

INDIA

L.T. - ~~Adv.~~ Tues. Dec. 15-37.

India has lodged a strong protest, complaining of the brutal way the Chinese Reds treated Indian prisoners, ~~when~~ they captured - in hostilities along the Indo-Tibetan border. Today, speaking to the New Delhi Parliament, Prime Minister Nehru stated that the protest was made on Sunday, in a diplomatic note making the following charge:

"The treatment the Indian prisoners received - was most harsh and inhuman, and opposed to all the canons of civilized behavior. They were deprived of food and shelter," the note goes on, "and were mercilessly interrogated for long periods - in sub-zero temperatures."

India demands the punishment of those responsible - for the "inhuman treatment."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

You may not have known it before, but our American G.I's - are headhunters. Like jungle tribes in the Amazon forest and in wild New Guinea. At least, that's the statement made at an exhibition - in Red Czechoslovakia. It says that, in the Korean War - American soldiers hunted heads.

That same Communist exhibition calls General Douglas MacArthur - a "mass murderer."

So the government in Washington - has protested. Arguing - that this gruesome nonsense seems intended to aggravate international tensions.

CUBA

Another of those fantastic trials - in Cuba.

Castro - in virtually an all-night session. As a witness - against one of the heroes of his revolution. Major Hubert Matos - on trial for turning against the Castro regime, Accused - along with another Cuban army officer.

The treason trial held - in a movie theatre. With - a microphone. Castro, as a witness - also played the prosecutor. For seven hours, he delivered a harangue - and got into a vociferous argument with the defendant, who replied - vehemently, charging that the Castro regime - is infected with Communism. Which Castro - denied.

Others in the improvised courtroom - got into the argument. At one point, ~~the judge~~ the judge had to intervene - when a group of officers were wrestling with each other, trying to get at the microphone.)

The prosecution demands the death penalty - for the defendants.

EISENHOWER

Now let's relax - along with President Eisenhower, who, today - got a chance to rest. After the exacting, toilsome airplane travel, public ceremonies and private conferences - in the past twelve days. Certainly, no American President - ever had such an ordeal.

Tonight - at sea. Navigating the waters of the Mediterranean - aboard the U. S. Cruiser Des Moines. For three days the President will have a Mediterranean voyage - than which nothing could be more restful and relaxing that is, when the rather shallow sea isn't in an angry mood. Ever since the days when St. Paul was ship-wrecked, an unlucky few have had anything but rest on the Mediterranean. I for one.

PLANE

The highest ever - for an airplane. A n F One-Hundred-and-Four jet fighter - climbed to an altitude of more than a hundred and three thousand feet, yesterday. The news - released by Vice-President Nixon, today; when he presented - the Collier Trophy, to the designers of the F 104, and the developers of its turbo-jet engine. Also - to the Air Force pilots, who have been breaking speed and altitude records with the new jet plane.

BALLOON

Just about the biggest thing that ever got lost - is astray. Probably - somewhere down in Dixieland. A giant balloon - as tall as a thirty story building, ^{that} ~~which~~ was launched, yesterday, in South Dakota; - and they've lost all trace of it.

~~The~~ enormous gas bag had nobody aboard - just a lot of scientific instruments. Together with ^{automatic} ~~automatic~~ controls - intended to bring it down - somewhere in Louisiana.

The balloon - to be trailed by an airplane. A truck on the ground - also to keep track of it. But the plane got into a snowstorm, today, and had to land at Columbus, Kansas. The truck - losing sight of the balloon, because of bad visibility.

So nobody knows where it is now. High winds during the night, may have carried it ^{farther than} ~~far south, to~~ its Louisiana destination.

A mighty man - is retiring. John L. Lewis - quitting as President of the United Mine Workers. At the age of seventy-nine, he departs - from the battlefields of labor.

Tonight, there are endless news accounts of the career - of the ~~big~~ burly man with the bushy eyebrows and bull-roaring voice. One of the founders of the C.I.O. - with which he, later, broke. His resounding battles - with the coal operators, the U.S. Government, and one President after another. ^{Remember} The huge fines - the courts imposed on him and his Union. [?])

~~But~~ For me, as a newscaster, my fondest memory - is the rhetoric of John L. Lewis. He was ^{always so} ~~over~~ so marvelously quotable; ~~With~~ - his resonant English. He, himself, described his own style of oratory - When, on one occasion, he said: "Not in the quavering tones of a feeble mendicant seeking alms, But, in the thundering voice of the captain of a mighty host."

Once, in a bargaining session with coal mine owners, he thundered: "To cavil further is futile. We trust that time,

as it shrinks your purse, may modify your niggardly and anti-social propensities."

Those West Virginia coal operators - must have blinked at that!

He braved the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a battle of words - and FDR was no mean ^(verbal) antagonist.

Commenting on a coal mine labor dispute in wartime, the President quoted Shakespeare, and said: "A plague on both your houses." Whereupon John L. Lewis reminded him that he had enjoyed the political support of labor. He put it in these abundant words:

"It ill behooves one who has supped at labor's table, and who has been sheltered in labor's house - to curse, with equal fervor and fine impartiality, both labor and its adversaries, ~~when~~ they become - locked in deadly embrace."

Well, it might sound a bit like Dr. Johnson, that prodigious lexicographer of the Eighteenth Century. I bet John L. Lewis has read and admired - the ponderous Johnsonian prose.

In the last few years, his voice was comparatively silent - and now he retires. His probable successor - Union Vice-President Thomas Kennedy; ~~who~~ - a mild, quiet little man. Alas, alas!

GOOD FELLOWS

At Royal Oak, Michigan - a sad, sad story about the Good Fellows. Twelve of those philanthropists - under arrest, including - three firemen and five policemen. One of the latter - a police captain.

The Good Fellows - long an inspiration. Embodying - the very spirit of Christmas. Their slogan - "No child shall be without a Christmas present." So the Good Fellows collected funds. Selling newspapers - at street corners. People ^{handing} ~~bringing~~ in - with dollar bills, five-dollars bills. ~~Buying~~ a paper. Contributions - for the good cause.

But, sorrowful to tell - there were suspicions. So, detectives of the state police - laid a trap. Having citizens - give marked money to the Good Fellows, who included - town employees, cops and firemen.

So what was the result? Out of thirteen Good Fellows - only one turned in all the marked money he got. The others pocketed part of what they collected.

Hence the arrest - in the news today. Painful - at Christmas time. Some of the Good Fellows were - bad fellows.

Dick!

CASH

In Boston, Beverly Carroll, a dancer, came home from Christmas shopping, and she certainly thought - Santa Claus had been good to her. When she unwrapped her Christmas packages, one of them contained - a bundle of cash. Two hundred and sixty-four dollars - in small bills.

Beverly ~~was~~ gaped at the money - and went back to the department store where she had been doing her shopping. There the mystery was promptly solved.

One of the sales girls, in fixing the packages for Beverly - wrapped up her day's receipts. Handing over, in a Christmas parcel - all the money she had taken in.