

POVERTY

The Senate today approved the keystone of President Johnson's war-on-poverty program. By a vote of nearly three-to-one, the Senate endorsed a billion-dollar aid program for the poverty-stricken, eleven-state region known as Appalachia. The bulk of the funds will go into a new highway system, with the remainder to spark the rehabilitation and rejuvenation of depressed areas.

Passage of the Appalachia measure was assured by the President's pledge that he will soon recommend similar programs for other depressed areas. The bill now goes to the House, where passage is expected late this month.

In Selma, Alabama, today, Dr. Martin Luther King was taken into custody, released and arrested--all in a matter of minutes.

Dr. King was taken inside Police Headquarters with nearly three hundred of his followers during a protest march on the Dallas County Courthouse. The others were immediately booked, but after waiting an hour, Dr. King was released - and so was his chief aide, the Reverend Ralph Abernathy. However, Dr. King was then arrested moments later when he stopped to talk to newsmen outside the city jail. The charge: Parading without a permit.

The incident marked the first time Dr. King has been jailed since winning the Nobel Peace Prize last December.

DOCKS

President Johnson has urged striking dock workers to return to their jobs in those East and Gulf Coast ports where they have already ratified new contracts. The President also urged a speedy settlement in ports where no agreement has yet been reached, notably those on the South Atlantic and the Texas Coast.

However, the Longshoremen's Union so far has contended that failure to settle in any one port means that all East and Gulf Coast ports must remain idle. And as the strike dragged through its twenty-second day, a shipping official said in Miami Beach that continuing talks there is simple a "waste of time."

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Lowell Thomas' report today is again from East Africa, Lowell

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AUTO CRASH

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I have just returned from a rather hurried flight from the Rift Valley country, where we've been observing the big game of East Africa, a flight to Nairobi, in a small plane. There were three of us, the pilot, a lovely lady from California, who had been in an auto crash, on a jungle road, near the edge of the great Rift Valley escarpment, and myself.

Edward Rubin is the Tanganyika representative of the Ford Foundation, with his headquarters on the coast, at Dar Es Salaam, not far from Zanzibar. An old friend of his, Frank Wyle, head of Wyle Space Laboratories in Southern California, brought his wife to East Africa, and the Rubins and Wyles headed for the Rift Valley to see the giant animals and the others. Wyle was driving when they had some bad luck. Coming around a mountain curve, they met a much heavier car coming down the mountain, and it hit them head on. All of the occupants of both cars were injured. Mrs. Rubin's injuries became septic, and she and I flew to the hospital in Nairobi.

On my return flight to the top of the Rift Valley escarpment, when we approached the rough air strip, the young pilot, Dave Owen, turned and said to me: "Hmmm, guess we'd better have another go at it. Look at the reception committee down there on the airstrip!"

Below us, in fact only a few feet from us, at that moment, was a large herd of big baboons. So the pilot flew right over them, almost spinning his wheels on their backs, and up we went again, while the seventy or eighty baboons - maybe even a hundred of them, went racing over the edge of the cliff.

The pilot, who is himself an East African, said he had often encountered other animals on airstrips, like this, on the edge of the jungle. But this was the first time he had ever been stopped from making a landing by a herd of baboons.

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ETHIOPIA

Queen Elizabeth arrived in Ethiopia today to the most tumultuous welcome that country has ever given a foreign visitor. The Queen and Prince Philip were greeted at Addis Ababa by ~~Emperor~~ Emperor Haile Selassie and a quarter-of-a-million cheering natives.

Some were fierce tribesmen who had ridden horseback for more than a hundred miles to welcome the royal visitors. Others wore ceremonial lion skins, and all of them cheered in the traditional high-pitched wail that Africans reserve for royalty.

The eight-day state visit marks the first time a reigning British monarch has ever visited the African kingdom.

GRACE

It's a girl for Princess Grace of Monaco. The former Grace Kelly, of Philadelphia and Hollywood, gave birth to her third child today at her palace apartment in Monte Carlo. The child was immediately named Princess Stephanie Marie Elizabeth, and both mother and daughter tonight are reported "doing well."

PAKISTAN

That Pakistani grocer who filed a murder charge against the son of President Mohammed Ayub Khan is tonight himself behind bars.

The grocer, Shamsuddin Abdul Latif, accused the President's son of personally killing a man during bloody post-election rioting January Fourth in Karachi. No action has yet been taken on the murder charge.

However, the grocer and twelve other Karachi men -- including four opposition politicians -- have now been jailed for their part in the violence that claimed sixty-six lives. They are charged with rioting, looting, assault and arson.

CHURCHILL

The London Evening Standard reported today that Sir Winston Churchill actually suffered his last stroke a full four days before it was announced to the world. The report was later confirmed by a British medical spokesman.

The medical expert said Sir Winston had a previous history of such incidents and had always gotten over them. It was decided, therefore, not to stir up any premature fears about his illness.

There was some question, however, about Sir Winston's last words. The story in the Evening Standard said the great man's last statement was simply this: "I am bored with it all". However, the medical expert described the alleged quote as most "unlikely".

LeMAY

The last of America's great air commanders of World War II was honored in farewell ceremonies today at the White House. General Curtis E. LeMay, retiring Air Force Chief-of-Staff, was presented a distinguished service medal -- his fourth. President Johnson then told him: "All free men today are in your debt. God speed and happy landings."

In response, General LeMay said he was leaving the Air Force while there is still a "world full of problems." But he told the President that the Air Force is presently at the "highest peak of efficiency, ready to accomplish any task" set before it.

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A noted marriage counselor charged today that women are parading their lips, busts and legs in a pathetic attempt to compensate for lack of femininity.

The accusation made by Dr. David R. Mace, executive director of the American Association of Marriage Counselors.

Dr. Mace said that a few years ago, the suffragette was saying: "Look, we all know I'm a woman, but can't you see? I'm also a person". Now, he said, the modern American woman is saying, "Look, we all know I'm a person, but can't you see? I'm also a woman!".

Dr. Mace added that the American male may think the prefers the more provocative female, but this, he said, is only "an adolescent misconception of femininity". That's the news--as Lowell Thomas would say--so long.