

Fri. Feb. 21 - '58.

The Indonesia civil war - began in a familiar way.

The government, ordering a bombardment of a key position on Sumatra. Two planes, bombing and strafing the Salijo Bridge near the town of Painan. The attack lasted only fifteen minutes - but it was enough to touch off a shooting war.

The bombardment came less than ~~an~~ an hour after President Sukarno spoke in Jakarta -- calling on the Indonesian people to crush the rebels.

On Sumatra, Sukarno is getting nothing but defiance from the Premier with <sup>that easy to</sup> ~~the unpronounceable~~ name -- Sjafruddin Prawiranegara. The rebel leader saying that the attack on his island means a complete break with the Communist-infiltrated regime in Jakarta. He <sup>also</sup> points out that Sukarno started shooting on the Moslem Sabbath. Sjafruddin Prawiranegara telling ~~me~~ his followers - "you must make your choice between Communism or non-Communism -- belief in God, or no belief in God."

# EGYPT

~~The easing of~~ <sup>ceased</sup> tension along the border of Egypt and the Sudan - due to today's election. The Egyptian people, deciding whether they want to go along with the merger of their country and Syria. No one in Cairo doubts that tomorrow's announcement of the election result will show a big majority for the merger. And no one in Damascus doubts that the Syrian election returns will be the same, ~~as the Egyptian.~~

Newspapers in Egypt and Syria, are not even speculating about a possible negative vote. Instead, the press of the two nations - is concerned mainly with a different union in the Middle East - the union of Jordan and Iraq. Syrian and Egyptian newsmen - lambasting Kings Feisal and Hussein. Calling the Jordan-Iraq alliance -- "a union of Kings, not of peoples".

Anyway, Nasser <sup>seems to have put</sup> ~~has called~~ off his quarrel with the Sudan -- for the time being. Today, he made no attempt to extend his election - into the disputed territories of Haleib and Wadi Halfa. He says he'll wait - until after ~~then~~ the Sudanese election ~~was~~ next week. Nasser, presumably

hoping the Sudan will get a new regime - less hostile to *the*  
*demands*  
~~the pretensions~~ of Egypt.

In the meantime, Khartoum is still taking defensive  
measures -- sending ~~the~~ *into the two areas* police mounted on ~~the~~ horses and camels -  
to prevent any Egyptian drive, *— especially* on the second cataract of  
the Nile. The Sudanese government adding *that* it intends to push  
its case in the United Nations.



## TUNISIA

In Tunisia, the focus of the news is on Remada, in the Sahara Desert. The French, accused of throwing a ring of steel around the town. Tanks and armored cars. Soldiers out on patrol; all civilian cars stopped and drivers, hauled off to French Army headquarters - for interrogation.

The French say they are trying to prevent any more incidents - like the explosion of a land mine on their air strip.

Meanwhile in Paris, Premier Gaillard is said to be running into opposition. Members of his own party, complaining about the way he's been handling Tunisia. But from Paris we hear, Gaillard is in no danger of being overthrown.



MURPHY

America's ace trouble-shooter - on his way to Europe. Robert Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State - carrying ~~the~~ secret American proposals for solving the dispute between France and Tunisia. Murphy conferred with Dag Hammarskjold at <sup>the U. N.</sup> ~~United Nations~~ headquarters in New York - before taking off for London. He'll see Prime Minister MacMillan before going on to Paris and Tunis. <sup>He</sup> says he's "hopeful" about this first major effort by our State Department -- to settle the conflict between two of our good friends, France and Tunisia.

## SOUTH KOREA

South Korea ringing with the name of - General Douglas MacArthur. Sounds like a flash-back to the news of eight years ago. But it's <sup>so.</sup> ~~going on right now.~~ A South Korean mass meeting - calling on MacArthur to return -- and lead another Army north to fight the Korean Communists above the truce line. Leaflets, distributed in Seoul - reading "let's overthrow the Communist gang of robbers."

The reference of course is to that airliner - hi-jacked by the Reds. Our State Department has charged ~~that~~ the American pilot was forced to fly to North Korea. Forced, in the words of ~~him~~ the statement "at the point of a gun."

The South Korean argument being - the plane was taken by force - so it should be brought back by force. <sup>And</sup> They'd like to have ~~General~~ Douglas MacArthur in command of the campaign.

SERGEANT

In Washington, a court martial finds Army Sergeant Roy Rhodes -- guilty of conspiring to commit espionage.

The accusation -- that he passed secrets <sup>over</sup> to Russian agents - in exchange for rubles, vodka, and blondes. The conviction could bring Sergeant Rhodes life imprisonment.



Tonight the Republican party <sup>is discussing</sup> ~~is split more than~~  
~~ever - ever~~ the status of Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft  
Benson. The revolt against Benson mounting, since that  
Tuesday<sup>s</sup> election in Minnesota's first district. The G O P  
won, ~~all right~~ - but ~~it~~ just managed to squeak by in a  
traditional<sup>stronghold</sup> Republican ~~area~~. The key issue of the Minnesota  
campaign - the farm policies of Secretary Benson.

Today a group of twenty five Republicans from ~~farm~~  
farm states - sent a message from the House. Speaking through  
Judd of Minnesota and Miller of Nebraska - they called on  
Secretary Benson to resign. Judd and Miller, conferring with  
Benson for forty minutes in his office. The two Congressmen,  
<sup>e</sup>emerging to say - they did not directly urge Secretary Benson  
to step out. But they did make it clear to ~~him~~ him - they feel  
he will hurt the G O P in the November elections if he  
stays on. Benson being, in Miller's words, "the symbol of low  
prices for farmers."

