

OIL

L.T.P.+G. Mon. May 19 - '52.

The oil strike is on its way out -- bit by bit. Today, the striking employees of Sinclair Oil voted to go back to work) -- approving an agreement made by union officials last week. Similar ^{settlements} ~~settlements~~ are being made, on a local scale -- settlements with other companies, here and there, piece meal. The great oil strike does not end in one fell swoop. It is as General MacArthur would say: Just fading away.

General Ridgway arrived in Washington this afternoon -- received with full military honor.

Then -- went at once to the White House, to report to President Truman.

The General says he will remain in Washington for about five days -- giving an account of the state of affairs in the Far East. He retires from the Tokyo command to ~~XXXXXX~~ succeed General Eisenhower as head of the North Atlantic Treaty Army in Europe. He will be briefed about his new job, then fly on to Paris.

KOREA PRISONERS

There are formidable scenes on Koje Island, as (U.S. paratroopers march on parade before the compound of Red ~~men~~ prisoners of war, that camp where the Communists grabbed General Dodd, and extorted grotesque terms from ~~him~~ his own successor, as prison camp commander -- General Colson.) ~~The new Commandant, General Boatner is making it clear to the Reds that a stern policy now goes into effect. Entirely fair, and according to the Geneva convention -- for the humane treatment of prisoners of war. But, no ~~hoaxing around.~~~~

The paratroopers are veterans of battle in Korea, and (Koje Island is bristling with military activity. The belief is that the prisoners will soon be given an ultimatum -- ordering them to haul down their illegal Red flags and Communist banners.) They have these displays of propaganda stuck all over the compound. But there is to be an end to that, we hear.

The new Commandant
R General Boatner ^A says he expects some outbreak of

"minor disorders", but is confident the ~~xxx~~ situation can be handled without blood-shed -- the Reds made to behave as prisoners of war are supposed to behave.

... to have reached the ultimate of Red absurdity -- in a propaganda statement that American planes have been deliberately bombing American prisoners of war. ... Doing this -- in retaliation for alleged confessions made by two American flyers.

... the Communist radio reported Lieutenants John G. ... and Kenneth ... admitting that they had ... of bacteriological warfare ... "germ bombs" in S. Korea.

That was ridiculous enough, but now the Chinese Communist radio stated that, within twenty-four hours the U.S. Air Force began bombing the prison camp in which the two American flyers were kept, together with ... which certainly would ... to be the ultimate limit in the propaganda of the "big lie."

KOREA PROPAGANDA

Here's what would seem to be -- the limit.

We've been amazed, constantly, by the length to which Red propaganda will go. But now, (the Communists would seem to have reached the ultimate of Red absurdity -- in a propaganda statement that American planes have been deliberately bombing American prisoners of war, ~~in North Korea~~. Doing this -- in retaliation for alleged confessions made by two American flyers.)

Some ~~days~~ ^{while} ago, the Communist radio reported Lieutenants John Quinn and Kenneth Enoch as admitting that they had ~~been ordered~~ ^{flown} on missions of bacteriological warfare, ~~and had dropped~~ ^{dropping} "germ bombs" in Red Korea. That was ridiculous enough, ~~But~~ now, the Chinese Communist radio states that, within twenty-four hours, the U.S. Air Force began bombing the prison camp in which the two American fliers ~~are kept, together,~~ ~~with other U.S. prisoners.~~ Which certainly would seem to be the ultimate limit in the propaganda of the "big lie."

BRITAIN-CHINA

Today's news from London marks the end of British business interests on the China coast, a commercial empire famous in history. Of course, the end really came when Communism made a sweep through China. ~~It was hardly to be expected that the Red overlords would permit the British to retain their fabulous properties and profits in China.~~ But the London ~~merchants~~ merchants could not give up hope -- and that was one reason why the British government recognized Red China. ~~Thinking - they could salvage these British business interests in one way or another.~~ ^A But now, ^{British} ~~the London~~ corporations dealing in China trade, have given up hope. ~~-- and have decided to sell out for whatever they can get.~~ They have assets in China estimated at some eight hundred and forty million dollars. What they can get for these is indeed problematical. But they have decided to sell out to Chinese firms, and take what they are offered. (Their patience is exhausted, -- and word from London is that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden

~~will make the official declaration in the House of
Commons tomorrow. British business on the China
coast, closing down.~~

Only about seven hundred British business
men remain in China, most of them in Shanghai --
and they are getting out. The last remnants of the
fabulous British commercial colony which, at one
time, had a population of ten thousand -- engaged in
China trade.

Here in Southern California today I am on a sort of pilgrimage to an historic site. I came out to have a look at a bronze plaque, that I was invited to help dedicate several years ago. But the invitation overtook me in India, ^{when} ~~and~~ we were about to cross the Himalayas. So, I've come now to have a look at the plaque, and to salute Donald Douglas, ^{— and a group of bold aviators.} ~~PI~~ I am actually ^{— a famous airbase.} broadcasting out on Clover Field. More than a quarter of a century ago man made the first sky voyages around this earth. Donald Douglas was the man who designed the planes. And they took off from this very spot.

All of which today has meant a lot of reminiscing for me -- because back in those days I was lucky enough to be the ^(historian) ~~historian~~ of the First World Flight.

So, with General Erik Nelson, one of the men who made the flight this today, ^{I have been on} ~~to~~ a pilgrimage of memories. ^{PI} One of the huge modern Douglas plants ^{now} ~~of today~~ adjoins this field. Right at this moment, here on the outskirts of Santa Monica they are turning

out some new leviathians of the sky. And what a contrast to those early planes of that First World Flight!

One of these largest of all airplanes is here beside me. It weighs seventy-five tons, twenty-five times as big as the first planes to fly around the world. And this Globemaster will do it with only four stops.

