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Here's the story of the San Francisco earthquake, ~~today - as the scientists look at it.~~ Tremblors are measured according to what is called - the Richter scale. The great San Francisco ~~earth~~quake of Nineteen Six had a magnitude of eight-point-five. Today, the Richter scale showed - five - point-five. Meaning - quite a severe shock.

The seismograph at the University of California - so near the center of the quake, the needle was thrown off its base. Indicating, that the disturbance was along the San Andreas fault - that same geological dislocation, far underground, which caused the quake of Nineteen Six.

Actually, there were three shocks ^{*this morning*} ~~today~~ - at eight-thirty - ten-forty-eight, and eleven-forty-five A.M. The series - building up in intensity. The first - having a magnitude of three. The second - three-point-seventy-five. Then, the big one - five-point-five.

Such are the cold figures - behind an experience

of tense excitement for myriads of people in the San Francisco sector. Tall buildings shook and swayed - tens of thousands of frightened human beings pouring out into the streets.

In the Sheraton Palace Hotel, the shudder of the earthquake ran through the building - and four large plate glass windows were shattered. A shower of glass - falling onto the sidewalk and into the lobby. Nobody hurt - although the lobby was crowded.

The San Francisco News building, where the United Press is located - rocked as if hit by a violent explosion. Light fixtures ~~went~~ swinging back and forth - loose objects hurled from shelves. Newspapermen had to grab for support - or they would have been thrown down.

But the melodramatic ~~is~~ thrill was at the Golden Gate Bridge - with towers that stand sixty-five feet high. Painters on the job hung on desperately - as the towers and

SAN FRANCISCO (insert)

In Daly City, south of San Francisco, the earthquake damaged a huge reservoir, holding back a million gallons of water. Cracks ⁱⁿ ~~appearing in the reservoir~~ ^{ing its walls.} ~~was~~. People evacuating from an area in danger - while the authorities began draining out the water.

~~Earthquake damage, etc.~~

the steel span ~~was~~ swung to and fro. "I thought the bridge was coming down," says John King, a painter who was working on the South tower.

And he added: "The tower shook like a tree in a gale. The deck of the bridge galloped up and down, and the cables swept back and forth. I ran as fast as I could to get off the bridge."

Along Lake Merced, ~~in southern San Francisco~~, four hundred feet of the highway broke off, and slid into the lake. Further on, a stretch of the scenic highway along the coast - fell into the Pacific.

The damage - widespread. Little of it serious, however. No lives lost - only seven persons injured, and only in a minor way.

The quake was felt along a line of ^{some} two hundred miles, north and south of San Francisco. Minor after-shocks continuing for several hours - but they didn't amount to much.

~~anything much.~~

San Francisco lives, more or less in the memory of that earthquake disaster - fifty-one years ago when the city was virtually destroyed by ~~the~~ quake and ~~the~~ fire.

Today's shock - the severest in the long time that has elapsed.

it hardly amounted to more
But ~~not much more, today,~~ than a lot of excitement.

RACKETEERING

Senate investigators accuse top officials of the Teamsters Union of dubious activities - involving union funds of more than seven hundred thousand dollars. That much money to be accounted for - according to committee chairman Senator McClellan of Arkansas. Who added - that parts of the seven hundred thousand dollars have been misappropriated, or cannot be located, or have been spent in a "questionable" manner.

The sum includes two-hundred-and-seventy thousand dollars - allegedly used by Dave Beck, the Union President, "for his personal benefit." A committee investigator stating that Beck paid the money back to the Union Treasury, after the income tax people became interested in his financial affairs.

The committee also mentions expenditures by Union Vice President Frank Brewster. Who was a witness again, today. Brewster was asked about checks for one-hundred-and-fifty-thousand dollars paid to a ■■ Seattle contractor at the

time Beck was building his sumptuous home. He replied - that, although he signed the checks, he couldn't recall the transaction. He added that he had borrowed about ninety thousand dollars from the Union - but had paid this back with interest.

Meanwhile, there are loud reverberations inside the Teamsters Union. A local at LaSalle, Illinois, demanding the resignations of Union President Beck, and other top ~~off~~ officials. Similar indications -in other cities.

In San Francisco, today, it is revealed - that Tom Leonard, official of the Teamsters Union, had been under a doctor's care for a heart malady. In no condition to appear before a union meeting - considering the way things have been going in Teamsters Union affairs.

Disclosures of racketeering' have incited a revolt among union members in San Francisco. Local Eighty-Five - holding an angry meeting. Teamsters demanding - an accounting for the money they've paid into the union. Two thousand union members jamming in - ^{with} ~~and~~ hundreds ^{unable to} ~~couldn't~~ get in.

Three hours - of angry shouting. An employee of the Labor Temple calling it - the "wildest meeting" he ever saw. "They were shouting and arguing so loud, I thought there was going to be a riot," he says.

So that was the meeting addressed by Tom Leonard, a trustee and organizer of Local Eighty-Five. Leonard, fifty-four years old, with his heart condition. He got up - to defend the union leadership. The uproar so great - he had to shout for a

full minute into the microphone to get attention.

Then he made a brief, excited speech - and walked out, leaving the building. *And* ~~Then~~ on the sidewalk outside - ~~he~~ collapsed from a fatal heart attack.

A casualty - of the scandals in the Teamsters Union.

COST OF LIVING

Another hike - in the cost of living. Which increased four-tenths-of-one-percent last month - hitting a new high for the sixth straight month. Increased prices for food, household items, and gasoline - chiefly responsible for this increase of inflation.

