

QUEMOY L.I. - *Nelco Thurs. Sept. 11 - '58.*

A Nationalist convoy, trying to land supplies at Quemoy - was driven off by Communist artillery fire, early today. The Reds winning a success in their tactics of blockading the island by cannon fire. Batteries of guns - blazing away from nearby shores.

The supply convoy put out from Formosa - in heavy weather. A typhoon - approaching the strait. Whipping up - the violence of the sea.

But the convoy, escorted by U.S. war vessels, made its way to the beach at Quemoy. The American ships - halting at the three-mile limit, according to U.S. official policy.

Two supply vessels, landing craft - pushed on to the beach. Two other vessels - approaching the ^{shore} beach. When - the artillery barrage began, so violent - the beach is described as having been "saturated with shells." The water offshore - boiling with explosions.

The two supply vessels approaching the shore turned immediately - getting away as fast as they could. The two at the beach - backed off - and fled. Apparently, they were able to land nothing more - than one military vehicle.

According to a dispatch from Formosa, the four supply vessels got away safely - returning to their home port.

The Chinese Nationalists announce - they'll go on trying to send supplies to the large garrison on Quemoy Island. But the immediate prospects would seem to be dubious. Considering - the typhoon that's on its way.

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QUEMOY - WASHINGTON

In Washington, a statement - that the delivery of supplies to Quemoy will be continued. So says - Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy. Who did not, however, explain - what American measures might be taken to break the artillery blockade. Whether or not - we'll continue to respect the three-mile limit.

In Congress, it's revealed - that top legislators of both parties have had a confidential memorandum from the State Department. No disclosure of what it says - except for a discussion of what the result might be, if the Chinese Nationalists were to lose those offshore Islands.

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Patrolling Formosa Strait - American jet planes, based on aircraft carriers. So - what if they were attacked by jet fighters of the Communists? That question - answered by Rear Admiral Ralph Clarke, commander of the aircraft carriers. Who, today, stated - that if his planes were attacked, they^a are to carry out "hot pursuit." Meaning - that the pilots are to pursue the enemy jets all the way to the mainland. Shoot them down - over Communist China, if need be. In other words - no mainland sanctuary, to which enemy jets could return and be immune.

(At the same time, Admiral Clarke declares - his pilots have been ordered to keep twenty miles away from the China coast. Which they've been doing ^{and so far they} ~~and~~ have not been molested by Communist aircraft.

The Admiral adding - that, for the next few days, his air patrol of the Formosa Strait is likely to be impeded. Not by any human agency - but by the typhoon.)

In London, the diplomats of Soviet Russia are making statements - of an obvious propaganda sort. Yet observers believe that the talk, ~~ix~~ to some extent, represents genuine opinion at Moscow.

Russian diplomats declaring - the United States is "bluffing" in the trouble along the China coast. Explaining - that public opinion in the United States is against a war with China, because of those offshore islands. Furthermore - that the Western allies of the United States are opposed. So that, the Americans would be left without allies in any Far Eastern war.

The Soviet people in London expressed the belief - that the Chinese Reds will surely invade the Quemoy and Matsu islands. Basing that belief on the supposition - that the United States is "bluffing."

They've been letting out this line of talk - as obvious propaganda. But there's a strong impression - that it really reflects official opinion in Moscow.

CONFERENCE

Britain and the United States have sent similar notes to Moscow - expressing gratification. Because - the Soviets have agreed on a conference of the three atomic powers. Purpose - to halt atomic tests. The palaver - to begin in Geneva, October thirty-first.

However, there's a warning, today - from a disarmament subcommittee of the U. S. Senate. Which approves of the negotiations, but points out - that an agreement would not bind Red China. The atomic Big Three might ban testing of nuclear weapons - but the Chinese Reds might go into the atomic business. Which would, in effect, provide a loophole - through which the development of bombs might continue in the Communist world.

The British meanwhile, are continuing their atomic tests in the far Pacific - in the vicinity of Christmas Island. Where, today, they exploded - a hydrogen bomb. The second one - in the present series.

COURT

The Supreme Court ended the Little Rock hearing, today - at four P.M. Eastern Standard Time. The justices - taking that school integration case into consideration. They'll ^{give} a speedy decision, undoubtedly - since Central High School in Little Rock opens its classes on Monday.

Attorneys today presented their arguments before the high tribunal. The School Board of Little Rock - asking for a delay of ~~in~~ racial integration at Central High. Lawyers for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People arguing that Little Rock should be compelled, at once, to comply with previous rulings by the courts. ~~ordering the~~ admission of Negro pupils. That argument - backed by the Department of Justice.

The Chambers of the Supreme Court - packed with spectators, today. Reflecting tense interest - in the Little Rock School case.)

Down in Arkansas, meanwhile Governor Faubus keeps

intimating - that he may close Central High School, if the court orders - immediate integration. Today, however, he didn't say definitely that he would close the school - as he has authority to do, under the law in Arkansas, to check integration.

BOY

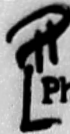
The New York authorities have a str , baffling puzzle - in the case of the eight year old boy, Melvyn Nimer, whose parents, Dr. and Mrs. Melvyn Nimer, were stabbed to death ~~in Stapleton~~ ^{at Clifton} Staten Island, ten days ago. The boy - changing his story once again, today.