As it happens, I have a news dispatch or two that they may find particularly interesting.

LINDBERGH

In a quiet Connecticut home tonight, there is a family that ^(intends) ~~intends~~ to have no kind of celebration tomorrow, which happens to be the twenty-fifth anniversary of Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic. That family in Connecticut plans no special observance -- but there sure ~~will~~ will be memories. Because, they are Charles A. Lindbergh and his wife the former Anne Morrow, with -- their five children.

R Lindbergh always did seek seclusion and quiet -- and he certainly has had the chance for a dozen years or so.

That famous flight back in Nineteen Twenty-seven made him an airman hero of the world -- hailed everywhere he went. But, then, when the question of World War two came up, he took a stand that brought a storm of criticism and villification upon him.--

H He believed America should stay out. From a [^]acclaimed hero he became the target for endless abuse. But he took it with dignity and in silence -- and, in the

The Lone Eagle
Second World War, [^]served his country in secret.

Nowadays, as we face the Red menace of Soviet Russia, Lindbergh might well speak out and say -- I told you so. But he stays in the retirement ~~if~~ he always wanted -- and will not do any celebrating tomorrow, the twenty-fifth anniversary of that Lindbergh sky voyage to Paris.

BRAZIL

Out at the Douglas plant I've been talking to people who know plenty about strange tales of aviation -- and each may think he can top the other, with a weird one about flying. But, they'd have trouble topping this next bit of news. Which comes from Brazil, and tells of a U.S. government official and four Brazilian Air Force officers, captured and held hostage in wild country of the interior.

No, they are not prisoners of primitive tribes. They are being held by what the news dispatch calls: "Thrill seeking soldiers of fortune." Which means, actually, a party of adventurers, the dispatch says, including newspapermen, who have staged a stunt so wild and woolly that the Brazilian Government has flown paratroopers to the scene.

This fantastic affair had a tragic beginning -- the crash of the great air liner two weeks ago, with a loss of fifty lives. At the time there was an heroic search for the lost plane - official efforts

But there also was an unofficial party -- which found its way to the scene of the crash.

It would appear that the head of a Brazilian airline named DeBaros, had the notion of sponsoring ~~XXXXX~~ a spectacular expedition -- a party of airmen, newspapermen, and Indian guides. They were flown to the ~~XXXXXX~~ remote wilderness, and dropped by parachute. They found the scene of the crash, all right, and then became aware of a predicament. Having gone in by parachute, they had no way to get out. They were supposed to have a helicopter, but it broke down and there they were, about thirty of them, stuck in the remote wilderness of jungle country, not knowing what to do. These are what the dispatch calls: Thrill seeking soldiers of fortune, the unofficial adventurers.

This was followed by an official expedition at the scene, going in by helicopter, headed by Scott Magness, safety advisor to the ~~xxx~~ American Civil Aeronautics Administration. ~~And Major Miranda~~ ~~Correa of the Brazilian Air Force.~~ They landed at .

the scene and were making an investigation. They had a funeral ceremony for the victims of the crash, and had just completed solemn prayers - when out of the jungle came the stranded adventurers. They seized Magness and the Brazilian officers, held them up at pistol point, ~~together with other officials who had accompanied them.~~ Demanding that helicopters be sent to take them out. Threatening to shoot the hostages unless ~~the~~ this were done.

This message was sent back to Rio de Janeiro.

The Brazilian government responds - by ordering military measures. Paratroopers being dropped -- to rescue the hostages and take everybody out. Including that ~~fantastic~~ expedition which parachuted into the jungle country and couldn't get out.

The latest news makes the mystery more fantastic - with talk about a pearl ^(necklace) ~~necklace~~ and jewels. Perhaps found in the wreckage of the airliner -- a cause of dispute and contention.

One report is that the wrecked airliner was looted for valuables, apparently by the adventurers.

Still later -- a Brazilian Major with the official party sends a radio message back to Rio that he has turned the tables on his captors, has -- taken control of the situation there in the wilderness. It's all still a bit mystifying.

SUB CREVASSE

News this afternoon told of the tragic end of ~~the~~ search for a student of the University of Washington, who fell into a crevasse near the top of Mt. St. Helens in the State of Washington. Art Jessup, son of a minister in Seattle was mountaineering with several companions, "Crossing a snow bridge", he broke through, and plunged into a chasm ninety feet deep. He had the only rope in the party and the others couldn't help him.

A rescue party made its way up the slopes of the mountain, hoping the student might still be alive. But the hope was in vain -- they found he had perished from cold at the bottom of the crevasse.

END

It's an axiom of show business, never to end on an anti-climax. But that's just what this program is doing tonight. However, it is a super-duper anti-climax -- worthy of a front page headline.

Today, in Hollywood, movie actor Franchot Tone got a divorce from film star Barbara Peyton. On what grounds? Well, you'd never guess.

MovieLand was all agog over what promised to be -- the scandal of the century. Franchot Tone beginning his divorce case -- ^{stated} that actor Tom Neal had spent nights in Barbara's home. The muscular Neal -- who gave Tone the ferocious beating in a battle over Barbara. The divorce complaint foreshadowed court proceedings of the most lurid, gaudy sort.

But now what have we? The embattled couple came to a private agreement ^{and} Today, Franchot Tone got a divorce, making the charge ^{ing} that Barbara ~~had~~ ~~caused him embarrassment and extreme mental anguish.~~

off at 28 seconds -

~~which the news dispatch puts in the following words:~~

~~He~~ invited people to dinner and then showed up late to do the cooking.

So that's how the great scandal ends.

Barbara failed to do the cooking! What could be more anti-climactic?

Nelson - this brings us to you!