

DULLES

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(Given by Allan Jackson, L.T. in Africa)

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President Eisenhower is ready to send American fighting men into action in the Formosa Strait - should the President decide that the security of Formosa demands it. This was announced by Secretary of State Dulles in Newport - following his long conference with Mr. Eisenhower. According to Secretary Dulles, the President does not believe - that the security of Formosa is in danger just now. But we are bound by treaty - to help Chiang ~~Kai~~ Kai-shek defend his island fortress. And, in the words of Secretary Dulles - "Quemoy and Matsu have ^{become} increasingly ~~become~~ related - to the defense of Formosa."

The attitude of ~~that~~ President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles - can be summed up something like this. There is no critical danger in the Formosa Strait - at the moment. But should it arise - the President is ready to move at once. And to ~~mak~~ back up any presidential order - we have strengthened the American armed forces in the area - sending sabre jets to airfields on Formosa - and aircraft carriers to join our Seventh Fleet.

While Secretary Dulles was talking to newsmen - the latest Red diplomatic gambit was mentioned. Mao Tse-tung, extending his territorial waters to twelve miles - which would make both Quemoy and Matsu fall inside his domain. The State Department - said - its only a propaganda gesture to cover aggression - and we will ignore it.

LE MAY

An Air Force bomber took off from Washington today - with a four-star General at the controls. General Curtis LeMay, who came up through the Bomber Squadron - is flying his own plane to Formosa.

The General arrived at the airport - looking serious, and chewing an unlighted cigar. With him - the Air Attache representing Nationalist China in Washington. And a group of Air Force officers. General LeMay refused to talk to newsmen. He promptly boarded his plane - and zoomed off on the first leg of his flight - with Hawaii the first point where he will touch down.

LONDON

This was the fifth straight day of racial violence - in London. A big battle was fought outside one club. A band of "Teddy boys" marched on the club, armed with broken bottles. Immigrants from Africa and the West Indies - streamed out to meet them. That was when the battle erupted - with fighting all over the place, until a squad of London police rushed to the scene. They restored order - and carried twenty-three of the combatants off to jail.

It's been announced in London - that Colonial Secretary Sir Alan Lennox-Boyd -- is flying home from Bermuda. This could mean, a special session of the Macmillan Cabinet - on immigration policy. Both the Conservatives and the Laborites are on record - as opposing any color bar. But around London, the demand has been growing - for an end to unrestricted immigration.

DE GAULLE

Today Paris had the worst Communist rioting - since DeGaulle became Premier. It was timed to coincide - with DeGaulle's speech on his new Constitution.

The place - the working quarter of Paris. A hundred thousand Parisians gathered - to hear the Premier. Just before he arrived - the Communist riot broke out. Red shock troops charged into the square - where they were met by an equal number of gendarmes. For about half an hour the violence raged all over the square - before the ^(- and security troops) police could restore order. ~~They were helped by a lot of Gaullists - who in one place, mauled a group of Communist demonstrators.~~

The uproar completely drowned out / a speech by DeGaulle's Minister of Information. But the square was comparatively quiet / when the Premier rose to speak. He warned his audience that France might disappear - unless she regained her old prestige. He denied that he wants to set up a dictatorship. And he called on all Frenchmen to vote for his Constitution - which would set up a Fifth French Republic.

SEGREGATION

A federal judge in Virginia has issued a temporary ruling on the school segregation dispute - in the city of Arlington.

Arlington schools - he said - may open next Monday on a segregated basis. But "without prejudice" to the thirty negro students seeking admission to all-white schools.

The judge said he won't make a final ruling - until after next week's supreme court hearing - and he reserved the right to order the Arlington schools to accept the negro children - later.

HURRICANE

Hurricane "Ella" is threatening the Gulf coast - along Louisiana and Texas. The winds are not of hurricane force - only forty to seventy miles an hour. But that's enough to cause heavy rain squalls - with tides running two feet above normal. *(AND there's a possibility that Ella might build up to a hurricane again.)* The latest victim of the storm is the skipper of a fishing boat - who was swept overboard by a wave.

AMERICAN LEGION

The new National Commander of the American Legion - is a lawyer from Stillwater, Oklahoma. Preston Moore - who served with the Air Force, during World War Two. Moore campaigned for the job for four years - and in Chicago today, he won on the first ballot. He promises to travel all over the country in the next year - campaigning for fundamental aims of the American Legion.- everything from hospitals for veterans to the care of orphans.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

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Tonight's report from Lowell - describes one of the most exciting episodes of his world tour. He's still in the Congo, on the Semliki River. And he has something to say - about hippos - and about a Prussian army officer of the old school.

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L.T.