Last night, he ~~had~~ confessed - he'd killed his parents, because of some grudge or other. Stabbing them - while they were asleep. Re-enacting the deed in detail, ~~showing how he did it.~~ But, this morning - denying that he ever did it.

At the time of the killings, he told the police his mother and father had been stabbed, when they interrupted a prowler - who was trying to choke the boy. After which - he changed his account repeatedly.

Today District Attorney John Braisted said - he was in utter doubt. He doesn't know - whether to believe the boy's confession last night, or not. ^{PH} One point is this. The mother and father lived long enough to have identified

their son - as the killer. But neither of them did. One surmise being that, perhaps - they were shielding him.

In any case, the district attorney has brought no legal charge. Instead, he has ordered a psychiatric examination of the eight year old - who ^{has} been taken to Bellevue Hospital for an examination.  Physicians who have talked with Melvyn Nimer say - he has a split personality. Mental illness - accounting for ~~misstatements~~ the statements he makes.

TED ROOSEVELT AMERICAN LEGION DINNER

I am broadcasting this evening from a meeting of the Theodore Roosevelt Junior Post of the American Legion. The Tenth Anniversary of the founding of this Legion Post, named for a man whom I knew for many long years, and for whom I had boundless admiration. Ted Roosevelt, as some of you know, lived in the shadow of his father, President Theodore Roosevelt, who was one of the giants of our time. But the son was no Liliputian! Young Ted -- we always thought of him as young -- was a tremendous personality in his own right.

Among those sitting around me here at this dinner, reminiscing about our old friend, Ted Roosevelt, are a number of men who have been top figures in our day. Over here sits General Mac Auliffe. You all remember how he told the Nazis where to go -- during World War Two, at a time when things were a little rough for us. Ever since then he has carried the picturesque title of

General "Nuts-to-you Mac Auliffe."

And here with us are two old pals, men who were warm friends even when they were trying to knock the daylights out of each other. Since the days of John L. Sullivan and the Marquis of Queensberry, surely there have been no greater figures in the boxing world than Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney. Colonel Edward Eagan is here too -- one-time Amateur Heavy-Weight Champion of the World, Rhodes Scholar, Lawyer, and so on -- who has spent many years of his life trying to arouse the youth of America; and right now is telling them what they had better do in order to keep from losing out in International competition with the Russians.

Over there sits John Roosevelt of the non-Oyster Bay Roosevelt clan; General Hugh Casey, who, for twelve years was one of the military figures on whom General Mac Arthur could always depend.

The room is full of people like these --

Admiral "Bull" Halsey, for example. I was in Japan the other day and should have brought back some message from the Emperor to Admiral Halsey.

Freddie "Indefatigable" Benham is the impresario for this occasion. Freddie who is largely responsible for the founding of the Theodore Roosevelt Legion Post. Which reminds me that Ted Roosevelt was himself the founder of the American Legion. That was right after World War One, in Paris.

So here's to Ted Roosevelt Junior, wherever he is now! A great soldier, Colonel in World War One, General in World War Two, Governor of Puerto Rico, Governor of the Philippines, and one of the most unusual and inspiring men I ever knew.

TREASURE

From London, an astonishing tale - of treasure trove.
What they found - in an old safe, sold for junk.

The safe, grimy and battered - long lying around the
premises of auctioneer Hamilton Smith. He didn't even sell it -
but gave it away to a trucker. Just - to get rid of it.
Whereupon the truckman sold the safe as junk - to Frank Offord,
a furniture dealer. Price - thirty shillings.

When Offord had the safe ripped apart, he found a
number of articles inside, which he considered - rubbish.

But, when he wiped the dust off a semi-circular
object - it glittered. A ~~tiara~~ tiara - of gold, studded with
diamonds. ~~But there were~~ Other pieces of jewelry too - and
tableware, dishes, of gold. The contents of the old safe -
valued at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

In it were found - letters addressed to Madeleine
Constance Hall, of Brighton. And a family bible - recording
her birth. September, Eighteen Sixty-Nine.

Such are the clues - to the original owners. But, *Don,*

nobody seems to know anything about ~~the~~ a family of Brighton,
by the name of Hall - nearly a century ago.

YACHT

On the rocks, at Cross Island, Maine - the wreck of an old boat is being pounded by the sea. The hulk of a grimy sardine carrier - breaking up on a reef. Ignominious end of a craft - once the pride of the swanky millionaire set, gay, glittering. Also - a reminder of the most famous murder case in American legal history.

People still remember - the Thaw Case. How millionaire Harry K. Thaw shot and killed ~~an~~ eminent architect Stanford White - because of the beautiful Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw. Two trials - Thaw finally getting free.

One feature in his flamboyant career - his yacht, El Placita. Sumptuous, luxurious - cruising with champagne parties.

After the downfall of Harry K. Thaw, the yacht El Placita ^{was} sold down the line, sinking ⁱⁿ ~~on~~ social caste.

Finally getting - into the New England fishing trade. Used - for hauling fish - its hold crammed with sardines.

Now the news - how the sardine carrier, El Placita, bound for Jonesport, Maine - sprung-a-leak. Water - pouring in. The crew - getting away in the small boat. Heavy seas - hurling the water-logged hulk onto the rocks.

Today the Coast Guard reported on El Placita, one time luxury yacht of Harry K. Thaw. Saying - total loss.