

CHINA

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

Official opinion in Washington is - that, in Red China,

the power of Mao Tse-tung will not be diminished. Following - his resignation as Chairman of the government, ~~A~~ A dispatch from Peiping, today, states that the big boss is now stepping out - as the Communist head of state. To be succeeded, probably, by Marshal Chu Teh, an aging military man. The point about it all is that Mao Tse-tung is not quitting as chief of the Chinese Communist Party - and that's the all-powerful job in China, as in Soviet Russia. The post of head of the government - being mostly ornamental.

The belief in Washington is that Mao Tse-tung is ~~not~~ giving up routine duties, so that he can concentrate on putting through - the fantastic change that's going on in China. Regimenting the people - in Communist peasant communes. Where they're more like robots - than human beings. Secretary Dulles has described this as a "slave system." Which goes much farther than Communist regimentation in Soviet Russia.

Mao Tse-tung, as head of the Chinese Communist Party,

will devote all his attention to that. ^{Such is} ~~That is~~ the belief in

Washington, and ^{it} _^ is confirmed by a later dispatch from Moscow.

BERLIN

The East German Reds are saying - they'll take over the control of all land and air routes leading to Berlin, no matter what happens. It won't make any difference - whether or not West Berlin is made a "free city." The Western allies reject that scheme. But, nevertheless, the Russians will turn over their authority to Communist East Germany. Which will then dominate - the lines of communication on which the Western allies in Berlin must rely.

This has been indicated all along, and is now reiterated by a prominent Communist official in East Germany. Who, however, gives no indication - whether or not the Reds will try another Berlin blockade. Significantly, today's declaration mentions - control of the sky routes. Which could mean a lot - if there is ^{another} ~~any~~ Berlin airlift.

Meanwhile, the Nato powers have decided on a five-year plan - for arming their alliance with atomic missiles. In Paris, tonight, the ^{Western} ~~Nato~~ Foreign Ministers adopted a resolution - to that effect.

FIRE

At Bogota, capital of the Republic of Colombia, the authorities are investigating - the worst department store fire in history. The death list numbers eighty-~~two~~^{three}, mostly women and children. Who perished - when fire broke out in a store jammed with Christmas shoppers. Most of the fatalities were caused - by suffocating smoke.

The investigation is concentrating on a report - that, when the fire began, the department store management ordered - the doors closed. To prevent - looting. On that point, there seems to be a conflict of evidence.

BANK

Today, plans for a banking merger were announced - which ~~will~~^{would} end that historic name - "J.P. Morgan and Company."

So long dominant - in the world of finance. J.P. Morgan and Company - to combine with the Guaranty Trust Company. However, the name of Morgan ~~will~~^{would} be retained. The new giant of banking would be called - "The Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York."

The merger will have to be okayed by the Federal Reserve Bank, the New York State Department of Banks, and the stockholders of the two financial institutions. If it is approved, the new bank will be fourth largest in the United States, with assets of nearly four billion dollars. The top three would be - the Bank of America of San Francisco, Chase Manhattan of New York, The First National City Bank of New York.

A.T. & T.

There was a sensation in Wall Street today, when the American Telephone and Telegraph Company announced its new plan. A.T. & T. proposing to split its stock - three-for-one/. With an increase of dividends.

For years A.T. & T. stock has been paying an annual dividend of nine dollars a share. In a three-way split, the dividend would be three thirty a share. Which would raise the old nine dollars - to nine dollars and ninety cents.

The Stock Market reacted with a buying rush - in which A.T. & T. went up more than twenty-one points. The Company has more stockholders than any other three corporations in the world combined.

STRIKE

The New York newspaper strike is as far from settlement as ever, if not farther. The Federal Mediator proposed a formula for ending the walkout. Suggesting that the striking newspaper delivery men take a vote - on the contract which they had previously rejected. A contract - negotiated by Union representatives. But the strikers voted - they wouldn't reconsider.

Instead, the Union proposed a collective bargaining for another contract. But the publishers of the nine major dailies declared - they saw no use of that.

So New York remained without newspapers - for the eighth day.

CONGRESSMAN

The House Elections Committee recommends - that Congressman-elect Dale Alford shall not be allowed to take his place - until there's a "thorough investigation" of his astonishing Election Day victory in Arkansas. Alford - winning out over the regular Democratic candidate, by a write-in vote.

The issue - ^{was} ~~is~~ one of segregation. (Congressman Brooks Hays, running for reelection - a moderate. Who had the Democratic nomination - which, normally, is equal to election in Arkansas. No Republican - having a chance. Dale Alford, an all-out segregationist, was not on the ~~ticket~~, but Arkansas Governor Faubus backed him - in a "write-in" campaign. The segregationist winning a narrow victory.