This is the story of a hippo hunt with Herr von Hipple. Although his name does seem appropriate to the theme, Hipple the hippo hunter, this ex-Prussian soldier's claim to fame here on the Equator is that he is Africa's number one crocodile hunter. In fact he invented a new way to capture crocs - caught some 30,000 of them and sold his crocodile skins for a half a million dollars.

What crocodiles are left in Africa - and the same is true in New Guinea, Australia, Borneo, Malaya, and elsewhere - now the crocs have learned ways to elude the hunter.

As we made our way up the Semliki River today we occasionally saw a big croc splash into the water in the distance. But, they no longer casually sun themselves on a sandbar as they did a few years ago - paying, or seeming to pay, no attention to you as you paddle by.

We found our ex-Prussian officer, Eric von Hipple, waiting for us at his camp on the Semliki, twenty-five

miles south of Chris Pollet's safari headquarters on Lake Albert. Von Hipple, we found living in a primitive native hut - a hut of mud, elephant grass, and reeds. Near a small native village of twenty or thirty more huts. Fishermen, croc and hippo hunters, a people called the Batuku.

The old boy welcomed us with a hearty toothless smile, his long thinning grey hair standing out in all directions. Spindle-legged, but straight as a Prussian soldier should be. And a voice you could hear a mile away.

Africa has left its mark on Eric. Although only fifty-six, he looks seventy. Having served his country in one war, and having had enough of that, he came out to Africa twenty-eight years ago, living most of the twenty-eight in British territory - Tanganyika, Kenya, and Uganda. Now the Congo. Fourteen years ago he married a Uganda chieftain's daughter, a princess of Toro, as he

refers to her. And by whom he has two sons and two daughters, now being educated in a private school in England; on the proceeds from those crocodile skins.

The exceedingly articulate old Prussian frankly says he prefers and admires the British above all people. Thinks they are the most highly civilized. Wants his children to have a solid classical English education. He himself lives on simple native fare - manioc rice, eggs and the many varieties of Congo antelope, the bananas and other fruits of the Semliki Valley. He shoots game with his high velocity Bren rifle. And sits in his circular mud hut, writing the story of his twenty-eight years in Africa. It should be a thriller!

With Eric von Hippel at the rudder, shouting orders to the natives accompanying us in long dugout canoes, up the Semliki we went, looking for hippos. And in no time at all found them. Huge fellows that weigh two tons and more.

You may think of the hippo as an enormous, lumbering, sluggish animal that yawns and always seems bored. But here in his native habitat he is anything but that. He climbs high steep banks, even cliffs, both runs and swims faster than a man, and more people are killed by hippos than by any other animal in the Congo. Although not carnivorous, look out if you get between a hippo and the water! He has been known to bite a man in two - with one snap of those great jaws.

On our hippo hunt the Batuku tribesmen in the dugouts went up stream, and then came down on a sweep toward us. When near a hippo they hurl short steel harpoons - about a foot long, each attached to a six foot stick and a cable eighteen to twenty feet long with a float on the other end - so they can follow the wounded hippo!

Then with their spears they finish him off. And when they get back to the village, the women join them in

a hip hip hippo-ray celebration that may last all night.

As they dance this is one of the songs they sing:

(Song - with orchestra.)

So long.

NASSER

The head of the United Nations met the boss of Egypt again, tonight. Nasser, playing host to Hammarskjold - at dinner. We're not told what they discussed. But one thing is clear - Nasser is as bellicose as ever - at least for home consumption. Today, he opened an ammunition plant - and vowed that it would help break the hold of imperialism - on the Middle East.

VAN BUREN

Today the Governor of Arkansas said - he may sign the anti-integration bills passed by the state legislature. Governor Faubus gives as his reason - the tension at the high school in Van Buren, Arkansas.

Thirteen ~~Negroes~~ Negro children registered to attend the high school. Then came that strike - of white students. Today sixty boys refused to go to their classes. They sent Governor Faubus a telegram saying - "We need your help." And that was followed by the Governor's remark - about signing the anti-integration bills.

~~Most~~ Most of the Negro children stayed away from school today. Only three were there for roll call. The others say they're afraid to go back - because of the way they were threatened by white students.

Tonight Elvis - is the king of rock-n-roll. If that sounds like old news -- well this story has a twist to it. It's not about an American - who sings of hound dogs. The reference is to - a Norwegian who works as an apprentice in a nail factory.

The name of this apprentice is - Per Granberg. He plays a hot guitar - so naturally they call him "Elvis". The number he knocks / Norwegian teenagers dead with - is an opus called "The Jail House Rock". He played it last night with an Elvis Presley beat / and the judges named him / Norway's king of rock-n-roll.

Immediately after his election - there was a riot in Oslo. Teenagers surged through the streets - throwing stones, turning cars over, and fighting with the police. Tonight, eight of them are in jail. The rest, presumably are listening to their recordings - of "Elvis" Granberg / belting out "The Jail House Rock." - Norway-style