

SAUDI ARABIA / T. Delco. MM. Feb. 20-56.

Those tanks for Saudi Arabia - are on the high seas tonight. The cargo - aboard a Greek freighter, which sailed from Brooklyn today. At the last moment, there was a delay - the crew demanding a bonus. The Company compromised - with a grant of special insurance.

Well, it certainly was on again, off again, for this consignment of eighteen light tanks <sup>bound</sup> for the Arabian <sup>desert</sup> Kingdom, where <sup>our</sup> American technicians <sup>for a few years now, have been producing</sup> ~~bring out~~ immense treasures of oil.

The final conclusion came, when the State Department said - it approved of the shipment last August. And, at the same time, Saudi Arabia informed Washington - that, if the tanks were not delivered, the government at Riyadh might refuse to renew <sup>a rather</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>vital</sup> ~~air base~~ agreement, whereby the U.S. Air Force has the use of a

<sup>big</sup> base at the oil city of Dhahran, <sup>- on the Persian Gulf.</sup> The argument was - they bought the tanks, <sup>we agree to it, and they</sup> ~~and~~ were entitled to have them.

Official opinion in Washington is - that, since Saudi Arabia gets the tanks, it now becomes necessary for the United States to grant Israel some of the armament that Israel

is requesting. Some of it - at least.

( The affair of the tanks raised a loud protest in Congress, today. Congressman Richards, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, complaining - that Congress was not consulted in this Saudi-Arabian deal. The Congressman roared that the Eisenhower administration treats Congress like a "weak minded, illegitimate son." <sup>Powerful</sup> ~~and~~ words - with a South Carolina drawl. )

EGYPT - CRASH

The reason for the air disaster in Egypt seems to be -  
the big passenger plane ~~was~~ flying too low. Bound from  
Indo-China to France, the airliner was nearing Cairo - when it  
plowed into a sand hill of the desert. Bursting into flames.  
Fifty-two lives lost - twelve survivors. Bedouin of the desert -  
aiding the injured.

GREECE

The election in Greece was an odd affair. Premier Karamanlis - winning a majority in the <sup>Athens</sup>~~Greek~~ Parliament. Electing one-hundred-and-fifty-nine legislators as against one-hundred-and-forty-one - for the opposition. But the opposition took a majority of the national vote - one million, six hundred thousand, as against one million, four hundred thousand. The reason <sup>for the contradiction</sup> - complications of Greek election law.

The opposition - a curious combination. Called - Leftist. But including - Right Wing ~~liberals~~ liberals, middle-of-the-roads. And - Communists, with a camouflaged party.

Sounds all mixed up - but it counts as a narrow victory for the pro-Western Premier.

## BRITAIN

In London - a murder case. A sordid, vicious crime.

A fifty year old woman, who ran a sailors' clothing store, in the dock area - killed by a robber. The police arrested him - a twenty year old youth.

What makes this a headline - is the vote in the House of Commons, last week. Abolishing capital punishment in Britain. The savage crime was committed only sixty-three hours after Parliament voted the decision - no more hanging in Britain.

BRAZIL

Brazil reports - a revolution deep in the Amazon jungle. A small force of rebels - getting control of the river port of Santarem. The government at Rio - sending soldiers far upstream to suppress the outbreak.

All of which stems, it seems, from disturbances preceding the inauguration of President Kubitschek. The Brazilian Air Force - ~~reported~~ in opposition. Two rebellious Air Force officers - stealing a military plane and flying to the far jungle of the Upper Amazon. There they rallied a party of jungle Indians, and went on a revolutionary ~~war~~ warpath.

Seizing the river port of Santarem.

*At last reports the rebels had abandoned*  
~~An Air Force officer was then sent up river to~~  
*the town, for guerilla warfare in the jungle.*  
~~negotiate - and didn't return. It isn't known if he was captured~~  
~~by the rebels. Or - if he joined them.~~

( This Brazilian revolt on the Upper Amazon, reminds us - of a similar Peruvian rebellion, last week. Insurgents - in <sup>control</sup> ~~charge~~ of the ~~Amazon jungle town~~ <sup>city</sup> of Iquitos in the Amazon jungle of Peru. We haven't heard much about that since. )

EISENHOWER

president Eisenhower will return to Washington  
Friday or Saturday.