MIDDLE EAST

The Foreign Ministry of Israel denies an Egyptian charge - that Israeli forces massacred thirty-six Arab civilians in the Gaza Strip. Bodies - discovered in a mass grave. The Egyptians declaring - that the Arabs were rounded up by the Israelis, and shot.

To which a spokesman for the Foreign Office of Israel retorts: "This is one more of those false Egyptian stories - going around in a smear ~~smear~~ campaign, to prove that Israel mismanaged the Gaza Strip." He argues;- "If thirty six Arabs were killed in Gaza three months ago, where were the U N officials in Gaza? And why did they not utter one word about this alleged Israeli massacre?"

Meanwhile, U N Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold was in Cairo - conferring with Egyptian Premier Nasser, their discussions - kept a secret.

EISENHOWER MACMILLAN

A number one decision - announced at the Bermuda conference. President Eisenhower telling British Prime Minister MacMillan - that the United States is willing to become a member of the Baghdad Pact. He said, "this is a logical development" of the Eisenhower doctrine. The program for checking Communist aggression in the Middle East.

However, in joining the Baghdad Pact, we would participate only in measures against Communist aggression. We'd have no part in disputes that have no relation to Communism

Other Baghdad members have been informed simultaneously - Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan.

PLANE

In Tokyo, little hope is expressed - for the sixty-seven Americans aboard a military transport plane - forced down on the Pacific. One of the greatest of sea and air searches - seventy planes and a fleet of ships in a hunt over the ocean. The search - handicapped by bad weather at first, but visibility was good, today. No sign of the missing plane - reported.

CIGARETTES

A new medical report - that cigarette smoking causes lung cancer. Made by seven scientists - named last year to make a survey of the evidence. They tell of sixteen independent studies carried on in five countries.

Which show - an Association between smoking and cancer of the lungs.

To this the Chairman of the tobacco industry research committee replies - today's report offers no original evidence, apparently. Merely repeating- ~~the~~ statistical evidence that has been questioned by other scientists.

At a medical conference in Chicago, Dr. Therom Randolph told of a series of some fifty cases - which certainly had a puzzling sound.

Patients - suffering from depression, morbid melancholy. In some instances, the symptoms went on to signs of insanity. However, when these patients were taken away from their homes, they promptly recovered. Symptoms disappearing, cheerful, normal. But, then, when they returned home - they fell into depression again, with signs of mental disturbance.

So what's the answer? Don't say - home sweet home. Dr. Randolph named the cause - escaping gas. In those homes - defective gas ranges, refrigerators, and other appliances. The gas leaks removed, the patients got well.

But there's another curious turn. Often, other members of the families, living in the same place, showed no symptoms at all, quite normal. The doctor explaining - allergy.

Some people - not affected by traces of escaping gas.

Others - over-sensitive.

MARIJUANA

Tijuana, Mexico - is a major center for the traffic in marijuana. So stated by the chief of police of that Mexican city, today.

He told how, recently, his narcotics squad examined a shipment billed as "Mexican sandals" - on the way to Los Angeles. Hollywood going in for Mexican sandals - maybe. But the footgear turned out to be the dopey weed, five hundred pounds of marijuana. Which would have sold in the United States for - one-hundred-and-twenty-thousand dollars.

Police Chief Ernesto Reyes, blames the traffic in Tijuana - on drug addicts in the United States. "The principal demand," he says "comes from north of the border." Adding - that, in Tijuana, itself, the records show only fifteen local users of the narcotic weed.

Here's a kind of horror story - almost unbelievable.

In a Chicago schoolroom, seventh grade, a fifteen year old girl fell asleep at her desk. The teacher looked, and spotted scars on the girl's arm. An inquiry - and the scars turned out to be cigarette burns. Strange - but the answer turned out to be the real shocker. The cigarette burns - used to disguise marks of the hyperdermic needle for dope taking. The fifteen year old girl - a drug addict, heroin.

Which led to an investigation, and a fourteen year old girl, was also found to be a drug addict. And - seven boys.

The two girls told the police - they had participated in four or five burglaries, led by a twenty-two year old waitress. Burglaries - to get money for narcotics.

Yes, a school horror story - as added reason for a relentless fight against ^{the} infamies of the drug traffic.

Here's a question - that sounds indelicate. What does a Diplomat wear under the striped trousers? Indelicate? Well, it was asked on a television program - in Australia. The question addressed to a Diplomat of the highest rank. The Foreign Minister of West Germany - Herr Heinrich von Brentano.

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So what did he say? Well, he didn't reply in mere words - he showed 'em right there on the T.V. program, Foreign Minister von Brentano - showed what he was wearing under his striped pants.

The matter came up, when the television interviewer made reference - to a West German handbook of Diplomatic etiquette. A sort of Teutonic Emily Post - for statesmen. In which it says - a Diplomat should not wear long underwear. An Ambassador or Foreign Minister should not wear "Long Johns" under ~~the~~ striped trousers.

(Von)
So that was when Foreign Minister Brentano - showed them. Saying, "As you see, I do not feel ^{bound} ~~bound~~ by such advice."
~~Sounds as if he might have taken off the Diplomatic nether~~

Fight there on television. Henry, the diplomat hitched up one trouser leg, and displayed - white woolies! Made of Australian Marino wool, I hope! Otherwise he's no diplomat!

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls

L.T.

There was news from Washington, a year ago today - that the Eisenhower Administration might make a request of Congress. Asking - for permission to use American troops in the Near East, if necessary. The dispatch adding, however - that no such request for "stand by authority" would be made, unless all other measures for peace should end in failure. Well, they did end in failure, as we know - and the Administration did as predicted. Congress, only the other day - voting an okay for that ^e "Eisenhower Doctrine".

And so long until Monday.