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EISENHOWER

Today brought a climax for President Eisenhower in South America, A climax - in two contrasting ways: -

^ At Montevideo, he got the greatest welcome. The capital of Uruguay out-doing the other South American cities the President has visited, in the warmth, the friendliness, the magnitude - of popular acclaim.

But, on the other hand, Montevideo produced - the sharpest anti-American demonstration in the course of which - President Eisenhower was tear-gassed.

The trouble was caused by left wing students, and came in two installments: -

^ First, at the agricultural college of Montevideo University, a large banner was unfurled, with the words - Yankee imperialists go home. Also - praising Castro. Students tossed leaflets, showering the crowds below - with the same sort of propaganda. The police put an end

to that - before the President's motorcade came along.

But next, at one point on the avenue near the university, a crowd of students staged a hostile demonstration. The police broke that up - by tossing four or five small tear gas bombs, which sounded - like firecrackers.

That happened just as President Eisenhower's automobile approached and a brisk wind picked up a cloud of gas, and blew it straight at him. The President was standing, waving to immense cheering crowds when the tear gas blew into his face. He put up his hands, and ducked. He sat down for a moment, then rose - waving to the crowds again, Tears - in his eyes.

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Later, presidential secretary Jim Hagerty said - the President suffered no ill effects from the gas, although there was a stinging in his eyes - for a block or so, As he drove on - through acclaiming crowds.

KRUSHCHEV

— on his homeward journey —
Krushchev got a big reception today, *visiting*

Kabul - the capital of Afghanistan. A dispatch from Kabul states that the welcome given the Soviet Premier exceeded that for President Eisenhower - when he was in Afghanistan, while touring in Asia. They say the Krushchev celebration was better organized, and the popular response ~~was~~ - - fervent.

Not so surprising, as Afghanistan lies ^{*right*} on the border of Soviet Russia, and has long been a mark for Moscow propaganda. ^{*also*} The Soviets providing Afghanistan - with extensive aid.

NATO

The western allies have decided - they'll establish a military task force, ~~To~~ deal - with possible emergencies. So announced in Paris - by U.S. Air Force General Lauris Norstad, NATO commander in Europe.

8 Today he stated that the mobile task forces will begin a combat team of three battalions. Equipped - with conventional and atomic weapons.

Later, this unit may be built up to the strength of a division, eight battalions. Each of a different nationality. But under a single command. Ready to deal - with possible war-like flare-ups at one place or another.

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AGADIR

One of the greatest international missions of mercy -
is responding to the disaster at Agadir. ^{A procession of} ~~A stream of~~
French and American air force planes - flying in supplies
and medical assistance.

Today, the International Red Cross estimated that
the death list at the stricken resort city of Morocco
may run as high as three thousand. Victims of the
earthquake - that smashed Agadir. But many lives were
saved - by the prompt rescue work.

WRECK

The death list in the California railroad wreck is now set at fourteen. Ten passengers, three railroad crew men, and the driver of the oil truck - into which the "San Francisco Chief" smashed at a crossing, ^{near Babersfield,} last night.

Today, workers were clearing away the tangled wreckage, twisted, fire scarred - the debris left by flaming disaster, when the speeding train crashed into the tank truck, loaded with eight thousand gallons of diesel oil, causing an explosion - that shot flames a hundred feet - into the air.

VAN RIE

In the Boston trial of the Dutch radio operator, Willem Van Rie - the jury was evenly divided, in the first ballot last evening. Six for acquittal - six for conviction. After which - there was little change during the night. Pretty much of an even division - in one ballot after another.

Then, this morning, a sudden change. The jury unanimous - for a verdict of acquittal. Van Rie found - not guilty on all charges in the death of the young woman, Lynn Kauffman, with whom he had a shipboard romance - and who was either thrown, or jumped, overboard.

FINCH

The Finch trial in Los Angeles, witnessed the spectacle, today - of the attorney for the defense excoriating his client. In his closing argument, attorney Grant Cooper rose to an emotional climax. Denouncing the immoralities - of Dr. Bernard Finch and his fellow defendant, Carole Tregoff; but insisting - that Finch was telling truth in testifying that the death of Finch's wife was accidental. Not - murder.

Then he turned to his client and cried, "Dr. Finch, if you have lied, you are as vile as they make them, and you deserve to be convicted."

Later, Dr. Finch hugged his lawyer - in gratitude. Appreciation - for the emotional fervor of the defense. And its presumed effectiveness.

CHESSMAN

Caryl Chessman may go to the gas chamber - on
May 2nd. He will, says the California court - unless
the State Legislature does away with capitol punishment.

POLITICS

Eight names were entered in the Oregon primary, today! - Six democrats - and a couple of republicans. Put in - under a law recently enacted in Oregon.

It's an odd sort of law - requiring the Oregon Secretary of State to select the candidates in the primary. Calling on him to choose the ones who, in the words of the law - "are generally advocated by national news media throughout the United States." Meaning - the newspapers, radio and television.

So Oregon Secretary of State Howell Appling got busy with a special file of newspaper clippings, compiled for the purpose. ^{Also} He became a radio-television fan - consulting those news media. Coming up, finally, with a list of candidates. *Who made his list?*

POLITICS (2)

The Republicans were easy - Nixon and Rockefeller. Although Governor Rockefeller of New York said he would send an affidavit - withdrawing his name.

On the Democratic side, the ones entered are - Senators Lyndon Johnson, Kennedy, Kefauver, Morse, and Symington. Also Adlai Stevenson. In addition to which, Senator Humphrey's name was already on the ballot.

Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts calls this Oregon primary - "an adventure in outer space." Sounds like it - under that new law.

But how about - Slocum for president? He was nominated at a party convention, yesterday. What party? 1/2 The Greenbackers. Yes, they still survive - that greenback party so prominent back in the time after the Civil War. Advocating - more greenbacks. Print more money - so there will be lots to go around.

POLITICS (3)

At Indianapolis, the greenback party nominated its presidential candidate - Whitney Slocum of Los Angeles.

And now - Dick Noel.

BILLY GRAHAM

In East Africa, there must be some who are sure that Billy Graham, the North Carolina Evangelist, will perish by the power of witchcraft.

At the town of Kisumu, ⁱⁿ Kenya, Billy Graham, held a huge revival meeting, At the close of which - three weird figures came stalking toward him, Three witch doctors - in the fantastic dress of tribal magic, Their faces - painted with grotesque designs. Their leader - a ninety year old practitioner of the Black Art, Okelo Onoko, Smoking a pipe - the traditional pipe of a witch doctor performing sinister incantations.

They must have looked like three devils at the revival meeting, taking a stance - and staring at the evangelist. Apparently - trying to put a curse on him.

Billy Graham stared back, looking them square in the eye at close range. Then, through an interpreter, he said, "God loves you."

Which made no impression on the witch doctors - who turned, and left.

Did they put the hex on him? The mere suggestion of that would only make Billy Graham laugh!