

L.T.-DELCO. TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1959.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A summit conference - every six months. East-West meetings of the heads of state - held regularly, twice a year. As a way - to keep the relations between Communism and the free world from deteriorating into war.

This proposal according to reports brought up by Prime Minister Macmillan. One of the last subjects he discussed with President Eisenhower - at their final meeting. The President represented as being - interested, but not enthusiastic. About - a regular series of summit conference.

Such was the report - as Prime Minister Macmillan left Washington, today. Flying - back to London.

IRAQ

Iraq - out of the Baghdad pact! That's formal.

Of course, the left wing regime of Premier Kazzem has been, virtually, out of the pro-Western alliance - ever since the overthrow of the anti-Communist government of young King Feisal, and Nuri Said, last July. So now - formal withdrawal. The Iraq Foreign Ministry - giving notification, today, - to the British and American ambassadors.

Ironically, the pro-western line-up was formed at a conference in Baghdad, receiving its name - from that legended city. But now Baghdad is out of the Baghdad pact.

TIBET

The battle of Lhasa - renewed. According to reports from the border of India and Tibet, fighting has broken out again in the sacred city on the roof of the world.

Several days of quiet - and then the Khamba mountaineers according to the report, suddenly seized a Chinese arsenal in Lhasa. Capturing a large stock of Communist armaments. Which they then proceeded to use against the Reds.

The Khamba rebels, moreover, are described as being in control of the Tibetan countryside, where the guerrilla tactics of mountaineers - are highly effective.

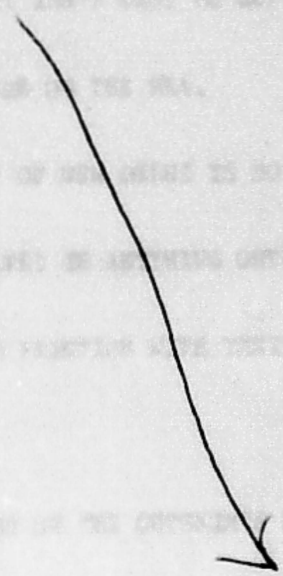
This news comes from United Press International correspondent, A.D. Das - reporting from Kalimpong on the Bengal - Tibetan border. Where, he says, information has been trickling through about the uprising in Lhasa.

Which began - on March Tenth - the insurgent men of Kham - driving into the city. The battle coming to a

climax on March 18th, last Wednesday.

The Norbu Lingka summer palace of the Dalai Lama badly damaged by gun fire. Also, the two great monasteries of Sera and Dropuang. The monasteries - blasted by Communist gunfire. Thirteen thousand Buddhist monks - having joined the Khamba tribesmen. Possible twenty-thousand.

The Dalai Lama, himself, safe in his lofty palace - the Potala. Even Communists, among the Tibetans, insisting on immunity of the living Buddha.



AT TIBET - 3

DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, SINCE THE NEWS OF ALL THIS FIGHTING HAS BEEN COMING FROM TIBET, PEOPLE EVERY WHERE HAVE BEEN ASKING ME, WHAT CHANCE DO THE TIBETIANS HAVE AGAINST CHINA, A VAST COUNTRY OF POPULATION OF SOME 600 MILLION? and IT ISN'T EASY TO ANSWER

WHEN LOWELL JR. AND I WERE THERE, SOME YEARS AGO, THE TIBETIANS WERE WORRIED ABOUT COMMUNISM. THEY WANTED NONE OF IT. IN FACT THE ONLY REASON WE WERE ALLOWED TO VISIT LHASA, WAS BECAUSE THEY HOPED WE WOULD BRING MESSAGES UP TO AMERICA, AND THAT IN SOME WAY THE WESTERN WORLD MIGHT HELP THEM IF THE RED TIDE ROLLED DOWN ON TIBET.

MOUNTAINEERS EVERYWHERE, LOVE FREEDOM. THE TIBETIANS ARE NO EXCEPTION. BUT, THEY HAVE DONE VERY LITTLE FIGHTING FOR MANY CENTURIES, EVER SINCE THEY WERE CONVERTED TO BUDDHISM. AND THEN, TIBET IS A REMOTE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRY. IT ISN'T EASY TO GET ARMS TO THE TIBETIANS, NOT IN THE WAY THAT IT WOULD BE IF THEY WERE ON THE SEA. THEY WISH THEY COULD GET SOME HELP FROM INDIA. BUT THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW DELHI IS SO BUSY WITH THE INTERNAL PROBLEMS THAT IT DOESN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN ANYTHING OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF INDIA. ABOVE ALL THE INDIANS ARE ANXIOUS TO AVOID FRICTION WITH THEIR POWERFUL CHINESE NEIGHBORS.