He went quail hunting today, and was caught in a  
Georgia rainstorm. Tomorrow, he'll be out in the fields again  
with his shotgun. And then - play nine holes of golf. Out on  
the links for the second time - since his illness.

These gun and golf club activities of the President  
would seem to be - more than a mere sports item. Today, United  
Press Correspondent Lyle Wilson writes: "Mr. Eisenhower is  
deliberately exposing himself - to considerable physical  
activity. He is testing for himself - the degree of his  
recovery."

~~To which the White House correspondent adds, the~~  
Then, if he feels that,  
~~resident feels that if~~ his legs are spry, <sup>and</sup> he's not fatigued,  
and he sleeps well - that will be a basis for his decision.  
If, after a week or ten days of this experimental activity,

that  
he feels he's okay, ~~he'll add that up to the favorable verdict~~

~~from the doctors~~ <sup>than</sup> and he'll run for president again.  
That's the opinion of ~~the newspaper~~ a newsman <sup>who has</sup>  
been a long time observer of the Washington political scene.

SANTEE

Senator Carlson of Kansas takes up the cause of West Santee. The star miler - banned from amateur athletics for life.

Santee, now a Lieutenant in the Marines, was a star athlete - at the University of Kansas. And now the Kansas legislator denounces the action of the Amateur Athletic Union as "cruel and unfair." Also - a blow to American hopes in the Olympic Games in Australia, this year. Giving the Russians a better chance to win - says the Senator.

He concedes that Santee probably did receive more expense money than is permitted under A.A.U. regulations. But he calls these - "decadent rules." And adds: "Let's be practical about this matter." Pointing out - that Santee has been in demand for track meets all over the country. Promoters feeling - that he would assure them a big take at the box office.

All of which raises an old problem of amateur athletics. The amateurs - to get mere necessary expense money.



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And compete - for love of sport. While the promoters - take in the cash at the gate.

The Amateur Athletic Union declares - it has new evidence that Santee violated expense regulations in ~~more~~ more cases than had previously been supposed. Getting sums of money - that make him a professional.

Which is denied by Santee - who ~~has taken~~ *is taking* the case to the courts.

Here's a classic -- to go in the book of "slips of the pen." ~~Pr~~ Or rather -- two classics. <sup>Pr</sup> Today the Duke and Duchess of Windsor had an autographing bee -- signing copies of ~~McCall's~~ McCall's Magazine, <sup>W</sup> which publishes - the first ~~xx~~ chapter of the autobiography of the Duchess. The former Wallis Warfield, -- who ~~married the Duke of Windsor.~~ He -- ~~having given up a throne for her.~~ <sup>Pr</sup> So she signed - and made a slip of the pen. Writing ~~down~~ her autograph as Wallis Warfield. Well, a woman can revert back to her maiden name. Though, since that time, the lady has been -- Mrs. Simpson. And -- the Duchess.

Then came the turn of the Duke of Windsor, -- the former Edward The Eighth, who was known as Prince Charming -- when he was the Prince of Wales. He signed an autograph. What do you think he wrote? ~~xx~~ Edward, Duke of Wales.

<sup>Pr</sup> Well, they both laughed at those slips of the pen. Wallis Warfield -- and Edward, Duke of Wales.

PLOT

At Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. John Levon say - they did it "to keep mama happy." *Did what? Why,* They concocted a murder plot - for Mrs. Agnes Astaskauskas, *Who* - is Mrs. Levon's mother. But they say - it was not a real murder plot. Just a pretense - "to keep mama happy."

It sounds farcical, but there's a bitter background. The mother sought vengeance - *for* her son. A policeman - killed several years ago by his wife. A jury - acquitting her on grounds of temporary insanity. But the victim's mother vowed - she'd avenge her son. - *An eye for an eye - !*

So the daughter and son-in-law arranged for a couple of Skid Row characters to promise they'd help her. And she offered them twenty-five hundred dollars - to kill the woman who killed her son.

One of the Skid Row characters weakened. He went to the intended victim, and warned her.

All of which brought about arrests, with daughter and son-in-law saying - they only wanted "to keep mama happy."

## FIRE ISLAND

Congress is being urged - to save Fire Island. That long sandbar off the south shore of Long Island. A magnificent beach - thirty-five miles long. Fire Island - now being devoured by the ocean.