Irregularities were charged, and brought before the House Elections Committee. Which, today, reported that ^{an} ~~a~~ ~~thorough~~ investigation of that Arkansas election could not be held in time for the opening of the new Congress, the first of the year. The Committee recommending - that Alford stand aside, until the question of election irregularities can be looked into thoroughly.

The vote in the Committee was along sectional lines.

Two Republicans and a Northern Democratic liberal voted -
for the resolution. Two Southern Democrats - against. The
Committee report will go to the floor of the House in the new
session of Congress.

Mrs. Coya Knutson has lost out, in her appeal to the House Elections Committee. She wanted a full scale investigation of the charge that her husband, Andy Knutson, was tricked into signing that "Coya come home" letter. Which, Mrs. Knutson claims brought about her defeat for reelection.

Today the Committee ruled - there was no good reason for launching a major inquiry. The report admits - that the "Coya come home" letter played a part in Mrs. Knutson's defeat. And adds - that the "exploitation of her family life might be distasteful." But that was a matter - for the voters to decide.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Tonight, Lowell Thomas continues his account of a young American couple - on an adventure of big game hunting in Southern Asia.

(Recording 2:16)

L.T. - THE PROFESSOR GOES A'HUNTING - part #2

Hello everybody: In my last I told about the American newlyweds, John and Mary Feyk and their hunting trip in Indo-China. I met them there when they were on their way to Java. Mary, blonde, demure, petite, said she had never even shot a rabbit, and they were going hunting on elephants, hunting for one of the most powerful animals in the world, a huge Indo-China wild buffalo called the gaur. They are now at Bandung, on the Island of Java, where John is teaching engineering.

He writes that although his wife spent a good deal of time on the back of an elephant, riding through the jungle, she did no shooting. He says: "Our first day out, our Viet Nam professional hunter, Ngo Van Chi, and I, caused a herd of gaur to stampede toward the waiting elephants - by accident, of course. Mary had a Winchester lever action .450." Then he adds, "However, she wisely chose not to make matters worse by shooting! The chief of

police of Manoi who was with her on the elephant, grabbed the gun. But he couldn't figure out how to fire it, since he only knew about Mauser action rifles. Says John Feyk, "The elephant boys saved the day by making an uproar and turning the herd."

In my last report to you I mentioned that this young American engineer had said the people in Manoi, Viet Nam, were starving, because tigers had driven them out of their rice fields. He says that ten per cent of the people, mostly children, had been eaten by tiger in the previous month or two - ten per cent of a population of around three hundred.

He adds that a hundred Viet Nam soldiers had come in a week or so before their arrival and had killed three of the boldest tigers. Actually shot them in the village, during daylight.

He goes on to tell of seeing one young man of

Manoi with a recent scar from one end to the other of his scalp. This chap and two companions had been attacked and the three of them had fought off the tiger with their knives. He also tells of another man who escaped by throwing a convenient large kettle of boiling water on a tiger.

He goes on to say that the people of this small town were really ill, and more hungry than any people he had ever encountered anywhere. He says he hopes to go back to that section of Indo-China in July or August in dry weather and do nothing but hunt for tiger, the man eaters of Manoi.

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What is life like in Bandung, Java, where he and his bride now live, and where he is teaching engineering? He says: "The food is excellent, and cheap. Peddlers visit our house each day, selling everything from 'Ming' vases, to strawberries." Then he adds: "I suspect that

all of the 'Ming' vases are really Chinese equivalent of old Sears Roebuck. Last week," he continues, "the peddler offered us a counterfeit U.S. ten dollar gold piece. The gold plating was almost all worn off so the peddler apologized, saying it was really a silver U.S. coin. In other words, he was offering us a counterfeit counterfeit."

There are a lot of young Americans having strange experiences in various parts of the world these days, far more than ever before.

So long.

Here's a project - about which you can form your own opinion. I don't know whether to call it - a beautiful dream, or a nightmare.

At Albion, New York, Charles Howard is an expert on matters pertaining to Christmas - and says he plans a "Christmas motel." Which would run - all year around. A motel at which it would be - Christmas every day.

In each room - a big fireplace, where the guests would hang their stockings each night. And Santa Claus would leave something in each stocking - for them to find in the morning. There would be a Christmas tree with presents - every day. And Christmas dinner - every day.

The old saying is - "Christmas comes ^{but} once a year." But now the ~~xx~~ vision is - Christmas every day. ^{Don} Would you call that - a beautiful dream, or a nightmare?