TODAY'S NEWS TELLING ABOUT THE BOMBING OF THE GREAT MONASTERIES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF LHASA, BRINGS BACK A FLOOD OF MEMORIES TO LOWELL JR, AND ME. THE DISPATCHES SAY THAT BOMBS FROM RED PLANES HAVE DESTROYED BOTH DREPUNG AND SERA. I HOPE THIS ISN'T SO. BOTH ARE FILLED WITH BUDDHISTS AND TIBETIAN TREASURES.

DREPUNG IS THE LARGEST MONASTERY IN THE WORLD, AND HOUSES SOME 10,000 MONKS, OR DID. SERA IS ALMOST AS LARGE. THEN, THERE ARE OTHER MONASTERIES IN AND AROUND LHASA. BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MONKS IN THE LHASA AREA UP TO MORE THAN 25,000. HOWEVER, A FEW THOUSAND OF THESE ARE YOUNGSTERS, NEOPHYTES. THEN, I WONDER WHERE THEY WOULD GET THEIR ARMS? TODAY'S DISPATCHES SAY FROM THE LOCAL CHINESE ARSENAL.

THE POTALA

TSARONG SHAPE

THE MEN OF KHAM

ATOMIC

The government atomic energy commission denies - that it has concealed facts about the radio-active fall-out from atomic explosions. Chairman John McCone - telling the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee that no facts have been kept from the public. But he admitted - that an error was made in the correspondence between the government commission and the congressional committee.

The release of the letters exchanged shows that the Congressional group got one fall-out figure from the Federal Commission - and another, from the Defense Department. The latter - twice as large as the former. So the commission was accused - of under-estimating the fall-out. Which concerned, largely - the dangerous radio-active isotope called "strontium."

Today, Chairman McCone explained that the difference in the figures was because of a mistake - in handling the correspondence.

He recommended - a new survey of the danger of radiation - from atomic test explosions.

SATELLITES

Piggy-back satellites - that's the latest in the news concerning space. Two man-made moons - sent up together. Carried - by one rocket. Out in space, one would go into orbit four hundred miles about the earth. The other carried on for another two hundred miles. To go into orbit - six hundred miles above the earth.

Today, Rear Admiral John Hayward, assistant chief of naval operations declared - the two piggy-back satellites will be just a beginning. Forerunners - of clusters of half a dozen of man-made moons. In orbit - at various altitudes.

The purpose of the project - revolutionary improvements in communications and navigation.

TRIAL

At Ventura, California, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan was pronounced legally sane, today. The fifty-four year old woman - convicted of having employed killers to murder her son's wife. The penalty - the death sentence. Which Judge Charles Blackstock says ^{he} will pronounce on April third. The defendant having been found - legally sane.

CAVE

Deep in a dank, noisome cave in England - two doctors today leaned over a black hole. A narrow - crevice. They were listening - intently. Listening - for a sound of human breathing.

Down in the crevice, trapped in such a way that they couldn't get him out - Oxford student, Neil Moss. A cave explorer - who had fallen into the narrow black hole, two days ago.

All the while - he could be heard breathing. Labored breathing - in fumes coming up from the subterranean depths.

Then, today, as the doctors listened, the breathing stopped. Neil Moss - another victim of cave exploration. Succumbing - after rescue attempts - heroic, but in vain. Now Don!

FLOODS

This won't sound like unusual news - floods. Disasterous inundations. Not until we see - where the deluge occurred. The Sahara desert! Which is like a symbol of all that's dry, burned, and parched. I was there twice this past year - the south of the Atlas Mountain, and its one of the driest parts. The western Sahara - ravaged by flood waters. Thousands of people on some of the oasis have been washed out, homeless. Many of them - Timbuctu - nomads of the desert whose tents and flocks of sheep - were swept away by the deluge.

At one town where ordinarily there was seldom a trickle of water, the flood came in a wall of water - twenty-one feet high. The rampaging flood - sweeping the town away.

Well, there are occasional torrential rains in the Sahara, the sky opening. Moreover, the deluge now reported - is in the area south of the Atlas mountains. Which have

- lofty snow-covered peaks. Combined sudden rain and melting snows, and you have - a deluge.

Tonight I am in northern New Mexico. And this state occasionally gets flash floods of this sort - from the melting snows of the nearby Sangre de Cristo Mountains - where this winter and spring there has been far less snow than usual.