Today a witness told a Congressional Sub-Committee - that the beach is being eroded rapidly; By tidal floods - and North Atlantic storms. Gilbert Serbert, a spokesman for twenty-five hundred home owners, declared - that, in the past forty years, the shore has receded eighty feet. In the hurricane of Nineteen Thirty-Eight - four hundred homes were washed away. Still others lost - in later storms.

( The argument is - that Fire Island is a protection, a break-water, for the south shore of Long Island. If it were to go - the south shore would be exposed to the violence of the ocean. Hence the call for legislation in Congress - authorizing the federal authorities to take engineering measures to check the ravages of tide and storm at Fire Island. )

## JAIL

At Laredo, Texas, Roberto Hernandez is in jail - locked up in a cell. The odd part being - that Roberto is the jailer. Or was - until last night. When they gave him a lie detector test - concerning the escape of seven prisoners.

So now Roberto confesses. He provided the jail-breakers with hack saw blades - with which they cut their way through the prison bars.

The police quote him as giving a naive account of the affair. Relating - that, early this month, he was approached by James Belton - convicted of shooting a Laredo dentist in a hold-up attempt. Sentenced - to ninety-nine years in prison. Belton suggested - that the jail-keeper might let him escape, together with several other prisoners. But Roberto - refused.

Then, several days later, Belton came to Roberto, handed him a twenty dollar bill - and asked him to buy some hack-saw blades. So ~~Rps~~ Roberto did - paying six dollars for

six blades. And - keeping the change from the twenty. Belton also gave him sixty dollars - to buy magazines and cigarettes for the prisoners. In that particular deal, Roberto paid out some ten dollars - and kept the rest of the sixty. The escape followed.

Four of the fugitives have been recaptured; ~~Three~~ - still at large; ~~Following these~~ financial transactions - in the Laredo jail.

## AVALANCHE

A college professor ~~was~~ lost in an avalanche--on  
Mount Washington, <sup>in New Hampshire.</sup> Dr. Aaron Leve, Professor of Psychology

at Northeastern University - falling a victim to <sup>an avalanche sweeping off the</sup> Tuckerman's

Ravine. He was one of a party of five mountain climbers -

who were scaling the slope when an immense torrent of snow came  
pouring down upon them. <sup>This is the most dangerous</sup>

<sup>time of year</sup>  
~~for that.~~

<sup>land its famous Headwall -</sup>

Tuckerman's Ravine <sup>a</sup> well known challenge for

climbers and skiers. Dangerous - this time of year, because of

avalanches. Last year, two students were caught in a snow

slide - and one of them perished. <sup>And there have been</sup> ~~this time, it was a~~

<sup>others in years gone by.</sup>

~~terrifying fantasy.~~ The five climbers were making their way up

the headwall of Tuckerman's Ravine - when the whole towering

wall of snow - collapsed. <sup>Says</sup> George Speers of Newton, Massachusetts,

relates: "The snow swept me along like a huge ocean wave.

The snow covered my back, buckled my legs under me. Charlie

Fay," he adds, "stayed above the wave by using a swimming

motion."

Albert Sanderson of Wayland, Massachusetts, says:

"There was just a booming sound. I guess the slide buried us all, except Fay. He dug me out and then we uncovered two others."

They tried to find the psychology professor, but it was no use. Today, his body was recovered. *One more* victim of ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> avalanche - in Tuckerman's Ravine.



Last week Bernard Baruch was a disillusioned "elder statesman". His faith in his South Carolina neighbors - badly shaken.

At his "Little Hobcaw" estate, there were two wooden quail, standing on fence posts . And - the quail disappeared. Somebody swiped them.

At "Little Hobcaw" there's a local belief - that you don't have to lock up your belongings. Everything safe - the "Little Hobcaw" people that honest. So you can imagine Bernard Baruch's feelings - when his two wooden quail were stolen. He said he was - crushed. He told people that his faith in the folks at "Little Hobcaw" - was disillusioned.

Today, however, the elder statesman and adviser to presidents - had a smile on his face. Over the weekend, the two wooden quail reappeared. Sitting there - on the fence post.

Somebody had a conscience, and decided - to restore Bernard

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humanity at  
Baruch's faith in "Little Hobcaw." ~~humanity~~