

L.T.-K. Wed. Aug. 12 - '53, (Troy, N.Y.)

### Earthquakes

The earthquakes in the Ionian islands rose to a new climax of terror today. The police at Cephalonia sent a radio message to Athens - picturing the situation on that island in these frantic words : "We are all sinking. Send the navy to take off the inhabitants. They are mad with fear. All is crumbling down. "

The Ionian Islands are off the west coast of Greece - islands - with names of romantic legend. Three now devastated - Cephalonia, Sante and Ithaca. Most famous of all, of course, is Ithaca, the home of Ulysses, hero of Homer's Odyssey.

The quakes began yesterday, slight at first, then mounting in fury - one shocker after another. The most violent occurred in the middle of ~~Last~~ night. Refugees tell of huge rocks tumbling down the mountains, and crashing into towns. Landslides pouring down, engulfing buildings. The towns, themselves, shaken to pieces, reduced to wreckage.

## EARTHQUAKE - 2

The Capitol city of Cephalonia, the largest island, completely destroyed. The Ionian sea - rolling with enormous waves. Tidal waves pouring inland.

Hundreds killed in the first shock - the casualty list mounting. Rescue Vessels are taking off throngs of the islanders - who number about sixty-six thousand. The entire island of Ithaca ordered evacuated. That's the background for the frantic radio message: "We are sinking! All is crumbling down!"

## FRANCE

There's a flight of tourists from France--all getting out, who can get out. Those that can take automobiles, or can charter planes, are on their way. The london government engaged a fleet of belgian buses to bring home Britishers ~~++~~ <sup>Also</sup> ~~Marooned~~ in France. There's a rush at the Italian border, with hosts of tourists getting over into Italy.

<sup>TP</sup> But thousands, especially Americans, are stranded. Many of them at small town railroad stations, with no way of moving on, or of communicating with banks to get money.

The huge strike, ordered by the leftist unions, has tied up transportation and communications. No mail deliveries, no garbage collections. All that - - and a threat of food shortage.

More than half of <sup>all</sup> ~~the~~ French workers were out on strike today, and more were joining hourly. A full scale general strike is threatened -- the more-so as premier Laniel refuses to back down from his program of economy, against which the workers are protesting.



## DIVER

A new world's record for diving in a bathysphere - announced by the French navy. Two french officers- descending to a depth of four thousand, nine hundred and twenty - one feet, in the mediterranean, - near the harbor of Toulon. Previous record - forty - five hundred feet, established by american Otis Barton, off the Coast of California in nineteen forty - nine. The French bathysp here is said to look something like a small submarine, powerfully built- for enduring the tremendous pressures of deep water. Equipped - with magnetic devices for submerging and rising.

The French navy announces that the two officers will make another descent on friday- hoping to reach a depth of more than sixty - five hundred feet.

At the same time, a bathysphere adventure is being prepared

*Yes, the same Belgian*  
in Italy- by Professor August Piccard, the Swiss scientist

who set a record back in nineteen thirty - two. But then he went  
But *the other way, up. Soaring - fifty thousand feet*  
*- coming down on a glacier in Austria, where my ski friend Hans Faulbner rescued him.*  
in a balloon. Now the professor is trying it - the other way.  
down.

sheet two- DIVE.

Hoping that his bathysphere will reach a depth of thirteen

thousand feet, off the coast of Southern Italy. The persistent  
prof. Piccard.

## ITALY

The attempt to form a coalition cabinet in Italy - has failed. It looked as if premier - Designate Piccioni would succeed in arranging minor party alliances with his own Christian democratic party. But, at the last minute, he reports - he can't do it.

We hear - the right wing socialists were to blame.

They were to join in a coalition cabinet, but backed out.



LONDON.

London is having a record-breaking heat wave. The thermometer rising as high as ninety-one, in some places. Tropical, sweltering heat for London, which <sup>so often is</sup> ~~can be~~ chilly in mid-summer.

People started falling in the streets- ambulances picking them up. The least affected were the swarms of American visitors. They said - it seemed like Home. London envying those American tourists <sup>and their light</sup> ~~wearing~~ summer clothes. Today, in the record-breaking heat wave, the english clerk still wore his bowler hat and heavy black coat, and carried his wrapped umbrella. Traditional england-with that umbrella.

<sup>TP</sup> One englishman, unaffected by the london heat, was prime minister Winston Churchill-paying his first visit to number ten Downing Street, since he was taken ill in Jan. Churchill was greeted by a crowd, and seemed to be standing the heat okay. He has recovered rapidly from his ailment. Which is now reported to have been - a slight stroke. People close to him are saying he'll probably retire in the fall- to be succeeded by Anthony Eden as Prime Minister.

