouk was a playboy of the fast European set, and his Queen had a harem in the style of a Parisian Duchess, with all the trappings of a sumptuous beauty parlor.

The entrance was a hall of columns, pillars of black and white marble. Leading to a reception hall - with a lofty dome. Her Majesty's bedroom, like a museum of precious antiques - crowded with seventy pieces in the style of Louis the Fifteenth. Perfumes and cosmetics all over the place, mirrors, toilet articles in profusion. An Oriental harem - Twentieth Century style.

EVITA

(In Argentina, there were dramatic scenes today - commemorating the first month since the death of Eva Peron, wife of the Argentine strong man.) And the observances went all around the world. Remarkable tribute to the beautiful, ambitious Evita, who stirred so much hostility and frantic devotion.

(In Argentina, labor stoppages throughout the country - ordered by the Federation of Unions. Workers paying honor to the woman who rallied what she called - the Decamisados, those without shirts.) In Buenos Aires, an enormous torchlight procession marching through the streets tonight.

And all around the world - requiem Masses that were sponsored by Argentine diplomats in the capitals of the nations. Most remarkable of all - in Paris. Where the Papal Nuncio and the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris presided over the ritual. Two thousand people

crowded in the Medieval Cathedral - from working women, in humble clothes, to the highest of dignitaries.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman attended, as did other members of the French Ministry. And British Ambassador Sir Oliver Harvey - at the head of the Diplomatic Corps.

(Well, she made a mark in history. She knew how to play the game of power, and was the most loved and hated woman in the world -- the blond, one-time actress whom they called Evita.)

NAMES

Every so often we get a reminder that the land of the Soviets can be curiously conservative - on some points. Lots of ^{traditional} Russian - mixed in with Communism. Today, for example, Moscow goes traditional, on the subject of - the names people give their children. The Soviet Literary Gazette calls for - the old time names.

There's a blast against foreign importations from the West - not surprising. It seems that some Russian parents have been rash enough to call their children by such Western names as - ^{Franklin or Harry} ~~Henry~~ or Eleanor. That's denounced!

But they can also be too Communistic, it seems.

The Moscow Literary Gazette tells of parents naming their children - Radio, or Electrification, ^{or Supermanic,} which does sound rather frightful. Imagine a Ruski named "Electrification Strogonoff."

The Red periodical declares that old-fashioned

names should be selected, like - Ivan or Gregor, Olga or Tamara.

Well, it's interesting. Russian given names, in general, are those common to both the Eastern and Western churches; such as - Peter or Alexander. Or - names peculiar to the Eastern Church. Like - Vassily or Vladimir.

Sounds odd to be talking about churches in connection with some Soviet idea. But, actually, that's the implication in this news from Red Moscow - with an insistence that parents give their children those old church names. Russian thumbs down for - "Electrification Strongonoff;" "Supersonic Stephanovich" either!