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On November Seventh, Friday the week before last, a couple of ~~events~~^{incidents} occurred - on opposite sides of the world. The Baltic Sea - and the Far East. ~~Events~~^{Incidents} revealed only today - in the publication of a diplomatic note from Washington to Moscow. Over the Baltic, a U.S. Air Force plane, on a routine training flight ~~was~~^{was} attacked by Soviet fighters. Which made a couple of passes at the American ~~plane~~ plane - shooting, but missing. No damage done.

A mere few hours after that, Russian fighters attacked another U.S. Air Force plane - over the Sea of Japan. This time, the Russians did no shooting - but buzzed the American plane, ~~with~~ⁱⁿ a simulated assault.

In neither case, did the American pilots use their guns - and both incidents occurred nearly sixty miles from Russian territory.

The U.S. diplomatic note, now made public, condemns the Soviet attacks - as "dangerous, offensive and provocative."

The note adding a warning - that in any similar case in the future, American pilots have instructions to defend themselves.

Meaning - shoot back.

SUDAN

The belief in Khartoum, tonight, is that Sudanese Premier Khalil cooperated - in the military coup d'etat that overthrew his own civilian government. The Sudanese army - seizing power. With Commander-in-Chief General Ibrahim Abboud - taking over as chief of state.

Ousted Premier Khalil is, himself, an army man - a General. He had been having more and more trouble - with bickering political parties. Hence the supposition - that he thought it better to install military rule. General Abboud, who now goes in - a close friend of his.

That's the background for the belief that the change of government in the Sudan - won't mean any change in foreign policy. The new chief of state - expected to continue Premier Khalil's pro-Western allignment. General Abboud, himself, a British trained officer.

Today, the new regime announced a policy - of closer relations with Nasser's United Arab Republic. Not surprising -

since both the Sudan and Egypt are linked, indissolubly, by that historic river, the Nile. Both lands - depending on the Nile.

In fact, there's a dispute between Egypt and Sudan - because of a Sudanese irrigation project, which would use water from the Nile - diverting water from Egypt. That Nile flood, which has been the life blood of Egypt ever since the days of the Pharaohs

VATICAN

Today's news dispatch from the Vatican says there are indications - that Pope John the Twenty-third may name still more new Cardinals. He may raise the strength of the Sacred College - to as many as one hundred.

The Pontiff's action today - broke a precedent of centuries, when he increased the total number of princes of the Church - to seventy-five. The top number had been - seventy, but not prescribed by any set rule. So Pope John is perfectly free - to go above it, raising the College of Cardinals to an even one hundred, as the report says - he may do.

The College of seventy-five now consists of twenty-nine Italians, forty-six - non-Italians.

For Americans, the most interesting nomination today was that of Archbishop O'Hara of Philadelphia, named - along with Archbishop Cushing of Boston. Cardinal O'Hara - prominent on our American sports pages some years ago, when I knew him as President of Notre-Dame - in the

days of Notre-Dame football supremacy. The days of Knute Rockne and Elmer Layden.

The sports pages might have seemed - hardly the place to look for a future Cardinal. But he was there - in the football stories. An able administrator, a diplomat, a fine person.

KIDNAP

The seventy-two year old American, kidnapped in Sicily - gives a picturesque account of his escape from the mountain bandits. ^P Albert Castello of Copaigue, Long Island, says - they kept him in a cave, where the darkness - was inky black. Leaving him there - and bringing him food from time to time. Then, after several days, they failed to show up. Whereupon, the prisoner thought - he might have a chance to get away.

"I walked," says he, "from the depths of the cave, toward a tiny speck of light which I could see - in the distance. There) ~~then~~ I found the entrance to the cave blocked by a huge piece of rock.

From his description, the rock was like - "a prison door". But he was able to budge it - and crawl out. Whereupon he went roaming around - finally coming to a village.

Today, at the city of Tapani (accent on the first syllable), the doctors found the seventy-two year old Italo-American -- in good physical condition. After his ordeal - in the cave.

CHANNEL FOUR

A former Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission appeared before a Congressional Sub-Committee today. George McConnaughey - denouncing reports that he solicited bribes for his vote. Bribes of two hundred thousand dollars - in the award of ^{TV}~~television~~ Channel number four, in Pittsburgh. Previous testimony before the ^S~~Sub~~-Committee having shown - the bribery talk was widespread in Washington at the time of the award a year ago.

Today, McConnaughey called the rumors - "vicious, horrible." The Congressional investigators thereupon calling on the Department of Justice, ~~To~~ decide ~~if~~ - if there was a deliberate spreading of untrue reports, ~~which~~ might constitute - criminal libel.

(In particular, the Committee wants to find out about a "phantom telephone call", as it is being called. Some unidentified individual - having solicited a fifty thousand dollars bribe. Saying on the telephone - that he was acting in behalf of F.C.C. Chairman McConnaughey. They've been unable to find out - who made that mysterious phone call.)

RACKETS

A witness told Senate investigators today - that he stole thirty-two cases of dynamite, ~~For~~ a Union leader, who planned to bomb company properties. It happened in Texas - where the Teamsters were trying to force employees of a San Antonio transport company to join their union. Dynamiting - a part of the persuasion.

SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg, South Africa - ^{a great} ~~quite a~~ modern city.

~~with, for example~~ ^{du} a swank, up-to-date hotel, tea time, with a fashionable throng at the tables - in the lounge. When - what did they see?

A savage example of tribal vengeance. Zulus - cornering a victim at the hotel entrance. Knives flashing. Gunshots - ~~in~~ ringing out. The Zulu vengeance - accomplished.

The story is that, last year, an African named Jotham Majola, was in the country of the old-time warlike Zulus; where he killed a Zulu - and cut off his head.

Which act - called for tribal vengeance. But Jotham Majola fled - vanishing from Zululand.

~~But~~ ^{But} ~~the~~ ~~by~~ avengers were on his trail. A party of tribesmen - sworn to catch him. Pursuing him - from one place to another. Finally - in metropolitan Johannesburg. He saw them, and fled through the streets. But the pursuing ^{Zulu} avengers caught up with him - at the entrance of ~~the~~ ^a plush, ^{Johannesburg} ~~luxurious~~ hotel.

That mixture of the ~~old~~ modern and the primitive - which is Africa.

NEPAL

Mustang! That sounds like Texas, bronco, cayuse, mustang. Here's a news dispatch telling of the Rajah of Mustang. Something of scientific interest - in the Principality of Mustang. And it's a long way from Texas. This Mustang - is in the Himalaya - a remote part of Nepal. One hundred and fifty miles - northwest of Katmandu, near the border of Southwestern Tibet.

A dispatch from Katmandu says the Rajah of Mustang has invited scientists to his Himalayan principality, to examine - the skin of a strange animal, shot by his tribesmen. A large mammal - something like a bear, utterly unlike any other known animal in the Himalayas.

So what's the supposition? You've guessed it! The Abominable Snowman! Perhaps this bear-like animal is that mysterious creature, so often reported. Weird mystery - of the Himalayas.