## PRISONERS

Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles declares--that we intend to delay the return of communist prisoners of war convicted of crimes, ~~Delay--~~ until we know what the reds intend to do with UN captives that they put in prison.

He told a news conference, today, that a refusal to hand back all our prisoners might renew the war in Korea.

But such action would not be taken lightly-- this he emphasized.

He said that, as matters now stand, we have little definite information of what the communists intend to do with prisoners whom they convicted of alleged crimes.

At panmunjom, there are more stories of american captives in communist prisons. Private richard Scheer of Columbus, Ohio, tells of six, court-martialed ~~a~~ month ago, and given sentences up to two-and-a-half years.

"The Chinese," reports the GI, "said the men, would serve their full sentences before they could be repatriated."



PRISONERS - 2

Meanwhile, the rest of the prisoners released in "Operation big switch" returned home today -- brought by plane. Seventeen -- tubercular or mental cases. It was a sombre home-coming, when they landed at Travis Airbase, California.

At Panmunjom today, four hundred more U N prisoners were to be turned over -- seventy-five American, seventy-five British, two-hundred and fifty -- south Koreans.

The last of the Chinese, a final two-hundred-and-twenty-two are in today's "exchange. The remainder of the Communist prisoners to be returned - are Koreans.

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Corporal James Montgomery of Weston, West Virginia, tells how he was in a hospital, and should have been repatriated in the exchange of the sick and wounded last April.

"I wasn't," he relates "because, I was in Jail."

The returning GI's continue to tell of Americans who accepted Red propaganda and became informers--tattling on their fellow prisoners. The Reds called them -- "progressives."

Sergeant John Meyers of Vestaburg, Pennsylvania, says:

"many were punished because of the ~~pros~~ <sup>as informers</sup> -- 'pros'."

Private Lawrence Ricks, of Dewaglac, Michigan, was asked -- would he be willing to testify against the "rats?" he said he would, but added: "I'd rather do it in my own way."

Corporal A.W. Brooks of Coon Rapids, Iowa, says that, of some three-hundred-and-fifty americans in his camp, ninety were "progressives." and adds: "I'd hate to be some of those 'pros', when they get back home."

He says that most of the GI's signed a red peace petition.

"you had to sign it," he explains.

"they put you in jail, until you did sign it."

## ADD PRISONERS

Here's the latest -- the Reds announce that they will not liberate U N prisoners convicted of ~~alleged~~ offenses and put in prison.



## A F O F L

The Carpenters' Union walked out of the A F of L tonight - in protest against a pact with C I O. A "no raiding" agreement -- according to which the A F of L and C I O would refrain from trying to attract union members from each other. Shortly afterward, Maurice Hutcheson, President of the Carpenters' Union, declared the Federation had failed to control the "raiding situation" within its own unions. He protested against the pact of the C I O - the Carpenters' Union withdrawing from the A F of L.

## LONGSHOREMEN

The longshoremen's Union is accepting a suspension from the AF of L. <sup>It's</sup> Officials declare <sup>a</sup> they're glad they weren't <sup>p</sup> expelled from the federation altogether.

Yesterday, the executive council of the AF of L voted the suspension - on the ground that the longshoremen's union had not taken proper action to cleanse itself of gangsterism and the corruption.

Today, union president Joseph Ryan said- (~~the proceedings~~  
~~were heated, with a flaring of tempers.~~) He and his fellow union officials didn't know whether to abide by the suspension - or walk out of the AF of L. But they "cooled off" over night, Ryan stating : "We want to stay in the AF of L. (~~We want to be able to satisfy them.~~)"

~~According to the decision of the executive council, the~~

<sup>The</sup>  
*The* longshoremen's union will be readmitted to the american federation of labor - when and if it purges itself of racketeering. The union officials declare- they'll do their best.

**Follow LONGSHOREMEN.**

At Denver, today, President Eisenhower signed the bill to permit New York State and New Jersey to join in a drive against crime and crooked politics along the waterfront. Under the leadership of Governors Dwyer and Driscoll, the two states formed a pact for a clean-up campaign, and that needed legislation by congress. So a bill was passed- now signed by the President. This news from Denver is accompanied by word that President Eisenhower will break his colorado vacation on tuesday- when he'll fly to New York to register for the municipal election in the big town. The President became a New York voter when he established residence as the head of Columbia University.

At the same time, the President will speak at the opening of a federal housing project in New York, A thirty-two millions dollar development known as- "Baruch houses." Named after Bernard Baruch, long time adviser to Presidents - and an old friend of President Eisenhower's.



## MRS ROOSEVELT

A new "liberal" organization is announced tonight -- Mrs. Roosevelt to head it. Called the "National Issues Committee." Described as -- non-partisan. At a news conference tonight, Mrs. Roosevelt says that both Republicans as well as Democrats are sponsoring the new group.

