

EISENHOWER

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(Sun Valley)

President Eisenhower - to go to Florida, for sunshine and exercise, to fight off his lingering cough and cold. The President has been taking anti-biotic drugs for an inflammation in his left ear. Which has impaired his hearing some what. Last night, he attended a party at the Senate, and Senator Bender asked - would he like a highball? The President glanced over at the nearby bar, but said ~~th~~ that he had better take a soft drink instead, explaining that he was in his own words, "too full of anti-biotics."

Today, his cough seemed a bit better, but he still had the head cold, and that ear inflammation.

Previously, the supposition was, that Mr. Eisenhower might take a trip to Arizona. He, himself suggested the notion that he might go out to Tucson. But that's out because he doesn't want to be so far away from Washington in the absence of Secretary of State Dulles and Vice President Nixon.

Moreover, there is a special reason for Florida, the President - having an appointment, on March twenty-sixth in Bermuda, where he will meet with British Prime Minister MacMillan for important conferences. Florida - not so far from Bermuda. So, after a bit of sunshine and exercise in Florida, he'll fly to Bermuda.

ISRAEL

At the United Nations today, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold announced -- "full compliance with the General Assembly ~~xxx~~ resolutions". The resolutions -- requiring Israel to withdraw from all Egyptian territory.

The compliance was completed -- when soldiers of Israel evacuated ^{the} a sector they held along the Gulf of Aquaba. The Gaza Strip -- having been evacuated yesterday.

Today's final ~~xxx~~ act in the international drama -- quickly accomplished. A small force of Israeli troops on the shore of the Gulf of Aquaba -- boarding an Israeli vessel -- sailing away. First -- having dynamited Egyptian gun emplacements -- and setting fire to surplus supplies they were leaving behind. Soldiers of the ~~HM~~ U N emergency force a party of Finns - immediately taking over.

News from the Gaza Strip now presents a grim picture -- many killed -- many more injured. Surgeons working -- around the clock. Because Arabs

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went wrecklessly -- through mine fields along the border of the Strip.

The moment the Israeli's withdrew, and the U N police force took over -- Arabs from ^{the} surrounding desert began pouring in. Flocking -- in jubilant ~~XXXX~~ crowds. Making for the Gaza Strip with such eagerness -- they didn't bother about the mine fields. But went right through, stepping on ~~ix~~ land mines which exploded. Blowing some ~~topieces~~ -- mangling others. ~~FXMXKMS~~ But the Arabs continue coming on. Today's dispatch from Gaza states -- that these Arabs are looking for a sort of false paradise with an idea -- that Gaza under U N occupation, will be a happy land, ^{a Shangri La} ~~and a paradise~~ for them. Arabs running through mine fields looking for a U N paradise,

In Israel -- the word that the Ben Gurion government will conduct a methodical campaign to convince the people -- that the withdrawal was a wise thing to do. Cabinet members-- to go stumping from Dan to Beersheba, -- to counteract the public

resentment, explaining Ben Guri^{on}'s policies .

The Suez Canal -- today opened for vessels not over five hundred tons. The waterway -- cleared well enough for small ships to pass through. The Nasser government in Cairo declared the Canal open, to that extent -- the first vessel to make the passage was a small freighter, carrying timber from the Lebanon to Saudi Arabia. Other similar craft following -- through the mighty ditch across the desert.

The Canal -- to be fully open in several weeks. Two major obstacles -- two sunken ships -- to be cleared.

BRITAIN

In Britain the Conservatives have won two bi-elections. And the Socialist opposition is cheering. Both districts - being Conservative strongholds. The winning candidates to Parliament - elected by majorities very much smaller than the last time. Indicating, says the opposition - a swing away from the Conservatives.

Take the District of Warwick-Lemington, where the Parliamentary seat was held - by Sir Anthony Eden. Who resigned as Prime Minister at the time of the Suez Crisis - and also gave up his place in Parliament. The voters now electing a successor to Sir Anthony. Previously, the Conservative majorities were huge. Today's figures giving them a margin of a mere two percent.

No wonder the Socialists are saying - Britain would vote against the Conservatives, if a general election were held now. Politics -running against them - ever since the debacle of Suez.

INDONESIA

Troubles in Indonesia now feature a possible revolt in Borneo. Where events are proceeding along the line of revolt in Sumatra and Celebes.

A meeting of discontented elements - at Kandangan, Eastern Borneo. Military officers, Army veterans and civilians - dissatisfied with the Sukarno government based on Java. The commander for the Sukarno regime forbade the meeting, but they are holding it anyway.

Borneo, the great primitive island of Indonesia. With a sinister history of raiders, pirates and head hunters. A dark island of primitive tribes, as indicated by that old familiar phrase "the wild man of Borneo".

Indonesia is surely having trouble. With rebellion at the western end - Sumatra. Rebellion at the Eastern end - Celebes. And now - a possible Borneo rebellion.

MISSIONARY

An American missionary prisoner for the Chinese Reds - wants to stay on the Communist mainland. The Lutheran Pastor Paul Mackensen - sentenced to five years in a Red prison. Now turned loose after exactly five years. He is in Shanghai and says - he'd like to carry on with missionary work. Behind - the bamboo curtain.

