

EISENHOWER

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(Given by Allan Jackson - L.T. on way to Asia)

President Eisenhower today exchanged expressions of friendship - with Gamal Abdel Nasser. The occasion - the presentation of the credentials by the new Ambassador of the United Arab Republic, Moustafa Kamel. The Ambassador relayed to Mr. Eisenhower - Nasser's hope for continued friendship between Egypt and America. The President of the United States responded - with a similar hope.

Afterward, Moustafa Kamel spoke with newsmen. He spoke readily about his new post - saying he's glad to be his country's representative in Washington. And that he feels he can work well - with our StateDepartment. He refused to be maneuvered into any discussion - of American charges that the United Arab Republic has been interfering in Lebanon.

Later in the day, President Eisenhower called in Secretary of State Dulles - for a two-hour conference at the White House. The main topic - the emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly - due to get under way this week. Secretary Dulles refused to discuss the meeting.

And no one close to the President had anything to say - **including White House Press Secretary James Hagerty. However, speculation continues - that Mr. Eisenhower may attend on the first day of the emergency session.**

JORDAN

The British Foreign Secretary is on his way to the United Nations - with a new plan for the Middle East. Selwyn Lloyd, speaking to newsmen just before his take-off.- said the new British plan is intended to control indirect aggression. It's a means of preventing infiltration - from one nation into another. Selwyn Lloyd added, if the plan is accepted and does guarantee the peace - then British troops will be withdrawn from Jordan immediately.

Just before leaving Britain, the Foreign Secretary had discussed Jordan - with Israeli Foreign Minister, Golda Meir. The Israeli diplomat warned that Israel will not stand by - and watch Jordan occupied by any hostile power. According to Mrs. Meir, her country is afraid that Jordan is in great danger from subversive elements. And Israel reserves the right to act for her own safety - should anything happen to Jordan.

Meanwhile, in Amman, loyal Jordanians streamed through the royal palace - to pledge their loyalty to King Hussein. Today was the sixth anniversary of his accession to

the throne. But the usual festivities were not held. Instead, the people of Jordan were asked to remember - the fate of Hussein's cousin - young King Feisal of Iraq, who was murdered during the revolt last month.

RED CHINA

The administration has reaffirmed - our position on Red China. The position is - that we are not ready to offer diplomatic recognition to Mao Tse-Tung's regime. This declaration comes on the eve - of an expected Soviet drive to gain a seat for the Communist Chinese in the United Nations.

Today's memorandum repeats that our policy is not inflexible. We might recognize Mao Tse-tung -- should he cease to be a menace to the free world. So far he hasn't shown any real interest in peace - and that's why we still intend to maintain our present relations with Chiang Kai-shek on Formosa.

FORMOSA

In Taipei, ^{Formosa,} the Nationalist Chinese announce - they're

braced to meet a full-scale Communist attack. Chiang Kai-shek's men point to sinister developments in the Formosa Strait.

First, artillery on the Communist mainland has been bombarding the islands of Quemoy and Matsu. Secondly, Communist fishing boats have disappeared from the Channel that separates the Red mainland from the Nationalist held islands. On Formosa they say the disappearance of the fishing boats means one thing - the Reds are clearing the sea lanes for a sudden strike.

But the American naval commander in the area - isn't convinced. Admiral Wallace Beakley, boss of our Seventh Fleet - says the threat to Formosa is no greater than before. He adds, if an attack on Formosa should come - his fleet is ready for action.

KHRUSHCHEV

The boss of Soviet Communism - denies that he backed out of a summit conference. That charge had been made by Prime Minister Macmillan - in his most recent note to Khrushchev. Khrushchev's answer, just made public - says it isn't so.