## CINERAMA

Nearly a hundred years ago, history was written in the court room of a small town in upper New York, and perhaps the same could be ~~at~~ said of what occurred today in that same court ~~in~~ room. On the previous occasion, long ago, the court proceedings involved the question of slavery and that now legendary figure, John Brown. Today's proceedings concerned Cinerama, the new medium which ~~has~~ for a year now has been the talk of the entertainment world, and which is credited with starting a revolution in the realm of the motion ~~picture~~ picture.

In recent months the Stanley Warner film group has been working on an arrangement that would include worldwide distribution of Cinerama, as well as some of the production. Whether this could be done had to come before the Department of Justice in Washington, because an anti-trust consent degree had previously been put into effect, with regard to Stanley Warner. But the Department of Justice felt that the Stanley Warner Cinerama arrangement, with certain restrictions,

was logical ~~xxxx~~ and desirable, and would help the new medium develop and expand in a way that would be desirable to the country, as well as ~~xx~~ to those who have brought out Cinerama.

Because of the consent ~~xxxxxx~~ decree there had to be a hearing before before the eminent Justice who had originally promulgated that decree. In the meantime Judge Hand had retired from the bench. ~~But~~ But today, at Elizabethtown, New York he came out of retirement long enough to again take the bench and there in that historic courtroom he was faced ~~xx~~ by quite an array of legal talent -- including the famous Judge Ferdinand Pecora, Alger Chapman of the New York bar, and long-time associate of ~~xx~~ Governor Dewey, Mr. Silverman from Washington representing the Attorney General of the United States.

Judge Hand decided that the consent decree as suggested by the Department of Justice should now be modified. Which means that Cinerama and Stanley



Warner will hence forth work together -- Cinerama  
which has stirred the entertainment world as nothing  
else has ~~xxxxxxxx~~ since the advent of sound. This  
means, by the way, that a new forceful figure emerges  
in the motion picture -- Si Fabian head of  
Stanley Warner.

O'DWYER .

Mrs. Sloan Simpson O'Dwyer declares that her divorce from former Ambassador O'Dwyer was obtained - without her knowledge. She's greatly surprised. Displeased, also. The divorce, in the civil courts of Mexico, she fears, will complicate efforts to get a catholic church annulment of her marriage to the one - time Mayor of New York.

The wedding of the O'Dwyers was a headline event several years ago. But the future for the couple was to be clouded. Crime investigations brought charges of corruption in the O'Dwyer administration. The former Mayor was named Ambassador to Mexico by President Truman . Then the marriage broke up - and the O'Dwyers, both catholics, obtained a church separation. Moves were made for an annulment. Sloan Simpson O'Dwyer charging that her husband was - "Irascible. "

She went off to Spain , and left her affairs in charge of a lawyer, Pedro Del Villar of Mexico City. Giving him - power of attorney, He went ahead and obtained a civil divorce for her in the mexican courts.

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which O'Dwyer refused<sup>S</sup> to recognize - and now, it appears, Mrs. O'Dwyer herself, didn't know anything about the divorce. Today, over in Spain, she said: "I knew nothing about this development. I am quite surprised. I haven't heard a single word from my lawyer. " Which adds a new chapter to the O'Dwyer story - the story of a brilliant career in politics, followed by a lot of trouble.

(More)



## SWINDLER

In Detroit, Clinton Smith, declares-"People will believe anything."

At police headquarters, he wrote out a confession of crooked business- and it covers fourteen pages. The philosophy - as follows, "it is much easier, "he says,"to sell something you don't have, because you can make all sorts of fantastic claims. People will believe anything."

The downfall of Clinton Smith came about, because two detectives caught a snatch of conversation between two men in a parked automobile. Smith and Mike Rabski, with Rabski wanting to know - why Smith had used his name falsely to borrow two hundred dollars from a finance company. The two detectives heard enough to be curious and that led to the fourteen page list of swindles.

The shaypee specialized in taking orders, collecting the money and skipping out of town-- without delivering the goods. At Oakland California, he took orders for "personalized cigars." Customers liking to have their names on their stogies. Even some Oakland policemen fell for- the "personalized cigars," "five dollars a box- but they never got the cigars.

Sheet 2-SWINDLER.

Smith's confession includes a sort of compliment for  
a certain race of people. They'll be flattered - I hope.

He said he used more than ten alias<sup>ed</sup> - selling what he  
did'nt have. And adds : "I always used Irish names. They<sup>a</sup> are  
great assets in selling."

He called himself Murphy or Hogan, - which sounds like a glowing  
<sup>all of</sup>  
<sup>tribute</sup> to the honest reputation of the Irish.  
<sup>Mike,</sup>