BOXING

A verdict of guilty - against the international boxing club of New York and other cities. The Madison Square Garden group, headed by James D. Norris - convicted under the anti-trust laws.

Such is the verdict of New York Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan, ~~who finds that the International Boxing Club runs a conspiracy to monopolize prize fighting. Having control, especially, of bouts for titles.~~

~~Judge Ryan~~ says the Madison Square combine has controlled the heavyweight division ever since 1949, when James D. Norris and Arthur Wirtz made an agreement with champion Joe Louis. (Louis to sign up the four leading heavyweight contenders - and then resign his title. Turning the four contracts over - to the International Boxing Club, which, thereby - controlled the four contenders for the championship. And - the heavyweight ~~xxx~~ situation.)

WEATHER

On the Great Plains, this time of year, a blizzard is not unusual. Today, however, the weather was mild - in those northern parts. The blizzard, away down south in Dixie. In Mississippi and Alabama - which seldom see snow, they are having a white Eighth of March. In Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania heavy accumulations of snow.

On this other side of the continent, Oregon having a deluge of rain. The town of Newport, Oregon, reporting - nearly three inches of rain in twenty four hours.

SOUTH POLE

On previous days, we have had occasion to note - that the South Pole keeps in radio contact with the news of the world. This program - having received messages from the party of scientists at South Pole village. So what angle of news - interests ~~them~~ them particularly?

Well, no doubt they have been following the ~~the~~ Mid-Eastern crisis - also the Senate rackets investigation in Washington. But, apparently, they are particularly keen about an event at Las Vegas, Nevada. The first national - gin rummy tournament. Not so surprising - as they while away the time down there at the South Pole. You can imagine the marathon gin rummy sessions during the long six months of Polar night.

Anyway, the gin gummy tournament has received a message from Navy Captain W. N. Dicky - offering a consolation prize. The only condition being - that the gin rummy player who wins the award

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must come down there, to the Antarctic and get it.

The prize: one iceberg twenty five miles long. Standing a hundred feet above the water.

Talking about - bringing home the bacon.

That would be - bringing home the iceberg.

YELLOWSTONE LAKE

Lowell Thomas,
Tawling, N. Y.

Here at Sun Valley, on famous Mt. Baldy, I've been trying in vain to keep up with a rugged citizen of Idaho. I'd like to tell you a little about him. It seems to me he could be built up into quite an inspiration for the youth of America.

His name is Jack Simplot, from Boise. Built like a Notre Dame fullback, he is one of the outstanding personalities of the West, head of an empire that includes tens of thousands of acres of sheep country, more tens of thousands of acres over which he and his associates run cattle. He owns gold mines, uranium mines, and other mines where they get those new rare metals, that are so valuable in this jet--atomic age. He has deposits of iron, sulphur, manganese, and almost everything you can ^{imagine} ~~think of~~.

You would think it would be difficult to build up such a diversified empire. But not for a good-natured giant like Jack Simplot who obviously

knows how to pick people, and then let them take over.

Oh yes, I forgot to mention that he is sometimes referred to as the Idaho Potato King. He ships them by the train load, but most important of all he and his people have devised all sorts of new ways of treating potatoes. Dehydration, and freezing, [—] baked, mashed, fried, hashed. He packages them all in a way that cuts down weight and ~~size~~ size. Whereupon the housewife or the chef adds a little water or something and there you are.

Is he a graduate of the technical department of some great university? Huh Uh! He didn't even go through the eighth grade. But, his knowledge is vast, his judgment sure, and his drive tremendous.

As he goes banging down ^{these Saw-Tooth} ~~the~~ mountains on [^] skis, you can hear him singing and laughing, half a mile away.

Jack Simplot thinks big. As you know,

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one of the great problems in much of the West is the problem of water. His latest suggestion is that a way be found to raise the water level of ~~great~~ Yellowstone Lake. He says this would be fairly easy. Then, all that surplus water, in the spring, to be piped East, down through ^{my old state of} Wyoming into/Colorado, to a part of ^{Colorado} ~~the state~~ that has had at least two grim dust bowl experiences.

He says this would have an effect on glorious Yellowstone Falls, but only in the winter when no one can see it. In the season when tourists are in the park, the flowover Yellowstone Falls would be back to - normal. He is just as enthusiastic about the wonders of nature as any of us. Doesn't want to see them marred but believes that Yellowstone Lake - without marring it in any way - could be made a source of water, and power, that would bring added prosperity to a considerable section of the West.

You meet people like that out here at Sun Valley.

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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L.T. A year ago today - the President of Italy was in San Francisco. President Gronchi, getting the biggest reception he received on his tour of this country. Mayor Christopher calling the attention of the Italian President to the fact that San Francisco is named after Italy's Saint - St. Francis of Assisi. The Mayor going on to speak of Italian immigrants building up the finance and industry of San Francisco, in particular - the late A P Giannini, one of San Francisco's titans. Of course not many of us will even remember the visit of the President of Italy. By the way, what were you doing a year ago today?

And so long until Monday.