According to the Russian leader, President Eisenhower ruined the summit meeting - by impractical demands. For example, Mr. Eisenhower's proposal - that the summit conference take place in the U.N. Security Council - under the Security Council rules. In Khrushchev's opinion, the U.N. has not been able to solve the problem of the Middle East. And so he doesn't want to confer with President Eisenhower - at the international organization. Khrushchev still insists - he wants a meeting of heads of government - but not on the terms set forth by Mr. Eisenhower.

AUSTRIA

Americans in Austria are warned - to stay away from the Iron Curtain. The warning, was issued by our Consulate in Vienna - following a spate of incidents along the frontier.

The latest incident is the disappearance of John Backmann-Harcastle of Nashville, Tennessee. He drove to the Czech border with a couple of friends. There, he crawled through a barbed wire barrier - and posed on the soil of Red Czechoslovakia, while his friends took snapshots. Before he could crawl back - border guards rushed up and seized him. The incident, reported by the other two Americans - who rushed back to Vienna.

Hence the warning to U.S. citizens - "don't try to take photographs in any area - behind the Iron Curtain."

ATOMIC

That United Nations report on radioactivity - is causing a mixed reaction among members of Congress. The report warned that the continued testing of atomic bombs - might harm the human race - especially by causing leukemia.

Senator Humphrey of Minnesota - thinks the atomic powers should re-examine their policies- in the light of this report. Senator Humphrey, Chairman of the Senate Disarmament Sub-Committee, is calling for the suspension of nuclear tests - as soon as satisfactory safeguards can be arranged. But Congressman Durham of North Carolina says - there's no reason for us to change our position. Congressman Durham, Chairman of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee - feels that there is nothing new in the United Nations report.

VOROSHILOV

The President of the Soviet Union visited the Brussels World Fair today. Old Marshal Voroshilov - who took part in the Bolshevik Revolution, and then rose with Stalin.

He spoke with some newsmen at the Fair - giving them his recipe for a long life. The first rule - no smoking.

The Marshal telling the newsmen he's lived for seventy-seven years without touching ^{tobacco} ~~alcohol~~ - and he hopes to live to be two hundred. One newsman, hurriedly concealing his cigarette behind his back - asked the Soviet President about vodka. Voroshilov's answer - he drinks the famous Russian firewater once in a while - but he still prefers champagne.

So Voroshilov's recipe is - no tobacco, and only a little vodka - if you want a long life. Apparently, no one thought of asking him about Stalin - who never gave up either smoking or drinking.

TRADE

The Reciprocal Trade Bill is now on President Eisenhower's desk. It passed the Senate today by an overwhelming majority - seventy-two to eighteen. The President is almost sure to sign this measure - because he's already called it "acceptable". He gives it top priority in this country's fight -to stop the economic offensive launched by the Soviet Union in under-developed areas.

This bill extends the Reciprocal Trade Act for another four years - the longest extension in the history of the program. The most important provision - allows the President to cut tariffs on foreign goods - by as much as twenty per cent.

REPORT

A House Sub-committee accuses the administration - of holding up our military research. This report is approved by the House Government Operations Committee - and claims that President Eisenhower has let us fall behind ~~us~~ in the competition with Russia.* The main accusation in this indictment - penny pinching and red tape.

That's a majority report - reflecting the opinion of the Democratic members of the Sub-committee. The Republicans have filed a minority report of their own - calling the accusations "Democratic proppganda."

CIVIL SERVICE

President Eisenhower's choice to fill a vacancy on the Civil Service Commission - is Mrs. Barbara Gunderson. She's the Republican National Committeewoman from South Dakota - and was a prominent member of the "Citizens for Eisenhower" in both Nineteen Fifty-Two and Nineteen Fifty-Six. She says she'll give up her GOP post - if the Senate confirms her nomination. On Capitol Hill, no one seems to doubt that she'll get the job. - created by the resignation of Bernard Flanagan last January.

CRASH

That train crash outside Sloatsburg, New York - was caused by a signal mix-up. The authorities call it - "man failure": Nothing wrong with the trains- it's just that they didn't get the right signal.

