

L.T.-BUICK, FISHER. TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1966

(Dallas Townsend substituting)

Good Evening Everybody:

The hospital at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, says that a pair of Siamese Twins were born there two days ago but they are listed as being in poor condition. The children were born to twenty-eight-year-old Mrs. Barbara Kroll -- wife of an assistant professor of biology at Rosemont College.

THANT

U.N. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg says that President Johnson has written to U.N. Secretary-General Thant, appealing to him to remain at the helm of the United Nations. Goldberg however declined to state the nature of Thant's response. The Secretary-General is known to be strongly considering a plan to quit when his five-year term of office expires on November Third.

WAGES

The Senate Labor Committee has approved a measure that would boost the Federal minimum wage to one dollar and sixty cents -- an increase of thirty-five cents. Under the bill's provisions, the coverage would be extended to include more than seven million additional workers. It would become effective in Nineteen Sixty-Eight, although a similar measure -- already approved by the House -- would make the effective date in Nineteen Sixty-Nine. The bill is expected to reach the Senate floor for debate next Tuesday.

PLAYHOUSE

The curtain may be ringing down on the world famous Pasadena Playhouse in California -- the training ground for scores of successful actors and actresses. Plagued by unpaid taxes and mounting indebtedness, the Playhouse has been seized by the Internal Revenue Service. Creditors have also filed suits, seeking the collection of more than one-hundred-seventy-five thousand dollars.

INTRO. TO L.T.

Within a few months the British protectorate of Basutoland will become an independent nation, the kingdom of Lesotho. Before leaving for Europe, Lowell Thomas left us this report on the tiny nation.

Hello Dallas and Good Evening Everybody:

Within a few months, perhaps you have heard about this - still one more new nation is going to emerge on that continent of Africa. The British Protectorate of Basutoland - to become the Kingdom of Losotho. Another tiny nation - but with King-size problems; the worst of all I guess may be geography.

Basutoland is - oh - about the size of the state of Maryland - and it's occupied in a large part by the Drakensberg Range of mountains; fairly lofty peaks too, some of them nudging the clouds - up at oh, eleven thousand feet. Mountain rivers tumbling down into barren valleys - ending in deep gorges. A visitor flying over the territory with me on one occasion, he was sitting at my side - remarked as we looked down he said that "this looks like the end of the world."

The problem out there is heightened by the fact that Basutoland - is entirely surrounded by South Africa; and, about half its male population - some two hundred thousand men - find it necessary to work in South Africa's gold, diamond and coal mines - or they prefer to do so in order to support their families. An arrangement that some people think is galling -- to the proud Basutos.

It's hard to believe now - but for centuries - the Basutos were among the most feared warriors in all that great continent of Africa. Until they were beaten back to their mountain stronghold - by rival tribes and also by the early Dutch settlers. Not by the British.

Old King Moshesh - he was the one who finally placed his people in the care of Queen Victoria - that was in Eighteen-Sixty-Eight. "My country is your blanket," said he - Oh Queen - my people are the insects in your blanket. "

That blanket will soon return - to its rightful owners. The Basutos themselves. But whether the Basutos can ever achieve real independence - ah - that remains to be seen.

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COMMITTEE

Boos, cheers and jeers disrupted a hearing of the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington and seventeen persons were taken to jail on charges of disorderly conduct. The Committee was conducting a hearing on legislation that would punish American citizens who actively aid the Communist Viet Cong with funds, blood collections and other means.

Only ten minutes before the session began, a Federal appeals court issued a ruling which gave the hearing a judicial blessing. It reversed a decision made yesterday by Federal Judge Howard Corcoran who granted an injunction against the hearings, even though the Committee said it would defy his ruling and hold the session anyway. Angry members of the House today denounced Judge Corcoran and some even demanded his impeachment.

WAR

Communist Mig fighter planes -- roaming farther south than ever before -- opened fire today on a group of American Navy jet bombers which were attacking a North Vietnamese supply train. But the American planes apparently emerged from the skirmish undamaged. The dogfight broke out shortly after other American planes completed a near-record day of bombing in North Viet Nam, including an attack against an oil depot only four miles outside the big port of Haiphong. The North Vietnamese News Agency claimed four American planes were shot down in the raids.

BOBBIES

In London, the Crown today formally charged thirty-six-year-old John Whitney with murder in connection with last Friday's slaying of three unarmed policemen. And a widespread hunt is underway for two more suspects who are described as being armed, and extremely dangerous. No trial date was announced for Whitney, an unemployed Londoner.

CAPE

Members of a construction workers' union marched picket lines at an entrance to Cape Kennedy today, and more than a thousand building tradesmen turned away from their jobs. It stalled work on several key projects in the Apollo Moonport program.

Meantime, a Delta rocket is being primed for tomorrow's launching of an unmanned Pioneer Sun Satellite into a far reaching solar orbit to explore outer space. The probe will seek more knowledge about the solar radiation that could harm astronauts flying to the moon and beyond.

MIDDLE EAST

Syria claims that its Air Force has scored "a smashing victory" over Israeli planes in air battles over the Sea of Galilee. At the same time, a Surian military spokesman said that his country is now moving into what he called "offensive action against Israel", but exactly what he meant is not clear. However, yesterday's fighting marked the first time since Nineteen-Forty-Eight that Syrian planes have raided targets inside Israeli territory.

It was also disclosed in Jerusalem that an Iraqi Air Force captain has flown his Mig jet fighter into Israel and asked for asylum. He is being interrogated by Israeli authorities.

DROWNINGS

More than eighty Moroccans -- mostly women and children -- are missing and feared drowned after a trawler capsized and sank off the coast of Morocco during a holiday pleasure cruise. Authorities said the trawler was badly overloaded when it left the dock with more than one hundred persons crammed almost shoulder-to-shoulder along the decks. reported at Rabat, Morocco, and at the Moroccan Embassy in Washington, D.C.

WEATHER

Tornadoes, hail and heavy rains struck parts of the Midwest from Wisconsin to Ohio today, but no casualties were reported. Winds of tornado force swept through Prospect, Ohio, uprooting trees while powerlines were blown down in the City of Toledo, disrupting electrical service for an hour and a half. Hail up to two inches in diameter was reported at Baraboo, Wisconsin, and at the Wisconsin Dells.

HOUSING

Demonstrators in Chicago are mobilizing for what they call the greatest protest movement in the city's history in their drive against alleged housing discrimination. Doctor Martin Luther King is the moving spirit of the protests which today were aimed at Chicago's City Hall, the Cook County Public Aid Department, and the First Federal Savings and Loan Association in the Loop area. Other demonstrations were directed against the Housing Authority office on the South Side, and several real estate firms in the Jefferson Park Area.