However Secretary Benson says he intends to stay on - because he still thinks the administration program of flexible price supports, is best for the farmers.

On Capitol Hill some Republicans say they'll go to the top - ask President Eisenhower to Benson to resign. Taking along many documents - plans already

proposed for streamlining the Pentagon. - Secretary Hallway hopes to send them out before he leaves Puerto Rico. That will mean fast work because he's due back in Washington on Monday, and expects to present his recommendations to the President within the next few days.

## **DEFENSE**

The Secretary of Defense, leading a task force from the Pentagon to Puerto Rico. Neil McElroy and twenty-five advisors - and their wives, secretaries, and aides. Going there/- to work out a reorganization of the Defense Department.

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## LITTLE ROCK

The Justice Department will not step into the Little Rock integration case. That's the reply to the school board that had asked for a suspension of integration. The Board wants another definition of two words: "deliberate speed" used by the Supreme Court in its original ruling against segregation.

In reply the Justice Department says it has no authority to intervene. The problem, strictly between the school board and the federal court in Little Rock. A spokesman for the Justice Department remarking that "the United States is not a party to the action - and therefore will not participate."

## ROCKETEERS

Those two nine year old rocketeers - getting a pat on the back from the Boeing Company - but not the three thousand ~~mt~~ dollars they asked for. Bobby Edwards and Pat Troy - both of Derby, Kansas, ~~They~~ wrote a six-page pamphlet describing their three stage rocket. They drew diagrams - showing how a human being could be fired into outer space <sup>and then</sup> ~~returning~~ to earth by parachute. The two youngsters declaring, they were willing to sell their rocket ~~in~~ idea - for <sup>a mere</sup> ~~only~~ three thousand <sup>dollars.</sup> ~~mt~~ ~~snackere.~~

The scheme, so interesting - a Boeing employee took it to the company scientists. Now, the verdict. The scientists saying it's a remarkable performance - for two ~~nn~~ nine year olds. The company telling Bobby and Pat to come around in a few more years - when there may be a lot more than three thousand in it for them.

## CHURCHILL

Now picture a man eighty-three years old - suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy. He's sitting up in a bed surrounded by flowers. From his window, he can see one of the glorious sights of the world - the blue Mediterranean, beyond the Southern coast of France. An invalid? He isn't behaving like one!

Winston Churchill spent hours today on his correspondence - hundreds of letters from all over the world. Also he wrote his own medical bulletins. There may not be much Churchillian rhetoric in a sentence like this "after a good night, he is more comfortable - and his progress is so far satisfactory." But it's the kind of statement, we all like to hear.

Today Churchill even wanted to do some painting. His doctor vetoed that.



## HUNTER

Land comes a  
From Mogadishu, ~~in African Somalia~~ - ~~the story of~~  
~~a strange, somber~~ <sup>story of</sup> tragedy. An Italian hunter, doctor Adriano  
Rossi, out after ~~isopod~~ <sup>lion</sup>. Becoming separated from his safari -  
lost in the jungle. His beaters, returning to base - giving  
the alarm.

A rescue party today found Rossi's body. He had  
been killed by a bullet - his empty gun lying beside him, his  
ammunition gone. The authorities in Mogadishu believe - Rossi  
fought off ~~wild~~ animals with all the bullets he had - except  
one. The last cartridge ~~HE~~ <sup>— and used,</sup> saved for himself, ~~and when he~~  
~~got down to that last one - he committed suicide.~~

## BEAUTICIAN

A well-known East German - fleeing to West Berlin.

Horst Lachmann - who got into trouble because of a book he wrote.

~~So what was it --~~ An attack on the regime? ~~maybe?~~

Or a criticism of Marx and Lenin? Oh no - nothing political.

~~about it.~~ Horst Lachmann - a beautician. The title of his book - "Eve, Cleopatra, and you," A do-it-yourself guide to glamor - for gals behind the Iron Curtain.

*as follows! -*  
Lachmann, giving his special formula, A face-mask

made of crushed bananas, ground almonds, and ~~six~~ olive oil.

The Lachmann face-mask, guaranteed to turn every East German fraulein - into a Cleopatra ~~over night.~~

*hides*  
Why did ~~Lachmann's~~ book make the Red bosses angry?

The answer - bananas, almonds, and olive oil -- *nowhere to* ~~aren't on~~ be

*bought in any of the*  
~~the market in~~ Soviet satellites. So telling the ladies to use

the Lachmann face mask - sounded like an attempt to undermine public faith in Communism.

## **BEAUTICIAN - 2**

**Result - Don - beautician Horst Lachmann, fleeing to the West - asking for asylum. All because of olive oil, almonds and bananas.**

Scottish city - Glasgow. Home Secretary R. A. Butler -  
appointed as rector of the University of Glasgow. But  
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extinguisher - bombardment by students. The new rector,  
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a clear shot hit him cheek in the face. This ended his  
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secretary.



## SCOTLAND

No. But last night we had the story of Actor James Robertson - installed as Rector of the University of Edinburgh. Tonight, a companion piece, from another Scottish city - Glasgow. Home Secretary R. A. Butler - installed as rector of the University of Glasgow. But he had to go through a barrage - before assuming his office. Eggs, tomatoes, and the foam from a fire extinguisher - bombardment by students. The new rector, carrying on with typical British aplomb - that is until a flour bomb hit him smack in the face. That ended his acceptance speech - too much, even for a British home secretary.