A passenger train was traveling at fifty miles an hour - from Port Jervis to Hoboken. A mail train, moving in the opposite direction - toward Port Jervis. The schedule called for the mail train to stop at Suffern - so that the passenger train on the same track - could switch over to another track. But the mail train never got the signal. Instead of stopping at Suffern - it kept going.

At just about seven A.M., it rounded a curve in a fog - in a hilly section of the Ramapo Mountains. Suddenly the passenger train roared in out of the fog - and the two trains crashed head-on, before either engineer could do anything about it.

The impact forced the cars to telescope - into a mass of twisted wreckage. Rescuers worked for almost an hour -

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before they could get everybody out. The toll - five dead,
thirty-five injured.

BLIMP

The Navy blimp that flew north of the Arctic Circle - is on its way home. It was sent to drop supplies to a scientific team on an ice island - within five hundred miles of the North Pole. No aircraft of the type had ever gone that far north. But this one made it all right - reaching the island, dropping supplies, then hovering for about an hour - and talking with the scientists on the ice island. It could have gone on over the Pole - but that wasn't part of its mission. So tonight, the Navy blimp is flying back south of the Arctic Circle - bringing with it another record in ~~Arctic~~^{polar} exploration.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Tonight's report from Lowell - concerns an unusual personality. Somebody from Alaska, maybe? Or some other distant part of the globe? Not at all. This story comes from a place Lowell knows well - because he happens to live there.

L.T.

In my last I said I had something to tell you that you will find hard to believe. Here it is:-

Just before I left home, one of my neighbors, a doctor, told me about an operation he had just performed. In fact he said he was writing an account that is to be published in The American Medical Journal - or is there a journal just on surgery?

A woman in our neighborhood had accute indigestion. And no wonder. When X-rayed there appeared to be some objects in her stomach, that - oh - well, Dr. Lewis Saiken operated and removed 393 peices of metal, and beads and glass. Including bobby pins, nuts and bolts, a religious medallion and chain - and - 78 spoons!

Judging by the spoons they figured she had been doing this for maybe 20 years.

Why? A performer, like a sword swallower? No. Intention suicide? Apparently not. Just a strange ~~thing~~

mental quirk - her metal diet.

To me the strangest part of all is that in 20 years she had not had a day's illness - until the effect of those 393 metal objects in her tummy finally got her down.

If this proves anything I suppose it proves that the human system can sure stand a lot!

In twenty years with those seventy-eight spoons in her stomach she had never even complained of nausea. She didn't include razor blades in her strange diet.

Three weeks after the operation she was feeling fine. Says the doctor, she's probably at it again. Once you start swallowing spoons, religious medals and metal chains, people who have this habit find it as difficult to give it up as a chain smoker finds it hard to give up coffin nails.

Seldom does a true story stranger than this come over our press wires.

Her acquaintances call her - Mrs. Nuts and Bolts!

I'm setting forth tonight on another trip around the world, Japan, Indo China, India, Arabia, equatorial Africa and the Mountains of the Moon. The kind of traveling I do involves a complete change of diet every few days. A gastronomical experience that some find difficult. Before I get back I may think often of Dr. Saiken's patient who ate anything that came her way, and for twenty years never had a stomachache!

My next stop will be Hawaii. No food problems there!

So long.

Today's communique from Exmoor, England - describes a stalemate in the big battle of the Devon and Somerset Stag Hounds versus the League Against Cruel Sports.

The hunters were out again this morning - looking for deer. Again the agents of the League Against Cruel Sports - spread chemicals all over the place, to throw the hounds off the scent. And for the second straight time - no deer were bagged.

It sounds as if the League is winning the Battle of Exmoor. But the hunters still claim - there's nothing unusual about their failure. It's all the luck of the chase. / At least that's what they're saying for publication. What they say to one another at the clubhouse bar - is a secret of the Devon and Somerset Stag Hounds.