

QUEMOY

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(Given by Walter Cronkite, L.T. in So. Pacific)

It isn't clear what the Chinese Reds mean - in their renewal of the Quemoy bombardment. In their official statement they said - they were ending the cease-fire, because American warships had begun to convoy Nationalist supply vessels, again, with U.S. destroyers - invading territorial waters of Red China. But this is denied immediately by the U.S. Naval Command in the Formosa Strait. The denial insisting - there has been no new convoying, or any intrusion into the Communist area.

In Washington, the statement is - that there's no intention of renewing the convoy system, unless there are military reasons for it.

The propaganda blast from the Chinese Reds also includes - a side-swipe at the visit of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to Formosa. The Communists assailing his talks with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek - as an interference in Chinese affairs. So, maybe, the renewal of the shelling of Quemoy - may be some sort of maneuver against the Dulles mission. In accordance with efforts of Red propaganda - to cause a

split between the Chinese Nationalists and the Americans.

However, there's a belief the Communists, having fired their guns in some kind of demonstration - may renew the truce. No evidence of that yet, however.

Today's bombardment occurred, as Nationalist supply vessels were unloading cargoes on the beach at Quemoy. It seems some damage was done, but supplies were put ashore.

ATOMIC

The Geneva Conference to negotiate a ban on the testing ~~is~~ of atomic weapons - will not be attended by the Western Foreign Ministers. Not right away - at any rate.

Soviet Russia made the proposal, ^{and} ~~but~~ the United States replies that Secretary Dulles might attend, but only at a later date. If - the presence of the Foreign Ministers appears to be desirable.

Britain makes the same reply - and so the talks on atomic testing will be begun by the Ambassadors, As planned - ^{from} ~~at~~ the start.

(At the United Nations, today, Yugoslavia called for a special session of the General Assembly, to consider a ban on atomic testing - if the talks in Geneva fail.

THAILAND

In Thailand, another coup d'etat, with a military junta taking over the government. The Bangkok Radio stating - that Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat has assumed full authority. Backed - by the Army, Navy, Air Force, police and civilian officials.

(Yesterday, the Prime Minister in office handed in his resignation to the King. Saying, according to the Bangkok broadcast - that he couldn't run the government any longer.)

The reason - pressure from the Communists. At least, that's the explanation given by the Bangkok Radio. The new regime + anti-Communist.

It's the second military coup d'etat that the South Asian kingdom has had - in thirteen months.

JORDAN

At the port of Aqaba, the northern end of the Red Sea, British troops were boarding a ship, today. The beginning of a withdrawal of British troops from the kingdom of Jordan. Which follows - the departure of American military forces from Lebanon.

Thus ends that episode which began back in July - the time of the revolution in Iraq. The United States and Britain - going to the aid of Lebanon and Jordan.

VATICAN

The Papal physician, who attended Pope Pius the Twelfth - has been dismissed from his post. Dr. Galeazzi-Lisi - penalized because he published an account of the last hours of the Pontiff. ~~His article~~ The doctor's article about the Pope's illness was sold far and wide, appearing in newspapers and magazines.

His conduct ~~this act~~ was denounced by the Medical Association in Rome - as "unethical". The official newspaper of the Vatican - condemned the publication. With final action, today taken by a conclave of forty-four Cardinals. Who stripped Dr. Galeazzi-Lisi of all connection with the Vatican. The post of Papal physician - declared vacant.

LITTLE ROCK

In Little Rock, white students began registering, today, for segregated classes. Which will be held - in a private school and three churches. Substitutes - for the high schools, closed by Governor Faubus to prevent racial integration. The classes to go into session tomorrow - and some students, at least, paying tuition fees, if they can afford it.

Little Rock Negro leaders are thinking of opening private schools for students, who formerly attended the Negro high school, which Faubus ^{also} closed.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower got a big reception at Los Angeles, today. As he arrived for a major campaign address, several hundred thousand people - lining the streets, as his motorcade passed through. A snowstorm of confetti - drifting down between the tall buildings.

Among those who greeted the President at the airport were Senator Knowland, who is running for Governor of California - and Governor Goodwin Knight, Republican candidate for the Senate. The two GOP nominees had been feuding - and the President will try to make peace among the California Republicans.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Traveling in the South Seas, Lowell Thomas has had occasion to note an interesting thing - the Polynesian gift for music. Which we know so well - in those entrancing songs of Hawaii. So now, from American Samoa, he sends us an example of children's music.

(After the singing, L.T. says only "So long". So maybe it would be a good idea if Don Morrow would pick up with a reference back to the fact that it's tuneful Polynesian music.)

(Recording is 58 seconds)

LORD MAYOR

The Lord Mayor of London, as we all know - is a man of dignity. His robes of state are superb - with ermine. His coach of state - the pride of London. But, most of all, the morals of a Lord Mayor - are impeccable. For example, he never indulges in flagrant romance.

So no wonder the present Lord Mayor, Sir Denis Truscott, was astonished - when ~~he~~ he read an essay by a school girl. In which the lassie - described His Lordship. The essay stating: "The Lord Mayor is covered with fur, and goes around in a coach. He's a newcomer to the city - but he has a lot of affairs there."

Sir Denis Truscott - having ^{everyone} ~~an~~ affair. London -

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